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FORM 10-K

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

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

Commission File No. 0-13660

SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Florida  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

59-2260678  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

815 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, FL  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

34994  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (772) 287-4000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Act:

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u>
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.10	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer "

Accelerated filer x

Smaller reporting company "

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES " NO x

The aggregate market value of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, held by non-affiliates, computed by reference to the price at which the stock was last sold on June 30, 2015, as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, was \$376,755,361. The number of shares outstanding of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, as of February 29, 2016, was 34,628,589.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Certain portions of the registrant’s 2016 Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 24, 2016 (the “2016 Proxy Statement”) are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10 through 14 of this report. Other than those portions of the 2016 Proxy Statement specifically incorporated by reference herein pursuant to Items 10 through 14, no other portions of the 2016 Proxy Statement shall be deemed so incorporated.

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SPECIAL CAUTIONARY NOTICE  
REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements made or incorporated by reference herein which are not statements of historical fact, including those under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and elsewhere herein, are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning and protections of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Forward-looking statements include statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, assumptions, estimates, intentions and future performance, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may be beyond our control, and which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida (“Seacoast” or the “Company”) to be materially different from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be forward-looking statements. You can identify these forward-looking statements through our use of words such as “may,” “will,” “anticipate,” “assume,” “should,” “indicate,” “would,” “believe,” “contemplate,” “expect,” “estimate,” “continue,” “further,” “plan,” “point to,” “project,” “could” and other similar words and expressions of the future. These forward-looking statements may not be realized due to a variety of factors, including, without limitation:

- the effects of current and future economic, business and market conditions in the United States generally or in the communities we serve;

- changes in governmental monetary and fiscal policies, including interest rate policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Federal Reserve”);

- legislative and regulatory changes, including changes in banking, securities and tax laws and regulations and their application by our regulators, including those associated with the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) and changes in the scope and cost of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) insurance and other coverage;

- changes in accounting policies, rules and practices and applications or determinations made thereunder;

- the risks of changes in interest rates on the levels, composition and costs of deposits, loan demand, and the values and liquidity of loan collateral, securities, and interest sensitive assets and liabilities;

- changes in borrower credit risks and payment behaviors;

·changes in the availability and cost of credit and capital in the financial markets;

·changes in the prices, values and sales volumes of residential and commercial real estate in the United States and in  
·the communities we serve, which could impact write-downs of assets, our ability to liquidate non-performing assets,  
realized losses on the disposition of non-performing assets and increased credit losses;

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our ability to comply with any requirements imposed on us or on our banking subsidiary, Seacoast National Bank (“Seacoast National”) by regulators and the potential negative consequences that may result;

our concentration in commercial real estate loans;

the failure of assumptions and estimates, as well as differences in, and changes to, economic, market and credit conditions, including changes in borrowers’ credit risks and payment behaviors from those used in our loan portfolio stress test;

the effects of competition from a wide variety of local, regional, national and other providers of financial, investment and insurance services;

the failure of assumptions and estimates underlying the establishment of reserves for possible loan losses and other estimates;

the impact on the valuation of our investments due to market volatility or counterparty payment risk;

statutory and regulatory restrictions on our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders;

any applicable regulatory limits on Seacoast National’s ability to pay dividends to us;

increases in regulatory capital requirements for banking organizations generally, which may adversely affect our ability to expand our business or could cause us to shrink our business;

the risks of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, including, without limitation, the related time and costs of implementing such transactions, integrating operations as part of these transactions and possible failures to achieve expected gains, revenue growth and/or expense savings from such transactions;

changes in technology or products that may be more difficult, costly, or less effective than anticipated;

inability of our risk management framework to manage risks associated with our business such as credit risk and operational risk, including third party vendors and other service providers;

the effects of war or other conflicts, acts of terrorism or other catastrophic events that may affect general economic conditions;



the risks that our deferred tax assets could be reduced if estimates of future taxable income from our operations and tax planning strategies are less than currently estimated, and sales of our capital stock could trigger a reduction in the amount of net operating loss carryforwards that we may be able to utilize for income tax purposes; and

other factors and risks described under “Risk Factors” herein and in any of our subsequent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission” or “SEC”) and available on its website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

All written or oral forward-looking statements that are made by us or are attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary notice. We assume no obligation to update, revise or correct any forward-looking statements that are made from time to time, either as a result of future developments, new information or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

Part I

Item 1.

Business

**General**

We are a bank holding company, incorporated in Florida in 1983, and registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the “BHC Act”). Our principal subsidiary is Seacoast National Bank, a national banking association (“Seacoast National”). Seacoast National commenced its operations in 1933, and operated as “First National Bank & Trust Company of the Treasure Coast” prior to 2006 when we changed its name to Seacoast National Bank.

As a bank holding company, we are a legal entity separate and distinct from our subsidiaries, including Seacoast National. We coordinate the financial resources of the consolidated enterprise and maintain financial, operational and administrative systems that allow centralized evaluation of subsidiary operations and coordination of selected policies and activities. Our operating revenues and net income are derived primarily from Seacoast National through dividends and fees for services performed.

As of December 31, 2015, we had total consolidated assets of approximately \$3.535 billion, total deposits of approximately \$2.844 billion, total consolidated liabilities, including deposits, of approximately \$3.181 billion and consolidated shareholders’ equity of approximately \$353.5 million. Our operations are discussed in more detail under “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Consolidated Financial Condition and Results of Operations.”

We and our subsidiaries offer a full array of deposit accounts and retail banking services, engage in consumer and commercial lending and provide a wide variety of trust and asset management services, as well as securities and annuity products to our customers. Seacoast National had 43 traditional banking offices in 14 counties in Florida at year-end 2015. We have 18 branches in the “Treasure Coast of Florida,” including the counties of Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River on Florida’s southeastern coast. During 2013, we expanded our footprint by strategically opening five new commercial lending offices in the larger metropolitan markets we serve, more specifically, three in Orlando, one in Boca Raton, and one in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. More recently, in October 2014, we acquired 12 branches in Central Florida through our acquisition of The BANKshares, Inc., a Florida corporation (“BANKshares”), and its subsidiary bank, BankFIRST, and in July 2015, we acquired 3 branches in Palm Beach County (closing one branch in close proximity to an existing Seacoast branch) through our acquisition of Grand Bankshares, Inc., a Florida corporation (“Grand Bankshares”), and its subsidiary bank, Grand Bank (“Grand”).

Most of our banking offices have one or more automated teller machines (“ATMs”) providing customers with 24-hour access to their deposit accounts. We are a member of the “NYCE Payments Network,” an electronic funds transfer

organization represented in all fifty states in the United States, which permits banking customers access to their accounts at 2.5 million participating ATMs and retail locations throughout the United States. During 2014, Seacoast National partnered with Publix, a major grocery chain in the state of Florida, to offer free access at over 1,000 Publix ATMs within the state of Florida. Our debit cards are accepted wherever VISA is accepted.

Seacoast National's "MoneyPhone" system allows customers to access information on their loan or deposit account balances, transfer funds between linked accounts, make loan payments, and verify deposits or checks that may have cleared, all over the telephone. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In addition, customers may access banking information via Seacoast National's Customer Service Center ("CSC") 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our CSC staff is available to open accounts, take applications for certain types of loans, resolve account issues, and offer information on other bank products and services to existing and potential customers.

We also offer Internet and Mobile banking to business and retail customers. These services allow customers to access transactional information on their deposit accounts, review loan and deposit balances, transfer funds between linked accounts and deposit checks to and loan payments from a deposit account, all over the Internet or their Mobile device, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Seacoast National has significantly expanded its technology platform and the products offered to its customers by introducing digital deposit capture on smart phones, launching new consumer and business tablet and mobile platforms, rebranding its website, and enhancing its automatic teller machine capabilities.

Seacoast National also provides brokerage and annuity services. Seacoast National personnel involved with the sale of these services are dual employees with Invest Financial Corporation, the company through which Seacoast National presently conducts its brokerage and annuity services.

Seacoast National has seven, wholly-owned subsidiaries:

FNB Insurance Services, Inc. ("FNB Insurance"), an inactive subsidiary, which was formed to provide insurance agency services;

South Branch Building, Inc., which is a general partner in a partnership that constructed a branch facility of Seacoast National;

TCoast Holdings, LLC, BR West, LLC, and TC Property Ventures, LLC, each of which was formed to own and operate certain properties acquired through foreclosure. TC Stuart, LLC, similar in operation, was dissolved in the state of Florida on April 26, 2013;

Commercial Business Finance, Inc. ("CBF"), a receivables factoring company, acquired in the BANKshares acquisition, that provides working capital financing for small to medium sized businesses; and

BankFIRST Realty, Inc., acquired in the BANKshares acquisition, which owns and operates certain properties acquired through foreclosure. We anticipate dissolution of this entity during 2016, when remaining foreclosed properties are expected to be sold.

The operations of each of these direct and indirect subsidiaries represented less than 10% of our consolidated assets and contributed less than 10% to our consolidated revenues in 2015.

We directly own all the common equity in six statutory trusts relating to our trust preferred securities:

·SBCF Capital Trust I, formed on March 31, 2005 for the purpose of issuing \$20 million in trust preferred securities;

·SBCF Statutory Trust II, formed on December 16, 2005 for the purpose of issuing \$20 million in trust preferred securities;

·SBCF Statutory Trust III, formed on June 29, 2007 for the purpose of issuing \$12 million in trust preferred securities;

BankFIRST (FL) Statutory Trust I, formed on December 19, 2002 for the purpose of issuing \$5.2 million in trust preferred securities;

BankFIRST (FL) Statutory Trust II, formed on March 5, 2004 for the purpose of issuing \$4.1 million in trust preferred securities;

The BANKshares Capital Trust I, formed on December 15, 2005, for the purpose of issuing \$5.2 million in trust preferred securities; and

Grand Bankshares Capital Trust I, formed on October 29, 2004, also for the purpose of issuing \$7.2 million in trust preferred securities.

We have operated an office of Seacoast Marine Finance Division, a division of Seacoast National, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida since February 2000. Offices in California that have been in operation since November 2002 were closed at the end of 2014, but Seacoast National continues to have representation in California, Washington and Arizona. Seacoast Marine Finance Division is staffed with experienced marine lending professionals with a marketing emphasis on marine loans of \$200,000 and greater, with the majority of loan production sold to correspondent banks on a non-recourse basis.

During May 2015, Seacoast acquired a second receivables factoring location in Boynton Beach, Florida, and operates this office as Seacoast Business Funding, a division of Seacoast National. We believe cost synergies will be obtained by merging the back room operations of this division with that of CBF's in early 2016, under one division manager.

Our principal offices are located at 815 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994, and the telephone number at that address is (772) 287-4000. We and our subsidiary Seacoast National maintain Internet websites at [www.seacoastbanking.com](http://www.seacoastbanking.com), [www.seacoastbank.com](http://www.seacoastbank.com), and [www.seacoastnational.com](http://www.seacoastnational.com), respectively. We are not incorporating the information on our or Seacoast National's website into this report, and none of these websites nor the information appearing on these websites is included or incorporated in, or is a part of, this report.

We make available, free of charge on our corporate website, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with or furnish it to the SEC.

## **Employees**

As of December 31, 2015, we and our subsidiaries employed 665 full-time equivalent employees. We consider our employee relations to be good, and we have no collective bargaining agreements with any employees.

### **Expansion of Business**

Over the years, we have expanded our products and services to meet the changing needs of the various segments of our market, and we presently expect to continue this strategy. We have expanded geographically through the addition of de novo branches. We also, from time to time, have acquired banks, bank branches and deposits, and have opened new branches and commercial lending offices.



In October 2014, we acquired BankFIRST, a commercial bank headquartered in Winter Park, Florida, with twelve offices in five counties in Central Florida. BankFIRST was merged with Seacoast National in October 2014.

In July 2015, we acquired Grand, a commercial bank headquartered in West Palm Beach, Florida, with three offices in Palm Beach County. Grand was merged into Seacoast National in July 2015.

In October 2015, Seacoast National entered into a Branch Sale Agreement with BMO Harris Bank N.A. (“BMO”) pursuant to which Seacoast National has agreed to purchase fourteen branches of BMO located in the Orlando MSA, which will add approximately \$355 million of deposits, and approximately \$70 million in loans. This transaction is expected to close in the first half of 2016, subject to regulatory approval or other customary conditions.

In November 2015, we and Seacoast National entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Floridian Financial Group, Inc., a Florida corporation (“Floridian”), and Floridian’s wholly-owned subsidiary, Floridian Bank, a Florida chartered commercial bank. This acquisition will add approximately \$426 million in assets, \$361 million in deposits, and \$289 million in gross loans. This transaction closed March 11, 2016.

Florida law permits statewide branching, and Seacoast National has expanded, and anticipates future expansion, by opening additional bank offices and facilities, as well as by acquisition of other financial institutions and branches. Since 2002, we have opened and acquired 34 new offices in 14 counties of Florida. With technology improvements and changes to our customers’ banking preferences, we have also rationalized our branch footprint by closing and consolidating certain branches. Since 2007, we have closed 19 offices in seven counties of Florida, with three offices consolidated during 2015, five offices consolidated in December 2014, and two offices consolidated in January 2013. During 2013, we opened five new commercial lending offices in our larger metropolitan locations in Florida, with three opened in Orlando, one in Ft. Lauderdale and one in Boca Raton. The Seacoast Marine Finance Division operates a loan production office in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and has representation in California, Washington and Arizona. For more information on our branches and offices see “Item 2. Properties”. As part of our overall strategic growth plan, we intend to regularly evaluate possible mergers, acquisitions and other expansion opportunities. We believe that with the current economic environment, there may be additional opportunities for us to acquire and consolidate other financial institutions in the State of Florida.

### **Seasonality; Cycles**

We believe our commercial banking operations are somewhat seasonal in nature. Investment management fees and deposits often peak in the first and second quarters, and often are lowest in the third quarter. Transactional fees from merchants, and ATM and debit card use also typically peak in the first and second quarters. Public deposits tend to

increase with tax collections in the first and fourth quarters and decline as a result of spending thereafter.

Commercial and residential real estate activity, demand, prices and sales volumes are less seasonal and vary based upon various factors, including economic conditions, interest rates and credit availability.

## **Competition**

We and our subsidiaries operate in the highly competitive markets of Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Brevard, Palm Beach and Broward Counties, in southeastern Florida and in the Orlando metropolitan statistical area in Orange, Seminole and Lake County, as well as Volusia County. We also operate in five competitive counties in central Florida near Lake Okeechobee. Seacoast National not only competes with other banks of comparable or larger size in its markets, but also competes with various other nonbank financial institutions, including savings and loan associations, credit unions, mortgage companies, personal and commercial financial companies, peer to peer lending businesses, investment brokerage and financial advisory firms and mutual fund companies. We compete for deposits, commercial, fiduciary and investment services and various types of loans and other financial services. Seacoast National also competes for interest-bearing funds with a number of other financial intermediaries and investment alternatives, including mutual funds, brokerage and insurance firms, governmental and corporate bonds, and other securities. Continued consolidation, and rapid technological changes, within the financial services industry will most likely change the nature and intensity of competition that we face, but can also create opportunities for us to demonstrate and exploit what we believe are our competitive advantages.

Our competitors include not only financial institutions based in the State of Florida, but also a number of large out-of-state and foreign banks, bank holding companies and other financial institutions that have an established market presence in the State of Florida, or that offer products by mail, telephone or over the Internet. Many of our competitors are engaged in local, regional, national and international operations and have greater assets, personnel and other resources. Some of these competitors are subject to less regulation and/or more favorable tax treatment than us. Many of these institutions have greater resources, broader geographic markets and higher lending limits than us and may offer services that we do not offer. In addition, these institutions may be able to better afford and make broader use of media advertising, support services, and electronic and other technology than us. To offset these potential competitive disadvantages, we depend on our reputation as an independent, “super” community bank headquartered locally, our personal service, our greater community involvement and our ability to make credit and other business decisions quickly and locally.

## **Supervision and Regulation**

Bank holding companies and banks are extensively regulated under federal and state law. This discussion is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutory and regulatory provisions described below and is not intended to be an exhaustive description of the statutes or regulations applicable to us and Seacoast National’s business. As a bank holding company under federal law, we are subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (“Federal Reserve”). As a national bank, our primary bank subsidiary, Seacoast National, is subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”). In addition, as discussed in more detail below, Seacoast National and any other of our subsidiaries that offer consumer financial products could be subject to regulation, supervision, and examination by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”). Supervision, regulation, and examination of us, Seacoast National and our

respective subsidiaries by the bank regulatory agencies are intended primarily for the protection of consumers, bank depositors and the Deposit Insurance Fund (“DIF”) of the FDIC, rather than holders of our capital stock. Any change in laws, regulations, or supervisory actions, whether by the OCC, the Federal Reserve, the FDIC, the CFPB, or Congress, could have a material adverse impact on us and Seacoast National.

We are required to comply with various corporate governance and financial reporting requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as rules and regulations adopted by the SEC, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and Nasdaq. In particular, we are required to include management and independent registered public accounting firm reports on internal controls as part of our Annual Report on Form 10-K in order to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. We have evaluated our controls, including compliance with the SEC rules on internal controls, and have and expect to continue to spend significant amounts of time and money on compliance with these rules. Our failure to comply with these internal control rules may materially adversely affect our reputation, ability to obtain the necessary certifications to financial statements, and the values of our securities. The assessments of our financial reporting controls as of December 31, 2015 are included in this report under “Section 9A. Controls and Procedures.”

***Recent Regulatory Developments***

***The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010***

On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Act. The Dodd-Frank Act has and will continue to have a broad impact on the financial services industry, imposing significant regulatory and compliance changes, the imposition of increased capital, leverage and liquidity requirements, and numerous other provisions designed to improve supervision and oversight of, and strengthen safety and soundness within, the financial services sector. Provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that have affected or are likely to affect our operations or the operations of Seacoast National include:

Creation of the CFPB with centralized authority, including examination and enforcement authority, for consumer protection in the banking industry.

New limitations on federal preemption.

New prohibitions and restrictions on the ability of a banking entity to engage in proprietary trading for its own account and have certain interests in, or relationships with, certain unregistered hedge funds, private equity funds and commodity pools (together, “covered funds”).

Application of new regulatory capital requirements, including changes to leverage and risk-based capital standards and changes to the components of permissible tiered capital.

Requirement that holding companies and their subsidiary banks be well capitalized and well managed in order to engage in activities permitted for financial holding companies.

Changes to the assessment base for deposit insurance premiums.

Permanently raising the FDIC’s standard maximum insurance amount to \$250,000.

Repealed the prohibition of the payment of interest on demand deposits.

Restrictions on compensation, including a prohibition on incentive-based compensation arrangements that encourage inappropriate risk taking by covered financial institutions that are deemed to be excessive, or that may lead to material losses.

· Requirement that sponsors of asset-backed securities retain a percentage of the credit risk underlying the securities.

· Requirement that banking regulators remove references to and requirements of reliance upon credit ratings from their regulations and replace them with appropriate alternatives for evaluating creditworthiness.

The following items and information provided in subsequent sections provide a further description of certain relevant provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act and their potential impact on our operations and activities, both currently and prospectively.

*Creation of New Governmental Authorities.* The Dodd-Frank Act created various new governmental authorities such as the Oversight Council and the CFPB, an independent regulatory authority housed within the Federal Reserve. The CFPB has broad authority to regulate the offering and provision of consumer financial products.. The CFPB's authority to supervise and examine depository institutions with \$10 billion or less in assets for compliance with federal consumer laws remains largely with those institutions' primary regulators. However, the CFPB may participate in examinations of these smaller institutions on a "sampling basis" and may refer potential enforcement actions against such institutions to their primary regulators. The CFPB also may participate in examinations of Seacoast National, which currently has assets of less than \$10 billion, and could supervise and examine our other direct or indirect subsidiaries that offer consumer financial products or services. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act permits states to adopt consumer protection laws and regulations that are stricter than those regulations promulgated by the CFPB, and state attorneys general are permitted to enforce consumer protection rules adopted by the CFPB against certain institutions.

*Limitation on Federal Preemption.* The Dodd-Frank Act significantly reduced the ability of national banks to rely upon federal preemption of state consumer financial laws. Although the OCC will have the ability to make preemption determinations where certain conditions are met, the broad rollback of federal preemption has the potential to create a patchwork of federal and state compliance obligations. This could, in turn, result in significant new regulatory requirements applicable to us, with attendant potential significant changes in our operations and increases in our compliance costs. It could also result in uncertainty concerning compliance, with attendant regulatory and litigation risks.

*Corporate Governance.* The Dodd-Frank Act addresses many investor protection, corporate governance, and executive compensation matters that will affect most U.S. publicly traded companies. The Dodd-Frank Act (1) grants shareholders of U.S. publicly traded companies an advisory vote on executive compensation; (2) enhances independence requirements for Compensation Committee members; and (3) requires companies listed on national securities exchanges to adopt incentive-based compensation clawback policies for executive officers.

The Dodd-Frank Act requires the banking agencies and the SEC to establish joint rules or guidelines for financial institutions with more than \$1 billion in assets, such as us and Seacoast National, that prohibit incentive compensation arrangements that the agencies determine encourage inappropriate risks by the institution. The banking agencies issued proposed rules in 2011 and previously issued guidance on sound incentive compensation policies, but have not yet finalized any rules. We and Seacoast National have undertaken efforts to ensure that our incentive compensation plans do not encourage inappropriate risks, consistent with three key principles—that incentive compensation arrangements should appropriately balance risk and financial rewards, be compatible with effective controls and risk management, and be supported by strong corporate governance.

*Shareholder Say-On-Pay Votes.* The Dodd-Frank Act requires public companies to take shareholders' votes on proposals addressing compensation (known as say-on-pay), the frequency of a say-on-pay vote, and the golden parachutes available to executives in connection with change-in-control transactions. Public companies must give shareholders the opportunity to vote on the compensation at least every three years and the opportunity to vote on frequency at least every six years, indicating whether the say-on-pay vote should be held annually, biennially, or triennially. The first say-on-pay vote occurred at our 2011 annual shareholders meeting. The say-on-pay, the say-on-parachute and the say-on-frequency votes are explicitly nonbinding and cannot override a decision of our board of directors.



*Volcker Rule.* In December 2013, the Federal Reserve and other regulators jointly issued final rules implementing requirements of a new Section 13 to the Bank Holding Company Act, commonly referred to as the “Volcker Rule.” The Volcker Rule generally prohibits us and our subsidiaries from (i) engaging in proprietary trading for our own account, and (ii) acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in or sponsoring a “covered fund,” all subject to certain exceptions. The Volcker Rule also specifies certain limited activities in which we and our subsidiaries may continue to engage, and required us to implement a compliance program. The regulators provided for a Volcker Rule conformance date of July 21, 2015. The Federal Reserve extended the conformance deadline to July 21, 2016 for certain legacy “covered funds” activities and investments in place before December 31, 2013, and the Federal Reserve expressed its intention to grant the last available statutory extension for such covered funds activities until July 21, 2017.

While many of the requirements called for in the Dodd-Frank Act have been implemented, others will continue to be implemented over time. Given the extent of the changes brought about by the Dodd-Frank Act and the significant discretion afforded to federal regulators to implement those changes, we cannot fully predict the extent of the impact such requirements will have on our operations. The changes resulting from the Dodd-Frank Act may impact the profitability of our business activities, require changes to certain of our business practices, impose upon us more stringent capital, liquidity and leverage requirements or otherwise adversely affect our business. These changes may also require us to invest significant management attention and resources to evaluate and make any changes necessary to comply with new statutory and regulatory requirements. Failure to comply with the new requirements may negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition. While we cannot predict what effect any presently contemplated or future changes in the laws or regulations or their interpretations would have on us, these changes could be materially adverse to our investors.

### ***Basel III***

We were required to comply with higher minimum capital requirements as of January 1, 2015. These new rules (“Revised Capital Rules”) implement the Dodd-Frank Act and a separate international regulatory regime known as “Basel III” (which is discussed below). Prior to January 1, 2015, we and Seacoast National were subject to risk-based capital guidelines issued by the Federal Reserve and the OCC for bank holding companies and national banks, respectively. The risk-based capital guidelines that applied to us and Seacoast National through December 31, 2014, were based upon the 1988 capital accord of the international Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, a committee of central banks and bank supervisors, as implemented by the U.S. federal banking agencies on an interagency basis.

The following is a brief description of the relevant provisions of the Revised Capital Rules and their potential impact on our capital levels. Among other things, the Revised Capital Rules (i) introduce a new capital measure called “Common Equity Tier 1” (“CET1”), (ii) specify that Tier 1 Capital consist of CET1 and “Additional Tier 1 Capital” instruments meeting certain requirements, (iii) define CET1 narrowly by requiring that most deductions/adjustments to regulatory capital measures be made to CET1 and note to the other components of capital and (iv) expand the scope of the deductions/adjustments from capital as compared to existing regulation that apply to us and other banking organizations.

*New Minimum Capital Requirements.* The Revised Capital Rules required the following initial minimum capital ratios as of January 1, 2015:

- 4.5% CET1 to risk-weighted assets.
- 6.0% Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets.
- 8.0% Total capital to risk-weighted assets.

4.0% Tier 1 capital to average consolidated assets as reported on consolidated financial statements (known as the "leverage ratio").

*Capital Conservation Buffer.* The Revised Capital Rules also introduce a new "capital conservation buffer," composed entirely of CET1, on top of the minimum risk-weighted asset ratios, which is designed to absorb losses during periods of economic stress. Banking organizations with a ratio of CET1 to risk-weighted assets above the minimum but below the capital conservation buffer will face constraints on dividends, equity repurchases and compensation based on the amount of this difference.

When fully phased in on January 1, 2019, the Revised Capital Rules will require us and Seacoast National to maintain (i) a minimum ratio of CET1 to risk-weighted assets of 7% (4.5% attributable to CET1 plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer); (ii) a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 8.5% (6.0% attributable to Tier 1 capital plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer), (iii) a minimum ratio of Total capital (that is, Tier 1 plus Tier 2) to risk-weighted assets of at least 10.5% (8.0% attributable to Total capital plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer) and (iv) a minimum leverage ratio of 4%, calculated as the ratio of Tier 1 capital to average assets (as compared to a current minimum leverage ratio of 3% for banking organizations that either have the highest supervisory rating or have implemented the appropriate federal regulatory authority's risk-adjusted measure for market risk).

*Regulatory Deductions.* The Revised Capital Rules provide for a number of deductions from and adjustments to CET1, including the requirement that mortgage servicing rights, deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences that could not be realized through net operating loss carrybacks and significant investments in non-consolidated financial entities be deducted from CET1 to the extent that any one such category exceeds 10% of CET1 or all such categories in the aggregate exceed 15% of CET1. Implementation of the deductions and other adjustments to CET1 began on January 1, 2015 and will be phased-in over a three-year period (beginning at 40% on January 1, 2015 and an additional 20% per year thereafter until fully phased-in at January 1, 2018).

Under the Revised Capital Rules, the effects of certain accumulated other comprehensive items (except gains and losses on cash flow hedges where the hedged item is not recognized on a banking organization's balance sheet at fair value) are not excluded; however, certain banking organizations, including us and Seacoast National, may make a one-time permanent election to continue to exclude these items. The Revised Capital Rules also preclude counting certain hybrid securities, such as trust preferred securities, as Tier 1 capital of bank or thrift holding companies. However, for bank or thrift holding companies that had assets of less than \$15 billion as of December 31, 2009 like us, trust preferred securities issued prior to May 19, 2010 can be treated as Tier 1 capital to the extent that they do not exceed 25% of Tier 1 capital after applying all capital deductions and adjustments.

Management believes, at December 31, 2015, that we and Seacoast National meet all capital adequacy requirements under the Revised Capital Rules on a fully phased-in basis if such requirements were currently effective.

***Bank Holding Company Regulation***

As a bank holding company, we are subject to supervision and regulation by the Federal Reserve under the BHC Act. Bank holding companies generally are limited to the business of banking, managing or controlling banks, and other activities that the Federal Reserve determines to be closely related to banking, or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. We are required to file with the Federal Reserve periodic reports and such other information as the Federal Reserve may request. Ongoing supervision is provided through regular examinations by the Federal Reserve and other means that allow the regulators to gauge management's ability to identify, assess and control risk in all areas of operations in a safe and sound manner and to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. The Federal Reserve may also examine our non-bank subsidiaries.

*Expansion and Activity Limitations.* Under the BHC Act, a bank holding company is generally permitted to engage in, or acquire direct or indirect control of more than 5 percent of the voting shares of, any company engaged in the following activities:

banking or managing or controlling banks.

furnishing services to or performing services for our subsidiaries; and

any activity that the Federal Reserve determines to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident to the business of banking, including:

factoring accounts receivable;

making, acquiring, brokering or servicing loans and usual related activities;

leasing personal or real property;

operating a non-bank depository institution, such as a savings association;

performing trust company functions;

providing financial and investment advisory activities;

conducting discount securities brokerage activities;

underwriting and dealing in government obligations and money market instruments;

providing specified management consulting and counseling activities;

performing selected data processing services and support services;

acting as agent or broker in selling credit life insurance and other types of insurance in connection with credit transactions;

performing selected insurance underwriting activities;

providing certain community development activities (such as making investments in projects designed primarily to promote community welfare); and,

issuing and selling money orders and similar consumer-type payment instruments

With certain exceptions, the BHC Act prohibits a bank holding company from acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of voting shares of any company which is not a bank or bank holding company, and from engaging directly or indirectly in any activity other than banking or managing or controlling banks or performing services for its authorized subsidiaries. A bank holding company, may, however, engage in or acquire an interest in a company that engages in activities which the Federal Reserve has determined by regulation or order to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 (the “GLB”) substantially revised the statutory restrictions separating banking activities from certain other financial activities. Under the GLB, bank holding companies that are “well-capitalized” and “well-managed”, as defined in Federal Reserve Regulation Y, which have and maintain “satisfactory” ratings under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, as amended (the “CRA”), and meet certain other conditions, can elect to become “financial holding companies”. Financial holding companies and their subsidiaries are permitted to acquire or engage in activities such as insurance underwriting, securities underwriting, travel agency activities, a broad range of insurance agency activities, merchant banking, and other activities that the Federal Reserve determines to be financial in nature or complementary thereto. While we have not become a financial holding company, we may elect to do so in the future in order to exercise the broader activity powers provided by the GLB. Banks may also engage in similar “financial activities” through subsidiaries.

The BHC Act permits acquisitions of banks by bank holding companies, such that we and any other bank holding company, whether located in Florida or elsewhere, may acquire a bank located in any other state, subject to certain deposit-percentage, age of bank charter requirements, and other restrictions. Federal law also permits national and state-chartered banks to branch interstate through acquisitions of banks in other states, subject to certain requirements.

*Support of Subsidiary Banks by Holding Companies.* Federal Reserve policy requires a bank holding company to act as a source of financial and managerial strength and to preserve and protect its bank subsidiaries in situations where additional investments in a troubled bank may not otherwise be warranted. Notably, the Dodd-Frank Act has codified the Federal Reserve’s “source of strength” doctrine. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act’s new provisions authorize the Federal Reserve to require a company that directly or indirectly controls a bank to submit reports that are designed both to assess the ability of such company to comply with its “source of strength” obligations and to enforce the company’s compliance with these obligations.

#### ***FDICIA and Prompt Corrective Action***

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (“FDICIA”), among other things, requires the federal bank regulatory agencies to take “prompt corrective action” regarding depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements. FDICIA establishes five regulatory capital tiers: “well capitalized”, “adequately capitalized”, “undercapitalized”, “significantly undercapitalized”, and “critically undercapitalized”. A depository institution’s capital tier will depend upon how its capital levels compare to various relevant capital measures and certain other factors, as established by regulation. The FDICIA imposes progressively more restrictive restraints on operations, management and capital distributions, depending on the category in which an institution is classified.

All of the federal bank regulatory agencies have adopted regulations establishing relevant capital measures and relevant capital levels for federally insured depository institutions. Notably, the Revised Capital Rule updated the prompt corrective action framework to correspond to the rule’s new minimum capital thresholds, which took effect on

January 1, 2015. Under this new framework, (i) a well-capitalized insured depository institution is one having a total risk-based capital ratio of 10 percent or greater, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 8 percent or greater, a CET1 capital ratio of 6.5 percent or greater, a leverage capital ratio of 5 percent or greater and that is not subject to any order or written directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure; (ii) an adequately-capitalized depository institution is one having a total risk based capital ratio of 8 percent or more, a Tier 1 capital ratio of 6 percent or more, a CET1 capital ratio of 4.5 percent or more, and a leverage ratio of 4 percent or more; (iii) an undercapitalized depository institution is one having a total capital ratio of less than 8 percent, a Tier 1 capital ratio of less than 6 percent, a CET1 capital ratio of less than 4.5 percent, or a leverage ratio of less than 4 percent; and (iv) a significantly undercapitalized institution is one having a total risk-based capital ratio of less than 6 percent, a Tier 1 capital ratio of less than 4 percent, a CET1 ratio of less than 3 percent or a leverage capital ratio of less than 3 percent. The Revised Capital Rules retain the 2 percent threshold for critically undercapitalized institutions, but make certain changes to the framework for calculating an institution's ratio of tangible equity to total assets.



As of December 31, 2015, the consolidated capital ratios of Seacoast and Seacoast National were as follows:

	Seacoast (Consolidated)		Seacoast National		Minimum to be Well-Capitalized*	
Common equity Tier 1 ratio (CET1)	13.25	%	13.31	%	6.5	%
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.21	%	13.31	%	8.0	%
Total risk-based capital ratio	16.01	%	14.11	%	10.0	%
Leverage ratio	10.70	%	9.36	%	5.0	%

\* For subsidiary bank only

FDICIA generally prohibits a depository institution from making any capital distribution (including payment of a dividend) or paying any management fee to its holding company if the depository institution would thereafter be undercapitalized. Undercapitalized depository institutions are subject to growth limitations and are required to submit a capital restoration plan for approval within 90 days of becoming undercapitalized. For a capital restoration plan to be acceptable, the depository institution's parent holding company must guarantee that the institution will comply with such capital restoration plan. The aggregate liability of the parent holding company is limited to the lesser of 5% of the depository institution's total assets at the time it became undercapitalized and the amount necessary to bring the institution into compliance with applicable capital standards. If a depository institution fails to submit an acceptable plan, it is treated as if it is significantly undercapitalized. If the controlling holding company fails to fulfill its obligations under FDICIA and files (or has filed against it) a petition under the federal Bankruptcy Code, the claim for such liability would be entitled to a priority in such bankruptcy proceeding over third party creditors of the bank holding company. In addition, an undercapitalized institution is subject to increased monitoring and asset growth restrictions and is required to obtain prior regulatory approval for acquisitions, new lines of business, and branching. Such an institution also is barred from soliciting, taking or rolling over brokered deposits.

Significantly undercapitalized depository institutions may be subject to a number of requirements and restrictions, including orders to sell sufficient voting stock to become adequately capitalized, requirements to reduce total assets, and cessation of receipt of deposits from correspondent banks. Critically undercapitalized institutions are subject to the appointment of a receiver or conservator within 90 days of becoming significantly undercapitalized, except under limited circumstances. Because our company and Seacoast National exceed applicable capital requirements, the respective managements of our company and Seacoast National do not believe that the provisions of FDICIA have had any material effect on our company and Seacoast National or our respective operations.

FDICIA also contains a variety of other provisions that may affect the operations of our company and Seacoast National, including reporting requirements, regulatory standards for real estate lending, "truth in savings" provisions, the

requirement that a depository institution give 90 days' prior notice to customers and regulatory authorities before closing any branch, and a prohibition on the acceptance or renewal of brokered deposits by depository institutions that are not well capitalized, or are adequately capitalized and have not received a waiver from the FDIC. Seacoast National was well capitalized at December 31, 2015, and brokered deposits are not restricted.

### *Payment of Dividends*

We are a legal entity separate and distinct from Seacoast National and our other subsidiaries. Our primary source of cash, other than securities offerings, is dividends from Seacoast National. The prior approval of the OCC is required if the total of all dividends declared by a national bank (such as Seacoast National) in any calendar year will exceed the sum of such bank's net profits for that year and its retained net profits for the preceding two calendar years, less any required transfers to surplus. Federal law also prohibits any national bank from paying dividends that would be greater than such bank's undivided profits after deducting statutory bad debts in excess of such bank's allowance for possible loan losses.

In addition, we and Seacoast National are subject to various general regulatory policies and requirements relating to the payment of dividends, including requirements to maintain adequate capital above regulatory minimums. The appropriate federal bank regulatory authority may prohibit the payment of dividends where it has determined that the payment of dividends would be an unsafe or unsound practice and to prohibit payment thereof. The OCC and the Federal Reserve have indicated that paying dividends that deplete a national or state member bank's capital base to an inadequate level would be an unsound and unsafe banking practice. The OCC and the Federal Reserve have each indicated that depository institutions and their holding companies should generally pay dividends only out of current operating earnings.

Under a Federal Reserve policy adopted in 2009, the board of directors of a bank holding company must consider different factors to ensure that its dividend level is prudent relative to maintaining a strong financial position, and is not based on overly optimistic earnings scenarios, such as potential events that could affect its ability to pay, while still maintaining a strong financial position. As a general matter, the Federal Reserve has indicated that the board of directors of a bank holding company should consult with the Federal Reserve and eliminate, defer or significantly reduce the bank holding company's dividends if:

its net income available to shareholders for the past four quarters, net of dividends previously paid during that period, is not sufficient to fully fund the dividends;

its prospective rate of earnings retention is not consistent with its capital needs and overall current and prospective financial condition; or

it will not meet, or is in danger of not meeting, its minimum regulatory capital adequacy ratios.

Seacoast National recorded net income in 2013, 2014 and 2015, but no dividends were paid to us during any of these years. Prior approval by the OCC is required if the total of all dividends declared by a national bank in any calendar year exceeds the bank's profits, for that year combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two calendar

years. Under this restriction, based on our recent profitability, Seacoast National is eligible to distribute dividends up to \$81.4 million to us, without prior OCC approval, as of December 31, 2015. Seacoast National has not given any consideration to dividends to the extent permitted by regulation.

No dividends on our common stock were declared or paid in 2013, 2014 or 2015.

### ***Enforcement Policies and Actions***

The Federal Reserve and the OCC monitor compliance with laws and regulations. Violations of laws and regulations, or other unsafe and unsound practices, may result in these agencies imposing fines or penalties, cease and desist orders, or taking other enforcement actions. Under certain circumstances, these agencies may enforce these remedies directly against officers, directors, employees and other parties participating in the affairs of a bank or bank holding company.

### ***Bank and Bank Subsidiary Regulation***

Seacoast National is a national bank subject to supervision, regulation and examination by the OCC, which monitors all areas of operations, including reserves, loans, mortgages, the issuance of securities, payment of dividends, establishing branches, capital adequacy, and compliance with laws. Seacoast National is a member of the FDIC and, as such, its deposits are insured by the FDIC to the maximum extent provided by law. See “FDIC Insurance Assessments”.

Under Florida law, Seacoast National may establish and operate branches throughout the State of Florida, subject to the maintenance of adequate capital and the receipt of OCC approval.

The OCC has adopted the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council’s (“FFIEC”) rating system and assigns each financial institution a confidential composite rating based on an evaluation and rating of six essential components of an institution’s financial condition and operations, including Capital Adequacy, Asset Quality, Management, Earnings, Liquidity and Sensitivity to Market Risk, as well as the quality of risk management practices.

FNB Insurance, a Seacoast National subsidiary, is authorized by the State of Florida to market insurance products as an agent. FNB Insurance is a separate and distinct entity from Seacoast National and is subject to supervision and regulation by state insurance authorities. It is a financial subsidiary, but is inactive.

### ***Standards for Safety and Soundness***

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act requires the federal bank regulatory agencies to prescribe, by regulation or guideline, operational and managerial standards for all insured depository institutions relating to: (1) internal controls; (2) information systems and audit systems; (3) loan documentation; (4) credit underwriting; (5) interest rate risk exposure; and (6) asset quality.

The agencies also must prescribe standards for asset quality, earnings, and stock valuation, as well as standards for compensation, fees and benefits. The federal banking agencies have adopted regulations and Interagency Guidelines Establishing Standards for Safety and Soundness to implement these required standards. These guidelines set forth the safety and soundness standards used to identify and address problems at insured depository institutions before capital becomes impaired. Under the regulations, if a regulator determines that a bank fails to meet any standards prescribed by the guidelines, the regulator may require the bank to submit an acceptable plan to achieve compliance, consistent with deadlines for the submission and review of such safety and soundness compliance plans.

### ***FDIC Insurance Assessments***

Seacoast National's deposits are insured by the FDIC's DIF, and Seacoast National is subject to FDIC assessments for its deposit insurance, as well as assessments by the FDIC to pay interest on Financing Corporation ("FICO") bonds.

Effective April 1, 2011, the FDIC began calculating assessments based on an institution's average consolidated total assets less its average tangible equity in accordance with changes mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act. The FDIC also established a new assessment rate schedule, as well as alternative rate schedules that become effective when the DIF reserve ratio reaches certain levels. In determining the deposit insurance assessments to be paid by insured depository institutions, the FDIC generally assigns institutions to one of four risk categories based on supervisory ratings and capital ratios.

The Dodd-Frank Act also increased the minimum designated reserve ratio of the DIF from 1.15% to 1.35% of the estimated amount of total insured deposits, and eliminated the requirement that the FDIC pay dividends to depository institutions when the reserve ratio exceeds certain thresholds. Under proposed rules set forth by the FDIC in October 2015, banks with at least \$10 billion in assets would pay a surcharge to enable the reserve ratio to reach 1.35 percent.

Upon inception of the new schedule in 2011, Seacoast National's overall rate for assessment calculations was 14 basis points. As of September 19, 2013, with the release from its formal agreement with the OCC, Seacoast National's rate was reduced to 8.15 basis points. As of September 30, 2014 and 2015, Seacoast National's rate was further reduced to 6.79 basis points and 6.54 basis points, respectively. For Seacoast National, the new methodology has had a favorable effect. Seacoast National's deposit insurance premiums totaled \$2.6 million for 2013, \$1.6 million for 2014, and \$2.1 million for 2015. The increase in 2015 resulted from total assets increasing due to the full-year impact of the BankFIRST acquisition and Grand acquisition in the third quarter of 2015.

In addition, the FDIC collects FICO deposit assessments, which are calculated off of the assessment base described above. FICO assessments are set quarterly, and our FICO assessment averages 0.59 basis points for all four quarters during 2015. Our FICO assessment rate for the first quarter of 2016 is 0.58 basis points.

### *Change in Control*

Subject to certain exceptions, the BHC Act and the Change in Bank Control Act, together with regulations promulgated thereunder, require Federal Reserve approval prior to any person or company acquiring "control" of a bank or bank holding company. Control is conclusively presumed to exist if an individual or company acquires 25 percent or more of any class of voting securities, and rebuttably presumed to exist if a person acquires 10 percent or more, but less than 25 percent, of any class of voting securities and either the company has registered securities under Section 12 of the Exchange Act or no other person owns a greater percentage of that class of voting securities immediately after the transaction. In certain cases, a company may also be presumed to have control under the BHC Act if it acquires 5 percent or more of any class of voting securities.

***Other Regulations***

*Anti-Money Laundering.* The International Money Laundering Abatement and Anti-Terrorism Funding Act of 2001 specifies “know your customer” requirements that obligate financial institutions to take actions to verify the identity of the account holders in connection with opening an account at any U.S. financial institution. Banking regulators will consider compliance with the Act’s money laundering provisions in acting upon acquisition and merger proposals. Sanctions for violations of the Act can be imposed in an amount equal to twice the sum involved in the violating transaction, up to \$1 million.



Under the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (“USA PATRIOT”) Act of 2001, financial institutions are subject to prohibitions against specified financial transactions and account relationships as well as enhanced due diligence and “know your customer” standards in their dealings with foreign financial institutions and foreign customers.

The USA PATRIOT Act requires financial institutions to establish anti-money laundering programs with minimum standards that include:

- the development of internal policies, procedures, and controls;
- the designation of a compliance officer;
- an ongoing employee training program; and
- an independent audit function to test the programs.

Bank regulators routinely examine institutions for compliance with these anti-money laundering obligations and recently have been active in imposing “cease and desist” and other regulatory orders and money penalty sanctions against institutions found to be in violation of these requirements. In addition, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network has proposed new regulations that would require financial institutions to obtain beneficial ownership information for certain accounts, however, it has yet to establish final regulations on this topic.

*Economic Sanctions.* The Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) is responsible for helping to ensure that U.S. entities do not engage in transactions with certain prohibited parties, as defined by various Executive Orders and acts of Congress. OFAC publishes, and routinely updates, lists of names of persons and organizations suspected of aiding, harboring or engaging in terrorist acts, including the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List. If we find a name on any transaction, account or wire transfer that is on an OFAC list, we must undertake certain specified activities, which could include blocking or freezing the account or transaction requested, and we must notify the appropriate authorities.

*Transactions with Related Parties.* We are a legal entity separate and distinct from Seacoast National and our other subsidiaries. Various legal limitations restrict our banking subsidiaries from lending or otherwise supplying funds to us or our non-bank subsidiaries. We and our banking subsidiaries are subject to Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act and the corresponding provisions of Federal Reserve Regulation W thereunder. Section 23A defines “covered transactions” to include, among other types of transactions, extensions of credit, and limits a bank’s covered transactions with any of its “affiliates” to 10% of such bank’s capital and surplus. All covered and exempt transactions between a bank and its affiliates must be on terms and conditions consistent with safe and sound banking practices, and banks and their operating subsidiaries are prohibited from purchasing low-quality assets from the bank’s affiliates. Finally, Section 23A requires that all of a bank’s extensions of credit to its affiliates be appropriately secured by acceptable collateral, generally United States government or agency securities.

We and our bank subsidiaries also are subject to Section 23B of the Federal Reserve Act and the corresponding provisions of Federal Reserve Regulation W thereunder, which generally require covered transactions and certain other transactions between a bank and its affiliates to be on terms, including credit standards, that are substantially the same or at least as favorable to, the bank as those prevailing at the time for similar transactions with unaffiliated companies.

The Dodd-Frank Act generally enhances the restrictions on banks' transactions with affiliates under Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act, including an expansion of the definition of "covered transactions" and an increase in the amount of time for which collateral requirements regarding covered credit transactions must be satisfied. Specifically, Section 608 of the Dodd-Frank Act broadens the definition of "covered transactions" to include derivative transactions and the borrowing or lending of securities if the transaction will cause a bank to have credit exposure to an affiliate. The revised definition also includes the acceptance of debt obligations of an affiliate as collateral for a loan or extension of credit to a third party. Furthermore, reverse repurchase transactions will be viewed as extensions of credit (instead of asset purchases) and thus become subject to collateral requirements. These expanded definitions took effect on July 21, 2012. The ability of the Federal Reserve to grant exemptions from these restrictions is also narrowed by the Dodd-Frank Act, including with respect to the requirement for the OCC, FDIC and Federal Reserve to coordinate with one another.

*Concentrations in Lending.* During 2006, the federal bank regulatory agencies released guidance on "Concentrations in Commercial Real Estate Lending" (the "Guidance") and advised financial institutions of the risks posed by commercial real estate ("CRE") lending concentrations.

The Guidance requires that appropriate processes be in place to identify, monitor and control risks associated with real estate lending concentrations. Higher allowances for loan losses and capital levels may also be required. The Guidance is triggered when CRE loan concentrations exceed either:

- Total reported loans for construction, land development, and other land of 100 percent or more of a bank's total risk based capital; or
- Total reported loans secured by multifamily and nonfarm nonresidential properties and loans for construction, land development, and other land of 300 percent or more of a bank's total risk based capital.

The Guidance also applies when a bank has a sharp increase in CRE loans or has significant concentrations of CRE secured by a particular property type.

We have always had significant exposures to loans secured by commercial real estate due to the nature of our markets and the loan needs of both retail and commercial customers. We believe our long term experience in CRE lending, underwriting policies, internal controls, and other policies currently in place, as well as our loan and credit monitoring and administration procedures, are generally appropriate to managing our concentrations as required under the Guidance. At December 31, 2015, we had outstanding \$63.6 million in commercial construction and residential land development loans and \$45.1 million in residential construction loans to individuals, which represents approximately 31 percent of Seacoast National's total risk based capital at December 31, 2015, well below the Guidance's threshold. At December 31, 2015, the total CRE exposure for Seacoast National represents approximately 196 percent of total risk based capital, below the Guidance's threshold.

*Community Reinvestment Act.* We and our banking subsidiaries are subject to the provisions of the Community Reinvestment Act (“CRA”) and related federal bank regulatory agencies’ regulations. Under the CRA, all banks and thrifts have a continuing and affirmative obligation, consistent with their safe and sound operation, to help meet the credit needs for their entire communities, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The CRA requires a depository institution’s primary federal regulator, in connection with its examination of the institution, to assess the institution’s record of assessing and meeting the credit needs of the communities served by that institution, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The bank regulatory agency’s assessment of the institution’s record is made available to the public. Further, such assessment is required of any institution which has applied to: (i) charter a national bank; (ii) obtain deposit insurance coverage for a newly-chartered institution; (iii) establish a new branch office that accepts deposits; (iv) relocate an office; (v) merge or consolidate with, or acquire the assets or assume the liabilities of, a federally regulated financial institution, or (vi) expand other activities, including engaging in financial services activities authorized by the GLB. A less than satisfactory CRA rating will slow, if not preclude, expansion of banking activities and prevent a company from becoming or remaining a financial holding company.

Following the enactment of the GLB, CRA agreements with private parties must be disclosed and annual CRA reports must be made to a bank's primary federal regulator. A bank holding company will not be permitted to become or remain a financial holding company and no new activities authorized under GLB may be commenced by a holding company or by a bank financial subsidiary if any of its bank subsidiaries received less than a "satisfactory" CRA rating in its latest CRA examination. Federal CRA regulations require, among other things, that evidence of discrimination against applicants on a prohibited basis, and illegal or abusive lending practices be considered in the CRA evaluation.

*Privacy and Data Security.* The GLB generally prohibits disclosure of consumer information to non-affiliated third parties unless the consumer has been given the opportunity to object and has not objected to such disclosure. Financial institutions are further required to disclose their privacy policies to consumers annually. Financial institutions, however, will be required to comply with state law if it is more protective of consumer privacy than the GLB. The GLB also directed federal regulators, including the FDIC and the OCC, to prescribe standards for the security of consumer information. Seacoast National is subject to such standards, as well as standards for notifying customers in the event of a security breach. Under federal law, Seacoast National must disclose its privacy policy to consumers, permit customers to opt out of having nonpublic customer information disclosed to third parties in certain circumstances, and allow customers to opt out of receiving marketing solicitations based on information about the customer received from another subsidiary. States may adopt more extensive privacy protections. We are similarly required to have an information security program to safeguard the confidentiality and security of customer information and to ensure proper disposal. Customers must be notified when unauthorized disclosure involves sensitive customer information that may be misused.

*Consumer Regulation.* Activities of Seacoast National are subject to a variety of statutes and regulations designed to protect consumers. These laws and regulations include, among numerous other things, provisions that:

- limit the interest and other charges collected or contracted for by Seacoast National, including new rules respecting the terms of credit cards and of debit card overdrafts;

- govern Seacoast National's disclosures of credit terms to consumer borrowers;

- require Seacoast National to provide information to enable the public and public officials to determine whether it is fulfilling its obligation to help meet the housing needs of the community it serves;

- prohibit Seacoast National from discriminating on the basis of race, creed or other prohibited factors when it makes decisions to extend credit;

- govern the manner in which Seacoast National may collect consumer debts; and

· prohibit unfair, deceptive or abusive acts or practices in the provision of consumer financial products and services.

The CFPB adopted a rule that implements the ability-to-repay and qualified mortgage provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act (the “ATR/QM rule”), which took effect on January 10, 2014, and has impacted our residential mortgage lending practices, and the residential mortgage market generally. The ATR/QM rule requires lenders to consider, among other things, income, employment status, assets, payment amounts, and credit history before approving a mortgage, and provides a compliance “safe harbor” for lenders that issue certain “qualified mortgages.” The ATR/QM rule defines a “qualified mortgage” to have certain specified characteristics, and generally prohibit loans with negative amortization, interest-only payments, balloon payments, or terms exceeding 30 years from being qualified mortgages. The rule also establishes general underwriting criteria for qualified mortgages, including that monthly payments be calculated based on the highest payment that will apply in the first five years of the loan and that the borrower have a total debt-to-income ratio that is less than or equal to 43 percent. While “qualified mortgages” will generally be afforded safe harbor status, a rebuttable presumption of compliance with the ability-to-repay requirements will attach to “qualified mortgages” that are “higher priced mortgages” (which are generally subprime loans). In addition, under rules that became effective December 24, 2015, the securitizer of asset-backed securities must retain not less than 5 percent of the credit risk of the assets collateralizing the asset-backed securities, unless subject to an exemption for asset-backed securities that are collateralized exclusively by residential mortgages that qualify as “qualified residential mortgages.” These definitions are expected to significantly shape the parameters for the majority of consumer mortgage lending in the U.S.

Reflecting the CFPB's focus on the residential mortgage lending market, the CFPB has also issued rules to implement requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act pertaining to mortgage loan origination (including with respect to loan originator compensation and loan originator qualifications) and has finalized integrated mortgage disclosure rules that replace and combine certain requirements under the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. In addition, the CFPB has issued rules that require servicers to comply with new standards and practices with regard to: error correction; information disclosure; force-placement of insurance; information management policies and procedures; requiring information about mortgage loss mitigation options be provided to delinquent borrowers; providing delinquent borrowers access to servicer personnel with continuity of contact about the borrower's mortgage loan account; and evaluating borrowers' applications for available loss mitigation options. These rules also address initial rate adjustment notices for adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs), periodic statements for residential mortgage loans, and prompt crediting of mortgage payments and response to requests for payoff amounts. The CFPB has indicated that it expects to issue additional mortgage-related rules in the future.

It is anticipated that the CFPB will engage in numerous other rulemakings in the near term that may impact our business, as the CFPB has indicated that, in addition to specific statutory mandates, it is working on a wide range of initiatives to address issues in markets for consumer financial products and services. The CFPB has also undertaken an effort to “streamline” consumer regulations and has established a database to collect, track and make public consumer complaints, including complaints against individual financial institutions.

The CFPB also has broad authority to prohibit unfair, deceptive and abusive acts and practices (“UDAAP”) and to investigate and penalize financial institutions that violate this prohibition. While the statutory language of the Dodd-Frank Act sets forth the standards for acts and practices that violate this prohibition, certain aspects of these standards are untested, which has created some uncertainty regarding how the CFPB will exercise this authority. The

CFPB has, however, begun to bring enforcement actions against certain financial institutions for UDAAP violations and issued some guidance on the topic, which provides insight into the agency's expectations regarding these standards. Among other things, CFPB guidance and its UDAAP-related enforcement actions have emphasized that management of third-party service providers is essential to effective UDAAP compliance and that the CFPB is particularly focused on marketing and sales practices.



We cannot fully predict the effect that being regulated by a new, additional regulatory authority focused on consumer financial protection, or any new implementing regulations or revisions to existing regulations that may result from the establishment of this new authority, will have on our businesses.

The deposit operations of Seacoast National are also subject to laws and regulations that:

- require Seacoast National to adequately disclose the interest rates and other terms of consumer deposit accounts;

- impose a duty on Seacoast National to maintain the confidentiality of consumer financial records and prescribe procedures for complying with administrative subpoenas of financial records;

- require escheatment of unclaimed funds to the appropriate state agencies after the passage of certain statutory time frames; and,

- govern automatic deposits to and withdrawals from deposit accounts with Seacoast National and the rights and liabilities of customers who use automated teller machines, or ATMs, and other electronic banking services. As described above, beginning in July 2010, new rules took effect that limited Seacoast National's ability to charge fees for the payment of overdrafts for every day debit and ATM card transactions.

As noted above, Seacoast National will likely face a significant increase in its consumer compliance regulatory burden as a result of the combination of the CFPB and the significant roll back of federal preemption of state laws in the area.

*Non-Discrimination Policies.* Seacoast National is also subject to, among other things, the provisions of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (the "ECOA") and the Fair Housing Act (the "FHA"), both of which prohibit discrimination based on race or color, religion, national origin, sex, and familial status in any aspect of a consumer or commercial credit or residential real estate transaction. The Department of Justice (the "DOJ"), and the federal bank regulatory agencies have issued an Interagency Policy Statement on Discrimination in Lending that provides guidance to financial institutions in determining whether discrimination exists, how the agencies will respond to lending discrimination, and what steps lenders might take to prevent discriminatory lending practices. The DOJ has increased its efforts to prosecute what it regards as violations of the ECOA and FHA.

*Enforcement Authority.* Seacoast National and its “institution-affiliated parties,” including management, employees, agents, independent contractors and consultants, such as attorneys and accountants and others who participate in the conduct of the institution’s affairs, are subject to potential civil and criminal penalties for violations of law, regulations or written orders of a government agency. Violations can include failure to timely file required reports, filing false or misleading information or submitting inaccurate reports. Civil penalties may be as high as \$1,000,000 a day for such violations, and criminal penalties for some financial institution crimes may include imprisonment for 20 years. Regulators have flexibility to commence enforcement actions against institutions and institution-affiliated parties, and the FDIC has the authority to terminate deposit insurance. When issued by a banking agency, cease-and-desist orders may, among other things, require affirmative action to correct any harm resulting from a violation or practice, including restitution, reimbursement, indemnifications or guarantees against loss. A financial institution may also be ordered to restrict its growth, dispose of certain assets, rescind agreements or contracts, or take other actions determined to be appropriate by the ordering agency. The federal banking agencies also may remove a director or officer from an insured depository institution (or bar them from the industry) if a violation is willful or reckless.

*Other Regulatory Matters.* We and our subsidiaries are subject to oversight by the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. (“FINRA”), the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (“PCAOB”), Nasdaq and various state securities regulators. We and our subsidiaries have from time to time received requests for information from regulatory authorities in various states, including state attorneys general, securities regulators and other regulatory authorities, concerning our business practices. Such requests are considered incidental to the normal conduct of business.

#### Statistical Information

Certain statistical and financial information (as required by SEC Guide 3) is included in response to Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Certain additional statistical information is also included in response to Item 6 and Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

*In addition to the other information contained in this Form 10-K, you should carefully consider the risks described below, as well as the risk factors and uncertainties discussed in our other public filings with the SEC under the caption “Risk Factors” in evaluating us and our business and making or continuing an investment in our stock. The risks contained in this Form 10-K are not the only risks that we face. Additional risks that are not presently known, or that we presently deem to be immaterial, could also harm our business, results of operations and financial condition and an investment in our stock. The trading price of our securities could decline due to the materialization of any of these risks, and our shareholders may lose all or part of their investment. This Form 10-K also contains forward-looking statements that may not be realized as a result of certain factors, including, but not limited to, the risks described herein and in our other public filings with the SEC. Please refer to the section in this Form 10-K entitled “Special Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” for additional information regarding forward-looking statements.*

#### Risks Related to Our Business

Nonperforming assets could result in an increase in our provision for loan losses, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, our nonperforming loans (which consist of nonaccrual loans) totaled \$17.4 million and \$21.1 million, or 0.8 percent and 1.2 percent of the loan portfolio, respectively. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, our nonperforming assets (which include foreclosed real estate) were \$24.4 million and \$28.6 million, or 0.7 percent and 0.9 percent of assets, respectively. In addition, we had approximately \$2.6 million and \$6.1 million in accruing loans that were 30 days or more delinquent at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Our nonperforming assets adversely affect our net income in various ways. We do not record interest income on nonaccrual loans or other real estate owned, thereby adversely affecting our income, and increasing our loan administration costs. When we take collateral in foreclosures and similar proceedings, we are required to mark the related loan to the then fair market value of the collateral, which may result in a loss. These loans and other real estate owned also increase our risk profile and the capital our regulators believe is appropriate in light of such risks. Until economic and market conditions improve, we may incur additional losses relating to an increase in nonperforming loans. If economic conditions and market factors negatively and/or disproportionately affect some of our larger loans, then we could see a sharp increase in our total net charge-offs and also be required to significantly increase our allowance for loan losses. Any further increase in our nonperforming assets and related increases in our provision for losses on loans could negatively affect our business and could have a material adverse effect on our capital, financial condition and results of operations.

While we have reduced our problem assets significantly, decreases in the value of these remaining assets, or the underlying collateral, or in these borrowers' performance or financial conditions, whether or not due to economic and market conditions beyond our control, could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, the resolution of nonperforming assets requires significant commitments of time from management and our directors, which can be detrimental to the performance of their other responsibilities. There can be no assurance that we will not experience further increases in nonperforming loans in the future, or that nonperforming assets will not result in further losses in the future.

Our allowance for loan losses may prove inadequate or we may be adversely affected by credit risk exposures.

Our business depends on the creditworthiness of our customers. We periodically review our allowance for loan losses for adequacy considering economic conditions and trends, collateral values and credit quality indicators, including past charge-off experience and levels of past due loans and nonperforming assets. The determination of the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and requires us to make significant estimates of current credit risks and future trends, all of which may undergo material changes. We cannot be certain that our allowance for loan losses will be adequate over time to cover credit losses in our portfolio because of unanticipated adverse changes in the economy, market conditions or events adversely affecting specific customers, industries or markets, or borrower behaviors towards repaying their loans. Generally speaking, the credit quality of our borrowers has deteriorated as a result of the economic downturn in our markets. Although there are now signs of economic recovery, if the credit quality of our customer base or their debt service behavior materially decreases further, if the risk profile of a market, industry or group of customers declines further or weaknesses in the real estate markets and other economics persist or worsen, or if our allowance for loan losses is not adequate, our business, financial condition, including our liquidity and capital, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected. In addition, bank regulatory agencies periodically review our allowance for loan losses and may require an increase in the provision for loan losses or the recognition of further loan charge-offs, based on judgments different than those of management. If charge-offs in future periods exceed the allowance for loan losses, we will need additional provisions to increase the allowance for loan losses, which would result in a decrease in net income and capital, and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our ability to realize our deferred tax assets may be further reduced in the future if our estimates of future taxable income from our operations and tax planning strategies do not support our deferred tax amount. Additionally, the amount of net operating loss carry-forwards and certain other tax attributes realizable for income tax purposes may be reduced under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code (“Section 382”) by issuance of our capital securities or purchase of concentrations by investors..

As of December 31, 2015, we had deferred tax assets of \$60.2 million, based on management’s estimation of the likelihood of those deferred tax assets being realized. These and future deferred tax assets may be reduced in the future if our estimates of future taxable income from our operations and tax planning strategies do not support the amount of the deferred tax asset.

The Company recorded income for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Management expects to realize the \$60.2 million in deferred tax assets well in advance of the statutory carryforward period, based on its forecast of future taxable income. We consider positive and negative evidence, including the impact of reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, tax planning strategies and projected earnings within the statutory tax loss carryover period. This process requires significant judgment by management about matters that are by nature uncertain. If we were to conclude that significant portions of our deferred tax assets were not more likely than not to be realized (due to operating results or other factors), a requirement to establish a valuation allowance could adversely affect our financial position and results of operation, thereby negatively affecting our stock price.

The amount of net operating loss carry-forwards and certain other tax attributes realizable annually for income tax purposes may be reduced by an offering and/or other sales of our capital securities, including transactions in the open market by 5% or greater shareholders, if an ownership change is deemed to occur under Section 382. The determination of whether an ownership change has occurred under Section 382 is highly fact specific and can occur through one or more acquisitions of capital stock (including open market trading) if the result of such acquisitions is that the percentage of our outstanding common stock held by shareholders or groups of shareholders owning at least 5% of our common stock at the time of such acquisition, as determined under Section 382, is more than 50 percentage points higher than the lowest percentage of our outstanding common stock owned by such shareholders or groups of shareholders within the prior three-year period. The sale of common stock in August 2009 is no longer within the prior three-year look back period as required by Section 382 and reduced, but did not eliminate the possible negative effects of a change in ownership. As previously disclosed on May 27, 2011, we adopted an amendment to our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended (“Articles of Incorporation”) that is intended to help preserve our net operating losses (the “Protective Amendment”), however, such amendment may not be effective. Based upon independent analysis, management does not believe the common stock offering in November 2013, subsequent reverse stock split in December 2013, and common stock issued in regards to the BANKshares and Grand acquisitions in October 2014 and July 2015, respectively, have any negative implications for the Company under Section 382. Deferred taxes for Section 382 events netting to \$1.4 million were recorded by BANKshares for acquisition activity prior to our merger on October 1, 2014, and were migrated and recorded to the Company’s financial statements.

*Future acquisition and expansion activities may disrupt our business, dilute existing shareholders and adversely affect our operating results.*

We periodically evaluate potential acquisitions and expansion opportunities. To the extent we grow through acquisition, we cannot assure you that we will be able to adequately or profitably manage this growth. Acquiring other banks, branches or businesses, as well as other geographic and product expansion activities, involve various risks including:

risks of unknown or contingent liabilities;

unanticipated costs and delays;

risks that acquired new businesses do not perform consistent with our growth and profitability expectations;

risks of entering new market or product areas where we have limited experience;

risks that growth will strain out infrastructure, staff, internal controls and management, which may require additional personnel, time and expenditures;

exposure to potential asset quality issues with acquired institutions;

difficulties, expenses and delays of integrating the operations and personnel of acquired institutions, and start-up delays and costs of other expansion activities;

potential disruptions to our business;

possible loss of key employees and customers of acquired institutions;

potential short-term decrease in profitability; and

diversion of our management's time and attention from our existing operations and businesses.

*Attractive acquisition opportunities may not be available to us in the future, and failure to effectively integrate acquisition targets or our inability to achieve expected benefits from an acquisition may adversely impact our results.*

While we seek continued organic growth, as our earnings and capital position continue to improve, we will likely consider the acquisition of other banking businesses. We expect that other banking and financial companies, many of which have significantly greater resources, will compete with us to acquire financial services businesses. This competition could increase prices for potential acquisitions that we believe are attractive. Also, acquisitions are subject to various regulatory approvals. If we fail to receive the appropriate regulatory approvals, we may not be able to consummate an acquisition that we believe is in our best interests, or we could endure regulatory delays or conditions that would prevent us from obtaining all of the expected benefits of a transaction. Among other things, our



regulators consider our capital, liquidity, profitability, regulatory compliance and levels of goodwill and intangibles when considering acquisition and expansion proposals. Any acquisition could be dilutive to our earnings and shareholders' equity per share of our common stock.

Deterioration in the real estate markets, including the secondary market for residential mortgage loans, can adversely affect us.

The effects of ongoing mortgage market challenges, combined with the correction in residential real estate market prices and reduced levels of home sales, could result in price reductions in single family home values, adversely affecting the liquidity and value of collateral securing commercial loans for residential land acquisition, construction and development, as well as residential mortgage loans and residential property collateral securing loans that we hold, mortgage loan originations and gains on the sale of mortgage loans. Declining real estate prices cause higher delinquencies and losses on certain mortgage loans, generally, particularly second lien mortgages and home equity lines of credit. Significant ongoing disruptions in the secondary market for residential mortgage loans can limit the market for and liquidity of most residential mortgage loans other than conforming Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loans. Deteriorating trends could occur, as various government programs to boost the residential mortgage markets and stabilize the housing markets wind down or are discontinued. Declines in real estate values, home sales volumes and financial stress on borrowers as a result of job losses, interest rate resets on adjustable rate mortgage loans or other factors could have adverse effects on borrowers that result in higher delinquencies and greater charge-offs in future periods, which would adversely affect our financial condition, including capital and liquidity, or results of operations. In the event our allowance for loan losses is insufficient to cover such losses, our earnings, capital and liquidity could be adversely affected.

Although the Florida housing market appears to be strengthening, our real estate portfolios are exposed to weakness in the Florida housing market and the overall state of the economy.

Florida has experienced a deeper recession and more dramatic slowdown in economic activity than other states and the decline in real estate values in Florida has been significantly larger than the national average. The declines in home prices and the volume of home sales in Florida, along with the reduced availability of certain types of mortgage credit, have resulted in increases in delinquencies and losses in our portfolios of home equity lines and loans, and commercial loans related to residential real estate acquisition, construction and development. While home prices have stabilized, further declines in home prices coupled with continued high or increased unemployment levels could cause additional losses which could adversely affect our earnings and financial condition, including our capital and liquidity.

Our concentration in commercial real estate loans could result in increased loan losses.

Commercial real estate (“CRE”) is cyclical and poses risks of loss to us due to our concentration levels and risks of the asset, especially during a difficult economy. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, 49.8 percent and 48.9 percent of our loan portfolio were comprised of CRE loans, respectively. The banking regulators continue to give CRE lending greater scrutiny, and banks with higher levels of CRE loans are expected to implement improved underwriting, internal controls, risk management policies and portfolio stress testing, as well as higher levels of allowances for possible losses and capital levels as a result of CRE lending growth and exposures. During 2015, we recorded a \$2.6 million provision for loan losses, compared to a \$3.5 million recapture of provisioning for losses during 2014, and compared to an addition of \$3.2 million in 2013.

Seacoast National has a written CRE concentration risk management program and monitors its exposure to CRE; however, there is no guarantee that the program will be effective in managing our concentration in CRE. Seacoast National’s CRE concentrations as of December 31, 2015 were favorably below regulatory guidance.

Liquidity risks could affect operations and jeopardize our financial condition.

Liquidity is essential to our business. An inability to raise funds through deposits, borrowings, the sale of loans and other sources could have a substantial negative effect on our liquidity. Our non-core funding sources include federal funds purchases, securities sold under repurchase agreements, non-core deposits, and short- and long-term debt. We are also members of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (the “FHLB”) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, where we can obtain advances collateralized with eligible assets. We maintain a portfolio of securities that can be used as a secondary source of liquidity. There are also other sources of liquidity available to us or Seacoast National should they be needed, including our ability to acquire additional non-core deposits, the issuance and sale of debt securities,

and the issuance and sale of preferred or common securities in public or private transactions.

We consider our liquidity to be very strong at year-end 2015 and we anticipate no difficulty in financing or capitalizing our activities. However, our access to funding sources in amounts adequate or on terms which are acceptable to us could be impaired by other factors that affect us specifically or the financial services industry or economy in general. Factors that could detrimentally impact our access to liquidity sources include a downturn in the markets in which our loans are concentrated or adverse regulatory action against us. In addition, our access to deposits may be affected by the liquidity and/or cash flow needs of depositors. Although we have historically been able to replace maturing deposits and FHLB advances as necessary, we might not be able to replace such funds in the future and can lose a relatively inexpensive source of funds and increase our funding costs if, among other things, customers move funds out of bank deposits and into alternative investments, such as the stock market, that may be perceived as providing superior expected returns. We may be required to seek additional regulatory capital through capital raises at terms that may be very dilutive to existing shareholders.

Our ability to borrow could also be impaired by factors that are not specific to us, such as disruptions in the financial markets or negative views and expectations about the prospects for the financial services industry in light of recent turmoil faced by banking organizations and deterioration in credit markets.

*Our ability to receive dividends from our subsidiaries could affect our liquidity and ability to pay interest on our trust preferred securities or reinstate dividends.*

We are a legal entity separate and distinct from Seacoast National and our other subsidiaries. Our primary source of revenue consists of dividends from Seacoast National. These dividends are the principal source of funds to pay dividends on our common stock, interest on our trust preferred securities and interest and principal on our debt. Various laws and regulations limit the amount of dividends that Seacoast National may pay us. Also, our right to participate in a distribution of assets upon a subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization is subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary's creditors. Limitations on our ability to receive dividends from our subsidiaries could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and on our ability to pay dividends on common stock. Additionally, if our subsidiaries' earnings are not sufficient to make dividend payments to us while maintaining adequate capital levels, we may not be able to make payments on our trust preferred securities or reinstate dividend payments to our common shareholders. We do not expect to pay dividends on our common stock to shareholders in the foreseeable future and expect to retain all earnings, if any, to support our growth.

*We must effectively manage our interest rate risk. The impact of changing interest rates on our results is difficult to predict and changes in interest rates may impact our performance in ways we cannot predict.*

Our profitability is dependent to a large extent on our net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income paid to us on our loans and investments and the interest we pay to third parties such as our depositors, lenders and debt holders. Changes in interest rates can impact our profits and the fair values of certain of our assets and

liabilities. Prolonged periods of unusually low interest rates may have an incrementally adverse effect on our earnings by reducing yields on loans and other earning assets over time. Increases in market interest rates may reduce our customers' desire to borrow money from us or adversely affect their ability to repay their outstanding loans by increasing their debt service obligations through the periodic reset of adjustable interest rate loans. If our borrowers' ability to pay their loans is impaired by increasing interest payment obligations, our level of nonperforming assets would increase, producing an adverse effect on operating results. Increases in interest rates can have a material impact on the volume of mortgage originations and re-financings, adversely affecting the profitability of our mortgage finance business. Interest rate risk can also result from mismatches between the dollar amounts of re-pricing or maturing assets and liabilities and from mismatches in the timing and rates at which our assets and liabilities re-price. We actively monitor and manage the balances of our maturing and re-pricing assets and liabilities to reduce the adverse impact of changes in interest rates, but there can be no assurance that we will be able to avoid material adverse effects on our net interest margin in all market conditions.

Federal prohibitions on the ability of financial institutions to pay interest on commercial demand deposit accounts were repealed in 2011 by the Dodd-Frank Act. This change has had limited impact to date due to the excess of commercial liquidity and the very low rate environment in recent years. There can be no assurance that we will not be materially adversely affected in the future if economic activity increases and interest rates rise, which may result in our interest expense increasing, and our net interest margin decreasing, if we must offer interest on demand deposits to attract or retain customer deposits.

*Our customers may pursue alternatives to bank deposits, causing us to lose a relatively inexpensive source of funding.*

We may experience a decrease in customer deposits if customers perceive alternative investments, such as the stock market, as providing superior expected returns. When customers move money out of bank deposits in favor of alternative investments, we may lose a relatively inexpensive source of funds, and be forced to rely more heavily on borrowings and other sources of funding to fund our business and meet withdrawal demands, thereby increasing our funding costs and adversely affecting our net interest margin.

*Consumers may decide not to use banks to complete their financial transactions, which could affect our net income.*

Technology and other changes now allow parties to complete financial transactions without banks. For example, consumers can pay bills, transfer funds directly and even obtain loans without banks. This process could result in the loss of interest and fee income, as well as the loss of customer deposits and the income generated from those deposits. The impact to our loan growth may be more significant prospectively.

*Regulatory compliance burdens and associated costs have increased and adversely affect our business.*

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Act was signed into law. The Dodd-Frank Act represents a significant overhaul of many aspects of the regulation of the financial services industry.

The Dodd-Frank Act directs applicable regulatory authorities to promulgate regulations implementing its provisions, and its effect on the Company and on the financial services industry as a whole will be clarified as those regulations are issued. Certain provisions of the Act have been implemented by regulation, while others are expected to be implemented in the coming years. The Dodd-Frank Act addresses a number of issues, including capital requirements, compliance and risk management, debit card overdraft fees, healthcare, incentive compensation, expanded disclosures and corporate governance. The Dodd-Frank Act established a new, independent CFPB, which has broad rulemaking,

supervisory and enforcement authority over consumer financial products and services, including deposit products, residential mortgages, home equity loans and credit cards. States will be permitted to adopt stricter consumer protection laws and can enforce consumer protection rules issued by the CFPB. The CFPB is working on a wide range of consumer protection initiatives, including revisions to existing regulations, many of which will likely impact our business.

The Dodd-Frank Act will increase our regulatory compliance burden and may have a material adverse effect on us, including increasing the costs associated with our regulatory examinations and compliance measures. The changes resulting from the Dodd-Frank Act, as well as the resulting regulations promulgated by federal agencies, may impact the profitability of our business activities, require changes to certain of our business practices, impose upon us more stringent capital, liquidity and leverage ratio requirements or otherwise adversely affect our business. These changes may also require us to invest significant management attention and resources to evaluate and make necessary changes to comply with new laws and regulations. For a more detailed description of the Dodd-Frank Act, see “Item 1. Business—Supervision and Regulation” of this Form 10-K.

Higher FDIC deposit insurance premiums and assessments could adversely affect our financial condition.

FDIC insurance premiums we pay may change and be significantly higher in the future. Market developments may significantly deplete the insurance fund of the FDIC and further reduce the ratio of reserves to insured deposits, thereby making it requisite upon the FDIC to charge higher premiums prospectively.

We are required to maintain capital to meet regulatory requirements, and if we fail to maintain sufficient capital, whether due to losses, growth opportunities, or an inability to raise additional capital or otherwise, our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations, as well as our compliance with regulatory requirements, would be adversely affected.

Both we and Seacoast National must meet regulatory capital requirements and maintain sufficient liquidity and our regulators may modify and adjust such requirements in the future. We were capable of raising additional capital for the redemption of our Series A Preferred Stock; however, our ability to raise additional capital, when and if needed in the future, will depend on conditions in the capital markets, general economic conditions and a number of other factors, including investor perceptions regarding the banking industry and the market, governmental activities, many of which are outside our control, and on our financial condition and performance. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will be able to raise additional capital if needed or on terms acceptable to us. If we fail to meet these capital and other regulatory requirements, our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations would be materially and adversely affected.

Although we currently comply with all capital requirements, we will be subject to more stringent regulatory capital ratio requirements in the future and we may need additional capital in order to meet those requirements. Our failure to remain “well capitalized” for bank regulatory purposes could affect customer confidence, our ability to grow, our costs of funds and FDIC insurance costs, our ability to pay dividends on common stock, make distributions on our trust preferred securities, our ability to make acquisitions, and our business, results of operations and financial condition, generally. Under FDIC rules, if Seacoast National ceases to be a “well capitalized” institution for bank regulatory purposes, its ability to accept brokered deposits and the interest rates that it pays may both be restricted.



As of April 1, 2011, the FDIC implemented its new calculation methodology for insurance assessments, applying revised risk category ratings for calculating assessments to total assets less Tier 1 risk-based capital. Deposits are no longer utilized as the primary base and the base assessment rates vary depending on the DIF reserve ratio. We have not experienced any negative impact to our consolidated financial statements as a result of the new method as of December 31, 2015.

*Changes in accounting and tax rules applicable to banks could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.*

From time to time, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the “FASB”) and the SEC change the financial accounting and reporting standards that govern the preparation of our financial statements. These changes can be hard to predict and can materially impact how we record and report our financial condition and results of operations. In some cases, we could be required to apply a new or revised standard retroactively, resulting in us restating prior period financial statements.

Our cost of funds may increase as a result of general economic conditions, FDIC insurance assessments, interest rates and competitive pressures.

We have traditionally obtained funds through local deposits and thus we have a base of lower cost transaction deposits. Generally, we believe local deposits are a cheaper and more stable source of funds than other borrowings because interest rates paid for local deposits are typically lower than interest rates charged for borrowings from other institutional lenders and reflect a mix of transaction and time deposits, whereas brokered deposits typically are higher cost time deposits. Our costs of funds and our profitability and liquidity are likely to be adversely affected if, and to the extent, we have to rely upon higher cost borrowings from other institutional lenders or brokers to fund loan demand or liquidity needs, and changes in our deposit mix and growth could adversely affect our profitability and the ability to expand our loan portfolio.

Lending goals may not be attainable.

It may not be possible to safely, soundly and profitably make sufficient loans to creditworthy persons in the current economy to satisfy our prospective goals for commercial, residential and consumer lending volumes. Future demand for additional lending is unclear and uncertain, and opportunities to make loans may be more limited and/or involve risks or terms that we likely would not find acceptable or in our shareholders' best interest. A failure to meet our lending goals could adversely affect our results of operation and financial condition, liquidity and capital. Also, the profitability of funding such loans using deposits may be adversely affected by increased FDIC insurance premiums.

*Federal banking agencies periodically conduct examinations of our business, including for compliance with laws and regulations, and our failure to comply with any supervisory actions to which we are or become subject as a result of such examinations may adversely affect us.*

The Federal Reserve and the OCC periodically conduct examinations of our business and Seacoast National's business, including for compliance with laws and regulations, and Seacoast National also may be subject to participation by the CFPB in its future regulatory examinations as discussed in the "Supervision and Regulation" section above. If, as a result of an examination, the Federal Reserve, the OCC and/or the CFPB were to determine that the financial condition, capital resources, asset quality, asset concentrations, earnings prospects, management, liquidity, sensitivity to market risk, or other aspects of any of our or Seacoast National's operations had become unsatisfactory, or that we or our management were in violation of any law, regulation or guideline in effect from time to time, the regulators may take a number of different remedial actions as they deem appropriate. These actions include the power to enjoin "unsafe or unsound" practices, to require affirmative actions to correct any conditions resulting from any violation or practice, to issue an administrative order that can be judicially enforced, to direct an increase in our capital, to restrict our growth, to change the composition of our concentrations in portfolio or balance sheet assets, to assess civil monetary penalties against our officers or directors or to remove officers and directors.

Our future success is dependent on our ability to compete effectively in highly competitive markets.

We operate in the highly competitive markets of Martin, St. Lucie, Brevard, Indian River and Palm Beach and Broward Counties in southeastern Florida, the Orlando, Florida metropolitan statistical area in Orange, Seminole and Lake County, as well as in Volusia County, and more rural competitive counties in the Lake Okeechobee, Florida region. Our future growth and success will depend on our ability to compete effectively in these and other potential markets. We compete for loans, deposits and other financial services in geographic markets with other local, regional and national commercial banks, thrifts, credit unions, mortgage lenders, and securities and insurance brokerage firms. Many of our competitors offer products and services different from us, and have substantially greater resources, name recognition and market presence than we do, which benefits them in attracting business. Larger competitors may be able to price loans and deposits more aggressively than we can, and have broader customer and geographic bases to draw upon.

We are dependent on key personnel and the loss of one or more of those key personnel could harm our business.

Our future success significantly depends on the continued services and performance of our key management personnel. We believe our management team's depth and breadth of experience in the banking industry is integral to executing our business plan. We also will need to continue to attract, motivate and retain other key personnel. The loss of the services of members of our senior management team or other key employees or the inability to attract additional qualified personnel as needed could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

*We are subject to losses due to fraudulent and negligent acts on the part of loan applicants, mortgage brokers, other vendors and our employees.*

When we originate mortgage loans, we rely heavily upon information supplied by loan applicants and third parties, including the information contained in the loan application, property appraisal, title information and employment and income documentation provided by third parties. If any of this information is misrepresented and such misrepresentation is not detected prior to loan funding, we generally bear the risk of loss associated with the misrepresentation.

We operate in a heavily regulated environment.

We and our subsidiaries are regulated by several regulators, including the Federal Reserve, the OCC, the SEC, the FDIC, Nasdaq, and the CFPB. Our success is affected by state and federal regulations affecting banks and bank holding companies, the securities markets and banking, securities and insurance regulators. Banking regulations are primarily intended to protect consumers and depositors, not shareholders. The financial services industry also is subject to frequent legislative and regulatory changes and proposed changes, the effects of which cannot be predicted. These changes, if adopted, could require us to maintain more capital, liquidity and risk controls which could adversely affect our growth, profitability and financial condition.

We are subject to internal control reporting requirements that increase compliance costs and failure to comply with such requirements could adversely affect our reputation and the value of our securities.

We are required to comply with various corporate governance and financial reporting requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as rules and regulations adopted by the SEC, the Public Company Accounting

Oversight Board and Nasdaq. In particular, we are required to include management and independent registered public accounting firm reports on internal controls as part of our Annual Report on Form 10-K pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The SEC also has proposed a number of new rules or regulations requiring additional disclosure, such as lower-level employee compensation. We expect to continue to spend significant amounts of time and money on compliance with these rules. Our failure to track and comply with the various rules may materially adversely affect our reputation, ability to obtain the necessary certifications to financial statements, and the value of our securities.

*Our controls and procedures may fail or be circumvented.*

Management regularly reviews and updates our internal controls over financial reporting, disclosure controls and procedures, and corporate governance policies and procedures. Any system of controls, however well designed and operated, is based in part on certain assumptions and can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurances that the objectives of the system are met. Any failure or circumvention of our controls and procedures or failure to comply with regulations related to controls and procedures could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

*Our operations rely on external vendors.*

We rely on certain external vendors to provide products and services necessary to maintain our day-to-day operations, particularly in the areas of operations, treasury management systems, information technology and security, exposing us to the risk that these vendors will not perform as required by our agreements. An external vendor's failure to perform in accordance with our agreement could be disruptive to our operations, which could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

*We must effectively manage our information systems risk.*

We rely heavily on our communications and information systems to conduct our business. The financial services industry is undergoing rapid technological changes with frequent introductions of new technology-driven products and services. Our ability to compete successfully depends in part upon our ability to use technology to provide products and services that will satisfy customer demands. Many of the Company's competitors invest substantially greater resources in technological improvements than we do. We may not be able to effectively implement new technology-driven products and services or be successful in marketing these products and services to our customers, which may negatively affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Our communications and information systems remain vulnerable to unexpected disruptions and failures. Any failure or interruption of these systems could impair our ability to serve our customers and to operate our business and could damage our reputation, result in a loss of business, subject us to additional regulatory scrutiny or enforcement or expose us to civil litigation and possible financial liability. While we have developed extensive recovery plans, we cannot assure that those plans will be effective to prevent adverse effects upon us and our customers resulting from system failures. While we maintain an insurance policy which we believe provides sufficient coverage at a manageable expense for an institution of our size and scope with similar technological systems, we cannot assure that this policy would be sufficient to cover all related financial losses and damages should we experience any one or more

of our or a third party's systems failing or experiencing a cyber-attack.

We collect and store sensitive data, including personally identifiable information of our customers and employees. Computer break-ins of our systems or our customers' systems, thefts of data and other breaches and criminal activity may result in significant costs to respond, liability for customer losses if we are at fault, damage to our customer relationships, regulatory scrutiny and enforcement and loss of future business opportunities due to reputational damage. Although we, with the help of third-party service providers, will continue to implement security technology and establish operational procedures to protect sensitive data, there can be no assurance that these measures will be effective. We advise and provide training to our customers regarding protection of their systems, but there is no assurance that our advice and training will be appropriately acted upon by our customers or effective to prevent losses. In some cases we may elect to contribute to the cost of responding to cybercrime against our customers, even when we are not at fault, in order to maintain valuable customer relationships.

*Disruptions to our information systems and security breaches could adversely affect our business and reputation.*

In our ordinary course of business, we rely on electronic communications and information systems to conduct our businesses and to store sensitive data, including financial information regarding our customers. The integrity of information systems of financial institutions are under significant threat from cyber-attacks by third parties, including through coordinated attacks sponsored by foreign nations and criminal organizations to disrupt business operations and other compromises to data and systems for political or criminal purposes. We employ an in-depth, layered, defense approach that leverages people, processes and technology to manage and maintain cyber security controls.

Notwithstanding the strength of our defensive measures, the threat from cyber attacks is severe, attacks are sophisticated and attackers respond rapidly to changes in defensive measures. Cyber security risks may also occur with our third-party service providers, and may interfere with their ability to fulfill their contractual obligations to us, with attendant potential for financial loss or liability that could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations. We offer our clients the ability to bank remotely and provide other technology based products and services, which services include the secure transmission of confidential information over the Internet and other remote channels. To the extent that our client's systems are not secure or are otherwise compromised, our network could be vulnerable to unauthorized access, malicious software, phishing schemes and other security breaches. To the extent that our activities or the activities of our clients or third-party service providers involve the storage and transmission of confidential information, security breaches and malicious software could expose us to claims, regulatory scrutiny, litigation and other possible liabilities. While to date we have not experienced a significant compromise, significant data loss or material financial losses related to cyber security attacks, our systems and those of our clients and third-party service providers are under constant threat and it is possible that we could experience a significant event in the future. We may suffer material financial losses related to these risks in the future or we may be subject to liability for compromises to our client or third-party service provider systems. Any such losses or liabilities could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations, and could expose us to reputation risk, the loss of client business, increased operational costs, as well as additional regulatory scrutiny, possible litigation, and related financial liability. These risks also include possible business interruption, including the inability to access critical information and systems.

The anti-takeover provisions in our Articles of Incorporation and under Florida law may make it more difficult for takeover attempts that have not been approved by our board of directors.

Florida law and our Articles of Incorporation include anti-takeover provisions, such as provisions that encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to consult with our board, and which enable the board to negotiate and give consideration on behalf of us and our shareholders and other constituencies to the merits of any offer made. Such provisions, as well as supermajority voting and quorum requirements, a staggered board of directors and the Protective Amendment, may make any takeover attempts and other acquisitions of interests in us, by means of a tender offer, open market purchase, a proxy fight or otherwise, that have not been approved by our board of directors more difficult and more expensive. These provisions may discourage possible business combinations that a majority



of our shareholders may believe to be desirable and beneficial. As a result, our board of directors may decide not to pursue transactions that would otherwise be in the best interests of holders of our common stock.

Hurricanes or other adverse weather events could negatively affect our local economies or disrupt our operations, which would have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Our market areas in Florida are susceptible to hurricanes, tropical storms and related flooding and wind damage. Such weather events can disrupt operations, result in damage to properties and negatively affect the local economies in the markets where we operate. We cannot predict whether or to what extent damage that may be caused by future hurricanes will affect our operations or the economies in our current or future market areas, but such weather events could result in a decline in loan originations, a decline in the value or destruction of properties securing our loans and an increase in the delinquencies, foreclosures or loan losses. Our business and results of operations may be adversely affected by these and other negative effects of future hurricanes, tropical storms, related flooding and wind damage and other similar weather events. As a result of the potential for such weather events, many of our customers have incurred significantly higher property and casualty insurance premiums on their properties located in our markets, which may adversely affect real estate sales and values in our markets.

*The CFPB's issued rules may have a negative impact on our loan origination process, and compliance and collection costs, which could adversely affect our mortgage lending operations and operating results.*

The CFPB issued rules that are likely to impact our residential mortgage lending practices, and the residential mortgage market generally, including rules that implement the "ability-to-repay" requirement and provide protection from liability for "qualified mortgages," as required by the Dodd-Frank Act, which took effect on January 10, 2014. The CFPB has also issued a number of other mortgage-related rules, including new rules pertaining to loan originator compensation, and that establish qualification, registration and licensing requirements for loan originators. These and other changes are likely to impose restrictions on future mortgage loan originations, diminish lenders' rights against delinquent borrowers or otherwise change the ways in which lenders make and administer residential mortgage loans. These rules could have a negative effect on the financial performance of Seacoast National's mortgage lending operations, by, among other things, reducing the volume of mortgage loans that Seacoast National can originate and sell into the secondary market, increasing its compliance burden and impairing Seacoast National's ability to proceed against certain delinquent borrowers with timely and effective collection efforts.

#### Risks Related to our Common Stock

We may issue additional shares of common or preferred stock, which may dilute the interests of our shareholders and may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

We are currently authorized to issue up to 60 million shares of common stock, of which 34,351,409 shares were outstanding as of December 31, 2015, and up to 4 million shares of preferred stock, of which no shares are outstanding. Subject to certain NASDAQ requirements, our board of directors has authority, without action or vote of the shareholders, to issue all or part of the remaining authorized but unissued shares and to establish the terms of any series of preferred stock. These authorized but unissued shares could be issued on terms or in circumstances that could dilute the interests of other shareholders.

*Our stock price is subject to fluctuations, and the value of your investment may decline.*

The trading price of our common stock is subject to wide fluctuations. The stock market in general, and the market for the stocks of commercial banks and other financial services companies in particular, has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that sometimes have been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry factors may seriously harm the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance, and the value of your investment may decline.

*Ownership concentrations of our common stock and actions by large shareholders may affect the market price of our common stock.*

A substantial number of shares of our common stock are owned by a small number of large institutional investors, and those shares could be sold into the public market pursuant to the registration rights of such institutional investors. In the event of these large shareholders elect to sell their shares, such sales or attempted sales could result in significant downward pressure on the market price of our common stock and actual price declines.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

#### Item 2. Properties

We and Seacoast National's main office occupies approximately 66,000 square feet of a 68,000 square foot building in Stuart, Florida. This building, together with an adjacent 10-lane drive-through banking facility and an additional 27,000-square foot office building, are situated on approximately eight acres of land in the center of Stuart that is zoned for commercial use. The building and land are owned by Seacoast National, which leases out portions of the building not utilized by us and Seacoast National to unaffiliated third parties.

Adjacent to the main office, Seacoast National leases approximately 21,400 square feet of office space from third parties to house operational departments, consisting primarily of information systems and retail support. Seacoast National owns its equipment, which is used for servicing bank deposits and loan accounts as well as on-line banking services, and providing tellers and other customer service personnel with access to customers' records. In addition, Seacoast National owns an operations center consisting of a 4,939 square foot building situated on 1.44 acres in Okeechobee, Florida. Our PGA Blvd. branch is utilized as a disaster recovery site should natural disasters or other events preclude the use of Seacoast National's primary operations center.

Seacoast currently operates its Seacoast Marine Finance Division in a 2,009 square foot leased facility in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and has representation in California, Washington and Arizona. The 1,200 square foot leased space in Newport Beach, California was closed at December 31, 2014.

CBF, our receivables factoring company occupies 1,511 square feet of leased space on the first floor of the Winter Park branch in Orlando, Florida. Seacoast Business Finance, a receivables factoring division of Seacoast National added in May 2015, occupies 6,000 square feet of leased space in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Seacoast National owns or leases all of the real property and/or buildings in which we operate our business. As of December 31, 2015, we and our subsidiaries had 42 branch offices, five commercial lending offices and its main office in Florida at December 31, 2015. As of December 31, 2015, the net carrying value of these offices (excluding the main office) was approximately \$41.1 million. Seacoast National's branch and commercial lending offices in 2015 are generally described as follows:

<b>Branch Office</b>	<b>Year Opened/Acquired</b>	<b>Square Feet</b>	<b>Owned/Leased</b>
Jensen Beach			
1000 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd.	1977	1,920	Owned
Jensen Beach, FL 34957			
East Ocean			
2081 East Ocean Blvd	1978 (relocated in 1995)	2,300	Owned; closed in February 2015; moved to OREO to sell
Stuart, FL 34996			
Cove Road			
5755 S.E. U.S. Highway 1	1983	3,450	Leased
Stuart, FL 34997			
Westmoreland			
1108 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd.	1985 (relocated in 2008)	4,468 (with 1,179 leased to tenants)	Owned building located on leased land
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952			
Wedgewood Commons			
3200 U.S. Highway 1	1988 (relocated in 2009)	5,477 (with 2,641 available to be leased to tenants)	Owned building located on leased land.
Stuart, FL 34997			
Bayshore			
247 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd.	1990	3,520	Leased; expected to close in 2016
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984			
Hobe Sound	1991		Owned

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11711 S.E. U.S. Highway 1		8,000 (with 1,225 available to be leased to tenants)	
Hobe Sound, FL 33455			
Fort Pierce			
1901 South U.S. Highway 1	1991 (relocated in 2008)	5,477 (with 2,641 available to be leased to tenants)	Owned building located on leased land
Fort Pierce, FL 34950			
Martin Downs			
2601 S.W. High Meadow Ave.	1992	3,960	Owned
Palm City, FL 34990			
Tiffany			
9698 U.S. Highway 1	1992	8,250	Owned
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952			
Vero Beach			
1206 U.S. Highway 1	1993	3,300	Owned
Vero Beach, FL 32960			
Cardinal			
2940 Cardinal Dr.	1993 (relocated in 2008)	5,435	Leased
Vero Beach, FL 32963			

St. Lucie West

1100 S.W. St. Lucie West Blvd. 1994 (relocated in 1997) 4,320 Leased

Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

South Vero Square

752 U.S. Highway 1 1997 3,150 Owned; closed in December 2015 and moved to OREO to sell

Vero Beach, FL 32962

Sebastian West

1110 Roseland Rd. 1998 3,150 Owned

Sebastian, FL 32958

Tequesta

710 N. U.S. Highway 1 2003 3,500 Owned

Tequesta, FL 33469

Jupiter

585 W. Indiantown Rd. 2004 2,881 Owned building located on leased land

Jupiter, FL 33458

Vero 60 West

6030 20th Street 2005 2,500 Owned

Vero Beach, FL 32966

Maitland

541 S. Orlando Ave. 2005 4,536 Leased

Maitland, FL 32751

PGA Blvd. 2006 13,454 Leased

3001 PGA Blvd.



Palm Beach Gardens, FL  
33410

South Parrott

1409 S. Parrott Ave.      2006      8,232    Owned

Okeechobee, FL 34974

North Parrott

500 N. Parrott Ave.      2006      3,920    Owned

Okeechobee, FL 34974

Arcadia

1601 E. Oak St.      2006 (expanded in 2008)      3,256    Owned

Arcadia, FL 34266

Moore Haven

501 U.S. Highway 27      2006 (relocated from leased premises in 2012)      4,415    Owned; expected to close in 2016

Moore Haven, FL 33471

Clewiston			
300 S. Berner Rd.	2006	5,661	Owned
Clewiston, FL 33440			
LaBelle			
17 N. Lee St.	2006	2,361	Owned; expected to close in 2016
LaBelle, FL 33935			
Lake Placid			
199 U.S. Highway 27 North	2006	2,125	Owned; expected to close in 2016
Lake Placid, FL 33852			
Viera – The Avenues			
6711 Lake Andrew Dr.	2007	5,999	Leased; closed in December 2014
Viera, FL 32940			
Murrell Road			
5500 Murrell Rd.	2008	9,041 (with 2,408 leased to tenants and 1,856 available to be leased)	Leased; closed in December 2014
Viera, FL 32940			
Gatlin Boulevard			
1790 S.W. Gatlin Blvd.	2008	5,300 (with 2,518 available for leasing)	Owned
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953			
Winter Park 1031 West Morse Blvd	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 1989)	18,135 (with 9,069 occupied by Seacoast, 1,511 by CBF, and 7,555 available to be leased)	Leased

Winter Park, FL  
32789

Winter Garden

13207 West Colonial Dr.	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 1989)	8,081	Owned
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Winter Garden,  
FL 34787

Eustis

15119 Highway 441	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 1991)	4,699	Owned
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Eustis, FL 32726

Melbourne

300 South Harbor City Blvd.	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 1996)	4,558	Owned
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Melbourne, FL  
32901

Ormond Beach

1240 W. Granada Blvd.	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 1997)	8,810	Owned
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Ormond Beach,  
FL 32174

Oviedo			
2839 Clayton Crossing Way	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 2000)	4,482	Owned
Oviedo, FL 32765			
Viera			
105 Capron Trail	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 2000)	3,426	Owned
Viera, FL 32940			
Apopka			
345 East Main St.	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 2001)	4,984	Owned
Apopka, FL 32703			
Port Orange			
405 Dunlawton Ave.	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 2001)	3,120	Owned
Port Orange, FL 32127			
Sanford			
3791 West 1 <sup>st</sup> St.	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 2003)	3,191	Owned
Sanford, FL 32771			
Titusville			
4250 South Washington Ave.	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 2003)	2,050	Owned
Titusville, FL 32780			
Clermont			
1000 East Highway 50	2014 (acquired through BankFIRST merger; opened 2005)	7,354 (with 3,582 leased to tenants)	Owned
Clermont, FL 34711			
Sebastian	2014	1,190	Leased
1627 U.S. Highway 1, Suite 107			

Sebastian, FL 32958

Sewall's Point

3727 S. East Ocean Blvd, #102	2014	3,522	Leased
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Stuart, FL 34996

Palm Beach Lakes

2055 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd	2015 (acquired through Grand Bank merger; opened in 1999)	6,496	Owned
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West Palm Beach, FL  
33409

Lantana

2000 Lantana Road	2015 (acquired through Grand Bank merger; opened in 2000)	2,777	Owned
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Lake Worth, FL 33462

<b>Commercial lending offices</b>	<b>Opened In</b>	<b>Square Feet</b>	<b>Owned/Leased</b>
Hannibal Square			
444 W. New England Avenue, Suite 117	2013	2,000	Leased
Winter Park, FL 32789			
Rialto			
7335 W. Sand Lake Road,	2013	1,489	Leased
Suite 137			
Orlando, FL 32819			
Park Place			
7025 County Road 46A,	2013	1,979	Leased
Suite 1091			
Heathrow, FL 32746			
Victoria Park Shoppes			
622 North Federal Highway	2013	1,800	Leased
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304			
Town Center			
5250 Town Center Circle,	2013	1,495	Leased
Suite 109			
Boca Raton, FL 34486			

For additional information regarding our properties, please refer to Notes G and K of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

We and our subsidiaries are subject, in the ordinary course, to litigation incident to the businesses in which we are engaged. Management presently believes that none of the legal proceedings to which we are a party are likely to have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, operating results or cash flows, although no assurance can be given with respect to the ultimate outcome of any such claim or litigation.

Item 4.

Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Part II

Item 5. Market For Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters presented to shareholders as provided in our Articles of Incorporation.

Our common stock is traded under the symbol “SBCF” on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, which is a national securities exchange (“Nasdaq”). As of February 29, 2016 there were 34,628,589 shares of our common stock outstanding, held by approximately 2,059 record holders.

The table below sets forth the high and low sale prices per share of our common stock on Nasdaq and the dividends paid per share of our common stock for the indicated periods.

	Sales Price per Share of Seacoast Common Stock		Quarterly Dividends Declared Per Share of Seacoast Common Stock
	High	Low	
2014			
First Quarter	\$12.51	\$10.55	\$ 0.00
Second Quarter	11.28	10.00	0.00
Third Quarter	11.27	10.03	0.00
Fourth Quarter	14.24	10.80	0.00
2015			
First Quarter	\$14.46	\$12.02	\$ 0.00
Second Quarter	16.09	13.81	0.00
Third Quarter	16.26	14.11	0.00
Fourth Quarter	16.95	14.10	0.00

Dividends from Seacoast National are our primary source of funds to pay dividends on our common stock. Under the National Bank Act, national banks may in any calendar year, without the approval of the OCC, pay dividends to the extent of net profits for that year, plus retained net profits for the preceding two years (less any required transfers to surplus). The need to maintain adequate capital in Seacoast National also limits dividends that may be paid to us. We have not paid dividends since 2009.

Any dividends paid on our common stock would be declared and paid at the discretion of our board of directors and would be dependent upon our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and such other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant. We do not expect to pay dividends on our common stock in the immediate future and expect to retain any earnings to support our growth.



Additional information regarding restrictions on the ability of Seacoast National to pay dividends to us is contained in Note C of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. See “Item 1. Business- Payment of Dividends” of this Form 10-K for information with respect to the regulatory restrictions on dividends.

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

See the information included under Part III, Item 12, which is incorporated in response to this item by reference.

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data**

For five years selected financial data of the Company is set forth under the caption “Financial Highlights” on page 108.

**Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations appears under the caption “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” on pages 56-89.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

For discussion of the quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk, see “Interest Rate Sensitivity”, “Securities”, and “Market Risk” sections of Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on page 84, 66 and pages 84-85, respectively.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

The reports of Crowe Horwath LLP and KPMG LLP (KPMG), independent registered public accounting firms, and the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes appear on pages 109-111. Quarterly Consolidated Income Statements are included on page 107 entitled “Selected Quarterly Financial Information”.

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

(a) *Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in SEC Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

In connection with the preparation of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as of the end of the period covered by this report, an evaluation was performed, with the participation of the CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

(b) *Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company. Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and board of directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes.

Management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015. This assessment was based on the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework 2013*. Based on this assessment, management believes that, as of December 31, 2015, our internal control over financial reporting was effective. As permitted, the Company has excluded the current year acquisition of Grand Bankshares (that represents approximately 6% of total consolidated assets at December 31, 2015) from the scope of management's report on internal control over financial reporting.

Our independent registered public accounting firm, Crowe Horwath LLP, has issued an attestation report on our internal control over financial reporting which is included herein.

(c) *Change in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

As reported in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K as of December 31, 2013, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as a result of a material weakness related to ineffective review of the accounting for previously recorded charge-offs, a non-routine matter, related to a matured troubled debt restructured loan.

During 2014, management took steps to remediate the material weakness, including implementing controls to ensure that the Company's financial department provides for additional management review, and consulting, as needed, with outside independent consultants and accounting experts when faced with non-routine accounting matters. As a result of the successful implementation of the remediation activities noted, as well as subsequent successful testing of the design and operation of the enhanced control procedure, management concluded that its material weakness as disclosed in the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K was remediated as of December 31, 2014.

During 2015, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred or that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B.

Other Information.

None.

Part III

Item 10.

Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Information concerning our directors and executive officers is set forth under the headings “Proposal 1 - Election of Directors,” “Corporate Governance,” “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” and “Certain Transactions and Business Relationships” in the 2016 Proxy Statement, incorporated herein by reference.

Item 11.

Executive Compensation

Information regarding the compensation paid by us to our directors and executive officers is set forth under the headings “Executive Compensation,” “Compensation Discussion & Analysis,” “Compensation and Governance Committee Report” and “2015 Director Compensation” in the 2016 Proxy Statement which are incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The following table sets forth information about our common stock that may be issued under all of our existing compensation plans as of December 31, 2015.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan Category	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstand- ing options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities represented in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders:			
2000 Plan (1)	37,397	\$ 116.43	0
2008 Plan (2)	0	0.00	0
2013 Plan (3)	519,250	10.93	1,721,849
Employee Stock Purchase Plan (4)	0	0.00	107,557
TOTAL	556,647	\$ 18.02	1,829,406

(1) Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Shares reserved under this plan are available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of stock options and stock appreciation rights granted under the plan, as well as, vesting of performance award shares, and awards of restricted stock or stock-based awards, previously issued.

(2) Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Shares reserved under this plan are available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of stock options and stock appreciation rights granted under the plan, as well as, vesting of performance award shares, and awards of restricted stock or stock-based awards, previously issued.

(3) Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Shares reserved under this plan are available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of stock options and stock appreciation rights granted under the plan, and may be granted as awards of restricted stock, performance shares, or other stock-based awards, prospectively.

(4) Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended.

Additional information regarding the ownership of our common stock is set forth under the headings “Proposal 1 - Election of Directors” and “Security Ownership of Management and Certain Beneficial Holders” in the 2016 Proxy Statement, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Information regarding certain relationships and transactions between us and our officers, directors and significant shareholders is set forth under the heading “Compensation and Governance Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation” and “Certain Transactions and Business Relationships” and “Corporate Governance” in the 2016 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Information concerning our principal accounting fees and services is set forth under the heading “Relationship with Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm; Audit and Non- Audit Fees” in the 2016 Proxy Statement, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Part IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1) The Consolidated Financial Statements, the Notes thereto and the report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon listed in Item 8 are set forth commencing on page 109.

(a)(2) List of financial statement schedules

All schedules normally required by Form 10-K are omitted, since either they are not applicable or the required information is shown in the financial statements or the notes thereto.

(a)(3) Listing of Exhibits

PLEASE NOTE: It is inappropriate for readers to assume the accuracy of, or rely upon any covenants, representations or warranties that may be contained in agreements or other documents filed as Exhibits to, or incorporated by reference in, this report. Any such covenants, representations or warranties may have been qualified or superseded by



disclosures contained in separate schedules or exhibits not filed with or incorporated by reference in this report, may reflect the parties' negotiated risk allocation in the particular transaction, may be qualified by materiality standards that differ from those applicable for securities law purposes, may not be true as of the date of this report or any other date, and may be subject to waivers by any or all of the parties. Where exhibits and schedules to agreements filed or incorporated by reference as Exhibits hereto are not included in these Exhibits, such exhibits and schedules to agreements are not included or incorporated by reference herein.

The following Exhibits are attached hereto or incorporated by reference herein (unless indicated otherwise, all documents referenced below were filed pursuant to the Exchange Act by Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida, Commission File No. 0-13660):

Exhibit 3.1.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed May 10, 2006.

Exhibit 3.1.2 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed December 23, 2008.

Exhibit 3.1.3 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.4 to the Company's Form S-1, filed June 22, 2009.

Exhibit 3.1.4 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed July 20, 2009.

Exhibit 3.1.5 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed December 3, 2009.

Exhibit 3.1.6 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K/A, filed July 14, 2010.

Exhibit 3.1.7 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed June 25, 2010.

Exhibit 3.1.8 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed June 1, 2011.

Exhibit 3.1.9 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed December 13, 2013.

Exhibit 3.2 Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed December 21, 2007.

Exhibit 4.1 Specimen Common Stock Certificate

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 10-K, filed on March 17, 2014.

Exhibit 4.2 Junior Subordinated Indenture

Dated as of March 31, 2005, between the Company and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee (including the form of the Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Note, which appears in Section 2.1 thereof), incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed April 5, 2005.

Exhibit 4.3 Guarantee Agreement

Dated as of March 31, 2005 between the Company, as Guarantor, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Guarantee Trustee, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed April 5, 2005.

Exhibit 4.4 Amended and Restated Trust Agreement

Dated as of March 31, 2005, among the Company, as Depositor, Wilmington Trust Company, as Property Trustee, Wilmington Trust Company, as Delaware Trustee and the Administrative Trustees named therein, as Administrative Trustees (including exhibits containing the related forms of the SBCF Capital Trust I Common Securities Certificate and the Preferred Securities Certificate), incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 8-K filed April 5, 2005.

Exhibit 4.5 Indenture

Dated as of December 16, 2005, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (including the form of the Junior Subordinated Debt Security, which appears as Exhibit A to the Indenture), incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed December 21, 2005.

Exhibit 4.6 Guarantee Agreement

Dated as of December 16, 2005, between the Company, as Guarantor, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Guarantee Trustee, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed December 21, 2005.

Exhibit 4.7 Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust

Dated as of December 16, 2005, among the Company, as Sponsor, Dennis S. Hudson, III and William R. Hahl, as Administrators, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Institutional Trustee (including exhibits containing the related forms of the SBCF Statutory Trust II Common Securities Certificate and the Capital Securities Certificate), incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 8-K filed December 21, 2005.

Exhibit 4.8 Indenture

Dated June 29, 2007, between the Company and LaSalle Bank, as Trustee (including the form of the Junior Subordinated Debt Security, which appears as Exhibit A to the Indenture), incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed July 3, 2007.

Exhibit 4.9 Guarantee Agreement

Dated June 29, 2007, between the Company, as Guarantor, and LaSalle Bank, as Guarantee Trustee, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed July 3, 2007.

Exhibit 4.10 Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust

Dated June 29, 2007, among the Company, as Sponsor, Dennis S. Hudson, III and William R. Hahl, as Administrators, and LaSalle Bank, as Institutional Trustee (including exhibits containing the related forms of the SBCF Statutory Trust III Common Securities Certificate and the Capital Securities Certificate), incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 8-K filed July 3, 2007.

Exhibit 4.11 Registration Rights Agreement

Dated January 13, 2014, between the Company and CapGen Capital Group III, L.P., incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed January 14, 2014.

Exhibit 10.1 Amended and Restated Retirement Savings Plan\*

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 15, 2011.

Exhibit 10.2 Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan\*

Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on DEF 14A, filed with the Commission on April 27, 2009.

Exhibit 10.3 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan

Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form S-3 filed on November 12, 2014.

Exhibit 10.4 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan as Amended\*

Incorporated herein by reference from the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 File No. 333-49972, filed November 15, 2000, and Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A, filed on March 13, 2000.

Exhibit 10.5 Executive Deferred Compensation Plan\*

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 30, 2001.

Exhibit 10.6 Change of Control Employment Agreement\*

Dated December 24, 2003 between William R. Hahl and the Company, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.17 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed December 29, 2003.

Exhibit 10.7 Amended and Restated Directors Deferred Compensation Plan\*

Incorporated herein to the Company's Form 10-K, filed March 14, 2016.

Exhibit 10.8 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan\*

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit A to the Company's Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A, filed March 18, 2008.

Exhibit 10.9 Form of 409A Amendment to Employment Agreement with William R. Hahl\*

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed January 5, 2009.

Exhibit 10.10 2013 Incentive Plan

Incorporated herein by reference from Appendix A to the Company's Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A, filed April 9, 2013.

Exhibit 10.11 Letter Agreement Regarding Lead Director Position\*

Dated March 1, 2014 between Roger O. Goldman and the Company, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed March 6, 2014.

Exhibit 10.12 Form of Change of Control Employment Agreement with Daniel Chappell, Charles Cross, David Houdeshell, Jeffery D. Lee and Charles Shaffer\*

Incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed November 3, 2014.

Exhibit 10.13 Employment Agreement\*

Dated December 18, 2014 between Dennis S. Hudson, III and the Company, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed December 19, 2014.

Exhibit 10.14 Agreement and Plan of Merger

Dated March 25, 2015, by and among the Company, Seacoast National, Grand Bankshares, Inc. and Grand Bank & Trust of Florida, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed March 31, 2015.

Exhibit 10.15 Branch Sale Agreement

Dated October 14, 2015, by and between Seacoast National and BMO Harris Bank N.A., incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed October 19, 2015.

Exhibit 10.16 Agreement and Plan of Merger

Dated November 2, 2015, by and among the Company, Seacoast National, Floridian Financial Group, Inc. and Floridian Bank, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed November 4, 2015.

Exhibit 10.17 Change of Control Employment Agreement\*

Dated August 6, 2015 between Stephen Fowle and the Company, incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K, filed August 10, 2015.

Exhibit 10.18 Executive Transition Agreement\*

Dated April 30, 2015 between William R. Hahl and the Company, incorporated herein to the Company's Form 10-K, filed March 14, 2016.

Exhibit 21 Subsidiaries of Registrant

Exhibit 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Exhibit 23.2 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Exhibit 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Exhibit 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002



Exhibit 32.1\*\* Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Section 111 the Emergency Economic Stability Act, as amended

Exhibit 32.2\*\* Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Section 111 the Emergency Economic Stability Act, as amended

Exhibit 101 Interactive Data File

\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

The certifications attached as Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 accompany this Annual Report on Form 10-K and are \*\*“furnished” to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not be deemed “filed” by the Company for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act.

(b) Exhibits

The response to this portion of Item 15 is submitted under item (a)(3) above.

(c) Financial Statement Schedules

None.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF  
FLORIDA  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dennis S. Hudson, III  
Dennis S. Hudson, III  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 14, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

	Date
/s/ Dennis S. Hudson, III Dennis S. Hudson, III, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	March 14, 2016
/s/ Stephen A. Fowle Stephen A. Fowle, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)	March 14, 2016
/s/ Dennis J. Arczynski Dennis J. Arczynski, Director	March 14, 2016
/s/ Stephen E. Bohner Stephen E. Bohner, Director	March 14, 2016
/s/ T. Michael Crook T. Michael Crook, Director	March 14, 2016



Date

/s/ H. Gilbert Culbreth, Jr.            March 14, 2016  
H. Gilbert Culbreth, Jr, Director

/s/ Julie H. Daum                        March 14, 2016  
Julie H. Daum, Director

/s/ Christopher E. Fogal                March 14, 2016  
Christopher E. Fogal, Director

/s/ Dennis S. Hudson, Jr.              March 14, 2016  
Dennis S. Hudson, Jr., Director

/s/ Thomas E. Rossin                  March 14, 2016  
Thomas E. Rossin, Director

## **Item 7. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*The purpose of this discussion and analysis is to aid in understanding significant changes in the financial condition of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) and their results of operations during 2015, 2014 and 2013. Nearly all of the Company’s operations are contained in its banking subsidiary, Seacoast Bank (“Seacoast Bank” or the “Bank”). This discussion and analysis is intended to highlight and supplement information presented elsewhere in the annual report on Form 10-K, particularly the consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing in Item 8. For purposes of the following discussion, the words the “Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to the combined entities of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida and its direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries.*

### **Overview – Strategy and Results**

Seacoast continues to execute on its plan to grow our core business organically, innovate to build franchise and increase efficiency, and grow through mergers and acquisitions. We believe that these investments better position us to increase net income to common shareholders today and prospectively. These included:

continued investments in digital technology and improved processes providing significant cross sell to legacy customers and opportunities to reduce overhead;

consolidation of branch locations, totaling more than 25% of total branch locations over the past five years, with four more legacy Seacoast branches to consolidate in the first half of 2016;

Investment in the Accelerate lending model, expanding geographically with low cost, high service community banking offices; and

completion of our acquisitions of The BANKshares, Inc. (“BANKshares”) on October 1, 2014, and Grand Bankshares, Inc. (“Grand”) on July 17, 2015, and prospective purchase from BMO Harris Bank, N.A. (“BMO”) and Floridian Financial Group, Inc. (“Floridian”) in 2016.

We introduced Seacoast’s Accelerate commercial banking model in 2011, and in 2013 began to invest in analytics, digital servicing capabilities and digital marketing talent and technology. Through these investments, the Company

continues to focus on reaching customers in unique ways, creating a path to achieve higher customer satisfaction. The commercial lending offices provide our customers with talented, results-oriented staff, specializing in loans to the smaller business market segment. From their tenure and market experience, our bankers are familiar with the multitude of challenges the small business customer faces.

In addition, Seacoast is building a fully integrated distribution platform across all channels to provide our customers with the ability to choose their path of convenience to satisfy their banking needs. In 2015, we rolled out our integrated digital marketing, automated cross-sell, and deeper customer analytics which are building value as we move forward. In 2015, we also absorbed incremental costs to support better channel integration including the expansion of our 24/7 call center, that now originates over 10% of our deposit relationships and nearly 30% of our consumer loan production and expansion plans for this group in 2016 should provide ever greater lift. We have proactively positioned our business for growth. Excluding the acquisitions, loan growth for 2015 of \$218 million or 12% above prior year and core customer funding of \$286 million or 13% above a year ago was recorded. We believe our targeted plan to grow our customer and commercial franchise is the best way to build shareholder value.

While our focus is organic growth, we have periodically supplemented this growth through strategic acquisition opportunities. Nearly a year after completing our BANKshares acquisition, customer metrics for Winter Park, Florida based BankFIRST are strong, with household growth in the former BankFIRST Orlando market of 7% annualized. Recently, we completed an enhancement to our footprint in the Palm Beach County, Florida market. On July 17, 2015, the acquisition of Grand, and its subsidiary, Grand Bank & Trust of Florida, was completed, further solidifying our market share in the Palm Beach county market, expanding our customer base further, providing service fee income opportunities, and leveraging operating costs through economies of scale. The Grand acquisition was completed with no tangible book value dilution and is immediately accretive to our earnings per share. In fact, we recorded a bargain purchase gain (net) of \$416,000 in 2015 from the acquisition of Grand. Our acquisitions increased the number of households we serve in two of Florida's fastest growing markets, boosting our growth trajectory.

The Company continues to focus on reaching customers in unique ways, focusing on convenience and service, building higher customer satisfaction. The acquisition of a receivables factoring subsidiary in the BANKshares merger was further enhanced by the addition of a receivables funding team from First Capital Growth (FGC) in the Palm Beach County market in the second quarter of 2015, providing an additional product vehicle to better serve customers..

We believe digital delivery and products have contributed to growing our franchise. As of December 31, 2015, approximately 64 percent of our online customers have adopted mobile product offerings and the total number of services utilized by our retail customers increased to an average of 4.3 per household, primarily due to an increase in debit card activation, direct deposit and mobile banking users. Personal and business mobile banking has grown from 13,659 users at December 31, 2013 to 21,587 users at December 31, 2014, to 32,305 users at December 31, 2015. The growth in new households, a deepening of relationships with current households, and better retention overall is creating stronger value in our core customer franchise.

We also refreshed and reintroduced our brand in 2014, retooling our logo and associated signage throughout our branch network and digital platforms in the fourth quarter of 2014. Our new brand reflects our forward-looking strategy and we are reaping the benefits from continued investments in analytics, digital servicing capabilities and technology, and reducing future overhead, with households (excluding acquisitions) growing 5% year-over-year and for the fourth quarter of 2015.

Our shift to an upgraded technology platform has enabled us to effectively adapt to changes in consumer behavior. Embracing technology, especially electronic delivery channels, has helped us improve efficiency. Over the past five years we have been successful in closing more than 25% of our branches. This has allowed us to improve our deposit to facilities square footage from between \$9,000 and \$10,000 of deposits per square foot to approximately \$13,000 of deposits per square foot, a more than 35% improvement. During 2014 and 2015, we consolidated several branch locations, with the closure of seven legacy branch offices and addition of two new offices, and we recently announced four additional branch consolidations to occur in the first six months of 2016 (see "Part I, Item 2 – Properties" for more detail). Prospectively, a reduction of more expensive, traditional banking facilities, and related personnel costs, by

Seacoast is likely, as digital and phone based channels expand dramatically.

The combination of the above actions resulted in revenue (aggregate net interest income and noninterest income) increasing significantly for 2015, higher by \$42.0 million or 41.9% compared to results for 2014. We coupled this growth with managed expenses, while investing significantly for our future. Combined operating leverage drove improve net income available to common shareholders (on a GAAP basis) totaled \$22.1 million or \$0.66 per diluted share for 2015, compared to \$5.7 million or \$0.21 per diluted share for 2014, and \$47.9 million or \$2.44 per diluted share for 2013. Net income for 2013 benefited from the recapture of \$44.8 million of deferred tax allowance in the third quarter of that year.



## **Acquisitions – Enhancing Our Success in 2015 and an Update for 2016**

Enhancing our footprint were the acquisitions of Grand in 2015 and BANKshares late in 2014 (see “Note T – Business Combinations”). The Company’s primary reasons for these transactions were to further solidify its market share in the attractive Palm Beach and Central Florida markets, expand its customer base and leverage operating cost through economies of scale. These acquisitions not only increased our households, but opened markets and customer bases where our convenience offering resonates. Our model drove net household growth in both markets by the third month following acquisition as opposed to net attrition typical for acquisitions. And, both acquisitions were accretive in the first year (excluding merger charges). Merger related charges during 2015 and 2014 summed to \$4.3 million in each year, respectively, primarily impacting salaries and wages, outsourced data processing costs, and legal and professional fees. The Grand acquisition contributed \$188.5 million in total deposits and \$110.0 million in loans to our balance sheet, and the BANKshares acquisition added \$516.3 million in total deposits and \$365.4 million in loans.

We are encouraged by the results from our recent acquisitions and we look forward to greeting more than 5,000 customers of Floridian Bankshares, Inc. (“Floridian”) and nearly 9,000 customers from BMO Harris’s Central Florida banking operations. Regulatory approval for both of transactions has been received and we expect to close the Floridian acquisition late in the first quarter of 2016 and the BMO Harris branch purchase late in the second quarter of 2016, subject in both instances to customary closing conditions (see “Note T – Business Combinations”).

The Company will likely continue to consider strategic acquisitions as part of the Company’s overall future growth plans.

## **The Florida Economy**

Florida’s economic recovery is now well established, with solid job growth, declining unemployment, and higher consumer confidence fueling improvements in our markets. We believe the Florida economy will further strengthen in 2016, as we continue to attract population inflows. Our housing markets, manufacturing base, tourism and services industries are building on current momentum, and provide a diversified base for our economy. The residential real estate market is becoming stronger as pricing continues to firm and sales volumes continue to increase. Many seasonal businesses are now reporting improving trends. Our primary competitors now are the mega-banks, and many of these large institutions are struggling with higher capital requirements and new restrictions and regulations that are requiring difficult choices regarding their business models. We continue to believe we have entered a period of opportunity to achieve meaningful market share gains.

The Florida economy continues to amplify our success and the state of Florida remains an attractive market in which to live and work. Also, there are many positive indications that Florida's economy will continue to improve. Wells Fargo Securities Group's December 18, 2015 report titled, "Florida Employment Update: November 2015" stated, "Florida's economy is firing on all cylinders...Florida added a nation-leading 32,500 jobs in November, which marks the largest monthly job gain for the Sunshine State since May 2010. On a year-to-date basis, nonfarm employment has risen 3.0 percent, resulting in a net gain of 239,600 jobs."

In addition, Comerica Bank's Comerica Economic Insights report dated January 5, 2016 stated, "Our Florida Economic Activity Index increased again in October, for the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive month. Most components of the index were positive in October. Only state exports and housing starts were negative for the month. The Florida economy is firmly re-established as a growth leader for the U.S....we see no reason for the positive trend to change in the near term.

## **Our Business**

The Company is a single-bank holding company with operations on Florida's southeast coast (ranging from Broward and Palm Beach County in the south to Brevard and Volusia County in the north) as well as Florida's interior around Lake Okeechobee and up through Orlando (including Orange, Seminole and Lake County). The Company had 43 full service offices at December 31, 2015, the same count as at December 31, 2014.

The Company operates both a full retail banking strategy in its core markets, which are some of Florida's wealthiest, as well as a complete commercial banking strategy. The Company, through its bank subsidiary, provides a broad range of community banking services to commercial, small business and retail customers, offering a variety of transaction and savings deposit products, treasury management services, brokerage, and secured and unsecured loan products, including revolving credit facilities, letters of credit and similar financial guarantees, and asset based financing. Seacoast also provides trust and investment management services to retirement plans, corporations and individuals.

### ***Loan Growth and Lending Policies***

For 2015, balances in the loan portfolio increased 18.4%, compared with an increase of 39.7% for 2014 and an increase of 6.4% for 2013, reflecting strong business production, the acquisitions of Grand and BANKshares and a significant improvement from the recessionary climate impacting prior years. Adjusting for the loans acquired from Grand and BANKshares, the loan portfolio grew 12.0% and 11.8% during 2015 and 2014, respectively. Additional commercial relationship managers hired during 2013 at our new Accelerate commercial lending offices increased loan growth in 2014.

Loan production improved during 2015, 2014 and 2013 and growth continued across all business lines. For 2015, almost \$299 million in commercial/commercial real estate loans were originated, compared to \$258 million and \$200 million for 2014 and 2013, respectively. Our loan pipeline for commercial/ commercial real estate loans totaled \$106 million at December 31, 2015, versus \$60 million at December 31, 2014. The Company also closed \$272 million in residential loans during 2015, compared to \$225 million in 2014 and \$251 million in 2013. The residential loan pipeline at December 31, 2015 totaled \$30 million, versus \$20 million a year ago. Stabilizing home values and lower interest rates have renewed the consumer's interest in borrowing.

The Company expects to have more loan growth opportunities for all types of lending in 2016, including commercial lending to targeted customer segments and 1-4 family agency conforming residential mortgages. We will continue to expand our business banking teams, adding new, seasoned, commercial loan officers where market opportunities arise, and improve service through electronic and digital means. In addition, the addition of receivables factoring

provides another vehicle to better serve customers. We believe that achieving our loan growth objectives, together with the management of credit costs and problem loan related expenses will provide us with the potential to make further, meaningful improvements to our earnings in 2016.

Our lending policies contain numerous guardrails that pertain to lending by type of collateral and purpose, along with limits regarding loan concentrations and the dollar amount (size) of loans. With a disciplined approach, we have benefited from having loan production and loan pipelines that are diverse, de-risking our loan portfolio as a whole. For example, in recent years the Company increased its focus and monitoring of its exposure to residential land, acquisition and development loans. Overall, the Company has reduced its exposure to commercial developers of residential land, acquisition and development loans from its peak of \$352 million or 20.2% of total loans in early 2007 to \$32 million or 2.4% at December 31, 2015.

### *Deposit Growth, Mix and Costs*

The Company's focus on convenience, with high quality customer service, expanded digital offerings and distribution channels, and convenient branch locations provides stable, low cost core deposit funding for the company. Over the past several years, the Company has strengthened its retail deposit franchise using new strategies and product offerings, while maintaining a focus on growing customer relationships. We believe that digital product offerings are central to core deposit growth as access via these distribution channels is required by customers. During the last two years, we have significantly grown our average transaction deposits (noninterest and interest bearing demand), with significant increases of \$375.8 million or 34.9% in 2015 and \$157.8 million or 17.2% in 2014. Along with new relationships, our deposit programs and digital sales have improved our market share, increased average services per household, and decreased customer attrition.

Our growth in core deposits has also provided decreased funding costs. Declines in the average balance for certificates of deposit ("CDs"), which are a higher cost of funds, continued in 2015, 2014 and 2013, but growth in core deposit relationships more than offset such declines. The Company's deposit mix remains favorable, with 89 percent of average deposit balances comprised of savings, money market, as well as, interest bearing and noninterest bearing demand deposits in the fourth quarter of 2015. The Company's average cost of deposits, including noninterest bearing demand deposits, was 0.12% for each 2014 and 2015, decreasing 4 basis points from 0.16% for 2013. The Company believes its cost of deposits ranks among the lowest when compared to other banks operating in the Company's market.

During 2015, total deposits increased \$428 million or 17.7% and sweep repurchase agreements \$18 million or 12.0%, versus 2014. In comparison, total deposits increased \$610 million or 33.8% and sweep repurchase agreements increased \$2 million or 1.5% during 2014, versus 2013. Deposits for 2015 include acquired deposits of nearly \$189 million from Grand and deposits for 2014 include acquired balances from BANKshares of approximately \$516 million. Most of the increase in sweep repurchase agreements during 2015 and 2014 was in public funds, principally from higher seasonal tax collector receipts.

Our successful retail and business deposit growth initiatives continue to be emphasized and we expect further increases in households served for 2016.

### **Financial Condition**

Total assets increased \$441.4 million or 14.3 percent to \$3,534.8 million at December 31, 2015, after increasing \$824.4 million or 36.3% to \$3,093.3 million in 2014. The highlights of 2015 and 2014 were our acquisitions, Grand closing on July 17, 2015 and BANKshares which closed on October 1, 2014, and expanding our presence in Palm

Beach and Central Florida (particularly in the greater Orlando market), and increased total assets by approximately \$215 million and \$627 million, respectively. The Company is the fifth largest Florida-based bank.

### *Loan Portfolio*

Table 9 shows total loans (net of unearned income) for commercial and residential real estate, commercial and financial and consumer loans outstanding.

Total loans (net of unearned income and excluding the allowance for loan losses) were \$2,156.3 million at December 31, 2015, \$334.4 million or 18.4% more than at December 31, 2014, and were \$1,821.9 million at December 31, 2014, \$517.7 million or 39.7% more than at December 31, 2013. The Grand acquisition in 2015 and BANKshares acquisition in 2014 contributed \$110.0 million and \$365.4 million in loans, respectively.

Success in commercial lending through our legacy franchise and through our Accelerate banking model has increased loan growth. Analytics and digital marketing have further fueled loan growth in the consumer and small business channels. Loan production of \$688 million, \$424 million and \$354 million was retained in the loan portfolio during the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Successful acquisition activity has further supplemented our growth.

The following table details loan portfolio composition at December 31, 2015 and 2014 for portfolio loans, purchase credit impaired loans (“PCI”), and purchase unimpaired loans (“PUL”) as defined in Note E-Loans.

December 31, 2015	Portfolio Loans (Dollars in thousands)	PCI Loans	PUL's	Total
Construction and land development	\$97,629	\$ 114	\$ 11,044	\$ 108,787
Commercial real estate	776,875	9,990	222,513	1,009,378
Residential real estate	678,131	922	44,732	723,785
Commercial and financial	188,013	1,083	39,421	228,517
Consumer	82,717	0	2,639	85,356
Other loans	507	0	0	507
NET LOAN BALANCES (1)	\$ 1,823,872	\$ 12,109	\$ 320,349	\$ 2,156,330

December 31, 2014	Portfolio Loans (Dollars in thousands)	PCI Loans	PUL's	Total
Construction and land development	\$65,896	\$ 1,557	\$ 19,583	\$ 87,036
Commercial real estate	610,863	4,092	222,192	837,147
Residential real estate	639,428	851	46,618	686,897
Commercial and financial	120,763	1,312	35,321	157,396
Consumer	50,543	2	2,352	52,897
Other loans	512	0	0	512
NET LOAN BALANCES (1)	\$ 1,488,005	\$ 7,814	\$ 326,066	\$ 1,821,885

(1) Net loan balances at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are net of deferred costs of \$6,542,000 and \$3,645,000.

Commercial real estate mortgages were higher by \$172.2 million or 20.6% to \$1,009.4 million at December 31, 2015, compared to December 31, 2014, a result of improving loan production and loans acquired in the mergers. Granularity of commercial real estate lending is an aim, with office buildings of \$256.2 million or 25.4% of commercial real estate mortgages, comprising the largest concentration with a substantial portion owner-occupied. Portfolio composition also includes lending for retail trade, industrial, healthcare, churches and educational facilities, recreation, multifamily,

mobile home parks, lodging, restaurants, agriculture, convenience stores, marinas, and other types of real estate.

Over the past five years, the Company has been pursuing an aggressive program to reduce exposure to loan types that have been most impacted by stressed market conditions in order to achieve lower levels of credit loss volatility in the future. Commercial and commercial real estate loan relationships greater than \$10 million were reduced by \$51.7 million to \$110.0 million (or 5.1% of the total loan portfolio) at December 31, 2015, compared with \$161.7 million (or 13.0% of the total portfolio) at year-end 2010.

The Company's ten largest commercial real estate funded and unfunded loan relationships at December 31, 2015 aggregated to \$119.8 million (versus \$114.6 million a year ago) and for the 47 commercial real estate relationships in excess of \$5 million the aggregate funded and unfunded totaled \$370.9 million, of which \$322.6 million was funded (compared to 37 relationships of \$283.2 million a year ago, of which \$241.3 million was funded).



The Company defines commercial real estate in accordance with the guidance on “Concentrations in Commercial Real Estate Lending” (the “Guidance”) issued by the federal bank regulatory agencies in 2006, which defines commercial real estate (“CRE”) loans as exposures secured by land development and construction, including 1-4 family residential construction, multi-family property, and non-farm nonresidential property where the primary or a significant source of repayment is derived from rental income associated with the property (i.e. loans for which 50 percent or more of the source of repayment comes from third party, non-affiliated, rental income) or the proceeds of the sale, refinancing, or permanent financing of the property. Loans to real estate investment trusts, or “REITs”, and unsecured loans to developers that closely correlate to the inherent risks in CRE markets would also be considered CRE loans under the Guidance. Loans on owner occupied CRE are generally excluded.

Concentrations in total construction and land development loans and total CRE loans have been reduced. Construction and land development and commercial real estate loan concentrations as a percentage of total risk based capital, have decreased from 39% and 218%, respectively, at December 31, 2010, to 31% and 197%, respectively, as of December 31, 2015.

The mix of fixed rate and adjustable rate loans secured by commercial real estate, excluding construction loans, was \$743 million and \$266 million, respectively, at December 31, 2015, compared to \$596 million and \$241 million, respectively, a year ago.

Residential mortgage loans increased \$36.9 million or 5.4% to \$724 million as of December 31, 2015. Substantially all residential originations have been underwritten to conventional loan agency standards, including loans having balances that exceed agency value limitations. The Company selectively adds residential mortgage loans to its portfolio, primarily loans with adjustable rates. Exposure to market interest rate volatility with respect to long-term fixed rate mortgage loans held for investment is managed through loan sales of most fixed rate product.

At December 31, 2015, approximately \$430 million or 59% of the Company’s residential mortgage balances were adjustable 1-4 family mortgage loans (including hybrid adjustable rate mortgages). Fixed rate mortgages totaled approximately \$110 million (15% of the residential mortgage portfolio) at December 31, 2015, of which 15- and 30-year mortgages totaled approximately \$25 million and \$85 million, respectively. Remaining fixed rate balances were comprised of home improvement loans totaling \$69 million, most with maturities of 10 years or less and home equity lines of credit, primarily floating rates, totaling approximately \$114 million at December 31, 2015. In comparison, loans secured by residential properties having fixed rates totaled approximately \$94 million at December 31, 2014, with 15- and 30-year fixed rate residential mortgages totaling approximately \$23 million and \$71 million, respectively, and home equity mortgages and lines of credit totaled \$72 million and \$80 million, respectively.

Reflecting the impact of improved economic conditions and the Grand acquisitions, commercial loans outstanding at year-end 2015 increased to \$228.5 million, up substantially from \$157.4 million a year ago. Commercial lending

activities are directed principally towards businesses whose demand for funds are within the Company's lending limits, such as small- to medium-sized professional firms, retail and wholesale outlets, and light industrial and manufacturing concerns. Such businesses are smaller and subject to the risks of lending to small to medium sized businesses, including, but not limited to, the effects of a downturn in the local economy, possible business failure, and insufficient cash flows.

The Company also provides consumer loans (including installment loans, loans for automobiles, boats, and other personal, family and household purposes) which increased \$32.5 million or 61.4% year over year and totaled \$85.4 million (versus \$52.9 million a year ago). Of the \$32.5 million increase, \$20.3 million was in marine loans and \$7.1 million was for automobile and truck loans.

At December 31, 2015, the Company had unfunded commitments to make loans of \$343.2 million, compared to \$238.1 million at December 31, 2014 (see “Note P - Contingent Liabilities and Commitments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk” to the Company’s consolidated financial statements).

### ***Nonperforming Loans, Troubled Debt Restructurings, Other Real Estate Owned, and Credit Quality***

Table 12 provides certain information concerning nonperforming assets for the years indicated.

Nonperforming assets (“NPAs”) at December 31, 2015 totaled \$24.4 million, and were comprised of \$12.8 million of nonaccrual portfolio loans, \$4.6 million of nonaccrual purchased loans, \$3.7 million of non-acquired other real estate owned (“OREO”) and \$3.3 million of acquired OREO. NPAs decreased from \$28.6 million as of December 31, 2014 (comprised of \$18.5 million of nonaccrual portfolio loans, \$2.6 million of nonaccrual purchased loans, \$5.6 million of non-acquired OREO and \$1.9 million of acquired OREO). At December 31, 2015, approximately 97.8% of nonaccrual loans were secured with real estate. See the tables below for details about nonaccrual loans. At December 31, 2015, nonaccrual loans have been written down by approximately \$3.6 million or 18.6% of the original loan balance (including specific impairment reserves). During the year, total OREO decreased \$0.4 million or 5.7%.

The Company’s asset mitigation staff handles all foreclosure actions together with outside legal counsel.

The Company pursues loan restructurings in selected cases where it expects to realize better values than may be expected through traditional collection activities. The Company has worked with retail mortgage customers, when possible, to achieve lower payment structures in an effort to avoid foreclosure. TDRs have been a part of the Company’s loss mitigation activities and can include rate reductions, payment extensions and principal deferrals. Company policy requires TDRs that are classified as nonaccrual loans after restructuring remain on nonaccrual until performance can be verified, which usually requires six months of performance under the restructured loan terms. We are optimistic that some credits will rehabilitate and be upgraded versus migrating to nonperforming or OREO prospectively. Accruing restructured loans totaled \$20.0 million at December 31, 2015 compared to \$25.0 million at December 31, 2014. Accruing TDRs are excluded from our nonperforming asset ratios. The tables below set forth details related to nonaccrual and restructured loans.

December 31, 2015 (In thousands)	Nonaccrual Loans			Accruing Restructured Loans
	Non-Current	Performing	Total	
Construction & land development				
Residential	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 282

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Commercial	0	40	40	58
Individuals	0	269	269	333
	0	309	309	673
Residential real estate mortgages	938	9,352	10,290	11,762
Commercial real estate mortgages	2,908	3,502	6,410	7,149
Real estate loans	3,846	13,163	17,009	19,584
Commercial and financial	130	0	130	17
Consumer	67	180	247	369
	\$4,043	\$ 13,343	\$17,386	\$ 19,970

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, total TDRs (performing and nonperforming) were comprised of the following loans by type of modification:

(Dollars in thousands)	2015		2014	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Rate reduction	91	\$15,776	106	\$18,906
Maturity extended with change in terms	56	7,143	71	8,891
Forgiveness of principal	0	0	1	1,588
Chapter 7 bankruptcies	44	2,693	54	3,348
Not elsewhere classified	14	1,808	11	1,786
	205	\$27,420	243	\$34,519

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, newly identified TDRs totaled \$2.6 million, compared to \$5.5 million for all of 2014. Loan modifications are not reported in calendar years after modification if the loans were modified at an interest rate equal to the yields of new loan originations with comparable risk and the loans are performing based on the terms of the restructuring agreements. No accruing loans that were restructured within the twelve months preceding December 31, 2015 defaulted during the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, the same as for 2014. A restructured loan is considered in default when it becomes 60 days or more past due under the modified terms, has been transferred to nonaccrual status, or has been transferred to OREO.

At December 31, 2015, loans totaling \$32.7 million were considered impaired (comprised of total nonaccrual, loans 90 days or more past due, and TDRs) and \$2.5 million of the allowance for loan losses was allocated for potential losses on these loans, compared to \$43.6 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, at December 31, 2014.

In accordance with regulatory reporting requirements, loans are placed on nonaccrual following the Retail Classification of Loan interagency guidance. Typically loans 90 days or more past due are reviewed for impairment, and if deemed impaired, are placed on nonaccrual. Once impaired, the current fair market value of the collateral is assessed and a specific reserve and/or charge-off taken. Quarterly thereafter, the loan carrying value is analyzed and any changes are appropriately made as described above.

### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents, Liquidity Risk Management and Contractual Commitments***

Cash and cash equivalents (including interest bearing deposits), totaled \$136.1 million on a consolidated basis at December 31, 2015, compared to \$100.5 million at December 31, 2014. Interest bearing deposits are maintained in Seacoast Bank's account at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Cash and cash equivalents vary with seasonal deposit

movements and are generally higher in the winter than in the summer, and vary with the level of principal repayments and investment activity occurring in Seacoast Bank's securities and loan portfolios.

Liquidity risk involves the risk of being unable to fund assets with the appropriate duration and rate-based liability, as well as the risk of not being able to meet unexpected cash needs. Liquidity planning and management are necessary to ensure the ability to fund operations cost effectively and to meet current and future potential obligations such as loan commitments and unexpected deposit outflows.

In the table that follows, all deposits with indeterminate maturities such as interest bearing and noninterest bearing demand deposits, savings accounts and money market accounts are presented as having a maturity of one year or less. We consider these low cost, no-cost deposits to be our largest, most stable funding source, despite no contracted maturity.

## Contractual Obligations

(In thousands)	December 31, 2015				
	Total	One Year or Less	Over One Year Through Three Years	Over Three Years Through Five Years	Over five Years
Deposit maturities	\$2,844,387	\$2,749,316	\$ 62,708	\$ 31,341	\$ 1,022
Short-term borrowings	172,005	172,005	0	0	0
Borrowed funds	50,000	0	50,000	0	0
Subordinated debt	69,961	0	0	0	69,961
Operating leases	23,642	4,736	5,979	3,246	9,681
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,159,995</b>	<b>\$2,926,057</b>	<b>\$ 118,687</b>	<b>\$ 34,587</b>	<b>\$ 80,664</b>

Funding sources primarily include customer-based core deposits, collateral-backed borrowings, cash flows from operations, and asset sales (primarily secondary marketing for residential real estate mortgages and marine financings).

Cash flows from operations are a significant component of liquidity risk management and we consider both deposit maturities and the scheduled cash flows from loan and investment maturities and payments. Deposits are also a primary source of liquidity. The stability of this funding source is affected by numerous factors, including returns available to customers on alternative investments, the quality of customer service levels, safety and competitive forces. We routinely use securities and loans as collateral for secured borrowings. In the event of severe market disruptions, we have access to secured borrowings through the FHLB and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta under its borrower-in-custody.

Contractual maturities for assets and liabilities are reviewed to meet current and expected future liquidity requirements. Sources of liquidity, both anticipated and unanticipated, are maintained through a portfolio of high quality marketable assets, such as residential mortgage loans, securities held for sale and interest-bearing deposits. The Company is also able to provide short term financing of its activities by selling, under an agreement to repurchase, United States Treasury and Government agency securities not pledged to secure public deposits or trust funds. At December 31, 2015, Seacoast National had available unsecured lines of \$40 million and lines of credit under current lendable collateral value, which are subject to change, of \$886 million. Seacoast Bank had \$510 million of United States Treasury and Government agency securities and mortgage backed securities not pledged and available for use under repurchase agreements, and had an additional \$277 million in residential and commercial real estate loans available as collateral. In comparison, at December 31, 2014, the Company had available unsecured lines of \$45 million and lines of credit of \$671 million, and had \$588 million of Treasury and Government agency securities and mortgage backed securities not pledged and available for use under repurchase agreements, as well as an additional \$235 million in residential and commercial real estate loans available as collateral.

The Company does not rely on and is not dependent on off-balance sheet financing or significant amounts of wholesale funding.

The Company has traditionally relied upon dividends from Seacoast Bank and securities offerings to provide funds to pay the Company's expenses, to service the Company's debt and to pay dividends upon Company common stock and preferred stock. At December 31, 2015, Seacoast Bank can distribute dividends to the Company of approximately \$81.4 million. At December 31, 2015, the Company had cash and cash equivalents at the parent of approximately \$43.7 million, compared to \$38.3 million at December 31, 2014, with the increase related to the acquisition of Grand.



### *Securities*

Information related to yields, maturities, carrying values and fair value of the Company's securities is set forth in Tables 13-16 and "Note D – Securities" of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

At December 31, 2015, the Company had no trading securities, \$790.8 million in securities available for sale, with the remainder of \$203.5 million in securities held for investment. The Company's total securities portfolio increased \$45.0 million or 4.7% from December 31, 2014, a more modest increase than during 2014, when the Company's total securities portfolio increased \$307.7 million or 48.0% from December 31, 2013. Efforts to invest excess liquidity and short-term borrowings, and the addition of securities from the mergers with Grand in 2015 and BANKshares in 2014 were primary contributors. For 2015, securities totaling \$46.4 million were added from Grand during the third quarter. For 2014, during the third and fourth quarters of 2014, average investment securities increased \$234.9 million, or \$149.5 million excluding securities acquired from the BANKshares acquisition. Funding for the increase in 2014 in investments was derived from liquidity, both legacy and that acquired in the merger, and an increase in seasonal funding from our core customer deposit base, with the investments added primarily uncapped, floating rate, senior collateralized loan obligation (CLO) securities with credit support ranging from 17% to 36%.

Securities are generally acquired which return principal monthly that can be reinvested. The effective duration of the investment portfolio at December 31, 2015 was 2.9 years, compared to 3.2 years at December 31, 2014. The Company's investments do not extend beyond an average effective duration of 3.8 years if interest rates were to increase 300 basis points in the future.

At December 31, 2015, available for sale securities had gross unrealized losses of \$10.8 million and gross unrealized gains of \$3.0 million, compared to gross unrealized losses of \$9.4 million and gross unrealized gains of \$4.4 million at December 31, 2014. All of the securities with unrealized losses are reviewed for other-than-temporary impairment at least quarterly. As a result of these reviews it was determined that the unrealized losses were not other than temporarily impaired and the Company has the intent and ability to retain these securities until recovery over the periods presented (see additional discussion under "Other Fair Value Measurements" and "Other than Temporary Impairment of Securities" in "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates").

Company management considers the overall quality of the securities portfolio to be high. The Company has no exposure to securities with subprime collateral. The Company holds no interests in trust preferred securities.

### *Deposits and Borrowings*

The Company's balance sheet continues to be primarily core funded.

Total deposits increased \$427.9 million or 17.7% to \$2.844 billion at December 31, 2015, compared to one year earlier, and increased \$610.5 million or 33.8% to \$2.417 billion at December 31, 2014 when compared to December 31, 2013. Since December 31, 2014, interest bearing deposits (interest bearing demand, savings and money markets deposits) increased \$328.7 million or 24.0% to \$1,696.0 million, noninterest bearing demand deposits increased \$129.2 million or 17.8% to \$854.4 million, and CDs decreased \$30.0 million or 9.3% to \$294.0 million. Deposit growth reflected our success in growing households both organically and through acquisitions. During 2015 we grew households a strong 5% by delivering a convenience based community bank service offering.

Excluding the Grand acquisition, total deposits increased \$239.5 million since December 31, 2014, reflecting strong household growth and included \$127.8 million growth in public funds. Also contributing was an increased focus on small business relationships in the more populated metropolitan areas of Palm Beach County and Central Florida. The acquisition of BANKshares in October 2014 contributed approximately \$516.3 million in deposits.

An intentional decrease in higher cost time deposits over the past two years has been more than offset by increasing low cost or no cost deposits.

Customer repurchase agreements totaled \$172.0 million at December 31, 2015, increasing \$18.4 million or 12.0% from December 31, 2014. The repurchase agreements are offered by Seacoast to select customers who wish to sweep excess balances on a daily basis for investment purposes. Public funds comprise a significant amount of the outstanding balance.

At September 30, 2014, the Company utilized \$80 million in term federal funds purchased from the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") at 0.16 percent (maturing in 30 days) to invest in adjustable rate securities, pending seasonal funding expected prospectively. These funds remained outstanding at December 31, 2014, and for the year averaged \$19.9 million. No federal funds purchased were outstanding at December 31, 2015.

At December 31, 2015, other borrowings were comprised of subordinated debt of \$70.0 million related to trust preferred securities issued by trusts organized or acquired by the Company, and advances from the FHLB of \$50.0 million. The FHLB advances mature in 2017. For 2015 and 2014, the weighted average cost of these FHLB advances was 3.22%.

The Company has two wholly owned trust subsidiaries, SBCF Capital Trust I and SBCF Statutory Trust II that were both formed in 2005. In 2007, the Company formed an additional wholly owned trust subsidiary, SBCF Statutory Trust III. The 2005 trusts each issued \$20.0 million (totaling \$40.0 million) of trust preferred securities and the 2007 trust issued an additional \$12.0 million in trust preferred securities. As part of the October 1, 2014 BANKshares acquisition the Company inherited three junior subordinated debentures totaling \$5.2 million, \$4.1 million, and \$5.2 million, respectively. Also, as part of the Grand acquisition, the Company inherited an additional junior subordinated debenture totaling \$7.2 million. The acquired junior subordinated debentures (in accordance with ASU 805 Business Combinations) were recorded at fair value, which collectively is \$5.4 million lower than face value and amortizing into interest expense over their remaining term to maturity. All trust preferred securities are guaranteed by the Company on a junior subordinated basis.

Under Basel III and Federal Reserve rules, qualified trust preferred securities and other restricted capital elements can be included as Tier 1 capital, within limitations. The Company believes that its trust preferred securities qualify under these capital rules. The weighted average interest rate of our outstanding subordinated debt related to trust preferred securities was 2.43% for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2015, compared to 1.87% and 1.74% for all of 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Go to “Note I – Borrowings” of our consolidated financial statements for more detailed information pertaining to borrowings.

*Off-Balance Sheet Transactions*

In the normal course of business, we may engage in a variety of financial transactions that, under generally accepted accounting principles, either are not recorded on the balance sheet or are recorded on the balance sheet in amounts that differ from the full contract or notional amounts. These transactions involve varying elements of market, credit and liquidity risk.

Lending commitments include unfunded loan commitments and standby and commercial letters of credit. A large majority of loan commitments and standby letters of credit expire without being funded, and accordingly, total contractual amounts are not representative of our actual future credit exposure or liquidity requirements. Loan commitments and letters of credit expose the Company to credit risk in the event that the customer draws on the commitment and subsequently fails to perform under the terms of the lending agreement.

Loan commitments to customers are made in the normal course of our commercial and retail lending businesses. For commercial customers, loan commitments generally take the form of revolving credit arrangements. For retail customers, loan commitments generally are lines of credit secured by residential property. These instruments are not recorded on the balance sheet until funds are advanced under the commitment. For loan commitments, the contractual amount of a commitment represents the maximum potential credit risk that could result if the entire commitment had been funded, the borrower had not performed according to the terms of the contract, and no collateral had been provided. Loan commitments were \$343 million at December 31, 2015, and \$238 million at December 31, 2014 (see “Note P-Contingent Liabilities and Commitments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk” to the Company’s consolidated financial statements).

### *Capital Resources*

Table 6 summarizes the Company’s capital position and selected ratios.

The Company’s equity capital at December 31, 2015 increased \$40.8 million to \$353.5 million since December 31, 2014, and the ratio of shareholders’ equity to period end total assets was 10.00% at December 31, 2015, 11 basis points lower than at December 31, 2014. During the third quarter of 2015, the Grand transaction increased shareholder’s equity \$17.2 million and during the fourth quarter of 2014, the BANKshares transaction increased shareholders’ equity \$76.8 million as we issued shares of common stock as consideration for each merger.

Activity in shareholders’ equity for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014
Beginning balance at December 31, 2014 and 2013	\$312,651	\$198,604
Net income	22,141	5,696
Issuance of stock pursuant to acquisition of Grand and BANKshares	17,172	76,787
Issuance of stock, net of related expense	0	24,637
Stock compensation (net of Treasury shares acquired)	2,875	1,410
Change in other comprehensive income	(1,386 )	5,517
Ending balance at December 31, 2015 and 2014	\$353,453	\$312,651

On January 13, 2014, the Company received \$24.6 million (net of costs) in proceeds remitted from CapGen Capital (following regulatory approval by the Federal Reserve of CapGen Capital’s investment) from the \$75 million common stock issuance on November 12, 2013. All other proceeds were received in December 2013. The proceeds from the capital raise were used to redeem 2,000 shares of outstanding Series A Preferred Stock (at par) totaling \$50 million

originally issued to the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Troubled Asset Relief Program and later sold to third party investors. The remaining funds from the capital raise were retained for general corporate purposes. The preferred stock carried a 5 percent dividend that was to increase to 9 percent on February 15, 2014. The preferred stock redemption was completed on December 31, 2013, increasing net income available to common shareholders during 2014 and beyond

Seacoast's management uses certain "non-GAAP" financial measures in its analysis of the Company's capital adequacy. Seacoast's management uses these measures to assess the quality of capital and believes that investors may find it useful in their analysis of the Company. The capital measures are not necessarily comparable to similar capital measures that may be presented by other companies (see "Table 6 - Capital Resources" and "Note N – Shareholders' Equity").

Capital ratios remain healthy and are well above regulatory requirements for well-capitalized institutions.

	Seacoast (Consolidated)		Seacoast National		Minimum to be Well-Capitalized*	
Common equity Tier 1 ratio (CET1)	13.25	%	13.31	%	6.5	%
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.21	%	13.31	%	8.0	%
Total risk-based capital ratio	16.01	%	14.11	%	10.0	%
Leverage ratio	10.70	%	9.36	%	5.0	%

\* For subsidiary bank only

The Company's total risk-based capital ratio was 16.01% at December 31, 2015, slightly lower than December 31, 2014's ratio of 16.25% and December 31, 2013's ratio of 16.88%. Reinvestment of liquidity into securities and loans with higher risk weightings, and the acquisition of Grand and BANKshares' loans with higher risk weightings, were the primary causes for risk weighted assets increasing, thereby lowering Tier 1 and total risk-based capital ratios during 2015 and 2014. As of December 31, 2015, the Bank's leverage ratio (Tier 1 capital to adjusted total assets) was 9.36%, compared to 9.04% at December 31, 2014 and 9.51% at December 31, 2013, improving during 2015 with escalating net income a major contributor.

The Company and Seacoast Bank are subject to various general regulatory policies and requirements relating to the payment of dividends, including requirements to maintain adequate capital above regulatory minimums. The appropriate federal bank regulatory authority may prohibit the payment of dividends where it has determined that the payment of dividends would be an unsafe or unsound practice. The Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from Seacoast Bank and its other subsidiaries, and the Company's primary source of cash and liquidity, other than securities offerings and borrowings, is dividends from its bank subsidiary. Without Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC") approval, Seacoast Bank can pay over \$81.4 million of dividends to the Company (see "Note C - Cash, Dividend and Loan Restrictions").

The OCC and the Federal Reserve have policies that encourage banks and bank holding companies to pay dividends from current earnings, and have the general authority to limit the dividends paid by national banks and bank holding companies, respectively, if such payment may be deemed to constitute an unsafe or unsound practice. If, in the particular circumstances, either of these federal regulators determined that the payment of dividends would constitute an unsafe or unsound banking practice, either the OCC or the Federal Reserve may, among other things, issue a cease and desist order prohibiting the payment of dividends by Seacoast National or us, respectively. Under a recently adopted Federal Reserve policy, the board of directors of a bank holding company must consider different factors to ensure that its dividend level is prudent relative to the organization's financial position and is not based on overly optimistic earnings scenarios such as any potential events that may occur before the payment date that could affect its ability to pay, while still maintaining a strong financial position. As a general matter, the Federal Reserve has

indicated that the board of directors of a bank holding company, such as Seacoast, should consult with the Federal Reserve and eliminate, defer, or significantly reduce the bank holding company's dividends if: (i) its net income available to shareholders for the past four quarters, net of dividends previously paid during that period, is not sufficient to fully fund the dividends; (ii) its prospective rate of earnings retention is not consistent with its capital needs and overall current and prospective financial condition; or (iii) it will not meet, or is in danger of not meeting, its minimum regulatory capital adequacy ratios.



The Company has seven wholly owned trust subsidiaries, SBCF Capital Trust I and SBCF Statutory Trust II that were both formed in 2005 to issue trust preferred securities. In 2007, the Company formed an additional wholly owned trust subsidiary, SBCF Statutory Trust III. The 2005 trusts each issued \$20.0 million (totaling \$40.0 million) of trust preferred securities and the 2007 trust issued an additional \$12.0 million in trust preferred securities. In 2014, as part of the BANKshares acquisition, the Company acquired BankFIRST Statutory Trust I, BankFIRST Statutory Trust II and The BANKshares Capital Trust I that issued in the aggregate \$14.4 million in trust preferred securities. In 2015, as part of the Grand acquisition, the Company also acquired Grand Bankshares Capital Trust I that issued \$7.2 million in trust preferred securities. Trust preferred securities from our acquisitions are recorded at fair value when acquired. All trust preferred securities are guaranteed by the Company on a junior subordinated basis. The Federal Reserve's rules permit qualified trust preferred securities and other restricted capital elements to be included under Basel III capital guidelines, with limitations, and net of goodwill and intangibles. The Company believes that its trust preferred securities qualify under these revised regulatory capital rules and believes that it will be able to treat all \$70.0 million of trust preferred securities as Tier 1 capital. For regulatory purposes, the trust preferred securities are added to the Company's tangible common shareholders' equity to calculate Tier 1 capital. The Company also formed SBCF Capital Trust IV and SBCF Capital Trust V in 2008, however both are currently inactive.

The Company's capital is expected to continue to increase with positive earnings. The board and management currently believe that the Company's overall level of capital is sufficient given the current economic environment.

## **Results of Operations**

### *Earnings Summary*

The Company has steadily improved results over the past three years. Net income available to common shareholders for 2015 totaled \$22.1 million or \$0.66 per average common share diluted for 2015, compared to \$5,696,000, or \$0.21 per average common diluted share for 2014, and net income of \$47,916,000 or \$2.44 per average common diluted share for 2013. Net income for 2013 benefited from the recapture of \$44.8 million of deferred tax allowance in the third quarter of that year.

Adjusted net income (1) (excluding merger costs and other adjustments) increased \$12.3 million or 94.8% during 2015, compared to all of 2014, and adjusted diluted earnings per share (1) of \$0.75 for 2015, compared with \$0.47 for 2014. The section titled "Fourth Quarter Review" provides a reconciliation of GAAP to the non-GAAP measures indicated.

### *Net Interest Income and Margin*

Net interest income (on a fully taxable equivalent basis) for 2015 totaled \$110.0 million, increasing \$34.8 million or 46.2% as compared to 2014's net interest income of \$75.2 million, which increased by \$9.8 million or 15.0 percent compared to 2013. The Company's net interest margin increased 39 basis points to 3.64% during 2015 from 2014, and 10 basis points to 3.25% during 2014 from 2013.

Loan growth, balance sheet mix and yield/cost management have been the primary forces affecting net interest income and net interest margin results. Total loans were much greater, with average loans increasing \$531.2 million or 36.6% during 2015 compared to 2014, and increasing \$180.4 million or 14.2% during 2014 compared to 2013. Our average investment securities were higher as well, increasing \$225.2 million or 30.6% during 2015 versus 2014, and \$84.0 million or 12.9% during 2014, when compared to the 2013 average. Acquisitions have further accelerated these trends.

For 2015, average loans (the highest yielding component of earning assets) as a percentage of average earning assets totaled 65.6%, compared to 62.8% a year ago and 61.2% for 2013 while interest bearing deposits and other investments decreased to 2.5%, compared to 5.4 percent in 2014 and 7.4 percent in 2013, reflecting the Company's significant effort to invest excess liquidity during the third and fourth quarters of 2014. As average total loans as a percentage of earning assets increased, the mix of loans has improved, with volumes related to commercial real estate representing 49.8 percent of total loans at December 31, 2015 (compared to 48.9% at December 31, 2014 and 42.5% at December 31, 2013). Lower yielding residential loan balances with individuals (including home equity loans and lines, and personal construction loans) represented 35.7 percent of total loans at December 31, 2015 (versus 39.6% at December 31, 2014 and 48.1 percent at December 31, 2013) (see "Loan Portfolio").

The year over year improvement results for each year reflect the increases in net loans and investment securities, and deposit growth, with continued increases in low, cost no cost deposits compared to prior years. The addition of BANKshares' business on October 1, 2014 amplified the Company's performance in the fourth quarter of 2014, helping to drive a \$7.6 million increase in net interest income from the third quarter of 2014, and \$8.5 million increase compared to fourth quarter 2013. The same dynamic occurred with the addition of Grand's business on July 17, 2015, with an increase of \$3.3 million from the third quarter of 2015. We anticipate 2016's net interest income will benefit from the full year impact of the Grand acquisition. The following table details the trend for net interest income and margin results (on a tax equivalent basis), and yield on earning assets that has improved tremendously and the rate on interest bearing liabilities that has changed nominally for the past five quarters:

(Dollars in thousands)	Net Interest Income (1)	Net Interest Margin (1)	Yield on Earning Assets	Rate on Interest Bearing Liabilities
Fourth quarter 2014	24,883	3.56	% 3.78	% 0.31
First quarter 2015	25,834	3.62	3.84	0.32
Second quarter 2015	25,788	3.50	3.73	0.33
Third quarter 2015	29,130	3.75	3.98	0.33
Fourth quarter 2015	29,216	3.67	3.90	0.33

(1) On tax equivalent basis, a non-GAAP measure

Margin expansion in 2015 benefited from organic and acquisition related growth, strong loan growth and improving core yields more than compensated for decreasing purchased loan accretion by the fourth quarter of 2015.

Table 2 recaps the Company's average balance sheets, interest income and expenses, and yields and rates, for the past three years.

Commercial and commercial real estate loan production for 2015 totaled almost \$299 million, with almost \$80 million originated in the fourth quarter of 2015, compared to production for all of 2014 and 2013 of \$258 million and \$200 million, respectively. Closed residential loan production totaled \$272 million, compared to production for all of 2014 and 2013 of \$225 million and \$251 million, respectively. The following chart details the trend for commercial and residential loans closed and pipelines for the past five quarters:

(Dollars in thousands)	Quarter-Ends				
	Fourth 2015	Third 2015	Second 2015	First 2015	Fourth 2014
Commercial/commercial real estate loan pipeline	\$105,556	\$104,915	\$108,538	\$82,143	\$60,136
Commercial/commercial real estate loans closed	80,003	71,823	85,815	61,357	94,719
Total	\$185,559	\$176,738	\$194,353	\$143,500	\$154,855
Residential loan pipeline	\$30,340	\$37,958	\$53,902	\$48,485	\$21,351
Residential loans retained	24,905	36,027	45,596	23,951	31,598
Residential loans sold	35,278	37,996	36,182	31,896	26,336
Total	\$90,523	\$111,981	\$135,680	\$104,332	\$79,285

Along with this strong loan growth, the portfolio continued to build granularity, with industry diversification.

During 2015, proceeds from the sales of securities totaled \$60.5 million (including net gains of \$0.2 million). In comparison, proceeds from the sales of securities totaled \$21.9 million (including net gains of \$0.5 million) for 2014, and proceeds from the sale of securities totaled \$67.3 million for 2013 (including net gains of \$0.4 million). Management believes the securities sold had minimal opportunity to further increase in value. Securities purchases in 2015, 2014 and 2013 have been conducted primarily to reinvest funds from maturities and principal repayments, as well as to reinvest excess funds (in our interest bearing deposit) at the Federal Reserve Bank, and proceeds from securities sales. During 2015, maturities (principally pay-downs of \$146.6 million) totaled \$147.4 million and securities portfolio purchases totaled \$258.7 million. In addition, \$46.4 million in securities from Grand were added to the portfolio in the third quarter of 2015. During 2014, maturities (principally pay-downs of \$107.8 million) totaled \$108.7 million and securities portfolio purchases totaled \$345.5 million. In addition, \$85.4 million in securities from BANKshares were added to the portfolio in the fourth quarter of 2014. In comparison, 2013 maturities totaled \$155.6 million (including \$150.3 million in pay-downs) and securities portfolio purchases totaled \$230.1 million.

The securities portfolio has grown in size but remained a relatively constant percentage of the balance sheet. However, careful portfolio management has resulted in increased securities yields. In 2015 our securities yielded 2.21%, up from 2.14% in 2014 and 1.98% in 2013.

For 2015, the cost of average interest-bearing liabilities increased 1 basis point to 0.33% from 2014. For 2014, this cost decreased 4 basis points to 0.32% from 2013. The cost of our funding reflects the lower interest rate environment and the Company's successful core deposit focus that produced strong growth in core deposit customer relationships over the past several years. Excluding higher cost certificates of deposit (CDs), core deposits including noninterest bearing demand deposits at December 31, 2105 represent 90.0% of total deposits. The cost of average total deposits (including noninterest bearing demand deposits) for the fourth quarter of 2015 was 0.12%, compared to 0.11% and 0.14% for the fourth quarters of 2014 and 2013. Prospectively, the Company's ability to further reduce the rate paid on

deposits will be challenging to produce, due to more limited re-pricing opportunities. The following table provides trend detail on the ending balance components of our customer relationship funding for the past five quarters-ends:

Customer Relationship Funding (Dollars in thousands)	Quarter-End					
	Fourth 2015	Third 2015	Second 2015	First 2015	Fourth 2014	
Noninterest demand	\$854,447	\$869,877	\$808,429	\$793,336	\$725,238	
Interest-bearing demand	734,749	618,344	599,268	634,854	652,353	
Money market	665,353	660,632	621,973	596,600	450,172	
Savings	295,851	286,810	282,588	272,963	264,738	
Time certificates of deposit	293,987	306,633	292,919	312,072	324,033	
Total deposits	\$2,844,387	\$2,742,296	\$2,605,177	\$2,609,825	\$2,416,534	
Customer sweep accounts	\$172,005	\$148,607	\$157,676	\$170,023	\$153,640	
Total core customer funding (1)	\$2,722,405	\$2,584,270	\$2,469,934	\$2,467,776	\$2,246,141	
Demand deposit mix	30.0	% 31.7	% 31.0	% 30.4	% 30.0	%

(1) Total deposits and customer sweep accounts, excluding time certificates of deposit

Short-term borrowings have been principally comprised of sweep repurchase agreements with customers of Seacoast Bank, increased \$10.9 or 6.4% to average \$177.8 during 2015, after decreasing \$3.2 million to \$152.0 million for 2014, as compared to 2013. With balances typically peaking during the fourth and first quarters each year, public fund clients with larger balances have the most significant influence on average sweep repurchase agreement balances outstanding during the year. No federal funds sold were utilized at December 31, 2015, but at December 31, 2014, the Company also utilized \$80 million in term federal funds purchased from the FHLB at 0.21% (maturing within 30 days), pending expected seasonal funding.

For 2015, average other borrowings comprised of subordinated debt of \$67.1 million related to trust preferred securities issued by subsidiary trusts of the Company (including subordinated debt for Grand and BANKshares added on July 17, 2015 and October 1, 2014) and advances from the FHLB of \$50.0 million. With the exception of the inherited subordinated debt from Grand and BANKshares, no changes have occurred to other borrowings since year-end 2009 (see “Note I – Borrowings” to the Company’s consolidated financial statements).

We have a positive interest rate gap and our net interest margin will benefit from rising interest rates. In December 2015, the Federal Reserve increased its overnight interest rate by 25 basis points. However, further changes in interest rates are uncertain (see “Interest Rate Sensitivity”).

Fully taxable equivalent net interest income is a common term and measure used in the banking industry but is not a term used under GAAP. We believe that these presentations of tax-equivalent net interest income and tax equivalent net interest margin aid in the comparability of net interest income arising from both taxable and tax-exempt sources over the periods presented. We further believe these non-GAAP measures enhance investors' understanding of the Company's business and performance, and facilitate an understanding of performance trends and comparisons with the performance of other financial institutions. The limitations associated with these measures are the risk that persons might disagree as to the appropriateness of items comprising these measures and that different companies might calculate these measures differently, including as a result of using different assumed tax rates. These disclosures should not be considered as an alternative to GAAP. The following information is provided to reconcile GAAP measures and tax equivalent net interest income and net interest margin on a tax equivalent basis.



	Total Year 2015	Fourth Quarter 2015	Third Quarter 2015	Second Quarter 2015	First Quarter 2015	Total Year 2014	Fourth Quarter 2014
(Dollars in thousands)							
Nontaxable interest adjustment	\$481	\$116	\$119	\$122	\$124	\$314	\$150
Tax rate	35 %	35 %	35 %	35 %	35 %	35 %	35 %
Net interest income (TE)	\$109,968	\$29,216	\$29,130	\$25,788	\$25,834	\$75,221	\$24,883
Total net interest income (not TE)	109,487	29,100	29,011	25,666	25,710	74,907	24,733
Net interest margin (TE)	3.64 %	3.67 %	3.75 %	3.50 %	3.62 %	3.25 %	3.56 %
Net interest margin (not TE)	3.62	3.66	3.73	3.48	3.60	3.24	3.54

TE = Tax Equivalent

### *Noninterest Income*

Noninterest income (excluding securities gains and bargain purchase gain) totaled \$32.0 million for 2015, 29.4% higher than for 2014. For 2014, noninterest income of \$24.7 million was \$0.4 million or 1.7% higher than for 2013. Noninterest income accounted for 22.6% of total revenue (net interest income plus noninterest income, excluding securities gains and the bargain purchase gain), compared to 24.8% a year ago and 27.2% for 2013.

Table 4 provides detail regarding noninterest income components for the past three years.

For 2015, most categories of service fee income showed year over year growth compared to 2014, with service charges on deposit accounts increasing \$1.6 million or 23.2%, interchange income up \$1.7 million or 28.7%, and other deposit based EFT charges up 15.7%. These increases reflect continued strength in customer acquisition and cross sell and benefits from acquisition activity. Overdraft fees represent 67% of total service charges on deposits for 2015, versus 66% for 2014. Regulators continue to review banking industry's practices for overdraft programs and additional regulation could reduce fee income for the Company's overdraft services. Interchange revenue is dependent upon business volumes transacted, as well as the fees permitted by VISA<sup>®</sup> and MasterCard<sup>®</sup>.

Wealth management, including brokerage commissions and fees, and trust income, increased during 2015, growing by \$0.7 million or 14.4%. Growth was driven by revenues from the Company's brokerage business.

Mortgage production was higher during 2015 (see "Loan Portfolio"), with mortgage banking activity generating fees that were \$1.2 million or 39.1% higher, compared to 2014. Originated residential mortgage loans are processed by

commissioned employees of Seacoast, with many mortgage loans referred by the Company's branch personnel.

With the closure of our loan production office in Newport Beach, California at the end of 2014, business volumes for marine lending for 2015 were negatively impacted and fees from marine financing were lower, declining \$0.2 million or 12.7%. In addition to our office in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, we continue to rely upon third party independent contractors on the West coast of the United States to assist in generating marine loans, with all loans in California sold via secondary marketing correspondent relationships.

Seacoast also benefited from a full year of bank owned life insurance ("BOLI"), up \$1.2 million for 2015 compared to a total of \$0.3 million a year ago (for the fourth quarter). This revenue is tax-exempt. No BOLI investments existed for the Company prior to fourth quarter 2014.

Our fourth quarter 2015's noninterest income result included a bargain purchase gain of \$0.4 million from the acquisition of Grand, that arose from unanticipated recoveries and resulting adjustments to loans and other real estate owned realized during the fourth quarter. Seacoast also benefited from a gain on a participated loan of \$0.7 million that was realized during the second quarter of 2015, with no amounts to compare to for 2014. Accounting treatment for this gain, related to a discount accreted on a BANKshares loan that was participated during the second quarter of 2015, required this income to be included in other operating income rather than recognition through the margin.

For 2014, Seacoast's noninterest income growth was nominal, increasing \$0.4 million or 1.7% when compared to 2013's revenues. While service charges on deposit accounts and interchange income grew \$0.2 million or 3.6% and \$0.6 million or 10.5%, reflecting successful organic household growth, and trust income and marine financing fees were higher by \$0.3 million or 10.1% and \$0.1 million or 11.0%, respectively, other revenue streams were challenged, with mortgage banking fees declining \$1.1 million or 26.7%. Favorably impacting noninterest income was BOLI totaling \$0.3 million that did not exist for the Company in 2013.

### *Noninterest Expenses*

When compared to 2013, total noninterest expenses increased during 2014 by \$18.2 million or 24.2% to \$93.4 million, resulting in an expense ratio (excluding amortization of intangibles) of 92.4%. For 2015, this expense ratio was 72.1%, with noninterest expenses increasing \$10.4 million or 11.1% to \$103.8 million. Prospectively, Seacoast management expects its expense ratio will continue to improve. The Company anticipates its digital servicing capabilities and technology will support better, more efficient channel integration allowing consumer to choose their path of convenience to satisfy their banking needs, resulting in organic growth of our products and services as well as related revenue.

Acquisition activity added to noninterest expenses during 2014 and 2015, with acquisition related costs for Grand in 2015 and BANKshares in 2014 of approximately \$3.1 million and \$4.4 million, respectively. During 2014, we also chose to invest \$0.7 million in refreshing and reintroducing our brand, and as part of this refresh, the Company retooled its logo and signage throughout our branch network and digital platforms. These additional costs have been key to our tactical plans to increase loan production and acquire households, thereby increasing value in the Seacoast franchise.

Table 5 provides detail of noninterest expense components for the years ending December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

Salaries and wages totaling \$41.1 million were \$5.9 million or 16.9% higher for 2015, than for 2014. Base salaries were \$6.8 million or 21.8% higher during 2015, reflecting full-year impact of additional personnel retained as part of

the fourth quarter 2014 acquisition of BANKshares and third quarter 2015's acquisition of Grand. Additional FGC personnel in receivable funding were incremental as well, comprising \$1.0 million of the increase during 2015, versus prior year. Improved revenue generation and lending production, among other factors resulted in commissions, cash and stock incentives (aggregated) that were \$3.3 million higher for 2015, compared to a year ago, but that were more than offset by deferred loan origination costs (a contra expense), higher by \$4.1 million. Severance related to the Grand acquisition summed to \$0.5 million, with total severance totaling \$0.9 million for 2015.

Similarly, salaries and wages for 2014 were \$4.1 million or 13.3% higher than for 2013. A significant portion of the increase was for base salaries that were by \$2.7 million or 9.6% greater, reflecting the addition of BANKfirst personnel and higher severance of \$0.9 million, year over year.

During 2015, employee benefits costs (group health insurance, profit sharing, payroll taxes, as well as unemployment compensation) increased \$0.8 million or 9.0% to \$9.6 million from a year ago, and compared to a \$1.4 million or 19.7% increase in 2014, versus 2013 expenditures. These costs reflect the increased staffing and salary costs, discussed above. Our self-funded health care plan comprises the largest portion of employee benefits, totaling \$4.9 million for 2015, and payroll taxes totaling \$3.0 million were the second largest category. The Company offers competitively priced health coverage to all of its associates that qualify for benefits, to use as an attraction for the best professional talent seeking to be employed by the Company, and at a reasonable cost and competitive with other businesses in the Florida markets where we conduct business.

Seacoast National utilizes third parties for its core data processing systems and outsourced data processing costs are directly related to the number of transactions processed. Outsourced data processing costs totaled \$10.2 million for 2015, an increase of \$1.4 million or 15.6% from a year ago, and were \$2.4 million higher for 2014, versus 2013. Increased data processing costs included one-time charges for conversion activity related to our acquisition. We continue to improve and enhance our mobile and other digital products and services through our core data processor, which may increase our outsourced data processing costs as customers adopt improvements and products. The Company's contract with its core data processor was renegotiated as of January 1, 2013 for a term of 5½ years. Outsourced data processing costs can be expected to increase as the Company's business volumes grow.

Telephone and data line expenditures, including electronic communications with customers and between branch locations and personnel, as well as third party data processors, increased \$0.5 million or 35.0% to \$1.8 million for 2015 when compared to 2014, and were \$0.1 million or 6.2% higher for 2014 versus 2013's expenditure. The addition of BANKshares and Grand locations and customers were the primary contributors to the increase.

Total occupancy, furniture and equipment expense for 2015 increased \$1.7 million or 16.4% (on an aggregate basis) to \$12.2 million year over year, versus 2014's expense. For 2014, these costs were \$5.4 million or 57.2% higher than in 2013. For 2015 and 2014, the increases were primarily driven by the two offices acquired from Grand, and twelve branches acquired in the BANKshares acquisition. A third Grand office was closed during the third quarter of 2015, due to its proximity to our existing location and resulted in a charge of \$0.1 million. Two other legacy branches were closed during 2015, with no write down in value and are currently being marketed. Branch consolidations during the fourth quarter of 2014 lessened the impact of acquired locations as well. Branch consolidations are likely to continue for the Company and the banking industry in general, as customers increase their usage of digital and mobile products thereby lessening the necessity to visit offices (see Form 10K dated December 31, 2015, "Item 2, Properties" for a complete description).

For 2015, marketing expenses (including sales promotion costs, ad agency production and printing costs, digital, newspaper, TV and radio advertising, and other public relations costs), increased by \$0.9 million or 23.8% to \$4.4 million, compared to all of 2014. For 2014, these costs were \$1.2 million or 52.9% higher, versus 2013. Primary to these increases during 2015 and 2014 were efforts to solidify customer acquisition and corporate brand awareness surrounding the Grand Palm Beach and BANKshares Orlando footprint. Media advertising on television and radio was higher in 2015, totaling \$0.8 million and increasing our expense \$0.5 million from 2014. Expenditures for 2014 also included \$0.7 million to refresh and reintroduce our brand, an expense not existing in prior year.

Legal and professional fees for 2015 were higher by \$1.2 million or 16.8% from a year ago, and were \$4.4 million higher for 2014, versus 2013. Included were acquisition related fees that totaled \$1.1 million for 2015 and \$2.4 million for 2014. No acquisition related fees were incurred during 2013. Recoveries of legal fees from two creditors summed to \$1.0 million and accounted for most of the remaining increase for 2014, versus 2013. Regulatory examination fees increased as total assets increased, which are the basis for examination fee calculation.

Since the end of the first quarter in 2013, FDIC assessments have been generally calculated on the basis of average total assets less tangible equity. While the Company has benefited from its classification under FDIC premium guidelines, our growth in total assets (both organic and through acquisition) has increased the basis for calculated premiums and increases in our FDIC quarterly assessment. Our FDIC assessments were \$2.2 million, \$1.7 million and \$2.6 million for 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company's assessments were lower for 2014 than in 2013 when the FDIC changed its calculation methodology. That change resulted in an improved risk posture for the Company, and regulatory enforcement actions terminated in 2013 were beneficial as well. Total assets and equity have increased during the past three years and Seacost expects increases prospectively. FDIC rates could decline for financial institution under \$10 billion in total assets if FDIC insurance pools achieve higher amounts as specified by

Congress.

Since 2013 when asset disposition expense and net losses on sales of OREO and other repossessed assets aggregated to \$2.0 million, nonperforming assets have declined (see “Nonperforming Loans, Troubled Debt Restructurings, Other Real Estate Owned, and Credit Quality”) and so have these associated costs. For 2015 and 2014, these expenses have been stable and aggregated to \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million respectively.

Other expenses were higher by \$2.2 million or 22.2% for 2015 compared to a year ago, totaling \$12.2 million. For 2014, other expenses were \$0.5 million or 5.4% higher, compared to 2013. Larger increases during 2015 were driven by a full-year impact of the BANKshares acquisition and the Grand acquisition in the third quarter of 2015, and variable costs related to our successful lending activity.

### ***Income Taxes***

For 2015, 2014 and 2013, provision for income taxes totaled \$13.5 million, and \$4.5 million and \$4.4 million, respectively. For 2015 and 2014, a portion of investment banking fees, and legal and professional fees expended and related to the acquisitions were not deductible for tax purposes. At September 30, 2013, we were able to reverse the tax valuation allowance of \$44.8 million. Management believes it can realize all of its future tax benefits (see “Note L – Income Taxes”).

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The Company’s consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, (“GAAP”), including prevailing practices within the financial services industry. The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments in the application of certain of its accounting policies that involve significant estimates and assumptions. We have established policies and control procedures that are intended to ensure valuation methods are well controlled and applied consistently from period to period. These estimates and assumptions, which may materially affect the reported amounts of certain assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements, and changes in this information over time and the use of revised estimates and assumptions could materially affect amounts reported in subsequent financial statements. Management, after consultation with the Company’s Audit Committee, believes the most critical accounting estimates and assumptions that involve the most difficult, subjective and complex assessments are:

- the allowance and the provision for loan losses;
- acquisition accounting and purchased loans;
- intangible assets and impairment testing;

- other fair value adjustments;
- other than temporary impairment of securities;
- realization of deferred tax assets; and
- contingent liabilities.

The following is a discussion of the critical accounting policies intended to facilitate a reader's understanding of the judgments, estimates and assumptions underlying these accounting policies and the possible or likely events or uncertainties known to us that could have a material effect on our reported financial information. For more information regarding management's judgments relating to significant accounting policies and recent accounting pronouncements (see "Note A-Significant Accounting Policies" to the Company's consolidated financial statements).

### ***Allowance and Provision for Loan Losses – Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

Management determines the provision for loan losses charged to operations by continually analyzing and monitoring delinquencies, nonperforming loans and the level of outstanding balances for each loan category, as well as the amount of net charge-offs, and by estimating losses inherent in its portfolio. While the Company's policies and procedures used to estimate the provision for loan losses charged to operations are considered adequate by management, factors beyond the control of the Company, such as general economic conditions, both locally and nationally, make management's judgment as to the adequacy of the provision and allowance for loan losses necessarily approximate and imprecise (see "Nonperforming Assets").

The provision for loan losses is the result of a detailed analysis estimating an appropriate and adequate allowance for loan losses. The analysis includes the evaluation of impaired and purchased loans as prescribed under FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 310, *Receivables* as well as an analysis of homogeneous loan pools not individually evaluated as prescribed under ASC 450, *Contingencies*. For 2015, we recorded provisioning for loan losses of \$2.6 million, which compared to a recapture of the allowance for loan losses for 2014 of \$3.5 million. Net charge-offs of \$0.6 million for 2015, compared to net recoveries for 2014 of \$0.5 million, and were 0.03% and (0.03%) of average total loans for each year, respectively. For 2015, provisioning for loan losses reflects continued strong credit metrics, offset by continued loan growth. Charge-offs for 2015 includes \$655,000 recorded in the third quarter related to a single purchased credit impaired loan that performed below our initial expectations. Delinquency trends remain low and show continued stability (see "Nonperforming Assets").

Table 10 provides certain information concerning the Company's provisioning for loan losses and allowance (recapture) for the years indicated.

Management continuously monitors the quality of the Company's loan portfolio and maintains an allowance for loan losses it believes is sufficient to absorb probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The allowance for loan losses increased \$2,057,000 to \$19,128,000 at December 31, 2015, compared to \$17,071,000 at December 31, 2014. The allowance for loan losses ("ALLL") framework has four basic elements: (1) specific allowances for loans individually evaluated for impairment; (2) general allowances for pools of homogeneous non-purchased loans ("portfolio loans") within the portfolio that have similar risk characteristics, which are not individually evaluated; (3) specific allowances for purchased impaired loans which are individually evaluated based on the loans expected principal and interest cash



flows; and (4) general allowances for purchased unimpaired pools of homogeneous loans that have similar risk characteristics. The aggregate of these four components results in our total allowance for loan losses.

The first element of the ALLL analysis involves the estimation of allowance specific to individually evaluated impaired portfolio loans, including accruing and nonaccruing restructured commercial and consumer loans. In this process, a specific allowance is established for impaired loans based on an analysis of the most probable sources of repayment, including discounted cash flows, liquidation of collateral, or the market value of the loan itself. It is the Company's policy to charge off any portion of the loan deemed a loss. Restructured consumer loans are also evaluated in this element of the estimate. As of December 31, 2015, the specific allowance related to impaired portfolio loans individually evaluated totaled \$2.5 million, compared to \$3.6 million as of December 31, 2014.

The second element of the ALLL analysis, the general allowance for homogeneous portfolio loan pools not individually evaluated, is determined by applying allowance factors to pools of loans within the portfolio that have similar risk characteristics. The general allowance factors are determined using a baseline factor that is developed from an analysis of historical net charge-off experience and qualitative factors designed and intended to measure expected losses. These baseline factors are developed and applied to the various portfolio loan pools. Adjustments may be made to baseline reserves for some of the loan pools based on an assessment of internal and external influences on credit quality not fully reflected in the historical loss. These influences may include elements such as changes in concentration risk, macroeconomic conditions, and/or recent observable asset quality trends.

The third component consists of amounts reserved for purchased credit-impaired loans. On a quarterly basis, the Company updates the amount of loan principal and interest cash flows expected to be collected, incorporating assumptions regarding default rates, loss severities, the amounts and timing of prepayments and other factors that are reflective of current market conditions. Probable decreases in expected loan principal cash flows trigger the recognition of impairment, which is then measured as the present value of the expected principal loss plus any related foregone interest cash flows discounted at the pool's effective interest rate. Impairments that occur after the acquisition date are recognized through the provision for loan losses. Probable and significant increases in expected principal cash flows would first reverse any previously recorded allowance for loan losses; any remaining increases are recognized prospectively as interest income. The impacts of (i) prepayments, (ii) changes in variable interest rates, and (iii) any other changes in the timing of expected cash flows are recognized prospectively as adjustments to interest income. Disposals of loans, which may include sales of loans, receipt of payments in full by the borrower, or foreclosure, result in removal of the loan from the purchased credit impaired portfolio.

The final component consists of amounts reserved for purchased unimpaired loans. Loans collectively evaluated for impairment reported at December 31, 2015 include loans acquired from Grand on July 17, 2015 and BANKshares on October 1, 2014 that are not PCI loans. These loans are performing loans recorded at estimated fair value at the acquisition date. The fair value adjustment for loans acquired from Grand and BANKshares at their acquisition dates was approximately \$3.2 million (2.7% of the outstanding aggregate loan balances) and \$11.2 million (3.1% of the outstanding aggregate loan balances), respectively. These amounts are accreted into interest income over the remaining lives of the related loans on a level yield basis, and remained adequate at December 31, 2015, and therefore no provision for loan loss was recorded related to these loans at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Our analyses of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses also takes into account qualitative factors such as credit quality, loan concentrations, internal controls, audit results, staff turnover, local market conditions and loan growth.

The Company's independent Credit Administration Department assigns all loss factors to the individual internal risk ratings based on an estimate of the risk using a variety of tools and information. Its estimate includes consideration of the level of unemployment which is incorporated into the overall allowance. In addition, the portfolio loans are segregated into a graded loan portfolio, residential, installment, home equity, and unsecured signature lines, and loss factors are calculated for each portfolio.

The loss factors assigned to the graded loan portfolio are based on the historical migration of actual losses by grade over 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 and 24 quarter intervals. Minimum and maximum average historical loss rates over one to five years are referenced in setting the loss factors by grade within the graded portfolio. Management uses historical loss factors as its starting point, and qualitative elements are considered to capture trends within each portion of the graded portfolio. The direction and expectations of past dues, charge-offs, nonaccruals, classified loans, portfolio mix, market conditions, and risk management controls are considered in setting loss factors for the graded portfolio. The loan loss migration indicates that the minimum and maximum average loss rates and median loss rates over the past many quarters have been declining. Also, the level of criticized and classified loans has been declining as a result of a combination of upgrades and loan payoffs, which are reducing the risk profile of the loan portfolio. Additionally, the risk profile has declined given the shift in complexion of the graded portfolio, particularly a reduced level of commercial real estate loan concentrations.

Residential and consumer (installment, secured lines, and unsecured lines) are analyzed differently as risk ratings, or grades, are not assigned to individual loans. Residential and consumer loan losses are tracked by pool. Management examines the historical losses over one to five years in its determination of the appropriate loss factor for vintages of loans currently in the portfolio rather than the vintages that produced the significant losses in prior years. These loss factors are then adjusted by qualitative factors determined by management to reflect potential probable losses inherent in each loan pool. Qualitative factors may include various loan or property types, loan to value, concentrations and economic and environmental factors.

Residential loans that become 90 days past due are placed on nonaccrual and a specific allowance is made for any loan that becomes 120 days past due. Residential loans are subsequently written down if they become 180 days past due and such write-downs are supported by a current appraisal, consistent with current banking regulations.

Our charge-off policy meets or exceeds regulatory minimums. Losses on unsecured consumer loans are recognized at 90 days past due compared to the regulatory loss criteria of 120 days. Secured consumer loans, including residential real estate, are typically charged-off or charged down between 120 and 180 days past due, depending on the collateral type, in compliance with Federal Financial Institution Examination Council guidelines. Commercial loans and real estate loans are typically placed on nonaccrual status when principal or interest is past due for 90 days or more, unless the loan is both secured by collateral having realizable value sufficient to discharge the debt in-full and the loan is in the legal process of collection. Secured loans may be charged-down to the estimated value of the collateral with previously accrued unpaid interest reversed. Subsequent charge-offs may be required as a result of changes in the market value of collateral or other repayment prospects. Initial charge-off amounts are based on valuation estimates derived from appraisals, broker price opinions, or other market information. Generally, new appraisals are not received until the foreclosure process is completed; however, collateral values are evaluated periodically based on market information and incremental charge-offs are recorded if it is determined that collateral values have declined from their initial estimates.

Management continually evaluates the allowance for loan losses methodology and seeks to refine and enhance this process as appropriate. As a result, it is likely that the methodology will continue to evolve over time.

Our Loan Review unit is independent, and performs loan reviews and evaluates a representative sample of credit extensions after the fact for appropriate individual internal risk ratings. Loan Review has the authority to change internal risk ratings and is responsible for assessing the adequacy of credit underwriting. This unit reports directly to the Directors' Loan Committee of Seacoast National's board of directors.

Table 11 summarizes the Company's allocation of the allowance for loan losses to real estate loans, commercial and financial loans, and installment loans to individuals, and information regarding the composition of the loan portfolio at the dates indicated.

Net charge-offs for the year ended December 31, 2015 totaled \$587,000, compared to net recoveries of \$489,000 for the year ended December 31, 2014 (See “Table 10 – Summary of Loan Loss Experience” for detail on net charge-offs for the last five years). Note F to the financial statements (titled “Impaired Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses”) summarizes the Company’s allocation of the allowance for loan losses to construction and land development loans, commercial and residential estate loans, commercial and financial loans, and consumer loans, and provides more specific detail regarding charge-offs and recoveries for each loan component and the composition of the loan portfolio at December 31, 2015 and 2014. Although there is no assurance that we will not have elevated charge-offs in the future, we believe that we have significantly reduced the risks in our loan portfolio.

The allowance as a percentage of portfolio loans outstanding (excluding PCI and PUL loans) was 1.03 percent at December 31, 2015, compared to 1.14 percent at December 31, 2014. The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of an amount adequate in relation to the risk of losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The reduced level of impaired loans contributed to a lower risk of loss and the lower allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2015. The risk profile of the loan portfolio has been reduced by implementing a program to decrease the level of credit risk in such portfolio by strengthening credit management methodologies and implementing a low risk "back-to-basics" strategic plan for loan growth. New loan production has shifted to adjustable rate residential real estate loans, owner-occupied commercial real estate, small business loans for professionals and businesses, and consumer lending. Strategies, processes and controls are in place to ensure that new production is well underwritten and maintains a focus on smaller, diversified and lower-risk lending. Aided by initiatives embodied in new loan programs and continued aggressive collection actions, the portfolio mix has changed dramatically and has become more diversified. The improved mix is most evident by a lower percentage of loans in income producing commercial real estate and construction and land development loans. Prospectively, we anticipate that the allowance is likely benefit from continued improvement in our credit quality, but offset by more normal loan growth as business activity and the economy improves.

Concentrations of credit risk, discussed under the caption "Loan Portfolio" of this discussion and analysis, can affect the level of the allowance and may involve loans to one borrower, an affiliated group of borrowers, borrowers engaged in or dependent upon the same industry, or a group of borrowers whose loans are predicated on the same type of collateral. The Company's most significant concentration of credit is a portfolio of loans secured by real estate. At December 31, 2015, the Company had \$1.842 billion in loans secured by real estate, representing 85.4 percent of total loans, up from \$1.611 billion but lower as a percent of total loans (versus 88.4 percent) at December 31, 2014. In addition, the Company is subject to a geographic concentration of credit because it only operates in central and southeastern Florida.

While it is the Company's policy to charge off in the current period loans in which a loss is considered probable, there are additional risks of future losses that cannot be quantified precisely or attributed to particular loans or classes of loans. Because these risks include the state of the economy, borrower payment behaviors and local market conditions as well as conditions affecting individual borrowers, management's judgment of the allowance is necessarily approximate and imprecise. The allowance is also subject to regulatory examinations and determinations as to adequacy, which may take into account such factors as the methodology used to calculate the allowance for loan losses and the size of the allowance for loan losses in comparison to a group of peer companies identified by the regulatory agencies.

In assessing the adequacy of the allowance, management relies predominantly on its ongoing review of the loan portfolio, which is undertaken both to ascertain whether there are probable losses that must be charged off and to assess the risk characteristics of the portfolio in aggregate. This review considers the judgments of management, and also those of bank regulatory agencies that review the loan portfolio as part of their regular examination process. Our bank regulators have generally agreed with our credit assessment, however in the future, regulators could seek additional provisions to our allowance for loan losses, which would reduce our earnings.



***Acquisition Accounting and Purchased Loans – Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

The Company accounts for its acquisitions under ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations*, which requires the use of the acquisition method of accounting. All identifiable assets acquired, including loans, are recorded at fair value. No allowance for loan losses related to the acquired loans is recorded on the acquisition date as the fair value of the loans acquired incorporates assumptions regarding credit risk. All loans acquired are recorded at fair value in accordance with the fair value methodology prescribed in ASC Topic 820. The fair value estimates associated with the loans include estimates related to expected prepayments and the amount and timing of expected principal, interest and other cash flows.

Over the life of the purchased credit impaired loans acquired, the Company continues to estimate cash flows expected to be collected. The Company evaluates at each balance sheet date whether the present value of the acquired loans using the effective interest rates has decreased and if so, recognizes a provision for loan loss in its consolidated statement of income. For any increases in cash flows expected to be collected, the Company adjusts the amount of accretable yield recognized on a prospective basis over the loan's remaining life.

***Intangible Assets and Impairment Testing – Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

Intangible assets consist of goodwill and core deposit intangibles. Goodwill represents the excess purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired in business acquisitions. The core deposit intangible represents the excess intangible value of acquired deposit customer relationships as determined by valuation specialists. The core deposit intangibles from the BANKshares and Grand acquisitions are being amortized over 74 months and 94 months, respectively, on a straight-line basis. Goodwill is not amortized but rather is evaluated for impairment on at least an annual basis. We performed an annual impairment test of goodwill and core deposit intangibles as required by FASB ASC 350, *Intangibles—Goodwill and Other*, in the fourth quarter of 2015 for the BANKshares acquisition (on October 1, 2014). Seacoast employed an independent third party with extensive experience in conducting and documenting impairment tests of this nature, and concluded that no impairment occurred.

***Other Fair Value Measurements – Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

All impaired loans are reviewed quarterly to determine if fair value adjustments are necessary based on known changes in the market and/or the project assumptions. When necessary, the "As Is" appraised value may be adjusted based on more recent appraisal assumptions received by the Company on other similar properties, the tax assessed market value, comparative sales and/or an internal valuation. If an updated assessment is deemed necessary and an internal valuation cannot be made, an external "As Is" appraisal will be obtained. If the "As Is" appraisal does not



appropriately reflect the current fair market value, in the Company's opinion, a specific reserve is established and/or the loan is written down to the current fair market value.

Collateral dependent impaired loans are loans that are solely dependent on the liquidation of the collateral for repayment. All OREO and repossessed assets ("REPO") are reviewed quarterly to determine if fair value adjustments are necessary based on known changes in the market and/or project assumptions. When necessary, the "As Is" appraisal is adjusted based on more recent appraisal assumptions received by the Company on other similar properties, the tax assessment market value, comparative sales and/or an internal valuation is performed. If an updated assessment is deemed necessary, and an internal valuation cannot be made, an external appraisal will be requested. Upon receipt of the "As Is" appraisal a charge-off is recognized for the difference between the loan amount and its current fair market value.

"As Is" values are used to measure fair market value on impaired loans, OREO and REPOs.

At December 31, 2015, outstanding securities designated as available for sale totaled \$790.8 million. The fair value of the available for sale portfolio at December 31, 2015 was less than historical amortized cost, producing net unrealized losses of \$7.8 million that have been included in other comprehensive income (loss) as a component of shareholders' equity (net of taxes). The Company made no change to the valuation techniques used to determine the fair values of securities during 2015 and 2014. The fair value of each security available for sale was obtained from independent pricing sources utilized by many financial institutions or from dealer quotes. The fair value of many state and municipal securities are not readily available through market sources, so fair value estimates are based on quoted market price or prices of similar instruments. Generally, the Company obtains one price for each security. However, actual values can only be determined in an arms-length transaction between a willing buyer and seller that can, and often do, vary from these reported values. Furthermore, significant changes in recorded values due to changes in actual and perceived economic conditions can occur rapidly, producing greater unrealized losses or gains in the available for sale portfolio.

The credit quality of the Company's securities holdings are primarily investment grade. As of December 31, 2015, the Company's available for sale investment securities, except for approximately \$39.9 million of securities issued by states and their political subdivisions, generally are traded in liquid markets. U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency obligations totaled \$433.9 million, or 54.9 percent of the total available for sale portfolio. The portfolio also includes \$109.7 million in private label securities, most secured by residential real estate collateral originated in 2005 or prior years with low loan to values, and current FICO scores above 700. Generally these securities have credit support exceeding 5%. The collateral underlying these mortgage investments are primarily 30- and 15-year fixed rate, 5/1 and 10/1 adjustable rate mortgage loans. Historically, the mortgage loans serving as collateral for those investments have had minimal foreclosures and losses. The Company also has invested \$122.6 million in uncapped 3-month Libor floating rate collateralized loan obligations. Collateralized loan obligations are special purpose vehicles that purchase loans as assets that provide a steady stream of income and possible capital appreciation. The collateral for the securities is first lien senior secured corporate debt. The Company has purchased senior tranches rated credit A or higher and performed stress tests, which indicated that the senior subordination levels are sufficient and no principal loss is forecast, verifying the independent rating. In addition, during 2015 the Company acquired several corporate bonds and private commercial mortgage backed securities totaling \$84.7 million at year-end. At July 7, 2015, Grand securities of \$46.4 million were acquired and added to the available for sale portfolio at their fair value, and at October 1, 2104, BANKshares securities of \$85.4 million were acquired and added to the available for sale portfolio at their fair market value.

On May 31, 2014 management identified \$158.8 million of investment securities available for sale and transferred them to held for investment. The unrealized holding losses at the date of transfer totaled \$3.0 million. For the securities that were transferred into the held for investment category from the available for sale category, the unrealized holding losses at the date of the transfer will continue to be reported in other comprehensive income, and will be amortized over the remaining life of the security as an adjustment of yield in a manner consistent with the amortization of a discount. The amortization of unrealized holding losses reported in equity will offset the effect on interest income of the amortization of the discount. Management believes the securities transferred are a core banking asset that they now intend to hold until maturity, and if interest rates were to increase before maturity, the fair values would be impacted more significantly and therefore are not consistent with the characteristics of an available for sale investment.

Seacoast Bank also holds 11,330 shares of Visa Class B stock, which following resolution of Visa's litigation will be converted to Visa Class A shares (the conversion rate presently is 1.6483 shares of Class A stock for each share of Class B stock) for a total of 18,675 shares of Visa Class A stock. Our ownership is related to prior ownership in Visa's network, while Visa operated as a cooperative. This ownership is recorded on our financial records at zero basis.

***Other Than Temporary Impairment of Securities – Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

Our investments are reviewed quarterly for other than temporary impairment (“OTTI”). The following primary factors are considered for securities identified for OTTI testing: percent decline in fair value, rating downgrades, subordination, duration, amortized loan-to-value, and the ability of the issuers to pay all amounts due in accordance with the contractual terms. Prices obtained from pricing services are usually not adjusted. Based on our internal review procedures and the fair values provided by the pricing services, we believe that the fair values provided by the pricing services are consistent with the principles of ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement. However, on occasion pricing provided by the pricing services may not be consistent with other observed prices in the market for similar securities. Using observable market factors, including interest rate and yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities and default rates, the Company may at times validate the observed prices using a discounted cash flow model and using the observed prices for similar securities to determine the fair value of its securities.

Changes in the fair values, as a result of deteriorating economic conditions and credit spread changes, should only be temporary. Further, management believes that the Company’s other sources of liquidity, as well as the cash flow from principal and interest payments from its securities portfolio, reduces the risk that losses would be realized as a result of a need to sell securities to obtain liquidity.

The Company also held stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (“FHLB”) totaling \$5.1 million as of December 31, 2015, \$3.4 million less than the balance at year-end 2014. The Company accounts for its FHLB stock based on the industry guidance in ASC 942, Financial Services—Depository and Lending, which requires the investment to be carried at cost and evaluated for impairment based on the ultimate recoverability of the par value. We evaluated our holdings in FHLB stock at December 31, 2015 and believe our holdings in the stock are ultimately recoverable at par. We do not have operational or liquidity needs that would require redemption of the FHLB stock in the foreseeable future and, therefore, have determined that the stock is not other-than-temporarily impaired.

***Realization of Deferred Tax Assets – Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

At December 31, 2015, the Company had net deferred tax assets (“DTA”) of \$60.3 million. Although realization is not assured, management believes that realization of the carrying value of the DTA is more likely than not, based upon expectations as to future taxable income and tax planning strategies, as defined by ASC 740 Income Taxes. In comparison, at December 31, 2014 the Company had a net DTA of \$66.8 million.

Factors that support this conclusion:

- Income before tax (“IBT”) has steadily increased as a result of organic growth and the 2014 BANKshares and 2015 Grand acquisitions will further assist in achieving management’s forecast of future earnings which recovers the net operating loss carry-forwards before expiration;
- Credit costs have declined and overall credit risk has declined which decreases the impact on future taxable earnings;
  - Growth rates for loans are at levels supported by the acquisitions, increased loan officers and support staff.
  - Additional loan officer salaries were added to assure loan portfolio growth and support increased interest income;
  - New loan production credit quality and concentrations are being well managed through improved and enhanced credit functions and therefore should not cause increased credit costs; and
  - Current economic growth forecasts for Florida and the Company’s markets are supported by population increases.

### ***Contingent Liabilities – Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

The Company is subject to contingent liabilities, including judicial, regulatory and arbitration proceedings, and tax and other claims arising from the conduct of our business activities. These proceedings include actions brought against the Company and/or our subsidiaries with respect to transactions in which the Company and/or our subsidiaries acted as a lender, a financial advisor, a broker or acted in a related activity. Accruals are established for legal and other claims when it becomes probable that the Company will incur an expense and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Company management, together with attorneys, consultants and other professionals, assesses the probability and estimated amounts involved in a contingency. Throughout the life of a contingency, the Company or our advisors may learn of additional information that can affect our assessments about probability or about the estimates of amounts involved. Changes in these assessments can lead to changes in recorded reserves. In addition, the actual costs of resolving these claims may be substantially higher or lower than the amounts reserved for the claims. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had no significant accruals for contingent liabilities and had no known pending matters that could potentially be significant.

### **Interest Rate Sensitivity**

Fluctuations in interest rates may result in changes in the fair value of the Company's financial instruments, cash flows and net interest income. This risk is managed using simulation modeling to calculate the most likely interest rate risk utilizing estimated loan and deposit growth. The objective is to optimize the Company's financial position, liquidity, and net interest income while limiting their volatility.

Senior management regularly reviews the overall interest rate risk position and evaluates strategies to manage the risk. The Company's fourth quarter 2015 Asset and Liability Management Committee ("ALCO") model simulation indicates net interest income would increase 10.9% if interest rates increased 200 basis points up over the next 12 months and 5.4% if interest rates increased 100 basis points. This compares with the Company's fourth quarter 2014 model simulation, which indicated net interest income would increase 9.1% if interest rates were increased 200 basis points up over the next 12 months and 4.9% if interest rates were increased 100 basis points. Recent regulatory guidance has placed more emphasis on rate shocks.

The Company had a positive gap position based on contractual and prepayment assumptions for the next 12 months, with a positive cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap as a percentage of total earning assets of 17.2% at December 31, 2015. This result includes assumptions for core deposit re-pricing validated for the Company by an independent third party consulting group.

The computations of interest rate risk do not necessarily include certain actions management may undertake to manage this risk in response to changes in interest rates. Derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, options, caps, floors, futures and forward contracts may be utilized as components of the Company's risk management profile.

## **Market Risk**

Market risk refers to potential losses arising from changes in interest rates, and other relevant market rates or prices.

Interest rate risk, defined as the exposure of net interest income and Economic Value of Equity, or "EVE," to adverse movements in interest rates, is the Company's primary market risk, and mainly arises from the structure of the balance sheet (non-trading activities). The Company is also exposed to market risk in its investing activities. The Company's Asset/Liability Committee, or "ALCO," meets regularly and is responsible for reviewing the interest rate sensitivity position of the Company and establishing policies to monitor and limit exposure to interest rate risk. The policies established by the ALCO are reviewed and approved by the Company's Board of Directors. The primary goal of interest rate risk management is to control exposure to interest rate risk, within policy limits approved by the Board. These limits reflect the Company's tolerance for interest rate risk over short-term and long-term horizons.

The Company also performs valuation analyses, which are used for evaluating levels of risk present in the balance sheet that might not be taken into account in the net interest income simulation analyses. Whereas net interest income simulation highlights exposures over a relatively short time horizon, valuation analysis incorporates all cash flows over the estimated remaining life of all balance sheet positions. The valuation of the balance sheet, at a point in time, is defined as the discounted present value of asset cash flows minus the discounted value of liability cash flows, the net result of which is the EVE. The sensitivity of EVE to changes in the level of interest rates is a measure of the longer-term re-pricing risks and options risks embedded in the balance sheet. In contrast to the net interest income simulation, which assumes interest rates will change over a period of time, EVE uses instantaneous changes in rates.

EVE values only the current balance sheet, and does not incorporate the growth assumptions that are used in the net interest income simulation model. As with the net interest income simulation model, assumptions about the timing and variability of balance sheet cash flows are critical in the EVE analysis. Particularly important are the assumptions driving prepayments and the expected changes in balances and pricing of the indeterminate life deposit portfolios. Core deposits are a more significant funding source for the Company, making the lives attached to core deposits more important to the accuracy of our modeling of EVE. The Company periodically reassesses its assumptions regarding the indeterminate lives of core deposits utilizing an independent third party resource to assist. With lower interest rates over a prolonged period, the average lives of core deposits have trended higher and favorably impacted our model estimates of EVE for higher rates. Based on our fourth quarter 2015 modeling, an instantaneous 100 basis point increase in rates is estimated to increase the EVE 12.1% versus the EVE in a stable rate environment, while a 200 basis point increase in rates is estimated to increase the EVE 21.5%.

While an instantaneous and severe shift in interest rates is used in this analysis to provide an estimate of exposure under an extremely adverse scenario, a gradual shift in interest rates would have a much more modest impact. Since EVE measures the discounted present value of cash flows over the estimated lives of instruments, the change in EVE does not directly correlate to the degree that earnings would be impacted over a shorter time horizon, i.e., the next fiscal year. Further, EVE does not take into account factors such as future balance sheet growth, changes in product mix, change in yield curve relationships, and changing product spreads that could mitigate the adverse impact of changes in interest rates.

### **Effects of Inflation and Changing Prices**

The condensed consolidated financial statements and related financial data presented herein have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which require the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars, without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money, over time, due to inflation.

Unlike most industrial companies, virtually all of the assets and liabilities of a financial institution are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates have a more significant impact on a financial institution's performance than the



general level of inflation. However, inflation affects financial institutions by increasing their cost of goods and services purchased, as well as the cost of salaries and benefits, occupancy expense, and similar items. Inflation and related increases in interest rates generally decrease the market value of investments and loans held and may adversely affect liquidity, earnings, and shareholders' equity. Mortgage originations and re-financings tend to slow as interest rates increase, and higher interest rates likely will reduce the Company's earnings from such activities and the income from the sale of residential mortgage loans in the secondary market.

## Fourth Quarter Review

Earnings highlights for the fourth quarter 2015:

- Adjusted net income (1) increased 56% to \$6.5 million or \$0.19 per average diluted share, compared to \$4.2 million or \$0.13 per diluted share in the fourth quarter 2014;
- Net interest income improved \$4.4 million or 18% compared to fourth quarter 2014, due to organic loan growth;
  - Net interest margin increased 11 basis points year-over-year to 3.67%;
- Adjusted return on average tangible common equity improved to 8.4% from 6.2% year-over-year.

Fourth quarter 2015 growth highlights:

- Loans increased \$57 million or 3% not annualized compared to third quarter 2015 and rose 18% year-over-year. Excluding acquisitions, loans increased \$218 million or 12% above year-ago levels;
  - Excluding acquisitions, households grew 5% year-over-year;

The tables below provide reconciliation between Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) net income and adjusted net income (1). Management uses these non-GAAP financial amounts in its analysis of the Company’s performance and believes the presentation provides a clearer understanding of the Company’s performance. The Company believes the presentation of adjusted net income (1) enhances investor understanding of the performance trend and facilitates comparisons with the performance of other financial institutions. The limitations associated with adjusted net income (1) are the risk that persons might disagree as to the appropriateness of items comprising the measure and that different companies might calculate the measure differently. The Company provides reconciliations between GAAP and non-GAAP measures, and these measures should not be considered an alternative to GAAP. For 2015 and 2014, by quarter and for total year, net income and adjusted net income (1) were as follows:

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(Dollars in thousands except per share data)	2015 Quarters				
	Fourth 2015	Third 2015	Second 2015	First 2015	Total Year
Net income (loss), as reported:					
Net income (loss)	\$6,036	\$4,441	\$5,805	\$5,859	\$22,141
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.18	\$0.13	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.66
Adjusted net income (1):					
Net income (loss)	\$6,036	\$4,441	\$5,805	\$5,859	\$22,141
Severance	187	98	29	12	326
Merger related charges	1,043	2,692	337	275	4,347
Bargain purchase gain	(416 )	0	0	0	(416 )
Security (gains)	(1 )	(160 )	0	0	(161 )
Miscellaneous losses	0	112	0	0	112
Other	0	121	0	0	121
Net loss on OREO and repossessed assets	(157 )	262	53	81	239
Asset dispositions expense	79	77	173	143	472
Effective tax rate on adjustments	(299 )	(1,210)	(225 )	(193 )	(1,927 )
Adjusted net income (1)	\$6,472	\$6,433	\$6,172	\$6,177	\$25,254
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (1)	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$0.75

(Dollars in thousands except per share data)	2014 Quarters						
	Fourth 2014	Third 2014	Second 2014	First 2014	Total Year		
Net income (loss), as reported:							
Net income (loss)			\$(1,517)	\$2,996	\$1,918	\$2,299	\$5,696
Diluted earnings per share			\$(0.05 )	\$0.12	\$0.07	\$0.09	\$0.21
Adjusted net income (1):							
Net income (loss)			\$(1,517)	\$2,996	\$1,918	\$2,299	\$5,696
Severance			478	328	181	212	1,199
Merger related charges			2,722	399	1,234	6	4,361
Branch closure charges and costs related to expense initiatives			4,261	0	0	0	4,261
Marketing and brand refresh expenses			697	0	0	0	697
Stock compensation expense and other incentive costs related to improved outlook			1,213	0	0	0	1,213
Security (gains)			(108 )	(344 )	0	(17 )	(469 )
Miscellaneous losses (gains)			119	(45 )	144	0	218
Other			0	(124 )	114	0	(10 )
Net loss on OREO and repossessed assets			9	156	92	53	310
Asset dispositions expense			103	139	118	128	488
Effective tax rate on adjustments			(3,798)	(219 )	(811 )	(148 )	(4,976 )
Adjusted net income (1)			\$4,179	\$3,286	\$2,990	\$2,533	\$12,988
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (1)			\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.10	\$0.47

(1) Non-GAAP measures

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Fourth quarter net income included a \$416,000 bargain purchase gain from the purchase of Grand, arising from unanticipated recoveries and resulting valuation adjustments to loans and OREO realized in the fourth quarter.

Net interest income for the fourth quarter 2015 totaled \$29.1 million, a \$4.4 million or 18% increase from the fourth quarter a year ago and \$0.1 million higher than third quarter 2015's result. Net interest margin expanded to 3.67%, an eleven basis point increase from prior year, but eight basis points lower than third quarter 2015. Year-over-year net interest income and margin increases reflect improvement in rate and balance sheet mix, largely due to growth in customer relationships. Linked quarter results reflect an accelerated level of purchase loan accretion in the third quarter of 2015 that contributed approximately ten basis points of margin during that quarter. Loan growth during the fourth quarter 2015 and improved core yields more than compensated for a decrease in purchased loan accretion linked quarter.

Noninterest income (excluding securities gains, net and bargain purchase gain, net) totaled \$7.8 million for the fourth quarter of 2015, an increase of \$0.6 million or 9% from fourth quarter 2014. Most categories of service fee income showed year-over-year growth with interchange income up 24%, indicating continued growth in customer acquisition and cross sell, and benefits from our acquisition activity, including the Grand acquisition in the third quarter of 2015. In comparison, noninterest income totaled \$8.1 million for the third quarter 2015 (when strong revenues from mortgage banking hit their highs during 2015), and \$7.1 million for the fourth quarter 2014. During the fourth quarter 2014, noninterest income (excluding security gains, net) increased \$1.0 million from third quarter 2014 and \$1.1 million from the fourth quarter 2013. The increases included a full quarter effect of fees generated from the acquisition of BANKshares, including bank owned life insurance (BOLI) investments that were transferred to Seacoast as a result of the acquisition, and were added to policies directly acquired by the Company during the fourth quarter of 2014.

Noninterest expenses for the fourth quarter 2015 reflected remaining merger related charges of \$1.0 million from our acquisition of Grand in the third quarter 2015 and severance of \$0.2 million. The most significant factor impacting the fourth quarter 2014's net income was much higher noninterest expenses. Noninterest expenses increased by \$14.1 million versus third quarter 2014's result, and were \$15.4 million higher when compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. Impacting the fourth quarter of 2014, our acquisition of BANKshares (with 12 full-service offices) expanded our presence in central Florida, particularly in the greater Orlando market. Merger related charges in the fourth quarter of 2014 totaled approximately \$2.7 million and were primarily related to core system conversion costs, software and other contract termination charges, and investment banking fees. Also, accrual of long term stock compensation expense related to an improved outlook and other incentive costs related to better than expected production added an incremental \$1.2 million to expenses in the fourth quarter of 2014. One-time charges that were incurred in the fourth quarter of 2014 for approximately \$4.3 million were related to previously announced branch closings. Severance totaled \$0.5 million for the fourth quarter 2014. In addition, during the fourth quarter 2014, we invested approximately \$0.7 million in marketing and other expenditures to refresh and reintroduce our brand, including retooling our logo and associated signage throughout our branch network and digital platforms. All costs for this logo change and additional branding were incurred in the fourth quarter of 2014. All of the above added a total of \$9.4 to fourth quarter 2014's noninterest expense which was one-time in nature.

A provision for loan losses of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2015 and 2014, respectively. Our fourth quarter 2015 provisioning reflects continued strong credit metrics, offset by continued loan growth. For the fourth quarter of 2015, net charge-offs totaled \$0.6 million, the same as fourth quarter 2014. The allowance for loan losses to portfolio loans outstanding ratio at December 31, 2015 was 1.03 percent compared to 1.14 percent a year earlier, and the coverage ratio (the allowance for loan losses to nonaccrual loans) was 110.0 percent at December 31, 2015 compared to 80.8 percent at December 31, 2014, reflecting the improvement in credit quality.

## Internal Controls

The Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer with the assistance of outside consultants, has conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on its assessment, management has concluded as of December 31, 2015, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

The board of directors, the audit committee of the board and senior management of the Company consider it essential to assure the Company achieves effective and comprehensive internal controls over every aspect of financial reporting.

**Table 1 - Condensed Income Statement\***

	2015	2014	2013
	(Tax equivalent basis)		
Net interest income	3.33 %	3.03 %	2.99 %
Provision (recapture) for loan losses	0.08	(0.14)	0.15
Noninterest income			
Securities gains, net	0.00	0.02	0.02
Bargain purchase gains, net	0.01	0.00	0.00
Other	0.97	1.00	1.11
Noninterest expense	3.14	3.76	3.43
Income before income taxes	1.09	0.43	0.54
Provision (benefit) for income taxes including tax equivalent adjustment	0.42	0.20	(1.84)
Net income	0.67 %	0.23 %	2.38 %

\* As a Percent of Average Assets



**Table 2 – Three Year Summary****Average Balances, Interest Income and Expenses, Yields and Rates (1)**

	2015			2014			2013		
	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Rate
	(Dollars in thousands)								
<b>EARNING ASSETS</b>									
<b>Securities</b>									
Taxable	\$946,986	\$20,341	2.15 %	\$732,324	\$15,448	2.11 %	\$651,368	\$12,856	1.97 %
Nontaxable	15,208	895	5.89	4,644	323	6.96	1,608	105	6.53
	962,194	21,236	2.21	736,968	15,771	2.14	652,976	12,961	1.98
Federal funds sold and other investments	76,851	1,022	1.33	125,550	1,017	0.81	152,816	868	0.57
Loans, net (2)	1,984,545	94,640	4.77	1,452,751	63,788	4.39	1,272,447	57,163	4.49
<b>TOTAL EARNING ASSETS</b>	<b>3,023,590</b>	<b>116,898</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>2,315,269</b>	<b>80,576</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>2,078,239</b>	<b>70,992</b>	<b>3.42</b>
<b>Allowance for loan losses</b>									
	(18,725 )			(19,164 )			(21,133 )		
<b>Cash and due from banks</b>	<b>73,001</b>			<b>51,581</b>			<b>36,423</b>		
<b>Bank premises and equipment</b>	<b>51,396</b>			<b>37,970</b>			<b>34,806</b>		
<b>Bank owned life insurance</b>	<b>39,343</b>			<b>6,154</b>			<b>0</b>		
<b>Goodwill</b>	<b>25,320</b>			<b>6,643</b>			<b>0</b>		
<b>Other intangible assets</b>	<b>7,956</b>			<b>2,197</b>			<b>1,104</b>		
<b>Other assets</b>	<b>102,516</b>			<b>84,609</b>			<b>57,318</b>		
	<b>\$3,304,397</b>			<b>\$2,485,259</b>			<b>\$2,186,757</b>		
<b>INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES</b>									
Interest bearing demand	\$632,304	472	0.07 %	\$520,288	399	0.08 %	\$466,680	401	0.09 %
Savings deposits	281,470	158	0.06	219,793	113	0.05	182,039	101	0.06

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Money market	607,768	1,455	0.24	366,490	352	0.10	337,395	280	0.08
Time deposits	307,329	1,228	0.40	277,349	1,538	0.55	296,402	1,947	0.66
Federal funds purchased and other short term borrowings	182,914	376	0.21	171,965	297	0.17	155,222	286	0.18
Other borrowings	117,056	3,241	2.77	106,370	2,656	2.50	103,610	2,542	2.45
<b>TOTAL INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,128,841</b>	<b>6,930</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>1,662,255</b>	<b>5,355</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>1,541,348</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>0.36</b>
Noninterest demand	819,801			556,000			451,776		
Other liabilities	18,388			10,137			10,329		
	2,967,030			2,228,392			2,003,453		
Shareholders' equity	337,367			256,867			183,304		
	\$3,304,397			\$2,485,259			\$2,186,757		
Interest expense as % of earning assets			0.23 %			0.23 %			0.27 %
Net interest income/yield on earning assets		\$109,968	3.64 %		\$75,221	3.25 %		\$65,435	3.15 %

(1) The tax equivalent adjustment is based on a 35% tax rate.

(2) Nonperforming loans are included in average loan balances. Fees on loans are included in interest on loans.

**Table 3 - Rate/Volume Analysis (on a Tax Equivalent Basis)**

	2015 vs 2014			2014 vs 2013		
	Due to Change in:			Due to Change in:		
	Volume	Rate	Total	Volume	Rate	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)					
	Amount of increase (decrease)					
<b>EARNING ASSETS</b>						
Securities						
Taxable	\$4,570	\$323	\$4,893	\$1,653	\$939	\$2,592
Nontaxable	678	(106 )	572	205	14	219
	5,248	217	5,465	1,858	953	2,811
Federal funds sold and other investments	(522 )	527	5	(190 )	338	148
Loans, net	24,355	6,497	30,852	8,008	(1,383)	6,625
<b>TOTAL EARNING ASSETS</b>	<b>29,081</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>36,322</b>	<b>9,676</b>	<b>(92 )</b>	<b>9,584</b>
<b>INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>NOW</b>						
Savings deposits	33	12	45	20	(8 )	12
Money market accounts	406	697	1,103	27	45	72
Time deposits	143	(453 )	(310 )	(115 )	(294 )	(409 )
	667	244	911	(24 )	(304 )	(328 )
Federal funds purchased and other short term borrowings	21	58	79	30	(19 )	11
Other borrowings	281	304	585	68	46	114
<b>TOTAL INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>(277 )</b>	<b>(203 )</b>
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$28,112</b>	<b>\$6,635</b>	<b>\$34,747</b>	<b>\$9,602</b>	<b>\$185</b>	<b>\$9,787</b>

(1) Changes attributable to rate/volume are allocated to rate and volume on an equal basis.

**Table 4 – Noninterest Income**

	Year Ended			% Change	
	2015	2014	2013	15/14	14/13
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$8,563	\$6,952	\$6,711	23.2 %	3.6 %
Trust fees	3,132	2,986	2,711	4.9	10.1
Mortgage banking fees	4,252	3,057	4,173	39.1	(26.7)
Brokerage commissions and fees	2,132	1,614	1,631	32.1	(1.0 )
Marine finance fees	1,152	1,320	1,189	(12.7 )	11.0
Interchange income	7,684	5,972	5,404	28.7	10.5
Other deposit based EFT fees	397	343	342	15.7	0.3
BOLI Income	1,426	252	0	465.9	n/m
Gain on participated loan	725	0	0	n/m	n/m
Other	2,555	2,248	2,158	13.7	4.2
	32,018	24,744	24,319	29.4	1.7
Securities gains, net	161	469	419	(65.7 )	11.9
Bargain purchase gain, net	416	0	0	n/m	n/m
TOTAL	\$32,595	\$25,213	\$24,738	29.3	1.9

n/m = not meaningful

**Table 5 - Noninterest Expense**

	Year Ended			% Change	
	2015	2014	2013	15/14	14/13
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Salaries and wages	\$41,075	\$35,132	\$31,006	16.9 %	13.3 %
Employee benefits	9,564	8,773	7,327	9.0	19.7
Outsourced data processing costs	10,150	8,781	6,372	15.6	37.8
Telephone / data lines	1,797	1,331	1,253	35.0	6.2
Occupancy	8,744	7,930	7,178	10.3	10.5
Furniture and equipment	3,434	2,535	2,334	35.5	8.6
Marketing	4,428	3,576	2,339	23.8	52.9
Legal and professional fees	8,022	6,871	2,458	16.8	179.5
FDIC assessments	2,212	1,660	2,601	33.3	(36.2 )
Amortization of intangibles	1,424	1,033	783	37.9	31.9
Asset dispositions expense	472	488	740	(3.3 )	(34.1 )
Branch closures and new branding	0	4,958	0	(100.0)	n/m
Net loss on other real estate owned and repossessed assets	239	310	1,289	(22.9 )	(76.0 )
Other	12,209	9,988	9,472	22.2	5.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,770</b>	<b>\$93,366</b>	<b>\$75,152</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>24.2</b>

\* n/m = not meaningful

**Table 6 - Capital Resources**

	December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
<b>TIER 1 CAPITAL</b>			
Common stock	\$3,435	\$3,300	\$2,364
Additional paid in capital	399,162	379,249	277,290
Accumulated (deficit)	(42,858 )	(65,000 )	(70,695 )
Treasury stock	(73 )	(71 )	(11 )
Goodwill	(25,211 )	(25,309 )	0
Intangibles	(2,057 )	(4,478 )	(718 )
Other	(15,394 )	n/a	n/a
<b>COMMON EQUITY TIER 1 CAPITAL</b>	317,004	n/a	n/a
Qualifying trust preferred securities	69,961	62,539	52,000
Other	(23,092 )	(44,565 )	(49,797 )
<b>TOTAL TIER 1 CAPITAL</b>	363,873	305,665	210,433
<b>TIER 2 CAPITAL</b>			
Allowance for loan losses, as limited (1)	19,166	17,100	16,877
<b>TOTAL TIER 2 CAPITAL</b>	19,166	17,100	16,877
<b>TOTAL RISK-BASED CAPITAL</b>	\$383,039	\$322,765	\$227,310
Risk weighted assets	\$2,392,668	\$1,986,291	\$1,346,957
Common equity Tier 1 ratio (CET1)	13.25	% n/a	% n/a
Regulatory minimum	6.50	n/a	n/a
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.21	15.39	15.62
Total capital ratio	16.01	16.25	16.88
Regulatory minimum	8.00	8.00	8.00
Tier 1 capital to adjusted total assets	10.70	10.32	9.59
Regulatory minimum	5.00	4.00	4.00
Shareholders' equity to assets	10.00	10.11	8.75
Average shareholders' equity to average total assets	10.21	10.34	8.38
Tangible shareholders' equity to tangible assets	9.13	9.14	8.72

(1) Includes reserve for unfunded commitments of \$38,000 at December 31, 2015 and \$29,000 at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

n/a = not applicable

**Table 7 - Loans Outstanding**

	<b>December 31</b>				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	<b>(In thousands)</b>				
Construction and land development					
Residential	\$31,650	\$16,155	\$10,566	\$9,902	\$11,255
Commercial	31,977	37,194	22,733	11,907	11,338
	63,627	53,349	33,299	21,809	22,593
Individuals	45,160	33,687	34,151	38,927	26,591
	108,787	87,036	67,450	60,736	49,184
Commercial real estate	1,009,378	837,147	520,382	486,828	508,353
Real estate mortgage					
Residential real estate					
Adjustable	429,826	441,238	391,885	361,005	334,140
Fixed rate	110,391	93,865	91,108	98,976	96,952
Home equity mortgages	69,339	71,838	62,043	57,955	60,253
Home equity lines	114,229	79,956	47,710	51,395	54,901
	723,785	686,897	592,746	569,331	546,246
Commercial and financial	228,517	157,396	78,636	61,903	53,105
Installment loans to individuals					
Automobiles and trucks	14,965	7,817	6,607	7,761	8,736
Marine loans	46,534	26,236	20,208	18,446	19,932
Other	23,857	18,844	17,898	20,723	21,943
	85,356	52,897	44,713	46,930	50,611
Other loans	507	512	280	353	575
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,156,330</b>	<b>\$1,821,885</b>	<b>\$1,304,207</b>	<b>\$1,226,081</b>	<b>\$1,208,074</b>

**Table 8 - Loan Maturity Distribution**

	December 31, 2015		
	Commercial and Financial	Construction and Land Development	Total
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
In one year or less	\$106,452	\$ 47,293	\$153,745
After one year but within five years:			
Interest rates are floating or adjustable	17,610	15,605	33,215
Interest rates are fixed	62,666	16,026	78,692
In five years or more:			
Interest rates are floating or adjustable	2,022	17,266	19,288
Interest rates are fixed	39,767	12,597	52,364
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$228,517</b>	<b>\$ 108,787</b>	<b>\$337,304</b>



**Table 9 - Maturity of Certificates of Deposit of \$100,000 or More**

	December 31			
	2015	% of Total	2014	% of Total
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Maturity Group:				
Under 3 Months	\$37,616	26.8 %	\$31,244	20.9 %
3 to 6 Months	25,566	18.2	31,918	21.3
6 to 12 Months	31,807	22.7	38,840	25.9
Over 12 Months	45,305	32.3	47,841	31.9
TOTAL	\$140,294	100.0%	\$149,843	100.0%

**Table 10 - Summary of Loan Loss Experience**

	Year Ended December 31				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Beginning balance	\$17,071	\$20,068	\$22,104	\$25,565	\$37,744
Provision (recapture) for loan losses	2,644	(3,486 )	3,188	10,796	1,974
Charge offs:					
Construction and land development	1,271	640	604	612	4,739
Commercial real estate	482	398	2,714	8,539	3,663
Residential real estate	779	1,126	3,153	8,381	7,482
Commercial and financial	726	398	60	346	0
Consumer	341	193	253	410	562
TOTAL CHARGE OFFS	3,599	2,755	6,784	18,288	16,446
Recoveries:					
Construction and land development	404	415	212	341	1,053
Commercial real estate	700	1,683	547	2,702	354
Residential real estate	1,260	902	449	738	513
Commercial and financial	531	170	326	129	301
Consumer	117	74	26	121	72
TOTAL RECOVERIES	3,012	3,244	1,560	4,031	2,293
Net loan charge offs (recoveries)	587	(489 )	5,224	14,257	14,153
ENDING BALANCE	\$19,128	\$17,071	\$20,068	\$22,104	\$25,565
Loans outstanding at end of year*	\$2,156,330	\$1,821,885	\$1,304,207	\$1,226,081	\$1,208,074
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to loans outstanding at end of year	0.89 %	0.94 %	1.54 %	1.80 %	2.12 %
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to loans outstanding (excluding purchased loans) at end of period	1.03 %	1.14 %	1.54 %	1.80 %	2.12 %
Daily average loans outstanding*	\$1,984,545	\$1,452,751	\$1,272,447	\$1,227,542	\$1,216,221
Ratio of net charge offs (recoveries) to average loans outstanding	(0.03 )%	(0.03 )%	0.41 %	1.16 %	1.16 %

\* Net of unearned income.

**Table 11 - Allowance for Loan Losses**

(Dollars in thousands)	December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>ALLOCATION BY LOAN TYPE</b>					
Construction and land development	\$1,151	\$765	\$808	\$1,134	\$1,883
Commercial real estate loans	6,756	4,531	6,160	8,849	11,477
Residential real estate loans	8,057	9,802	11,659	11,090	10,966
Commercial and financial loans	2,042	1,179	710	468	402
Consumer loans	1,122	794	731	563	837
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,128</b>	<b>\$17,071</b>	<b>\$20,068</b>	<b>\$22,104</b>	<b>\$25,565</b>
<b>YEAR END LOAN TYPES AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL LOANS</b>					
Construction and land development	5.0	% 4.8	% 5.2	% 5.0	% 4.1
Commercial real estate loans	46.8	46.0	39.9	39.7	42.1
Residential real estate loans	33.6	37.7	45.5	46.5	45.2
Commercial and financial loans	10.6	8.6	6.0	5.0	4.4
Consumer loans	4.0	2.9	3.4	3.8	4.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>% 100.0</b>	<b>% 100.0</b>	<b>% 100.0</b>	<b>% 100.0</b>

**Table 12 - Nonperforming Assets**

	December 31,					
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	
Nonaccrual loans (1) (2)	(Dollars in thousands)					
Construction and land development	\$309	\$1,963	\$1,302	\$1,342	\$2,227	
Commercial real estate loans	6,410	4,189	5,111	17,234	13,120	
Residential real estate loans	10,290	14,797	20,705	22,099	12,555	
Commercial and financial loans	130	0	13	0	16	
Consumer loans	247	191	541	280	608	
Total	17,386	21,140	27,672	40,955	28,526	
Other real estate owned						
Construction and land development	2,617	223	421	2,124	10,879	
Commercial real estate loans	3,959	5,771	5,138	6,305	7,517	
Residential real estate loans	463	1,468	1,301	3,458	2,550	
Total	7,039	7,462	6,860	11,887	20,946	
<b>TOTAL NONPERFORMING ASSETS</b>	<b>\$24,425</b>	<b>\$28,602</b>	<b>\$34,532</b>	<b>\$52,842</b>	<b>\$49,472</b>	
Amount of loans outstanding at end of year (2)	\$2,156,330	\$1,821,885	\$1,304,207	\$1,226,081	\$1,208,074	
Ratio of total nonperforming assets to loans outstanding and other real estate owned at end of period	1.13	% 1.56	% 2.63	% 4.27	% 4.03	%
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more	\$0	\$311	\$160	\$1	\$0	
Loans restructured and in compliance with modified terms (3)	19,970	24,997	25,137	41,946	71,611	

*Interest income that could have been recorded during 2015, 2014, and 2013 related to nonaccrual loans was (1) \$614,000, \$1,942,000, and \$964,000, respectively, none of which was included in interest income or net income.*

*All nonaccrual loans are secured.*

*(2) Net of unearned income.*

*Interest income that would have been recorded based on original contractual terms was \$1,211,000, \$1,496,000, (3) and \$1,618,000, respectively, for 2015, 2014 and 2013. The amount included in interest income under the modified terms for 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$836,000, \$1,276,000, and \$1,074,000, respectively.*

**Table 13 - Securities Available For Sale**

	December 31		Unrealized	Unrealized
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Gains	Losses
	(In thousands)			
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities				
2015	\$3,833	\$3,911	\$ 78	\$ 0
2014	3,876	3,899	23	0
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities				
2015	192,224	191,749	847	(1,322 )
2014	123,981	125,059	1,501	(423 )
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities				
2015	242,620	238,190	470	(4,900 )
2014	352,483	347,481	1,075	(6,077 )
Private mortgage-backed securities				
2015	32,558	31,792	0	(766 )
2014	29,967	30,258	291	0
Private collateralized mortgage obligations				
2015	77,965	77,957	700	(708 )
2014	85,175	85,135	688	(728 )
Collateralized loan obligations				
2015	124,477	122,583	0	(1,894 )
2014	127,397	125,225	0	(2,172 )
Obligations of state and political subdivisions				
2015	39,119	39,891	882	(110 )
2014	23,511	24,318	810	(3 )
Corporate and other debt securities				
2015	44,652	44,273	37	(416 )
2014	0	0	0	0
Private commercial mortgage backed securities				
2015	41,127	40,420	13	(720 )
2014	0	0	0	0
Total Securities Available For Sale				

2015	\$798,575	\$790,766	\$ 3,027	\$(10,836 )
2014	\$746,390	\$741,375	\$ 4,388	\$(9,403 )

**Table 14 - Securities Held For Investment (1)**

	December 31		Unrealized	Unrealized
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Gains	Losses
	(In thousands)			
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities				
2015	\$64,993	\$65,551	\$ 574	\$(16 )
2014	67,535	68,347	812	0
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities				
2015	89,265	89,440	581	(406 )
2014	114,541	114,956	695	(280 )
Collateralized loan obligations				
2015	41,300	39,940	0	(1,360 )
2014	25,828	25,485	0	(343 )
Private collateralized mortgage obligations				
2015	7,967	7,882	0	(85 )
2014	0	0	0	0
Total Securities Held For Investment				
2015	\$203,525	\$202,813	\$ 1,155	\$(1,867 )
2014	\$207,904	\$208,788	\$ 1,507	\$(623 )

(1) Management changed its intent to hold certain securities available for sale during the second quarter 2014 and those securities were transferred to securities held for investment to allow more flexibility in managing interest rate risk.

**Table 15 - Maturity Distribution of Securities Available For Sale**

	December 31, 2015					Average Maturity In Years				
	1 Year Or Less (Dollars in thousands)	1-5 Years	5-10 Years	After 10 Years	Total					
<b>AMORTIZED COST</b>										
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$225	\$3,608	\$0	\$0	\$3,833	2.82				
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	0	117,771	49,430	25,023	192,224	5.60				
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	9,597	188,072	44,647	304	242,620	4.04				
Private mortgage backed securities	0	0	17,902	14,655	32,558	9.20				
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	31,902	13,321	26,077	6,666	77,965	4.13				
Collateralized loan obligations	0	32,791	91,686	0	124,477	5.63				
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	0	8,286	18,201	12,632	39,119	9.36				
Corporate and other debt securities	6,500	27,345	9,808	1,000	44,652	4.12				
Private commercial mortgage backed securities	565	0	8,629	31,933	41,127	16.30				
<b>Total Securities Available For Sale</b>	<b>\$48,788</b>	<b>\$391,193</b>	<b>\$266,381</b>	<b>\$92,214</b>	<b>\$798,575</b>	<b>5.59</b>				
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>										
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$225	\$3,686	\$0	\$0	\$3,911					
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	0	117,609	49,275	24,865	191,749					
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	9,520	184,269	44,093	308	238,190					
Private mortgage backed securities	0	0	17,383	14,409	31,792					
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	31,695	13,384	26,181	6,697	77,957					
Collateralized loan obligations	0	32,292	90,291	0	122,583					
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	0	8,329	18,737	12,825	39,891					
Corporate and other debt securities	6,500	27,079	9,694	1,000	44,273					
Private commercial mortgage backed securities	562	0	8,574	31,284	40,420					
<b>Total Securities Available For Sale</b>	<b>\$48,502</b>	<b>\$386,647</b>	<b>\$264,228</b>	<b>\$91,389</b>	<b>\$790,766</b>					
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE YIELD (FTE)</b>										
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	0.30	%	2.94	%	0.00	%	0.00	%	2.78	%
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	0.00	%	2.24	%	2.34	%	2.76	%	2.33	%
	1.77	%	1.87	%	2.29	%	1.07	%	1.97	%

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Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities										
Private mortgage backed securities	0.00	%	0.00	%	1.99	%	1.44	%	1.74	%
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	2.06	%	2.24	%	2.24	%	2.24	%	2.17	%
Collateralized loan obligations	0.00	%	1.37	%	2.69	%	0.00	%	2.43	%
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	0.00	%	2.30	%	3.23	%	4.33	%	3.39	%
Corporate and other debt securities	2.01	%	2.39	%	3.26	%	4.13	%	2.57	%
Private commercial mortgage backed securities	1.47	%	0.00	%	2.27	%	4.84	%	4.26	%
Total Securities Available For Sale	1.98	%	2.00	%	2.49	%	3.46	%	2.33	%



**Table 16 - Maturity Distribution of Securities Held for Investment**

	December 31, 2015					Average
	1 Year Or Less	1-5 Years	5-10 Years	After 10 Years	Total	Maturity In Years
(Dollars in thousands)						
<b>AMORTIZED COST</b>						
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$0	\$35,085	\$29,908	\$0	\$64,993	4.57
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	0	55,515	33,750	0	89,265	4.37
Collateralized loan obligations	0	0	41,300	0	41,300	6.35
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	0	0	7,967	0	7,967	8.23
Total Securities Available For Sale	\$0	\$90,601	\$112,925	\$0	\$203,525	4.98
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>						
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$0	\$35,278	\$30,273	\$0	\$65,551	
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	0	55,517	33,923	0	89,440	
Collateralized loan obligations	0	0	39,940	0	39,940	
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	0	0	7,882	0	7,882	
Total Securities Available For Sale	\$0	\$90,795	\$112,018	\$0	\$202,813	
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE YIELD (FTE)</b>						
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	0.00%	2.50 %	2.04 %	0.00%	2.29 %	
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	0.00%	1.89 %	2.42 %	0.00%	2.09 %	
Collateralized loan obligations	0.00%	0.00 %	3.10 %	0.00%	3.10 %	
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	0.00%	0.00 %	1.48 %	0.00%	1.48 %	
Total Securities Available For Sale	0.00%	2.12 %	2.50 %	0.00%	2.33 %	

**Table 17 - Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis (1)**

	December 31, 2015				Total
	0-3 Months	4-12 Months	1-5 Years	Over 5 Years	
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Federal funds sold and interest bearing deposits	\$54,851	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,851
Securities (2)	357,507	106,523	288,067	250,003	1,002,100
Loans, net (3)	661,457	327,679	974,747	199,059	2,162,942
Earning assets	1,073,815	434,202	1,262,814	449,062	3,219,893
Savings deposits (4)	1,695,953	0	0	0	1,695,953
Time deposits	76,692	122,224	94,049	1,022	293,987
Borrowings	241,966	0	50,000	0	291,966
Interest bearing liabilities	2,014,611	122,224	144,049	1,022	2,281,906
Interest sensitivity gap	\$(940,796 )	\$311,978	\$1,118,765	\$448,040	\$937,987
Cumulative gap	\$(940,796 )	\$(628,818)	\$489,947	\$937,987	
Cumulative gap to total earning assets (%)	(29.2 )	(19.5 )	15.2	29.1	
Earning assets to interest bearing liabilities (%)	53.3	355.3	876.7	n/m	

(1) The repricing dates may differ from maturity dates for certain assets due to prepayment assumptions.

(2) Securities are stated at amortized cost.

(3) Excludes nonaccrual loans.

(4) This category is comprised of interest-bearing demand, savings and money market deposits. If interest-bearing demand and savings deposits (totaling \$1,030,600) were deemed repricable in "4-12 months", the interest sensitivity gap and cumulative gap would be \$89,804 or 2.8% of total earning assets and an earning assets to interest bearing liabilities for the 0-3 months category of 109.1%.

n/m = not meaningful

## Stock Performance Graph

The line graph below compares the cumulative total stockholder return on Seacoast common stock for the five years ended December 31, 2015 with the cumulative total return of the NASDAQ Composite Index and the SNL Southeast Bank Index for the same period. The graph and table assume that \$100 was invested on December 31, 2010 (the last day of trading for the year ended December 31, 2010) in each of Seacoast common stock, the NASDAQ Composite Index and the SNL Southeast Bank Index. The cumulative total return represents the change in stock price and the amount of dividends received over the period, assuming all dividends were reinvested.

Index	Period Ending					
	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida	100.00	104.11	110.27	167.12	188.36	205.21
NASDAQ Composite	100.00	99.21	116.82	163.75	188.03	201.40
SNL Southeast Bank	100.00	58.51	97.19	131.70	148.33	146.02

Source : SNL Financial LC, Charlottesville, VA

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## SELECTED QUARTERLY INFORMATION

## QUARTERLY CONSOLIDATED INCOME (LOSS) STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

	2015 Quarters				2014 Quarters			
	Fourth	Third	Second	First	Fourth	Third	Second	First
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)							
Net interest income:								
Interest income	\$30,915	\$30,823	\$27,361	\$27,318	\$26,272	\$18,491	\$17,987	\$17,512
Interest expense	1,815	1,812	1,695	1,608	1,539	1,263	1,262	1,291
Net interest income	29,100	29,011	25,666	25,710	24,733	17,228	16,725	16,221
Provision (recapture) for loan losses	369	987	855	433	118	(1,425)	(1,444)	(735)
Net interest income after provision (recapture) for loan losses	28,731	28,024	24,811	25,277	24,615	18,653	18,169	16,956
Noninterest income:								
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,229	2,217	2,115	2,002	2,208	1,753	1,484	1,507
Trust fees	791	781	759	801	795	817	703	671
Mortgage banking fees	955	1,177	1,032	1,088	716	825	855	661
Brokerage commissions and fees	511	604	576	441	417	408	410	379
Marine finance fees	205	258	492	197	445	281	340	254
Interchange income	1,989	1,925	2,033	1,737	1,603	1,452	1,514	1,403
Other deposit based EFT fees	99	88	96	114	92	70	83	98
BOLI Income	396	366	334	330	252	0	0	0
Gain on participated loan	0	0	725	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	607	666	684	598	613	543	507	585
Securities gains, net	1	160	0	0	108	344	0	17
Bargain purchase gain, net	416	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total noninterest income	8,199	8,242	8,846	7,308	7,249	6,493	5,896	5,575
Noninterest expenses:								
Salaries and wages	11,135	11,850	9,301	8,789	11,676	8,064	7,768	7,624
Employee benefits	2,178	2,430	2,541	2,415	2,461	2,049	2,081	2,182
Outsourced data processing costs	2,455	3,277	2,234	2,184	3,506	1,769	1,811	1,695
Telephone / data lines	412	446	443	496	419	313	306	293
Occupancy	2,314	2,396	2,011	2,023	2,325	1,879	1,888	1,838
Furniture and equipment	1,000	883	819	732	732	628	604	571
Marketing	1,128	1,099	1,226	975	1,163	925	675	813
Legal and professional fees	2,580	2,189	1,590	1,663	2,555	1,103	2,272	941
FDIC assessments	551	552	520	589	476	387	411	386
Amortization of intangibles	397	397	315	315	446	195	196	196
Asset dispositions expense	79	77	173	143	103	139	118	128
Branch closures and new branding	0	0	0	0	4,958	0	0	0
Net (gain)/loss on other real estate owned and repossessed assets	(157)	262	53	81	9	156	92	53

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Other	3,097	3,269	3,062	2,781	3,182	2,282	2,461	2,063
Total noninterest expenses	27,169	29,127	24,288	23,186	34,011	19,889	20,683	18,783
Income (loss) before income taxes	9,761	7,139	9,369	9,399	(2,147 )	5,257	3,382	3,748
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	3,725	2,698	3,564	3,540	(630 )	2,261	1,464	1,449
Net income (loss)	\$6,036	\$4,441	\$5,805	\$5,859	\$(1,517 )	\$2,996	\$1,918	\$2,299

PER COMMON SHARE DATA

Net income (loss) diluted	\$0.18	\$0.13	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$(0.05 )	\$0.12	\$0.07	\$0.09
Net income (loss) basic	0.18	0.13	0.18	0.18	(0.05 )	0.12	0.07	0.09
Cash dividends declared:								
Common stock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Market price common stock:								
Low close	14.10	14.11	13.81	12.02	10.80	10.03	10.00	10.55
High close	16.95	16.26	16.09	14.46	14.24	11.27	11.28	12.51
Bid price at end of period	14.98	14.68	15.80	14.27	13.75	10.93	10.87	11.00

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>FOR THE YEAR</b>					
Net interest income	\$ 109,487	\$ 74,907	\$ 65,206	\$ 64,809	\$ 66,839
Provision (recapture) for loan losses	2,644	(3,486 )	3,188	10,796	1,974
Noninterest income:					
Other	32,018	24,744	24,319	21,444	18,345
Loss on sale of commercial loan	0	0	0	(1,238 )	0
Securities gains, net	161	469	419	7,619	1,220
Bargain purchase gains, net	416	0	0	0	0
Noninterest expenses	103,770	93,366	75,152	82,548	77,763
Income (loss) before income taxes	35,668	10,240	11,604	(710 )	6,667
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	13,527	4,544	(40,385 )	0	0
Net income (loss)	22,141	5,696	51,989	(710 )	6,667
<b>Per Share Data</b>					
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders:					
Diluted	0.66	0.21	2.44	(0.24 )	0.16
Basic	0.66	0.21	2.46	(0.24 )	0.16
Cash dividends declared	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book value per share common	10.29	9.44	8.40	6.16	6.46
Dividends to net income	0.0	% 0.0	% 0.0	% 0.0	% 0.0

## AT YEAR END

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Assets	\$3,534,780	\$3,093,335	\$2,268,940	\$2,173,929	\$2,137,375					
Securities	994,291	949,279	641,611	656,868	668,339					
Net loans	2,137,202	1,804,814	1,284,139	1,203,977	1,182,509					
Deposits	2,844,387	2,416,534	1,806,045	1,758,961	1,718,741					
Shareholders' equity	353,453	312,651	198,604	165,546	170,077					
Performance ratios:										
Return on average assets	0.67	%	0.23	%	2.38	%	(0.03	)%	0.32	%
Return on average equity	6.56		2.22		28.36		(0.43	)	4.03	
Net interest margin <sup>1</sup>	3.64		3.25		3.15		3.22		3.42	
Average equity to average assets	10.21		10.34		8.38		7.81		8.01	

*1. On a fully taxable equivalent basis*

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Board of Directors and Shareholders

Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida

Stuart, Florida

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income (loss), cash flows, and shareholders' equity for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2015. We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in the 2013 Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's report on internal control over financial reporting contained in Item 9A. of the accompanying Form 10-K. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of the consolidated financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance



with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of authorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

As permitted, the Company has excluded the operations of Grand Bankshares, Inc. acquired during 2015, which is described in Note T of the consolidated financial statements, from the scope of management's report on internal control over financial reporting. As such, it has also been excluded from the scope of our audit of internal control over financial reporting.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in the 2013 Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

/s/ Crowe Horwath LLP

Crowe Horwath LLP

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

March 14, 2016

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, cash flows, and shareholders' equity of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2013. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

March 17, 2014  
Miami, Florida  
Certified Public Accountants

## SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For the Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	(Dollars in thousands, except share data)		
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>			
Interest on securities			
Taxable	\$20,341	\$15,448	\$12,856
Nontaxable	585	211	68
Interest and fees on loans	94,469	63,586	56,971
Interest on federal funds sold and interest bearing deposits	1,022	1,017	868
Total interest income	116,417	80,262	70,763
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>			
Interest on savings deposits	2,085	864	782
Interest on time certificates	1,228	1,538	1,947
Interest on short term borrowings	375	297	286
Interest on subordinated debt	1,634	1,053	934
Interest on other borrowings	1,608	1,603	1,608
Total interest expense	6,930	5,355	5,557
NET INTEREST INCOME	109,487	74,907	65,206
Provision (recapture) for loan losses	2,644	(3,486)	) 3,188
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION (RECAPTURE) FOR LOAN LOSSES	106,843	78,393	62,018
<b>NONINTEREST INCOME (Note M)</b>			
Bargain purchase gain	416	0	0
Securities gains, net (includes net gains (losses) of \$(325), \$(110), and \$149 in other comprehensive income reclassifications for 2015, 2014, and 2013 respectively)	161	469	419
Other	32,018	24,744	24,319
Total noninterest income	32,595	25,213	24,738
NONINTEREST EXPENSE (Note M)	103,770	93,366	75,152
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	35,668	10,240	11,604
Income taxes (benefit)	13,527	4,544	(40,385)
NET INCOME	22,141	5,696	51,989
Preferred stock dividends and accretion on preferred stock discount	0	0	4,073
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$22,141	\$5,696	\$47,916
<b>SHARE DATA</b>			
Net income per share of common stock			
Diluted	\$0.66	\$0.21	\$2.44
Basic	0.66	0.21	2.46

Average common shares outstanding			
Diluted	33,744,171	27,716,895	19,650,005
Basic	33,495,827	27,538,955	19,449,560

*See notes to consolidated financial statements.*

**SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	For the Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	(Dollars in thousands)		
NET INCOME	\$ 22,141	\$ 5,696	\$ 51,989
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale	(2,042 )	12,302	(22,532 )
Unrealized gains (losses) on transfer of securities available for sale (AFS) to held for investment (HTM) and securities HTM to securities AFS	0	(3,137 )	724
Amortization of unrealized losses on securities transferred to held for investment, net	(539 )	(290 )	0
Reclassification adjustment for (gains) and losses included in net income	325	110	(149 )
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(870 )	3,468	(8,475 )
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,386 )	5,517	(13,482 )
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 20,755	\$ 11,213	\$ 38,507

## SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31	
	2015	2014
	(Dollars in thousands, except share data)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 81,216	\$ 64,411
Interest bearing deposits with other banks	54,851	36,128
Total cash and cash equivalents	136,067	100,539
Securities available for sale (at fair value)	790,766	741,375
Securities held for investment (fair value \$202,813 in 2015 and \$208,787 in 2014)	203,525	207,904
Total securities	994,291	949,279
Loans held for sale	23,998	12,078
Loans	2,156,330	1,821,885
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(19,128 )	(17,071 )
Net loans	2,137,202	1,804,814
Bank premises and equipment, net	54,579	45,086
Other real estate owned	7,039	7,462
Goodwill	25,211	25,309
Other intangible assets	8,594	7,454
Banked owned life insurance	43,579	35,679
Net deferred tax assets	60,274	66,800
Other assets	43,946	38,835
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 3,534,780</b>	<b>\$ 3,093,335</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Noninterest demand	\$ 854,447	\$ 725,238
Interest-bearing demand	734,749	652,353
Savings	295,851	264,738
Money market	665,353	450,172
Other time deposits	153,318	173,247
Brokered time certificates	9,403	7,034
Time certificates of \$100,000 or more	131,266	143,752
Total deposits	2,844,387	2,416,534
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase, maturing within 30 days	172,005	233,640
Borrowed funds	50,000	50,000
Subordinated debt	69,961	64,583
Other liabilities	44,974	15,927
	3,181,327	2,780,684

## Commitments and Contingencies (Notes K and P)

## SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Common stock, par value \$0.10 per share authorized 60,000,000 shares, issued 34,356,892 and outstanding 34,351,409 shares in 2015 and authorized 60,000,000 shares, issued 33,143,202 and outstanding 33,136,592 shares in 2014	3,435	3,300
Additional paid-in capital	399,162	379,249
Accumulated deficit	(42,858 )	(65,000 )
Less: Treasury stock (5,484 shares in 2015 and 6,610 shares in 2014), at cost	(73 )	(71 )
	359,666	317,478
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss), net	(6,213 )	(4,827 )
	353,453	312,651
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 3,534,780</b>	<b>\$ 3,093,335</b>

*See notes to consolidated financial statements.*



## SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest received	\$ 110,712	\$ 78,564	\$ 73,849
Fees and commissions received	32,072	24,689	24,168
Interest paid	(8,086 )	(4,508 )	(5,584 )
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(96,728 )	(81,268 )	(65,405 )
Income taxes paid	(575 )	(239 )	(157 )
Origination of loans designated held for sale	(206,199)	(188,952)	(208,998)
Sale of loans designated held for sale	194,279	190,706	231,187
Net change in other assets	(2,486 )	2,954	792
Net cash provided by operating activities	22,989	21,946	49,852
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Maturities of securities available for sale	118,493	92,499	155,627
Maturities of securities held for investment	28,629	16,138	0
Proceeds from sale of securities available for sale	60,314	21,527	67,330
Purchases of securities available for sale	(159,616)	(280,137)	(230,118)
Purchases of securities held for investment	(24,366 )	(65,340 )	0
Net new loans and principal payments	(217,871)	(154,772)	(88,039 )
Proceeds from sale of loans	525	0	379
Proceeds from the sale of other real estate owned	5,758	4,066	8,843
Proceeds from sale of Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve Bank Stock	7,427	2,423	943
Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve Bank Stock	(7,510 )	(6,425 )	(1,303 )
Purchase of bank owned life insurance	0	(30,000 )	0
Net cash from bank acquisition	32,927	110,996	0
Additions to bank premises and equipment	(9,091 )	(6,083 )	(2,817 )
Net cash (used) by investing activities	(164,381)	(295,108)	(89,155 )
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net increase in deposits	240,086	93,446	47,085
Net increase (decrease) in federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	(63,293 )	63,852	14,507
Increase in borrowings and subordinated debt	0	0	0
Issuance of common stock, net of related expense	0	24,637	46,977
Stock based employee benefit plans	127	142	190
Redemption of preferred stock	0	0	(50,000 )
Dividends paid on preferred shares	0	0	(2,819 )
Net cash provided by financing activities	176,920	182,077	55,940
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	35,528	(91,085 )	16,637

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	100,539	191,624	174,987
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$136,067	\$100,539	\$191,624

*See notes to consolidated financial statements.*

## SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Common Stock		Preferred Stock		Paid-in	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total
(Dollars and shares in thousands)	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Capital	(Accumulated Deficit)	(Loss), Net		
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2012	18,967	\$1,897	2	\$48,746	\$230,438	\$(118,611)	\$(62)	\$3,138	\$165,546
Comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	0	51,989	0	(13,482)	38,507
Cash dividends on preferred shares	0	0	0	0	0	(2,819 )	0	0	(2,819 )
Stock based compensation expense	0	0	0	0	246	0	0	0	246
Common stock issued for stock based employee benefit plans	19	2	0	0	95	0	51	0	148
Issuance of common stock, net of related expense	4,652	465	0	0	46,511	0	0	0	46,976
Redemption of preferred stock	0	0	(2)	(50,000)	0	0	0	0	(50,000 )
Accretion on preferred stock discount	0	0	0	1,254	0	(1,254 )	0	0	0
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2013	23,638	2,364	0	0	277,290	(70,695 )	(11)	(10,344)	198,604
Comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	0	5,696	0	5,517	11,213
Stock based compensation expense	0	0	0	0	1,299	0	0	0	1,299
Common stock issued for stock based employee benefit plans	147	1	0	0	171	0	(60)	0	112
Issuance of common stock, net of related expense	2,326	233	0	0	24,404	0	0	0	24,637
Issuance of common stock, pursuant to acquisition	7,026	702	0	0	76,085	0	0	0	76,787
Other	0	0	0	0	0	(1 )	0	0	0
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2014	33,137	3,300	0	0	379,249	(65,000 )	(71)	(4,827 )	312,651
Comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	0	22,141	0	(1,386 )	20,755
Stock based compensation expense	0	0	0	0	2,859	0	0	0	2,859
Common stock issued for stock based employee benefit plans	124	0	0	0	17	0	(2 )	0	15
	1,090	109	0	0	17,063	0	0	0	17,172

Issuance of common stock,  
pursuant to acquisition

Other	0	26	0	0	(26	)	1	0	0	1	
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2015	34,351	\$3,435	0	\$0	\$399,162	\$(42,858	)	\$(73)	\$(6,213	)	\$353,453

*See notes to consolidated financial statements.*

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida and Subsidiaries

Note A

#### **Significant Accounting Policies**

*General:* Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida (“Company”) is a single segment bank holding company with one operating subsidiary bank, Seacoast National Bank (“Seacoast National”, together the “Company”). Seacoast National’s service area includes Okeechobee, Highlands, Hendry, Glades, DeSoto, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Brevard, Indian River, Broward, Orange, Lake, Volusia and Seminole counties, which are located in central and southeast Florida. The bank operates full service branches within its markets, and during 2015 acquired 3 branches eliminating and closing one as part of the Grand acquisition, and during 2014 acquired 12 additional branches as part of the BANKshares acquisition.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Seacoast and all its majority-owned subsidiaries but exclude trusts created for the issuance of trust preferred securities. In consolidation, all significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Company are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and they conform to general practices within the applicable industries.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents:* Cash and cash equivalents include cash and due from banks, interest-bearing bank balances and federal funds sold and securities purchased under resale agreements. Cash and cash equivalents have original maturities of three months or less, and accordingly, the carrying amount of these instruments is deemed to be a reasonable estimate of fair value.

*Securities Purchased and Sold Agreements:* Securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements are generally accounted for as collateralized financing transactions and are recorded at the amount at which the securities were acquired or sold plus accrued interest. It is the Company’s policy to take possession of securities purchased under resale agreements, which are primarily U.S. Government and Government agency securities. The fair value of securities purchased and sold is monitored and collateral is obtained from or returned to the counterparty when appropriate.

*Use of Estimates:* The preparation of these financial statements requires the use of certain estimates by management in determining the Company's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and contingent liabilities. Specific areas, among others, requiring the application of management's estimates include determination of the allowance for loan losses, the valuation of investment securities available for sale, fair value of impaired loans, contingent liabilities, other real estate owned, and valuation of deferred tax valuation allowance. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Securities:* Securities are classified at date of purchase as trading, available for sale or held to maturity. Securities that may be sold as part of the Company's asset/liability management or in response to, or in anticipation of changes in interest rates and resulting prepayment risk, or for other factors are stated at fair value with unrealized gains or losses reflected as a component of shareholders' equity net of tax or included in noninterest income as appropriate. The estimated fair value of a security is determined based on market quotations when available or, if not available, by using quoted market prices for similar securities, pricing models or discounted cash flow analyses, using observable market data where available. Debt securities that the Company has the ability and intent to hold to maturity are carried at amortized cost.

Realized gains and losses, including other than temporary impairments, are included in noninterest income as investment securities gains (losses). Interest and dividends on securities, including amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, is recognized in interest income on an accrual basis using the interest method. The Company anticipates prepayments of principal in the calculation of the effective yield for collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage backed securities by obtaining estimates of prepayments from independent third parties. The adjusted cost of each specific security sold is used to compute realized gains or losses on the sale of securities on a trade date basis.

On a quarterly basis, the Company makes an assessment to determine whether there have been any events or economic circumstances to indicate that a security is impaired on an other-than-temporary basis. Management considers many factors including the length of time the security has had a fair value less than the cost basis; our intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient for a recovery in value; recent events specific to the issuer or industry; and for debt securities, external credit ratings and recent downgrades. Securities on which there is an unrealized loss that is deemed to be other-than temporary are written down to fair value with the write-down recorded as a realized loss.

For securities which are transferred into held to maturity from available for sale the unrealized gain or loss at the date of transfer is reported as a component of shareholders' equity and is amortized over the remaining life as an adjustment of yield using the interest method.

Seacoast National is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank system. Members are required to own a certain amount of stock based on the level of borrowings and other factors, and may invest in additional amounts. FHLB stock is carried at cost, classified as a restricted security, and periodically evaluated for impairment based on ultimate recovery of par value. Both cash and stock dividends are reported as income.

*Loans:* Loans are recognized at the principal amount outstanding, net of unearned income, purchased discounts and amounts charged off. Unearned income includes discounts, premiums and deferred loan origination fees reduced by loan origination costs. Unearned income on loans is amortized to interest income over the life of the related loan using the effective interest rate method. Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis.

Fees received for providing loan commitments and letters of credit that may result in loans are typically deferred and amortized to interest income over the life of the related loan, beginning with the initial borrowing. Fees on commitments and letters of credit are amortized to noninterest income as banking fees and commissions on a straight-line basis over the commitment period when funding is not expected.

Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff are considered held for investment.

The Company accounts for loans in accordance with ASC topics 310 and 470, when due to a deterioration in a borrower's financial position, the Company grants concessions that would not otherwise be considered. Troubled debt restructured (TDR) loans are tested for impairment and placed in nonaccrual status. If borrowers perform pursuant to the modified loan terms for at least six months and the remaining loan balances are considered collectible, the loans are returned to accrual status. When the Company modifies the terms of an existing loan that is not considered a troubled debt restructuring, the Company follows the provisions of ASC 310 "Creditor's Accounting for a Modification or Exchange of Debt Instruments."

A loan is considered to be impaired when based on current information; it is probable the Company will not receive all amounts due in accordance with the contractual terms of a loan agreement. The fair value is measured based on either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. A loan is also considered impaired if its terms are modified in a troubled debt restructuring. When the ultimate collectibility of the principal balance of an impaired loan is in doubt, all cash receipts are applied to principal. Once the recorded principal balance has been reduced to zero, future cash receipts are applied to interest income, to the extent any interest has been forgone, and then they are recorded as recoveries of any amounts previously charged off.

The accrual of interest is generally discontinued on loans and leases, except consumer loans, that become 90 days past due as to principal or interest unless collection of both principal and interest is assured by way of collateralization, guarantees or other security. Generally, loans past due 90 days or more are placed on nonaccrual status regardless of security. When interest accruals are discontinued, unpaid interest is reversed against interest income. Consumer loans that become 120 days past due are generally charged off. When borrowers demonstrate over an extended period the ability to repay a loan in accordance with the contractual terms of a loan classified as nonaccrual, the loan is returned to accrual status. Interest income on nonaccrual loans is either recorded using the cash basis method of accounting or recognized after the principal has been reduced to zero, depending on the type of loan.

*Purchased loans:* As a part of business acquisitions, the Company acquires loans, some of which have shown evidence of credit deterioration since origination and others without specifically identified credit deficiency factors. These acquired loans were recorded at the acquisition date fair value, and after acquisition, any losses are recognized through the allowance for loan losses. Accordingly, the associated allowance for credit losses related to these loans is not carried over at the acquisition date.

These loans fall into two groups: purchased credit-impaired (“PCI”) and purchased unimpaired loans (“PUL”). The Company estimates the amount and timing of expected cash flows for each PUL and the expected cash flows in excess of the amount paid is recorded as interest income over the remaining life of the loan. The PUL’s were evaluated to determine estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. Based on management’s estimate of fair value, each PUL was assigned a discount credit mark.

For PCI loans the Company updates the amount of loan principal and interest cash flows expected to be collected, incorporating assumptions regarding default rates, loss severities, the amounts and timing of prepayments and other factors that are reflective of current market conditions on a quarterly basis. Probable decreases in expected loan principal cash flows trigger the recognition of impairment, which is then measured as the present value of the expected principal loss plus any related foregone interest cash flows discounted at the loan’s effective interest rate. Impairments that occur after the acquisition date are recognized through the provision for loan losses. Probable and significant increases in expected principal cash flows would first reverse any previously recorded allowance for loan losses; any remaining increases are recognized prospectively as interest income. The impacts of (i) prepayments, (ii) changes in variable interest rates, and (iii) any other changes in the timing of expected cash flows are recognized prospectively as adjustments to interest income. Disposals of loans, which may include sales of loans, receipt of payments in full by the borrower, or foreclosure, result in removal of the loan from the purchased credit impaired portfolio. In contrast, PUL’s are evaluated using the same procedures as used for the Company’s non-purchased loan portfolio.



*Derivatives Used for Risk Management:* The Company may designate a derivative as either a hedge of the fair value of a recognized fixed rate asset or liability or an unrecognized firm commitment (“fair value” hedge), a hedge of a forecasted transaction or of the variability of future cash flows of a floating rate asset or liability (“cash flow” hedge). All derivatives are recorded as other assets or other liabilities on the balance sheet at their respective fair values with unrealized gains and losses recorded either in other comprehensive income or in the results of operations, depending on the purpose for which the derivative is held. Derivatives that do not meet the criteria for designation as a hedge at inception, or fail to meet the criteria thereafter, are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recorded in the results of operations.

To the extent of the effectiveness of a cash flow hedge, changes in the fair value of a derivative that is designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge are recorded in other comprehensive income. The net periodic interest settlement on derivatives is treated as an adjustment to the interest income or interest expense of the hedged assets or liabilities.

At inception of a hedge transaction, the Company formally documents the hedge relationship and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. This process includes identification of the hedging instrument, hedged item, risk being hedged and the methodology for measuring ineffectiveness. In addition, the Company assesses both at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing quarterly basis, whether the derivative used in the hedging transaction has been highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows of the hedged item, and whether the derivative as a hedging instrument is no longer appropriate.

The Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively when either it is determined that the derivative is no longer highly effective in offsetting changes in the fair value or cash flows of a hedged item; the derivative expires or is sold, terminated or exercised; the derivative is de-designated because it is unlikely that a forecasted transaction will occur; or management determines that designation of the derivative as a hedging instrument is no longer appropriate.

When a fair value hedge is discontinued, the hedged asset or liability is no longer adjusted for changes in fair value and the existing basis adjustment is amortized or accreted as an adjustment to yield over the remaining life of the asset or liability. When a cash flow hedge is discontinued but the hedged cash flows or forecasted transaction are still expected to occur, unrealized gains and losses that are accumulated in other comprehensive income are included in the results of operations in the same period when the results of operations are also affected by the hedged cash flow. They are recognized in the results of operations immediately if the cash flow hedge was discontinued because a forecasted transaction is not expected to occur.

Certain commitments to sell loans are derivatives. These commitments are recorded as a freestanding derivative and classified as an other asset or liability.

*Loans Held for Sale:* Loans are classified as held for sale based on management's intent to sell the loans, either as part of a core business strategy or related to a risk mitigation strategy. Loans held for sale and any related unfunded lending commitments are recorded at fair value, if elected or the lower of cost (which is the carrying amount net of deferred fees and costs and applicable allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments) or fair market value less costs to sell. Adjustments to reflect unrealized gains and losses resulting from changes in fair value and realized gains and losses upon ultimate sale of the loans are classified as noninterest income in the Consolidated Statements of Income. At the time of the transfer to loans held for sale, if the fair market value is less than cost, the difference is recorded as additional provision for credit losses in the results of operations. Fair market value is determined based on quoted market prices for the same or similar loans, outstanding investor commitments or discounted cash flow analyses using market assumptions.

Fair market value for substantially all the loans in loans held for sale were obtained by reference to prices for the same or similar loans from recent transactions. For a relationship that includes an unfunded lending commitment, the cost basis is the outstanding balance of the loan net of the allowance for loan losses and net of any reserve for unfunded lending commitments. This cost basis is compared to the fair market value of the entire relationship including the unfunded lending commitment.

Individual loans or pools of loans are transferred from the loan portfolio to loans held for sale when the intent to hold the loans has changed and there is a plan to sell the loans within a reasonable period of time. Loans held for sale are reviewed quarterly. Subsequent declines or recoveries of previous declines in the fair market value of loans held for sale are recorded in other fee income in the results of operations. Fair market value changes occur due to changes in interest rates, the borrower's credit, the secondary loan market and the market for a borrower's debt. If an unfunded lending commitment expires before a sale occurs, the reserve associated with the unfunded lending commitment is recognized as a credit to other fee income in the results of operations.

*Fair Value Measurements:* The Company measures or monitors many of its assets and liabilities on a fair value basis. Certain assets and liabilities are measured on a recurring basis. Examples of these include derivative instruments, available for sale and trading securities, loans held for sale, impaired loans, OREO, and long-term debt. Additionally, fair value is used on a non-recurring basis to evaluate assets or liabilities for impairment or for disclosure purposes. Examples of these non-recurring uses of fair value include certain loans held for sale accounted for on a lower of cost or fair value, mortgage servicing rights, goodwill, and long-lived assets. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Depending on the nature of the asset or liability, the Company uses various valuation techniques and assumptions when estimating fair value.

The Company applied the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Assets or liabilities for which the identical item is traded on an active exchange, such as publicly-traded instruments or futures contracts.

Level 2 – Assets and liabilities valued based on observable market data for similar instruments.

Level 3 – Assets and liabilities for which significant valuation assumptions are not readily observable in the market; instruments valued based on the best available data, some of which is internally-developed, and considers risk premiums that a market participant would require.

When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required or permitted to be recorded at and/or marked to fair value, the Company considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability. When possible, the Company looks to active and observable markets to price identical assets or liabilities. When identical assets and liabilities are not traded in active markets, the Company looks to market observable data for similar assets and liabilities. Nevertheless, certain assets and liabilities are not actively traded in observable markets and the Company

must use alternative valuation techniques to derive a fair value measurement.

*Other Real Estate Owned:* Other real estate owned (“OREO”) consists primarily of real estate acquired in lieu of unpaid loan balances. These assets are carried at an amount equal to the loan balance prior to foreclosure plus costs incurred for improvements to the property, but no more than the estimated fair value of the property less estimated selling costs. Any valuation adjustments required at the date of transfer are charged to the allowance for loan losses. Subsequently, unrealized losses and realized gains and losses are included in other noninterest expense. Operating results from OREO are recorded in other noninterest expense.

OREO may include bank premises no longer utilized in the course of our business (closed branches) that are initially recorded at carrying value or fair value (whichever is lower), less costs to sell. If fair value of the premises is less than amortized book value, a write down is recorded through noninterest expense. Costs to operate closed facilities are expensed.

*Bank Premises and Equipment:* Bank premises and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Premises and equipment include certain costs associated with the acquisition of leasehold improvements. Depreciation and amortization are recognized principally by the straight-line method, over the estimated useful lives as follows: buildings - 25-40 years, leasehold improvements - 5-25 years, furniture and equipment - 3-12 years. Leasehold improvements typically amortize over the shorter of lease terms or estimated useful life. Premises and equipment and other long-term assets are reviewed for impairment when events indicate their carrying amount may not be recoverable from future undiscounted cash flows. If impaired, the assets are recorded at fair value.

*Intangible Assets:* Mergers and acquisitions are accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting, which requires that acquired assets and liabilities are recorded at their fair values. This often involves estimates based on third party valuations or internal valuations based on discounted cash flow analyses or other valuation techniques, all of which are inherently subjective. Goodwill can be adjusted for up to one year from the acquisition date as provisional amounts recognized at the acquisition date are updated when new information is obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected amounts initially recognized or would have resulted in the recognition of additional assets or liabilities. The Company adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-16 under ASC Topic 850 during the fourth quarter of 2015, which simplifies the accounting for adjustments made to provisional amounts recognized in a business combination, eliminating the requirements to retrospectively account for these adjustments. See Note T – Business Combinations for related disclosures. The amortization of identified intangible assets is based upon the estimated economic benefits to be received, which is also subjective.

Goodwill resulting from business combinations is generally determined as the excess of the fair value of the consideration transferred, plus the fair value of any noncontrolling interests in the acquiree, over the fair value of the net assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the acquisition date. Goodwill and intangible assets acquired in a purchase business combination and determined to have an indefinite useful life are not amortized, but tested for impairment at least annually. The Company has selected October 31 as the date to perform the annual impairment test.

Intangible assets with definite useful lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives to their estimated residual values. Goodwill is the only intangible asset with an indefinite life on the Company's balance sheet.

The core deposit intangibles are intangible assets arising from either whole bank acquisitions or branch acquisitions. They are initially measured at fair value and then amortized over a ten-year period on a straight line basis. The Company periodically evaluates whether events and circumstances have occurred that may affect the estimated useful lives or the recoverability of the remaining balance of the intangible assets.

*Bank owned life insurance (BOLI):* The Company, through its subsidiary bank, has purchased life insurance policies on certain key executives. Bank owned life insurance is recorded at the amount that can be realized under the insurance contract at the balance sheet date, which is the cash surrender value adjusted for other charges or other amounts due that are probable at settlement.

*Revenue Recognition:* Revenue is recognized when the earnings process is complete and collectibility is assured. Brokerage fees and commissions are recognized on a trade date basis. Asset management fees, measured by assets at a particular date, are accrued as earned. Commission expenses are recorded when the related revenue is recognized.

*Allowance for Loan Losses and Reserve for Unfunded Lending Commitments:* The Company has developed policies and procedures for assessing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments that reflect the evaluation of credit risk after careful consideration of all available information. Where appropriate this assessment includes monitoring qualitative and quantitative trends including changes in levels of past due, criticized and nonperforming loans. In developing this assessment, the Company must necessarily rely on estimates and exercise judgment regarding matters where the ultimate outcome is unknown such as economic factors, developments affecting companies in specific industries and issues with respect to single borrowers. Depending on changes in circumstances, future assessments of credit risk may yield materially different results, which may result in an increase or a decrease in the allowance for loan losses.

The allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments is maintained at a level the Company believes is adequate to absorb probable losses incurred in the loan portfolio and unfunded lending commitments as of the date of the consolidated financial statements. The Company employs a variety of modeling and estimation tools in developing the appropriate allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments. The allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments consists of formula-based components for both commercial and consumer loans, allowance for impaired commercial loans and allowance related to additional factors that are believed indicative of current trends and business cycle issues.

If necessary, a specific allowance is established for individually evaluated impaired loans. The specific allowance established for these loans is based on a thorough analysis of the most probable source of repayment, including the present value of the loan's expected future cash flows, the loan's estimated market value, or the estimated fair value of the underlying collateral depending on the most likely source of repayment. General allowances are established for loans grouped into pools based on similar characteristics. In this process, general allowance factors are based on an analysis of historical charge-off experience, portfolio trends, regional and national economic conditions, and expected loss given default derived from the Company's internal risk rating process.

The Company monitors qualitative and quantitative trends in the loan portfolio, including changes in the levels of past due, criticized and nonperforming loans. The distribution of the allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded

lending commitments between the various components does not diminish the fact that the entire allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments is available to absorb credit losses in the loan portfolio. The principal focus is, therefore, on the adequacy of the total allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments.

In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Company's bank subsidiary's allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments. These agencies may require such subsidiaries to recognize changes to the allowance for loan losses and reserve for unfunded lending commitments based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

*Income Taxes:* The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and their related tax bases and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that are in effect. A valuation allowance is recognized for a deferred tax asset if, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in rates is recognized as income or expense in the period in which the change occurs. See Note L, Income Taxes for related disclosures.

*Earnings per Share:* Basic earnings per share are computed by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted earnings per share are based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during each period, plus common share equivalents calculated for stock options and performance restricted stock outstanding using the treasury stock method.

*Stock-Based Compensation:* The stock option plans are accounted for under ASC Topic 718 and the fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with market assumptions. This amount is amortized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, generally five years. See Note J, Employee Benefit and Stock Compensation for related disclosures.

For restricted stock awards, which generally vest based on continued service with the Company, the deferred compensation is measured as the fair value of the shares on the date of grant, and the deferred compensation is amortized as salaries and employee benefits in accordance with the applicable vesting schedule, generally straight-line over five years. Some shares vest based upon the Company achieving certain performance goals and salary amortization expense is based on an estimate of the most likely results on a straight line basis.

Note B

**Recently Issued Accounting Standards, Not Adopted at December 31, 2015**

The following provides a brief description of accounting standards that have been issued, but are not yet adopted that could have a material effect on the Company's financial statements:

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09. The ASU is a converged standard between the FASB and the IASB that provides a single comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers across transactions and industries. The primary objective of the ASU is revenue recognition that represents the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU is effective on January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted January 1, 2017. The Company is currently assessing the impact of adoption of ASU 2014-09.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01. The ASU addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of financial instruments. The update requires: a) equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting) to be measured at fair value and recognized in net income, b) simplifies impairment assessments of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment, and if impaired requires measurement of the investment at fair value, c) eliminates the requirement to disclose the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value d) requires entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes, e) requires an entity to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk when the entity has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments, f) requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (that is, securities or loans and receivables) on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements, g) clarifies that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale securities in combination with the entity's other deferred tax assets. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and must be adopted on a modified retrospective basis, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's operating results or financial condition.



Note C

Cash, Dividend and Loan Restrictions

In the normal course of business, the Company and Seacoast National enter into agreements, or are subject to regulatory agreements that result in cash, debt and dividend restrictions. A summary of the most restrictive items follows:

Seacoast National may be required to maintain average reserve balances with the Federal Reserve Bank; no reserve balances were necessary for 2015.

Under Federal Reserve regulation, Seacoast National is limited as to the amount it may loan to its affiliates, including the Company, unless such loans are collateralized by specified obligations. At December 31, 2015, the maximum amount available for transfer from Seacoast National to the Company in the form of loans approximated \$43.8 million.

The approval of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”) is required if the total of all dividends declared by a national bank in any calendar year exceeds the bank's profits, as defined, for that year combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two calendar years. Under this restriction Seacoast National can distribute dividends of approximately \$81.4 million to the Company as of December 31, 2015, without prior approval of the OCC.

**Note D****Securities**

The amortized cost and fair value of securities available for sale and held for investment at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are summarized as follows:

	December 31, 2015			
	Gross Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
<b>SECURITIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE</b>				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$3,833	\$ 78	\$ 0	\$3,911
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	192,224	847	(1,322 )	191,749
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	242,620	470	(4,900 )	238,190
Private mortgage-backed securities	32,558	0	(766 )	31,792
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	77,965	700	(708 )	77,957
Collateralized loan obligations	124,477	0	(1,894 )	122,583
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	39,119	882	(110 )	39,891
Corporate and other debt securities	44,652	37	(416 )	44,273
Private commercial mortgage backed securities	41,127	13	(720 )	40,420
	\$798,575	\$ 3,027	\$ (10,836 )	\$790,766
<b>SECURITIES HELD FOR INVESTMENT</b>				
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$64,993	\$ 574	\$ (16 )	\$65,551
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	89,265	581	(406 )	89,440
Collateralized loan obligations	41,300	0	(1,360 )	39,940
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	7,967	0	(85 )	7,882
	\$203,525	\$ 1,155	\$ (1,867 )	\$202,813
	December 31, 2014			
	Gross Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
<b>SECURITIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE</b>				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$3,876	\$ 23	\$ 0	\$3,899

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Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	123,981	1,501	(423 )	125,059
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	352,483	1,075	(6,077 )	347,481
Private mortgage-backed securities	29,967	291	0	30,258
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	85,175	688	(728 )	85,135
Collateralized loan obligations	127,397	0	(2,172 )	125,225
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	23,511	810	(3 )	24,318
	\$746,390	\$ 4,388	\$ (9,403 )	\$741,375

SECURITIES HELD FOR INVESTMENT

Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$67,535	\$ 812	\$ 0	\$68,347
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	114,541	695	(280 )	114,956
Collateralized loan obligations	25,828	0	(343 )	25,485
	\$207,904	\$ 1,507	\$ (623 )	\$208,788

Proceeds from sales of securities during 2015 were \$60.3 million with gross gains of \$633,000 and gross losses of \$472,000. Proceeds from sales of securities during 2014 were \$21.5 million with gross gains of \$456,000 and no gross losses. Proceeds from sales of securities during 2013 were \$67.3 million with gross gains of \$792,000 and gross losses of \$373,000.

On May 31, 2014, management identified \$158.8 million of investment securities available for sale and transferred them to held for investment. The unrealized holding losses at the date of transfer totaled \$3.1 million. For the securities that were transferred into the held for investment category from the available for sale category, the unrealized losses at the date of transfers will continue to be reported in other comprehensive income, and will be amortized over the remaining life of the security as an adjustment of yield consistent with the amortization of a discount. The amortization of unrealized holding losses reported in equity will offset the effect or interest income of the amortization of the discount. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the remaining unrealized holding losses totaled \$2.3 million and \$2.8 million, respectively.

Securities at December 31, 2015, with a carrying and fair value of \$171.9 million and \$172.8 million, respectively, were pledged as collateral for United States Treasury deposits, other public deposits and trust deposits. Securities with a carrying and fair value of \$172.0 million were pledged as collateral for repurchase agreements.

The amortized cost and fair value of securities at December 31, 2015, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or repay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Held for Investment		Available for Sale	
Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
(In thousands)			

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Due in less than one year	\$0	\$0	\$225	\$225
Due after one year through five years	0	0	71,031	70,387
Due after five years through ten years	41,300	39,940	118,429	117,480
Due after ten years	0	0	13,632	13,826
	41,300	39,940	203,317	201,918
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	64,993	65,551	192,224	191,749
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	89,265	89,440	242,620	238,190
Private mortgage-backed securities	0	0	32,558	31,792
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	7,967	7,882	77,965	77,957
Other debt securities	0	0	8,764	8,740
Private commercial mortgage backed securities	0	0	41,127	40,420
	\$203,525	\$202,813	\$798,575	\$790,766

The estimated fair value of a security is determined based on market quotations when available or, if not available, by using quoted market prices for similar securities, pricing models or discounted cash flows analyses, using observable market data where available. The tables below indicate the amount of securities with unrealized losses and period of time for which these losses were outstanding at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

	December 31, 2015					
	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
	(In thousands)					
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$ 112,236	\$ (1,082 )	\$ 14,508	\$ (256 )	\$ 126,744	\$ (1,338 )
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	97,512	(973 )	147,266	(4,333 )	244,778	(5,306 )
Private mortgage-backed securities	31,792	(766 )	0	0	31,792	(766 )
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	19,939	(321 )	31,533	(472 )	51,472	(793 )
Collateralized loan obligations	101,601	(1,642 )	60,922	(1,612 )	162,523	(3,254 )
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	11,570	(110 )	0	0	11,570	(110 )
Corporate and other debt securities	31,342	(416 )	0	0	31,342	(416 )
Private commercial mortgage-backed securities	37,838	(720 )	0	0	37,838	(720 )
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 443,830	\$ (6,030 )	\$ 254,229	\$ (6,673 )	\$ 698,059	\$ (12,703 )

	December 31, 2014					
	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
	(In thousands)					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 0
Mortgage-backed securities of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	36,890	(153 )	21,640	(271 )	58,530	(424 )
Collateralized mortgage obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	100,148	(833 )	170,400	(5,523 )	270,548	(6,356 )
Private collateralized mortgage obligations	61,554	(914 )	10,091	(157 )	71,645	(1,071 )
Collateralized loan obligations	100,714	(1,769 )	24,511	(403 )	125,225	(2,172 )
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	1,734	(3 )	0	0	1,734	(3 )
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 301,140	\$ (3,672 )	\$ 226,642	\$ (6,354 )	\$ 527,782	\$ (10,026 )

The two tables above include securities held to maturity that were transferred from available for sale to held to maturity on May 31, 2014. Those securities had unrealized losses of \$3.1 million at the date of transfer. The fair value of those securities in an unrealized loss position for less than 12 months at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 is \$38.9 million and \$32.3 million, respectively. The unrealized losses on those securities in an unrealized loss

position for less than 12 months at December 31, 2015 and 2014 is \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. None of these securities were in an unrealized loss position for more than twelve months at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

At December 31, 2015, approximately \$1.6 million of the unrealized losses pertain to private label securities secured by collateral originated in 2005 and prior. Their fair value is \$83.3 million and is attributable to a combination of factors, including relative changes in interest rates since the time of purchase. The collateral underlying these mortgage investments are 30- and 15-year fixed and 10/1 adjustable rate mortgage loans with low loan to values, subordination and historically have had minimal foreclosures and losses. Based on its assessment of these factors, management believes that the unrealized losses on these debt security holdings are a function of changes in investment spreads and interest rate movements and not changes in credit quality. Management expects to recover the entire amortized cost basis of these securities.

At December 31, 2015, the Company also had \$6.6 million of unrealized losses on collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage backed securities of government sponsored entities having a fair value of \$371.5 million that were attributable to a combination of factors, including relative changes in interest rates since the time of purchase. The contractual cash flows for these securities are guaranteed by U.S. government agencies and U.S. government-sponsored enterprises. Based on its assessment of these factors, management believes that the unrealized losses on these debt security holdings are a function of changes in investment spreads and interest movements and not changes in credit quality. Management expects to recover the entire amortized cost basis of these securities.

At December 31, 2015, the Company also had \$3.3 million of unrealized losses on collateralized loan obligations having a fair value of \$162.5 that were attributable to a combination of factors, including relative changes in interest rates, spreads and interest movements since the time of purchase. Based on its assessment of these factors, management believes that the unrealized losses on these debt security holdings are a function of changes in investment spreads and interest movements and not changes in credit quality. Management expects to recover the entire amortized cost basis of these securities.

At December 31, 2015, remaining securities categories had unrealized losses of \$1.2 million and summed to a fair value of \$80.8 million, but losses have been outstanding for less than twelve months. Management believes that the unrealized losses on these debt security holdings are a function of changes in investment spreads and interest movements and not change in credit quality.

As of December 31, 2015, management does not intend to sell securities that are in unrealized loss positions and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell these securities before recovery of the amortized cost basis. Therefore, management does not consider any investment to be other-than-temporarily impaired at December 31, 2015.

Included in other assets is \$16.4 million of Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve Bank stock stated at par value. At December 31, 2015, the Company has not identified events or changes in circumstances which may have a significant adverse effect on the fair value of the \$16.4 million of cost method investment securities.

The Company also holds 11,330 shares of Visa Class B stock, which following resolution of Visa litigation will be converted to Visa Class A shares (the conversion rate presently is 1.6483 shares of Class A stock for wach share of Class B stock) for a total of 18,675 shares of Visa Class A stock. Our ownership is related to prior ownership in Visa's network, while Visa operated as a cooperative. This ownership is recorded on our financial records at zero basis.

**Note E****Loans**

Information relating to portfolio, purchase credit impaired (“PCI”), and purchase unimpaired (“PUL”) loans at December 31 is summarized as follows:

	2015			
	Portfolio Loans	PCI Loans	PUL's	Total
	(In thousands)			
Construction and land development	\$97,629	\$ 114	\$11,044	\$ 108,787
Commercial real estate	776,875	9,990	222,513	1,009,378
Residential real estate	678,131	922	44,732	723,785
Commerical and financial	188,013	1,083	39,421	228,517
Consumer	82,717	0	2,639	85,356
Other	507	0	0	507
NET LOAN BALANCES (1)	\$1,823,872	\$ 12,109	\$ 320,349	\$2,156,330

	2014			
	(In thousands)			
Construction and land development	\$65,896	\$ 1,557	\$19,583	\$ 87,036
Commercial real estate	610,863	4,092	222,192	837,147
Residential real estate	639,428	851	46,618	686,897
Commerical and financial	120,763	1,312	35,321	157,396
Consumer	50,543	2	2,352	52,897
Other	512	0	0	512
NET LOAN BALANCES (1)	\$1,488,005	\$ 7,814	\$ 326,066	\$ 1,821,885

(1) Net loan balances at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are net of deferred costs of \$7,652,000 and \$3,645,000, respectively.

**Purchased Loans** PCI loans are accounted for pursuant to ASC Topic 310-30. The excess of cash flows expected to be collected over the estimated fair value is referred to as the accretable yield and is recognized in interest income over the remaining life of the loan in situations where there is a reasonable expectation about the timing and amount of cash flows expected to be collected. The difference between the contractually required payments and the cash flows expected to be collected at acquisition, considering the impact of prepayments, is referred to as the nonaccretable difference.



We have applied ASC Topic 310-20 accounting treatment to PULs. The unamortized credit discount mark established at acquisition on the loans has been ascribed as an accretable yield that is accreted into interest income over the estimated remaining life of the loans.

The table below summarizes the total contractually required principal and interest cash payments, management's estimate of expected total cash payments and fair value of the loans as of the acquisition date. Contractually required principal and interest payments have been adjusted for estimated prepayments.

July 17, 2015	PCI	PULs	Total
	(In thousands)		
Contractually required principal and interest	\$12,552	\$108,945	\$121,497
Non-accretable difference	(4,249 )	0	(4,249 )
Cash flows expected to be collected	8,303	108,945	117,248
Accretable yield	(702 )	(5,254 )	(5,956 )
Total Acquired loans	\$7,601	\$103,691	\$111,292

October 1, 2014	PCI	PULs	Total
	(In thousands)		
Contractually required principal and interest	\$17,169	\$367,881	\$385,050
Non-accretable difference	(7,196 )	0	(7,196 )
Cash flows expected to be collected	9,973	367,881	377,854
Accretable yield	(1,256 )	(11,235 )	(12,491 )
Total Acquired loans	\$8,717	\$356,646	\$365,363

The components of purchased loans are as follows at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	December 31, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	PCI	PULs	Total	PCI	PULs	Total
	(In thousands)			(In thousands)		
Construction and land development	\$114	\$11,045	\$11,159	\$1,557	\$19,583	\$21,140
Commercial real estate	9,990	222,513	232,503	4,092	222,192	226,284
Residential real estate	922	44,732	45,654	851	46,618	47,469
Commercial and financial	1,083	39,420	40,503	1,312	35,321	36,633
Consumer	0	2,639	2,639	2	2,352	2,354
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carrying value of acquired loans	\$12,109	\$320,349	\$332,458	\$7,814	\$326,066	\$333,880
Carrying value, net of allowance of \$137 for 2015 and \$64 for 2014	\$12,109	\$320,212	\$332,321	\$7,750	\$326,066	\$333,816

We adjusted our estimates of future expected losses, cash flows and renewal assumptions during the current quarter for PCI loans. The table below summarizes the changes in total contractually required principal and interest cash payments, management's estimate of expected total cash payments and carrying value of PCI loans during the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, and the three month period ending December 31, 2014. Contractually required principal and interest payments have been adjusted for estimated prepayments.

Activity during the twelve month period ending December 31, 2015	12/31/2014	Additions	Net Deletions	Accretion	Reclassifications from nonaccretable difference	12/31/2015
			(In thousands)			
Contractually required principal and interest	\$ 14,831	\$ 12,552	\$(7,417)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 19,966
Non-accretable difference	(5,825 )	(4,249 )	3,153	0	1,674	(5,247 )
Cash flows expected to be collected	9,006	8,303	(4,264)	0	1,674	14,719
Accretable yield	(1,192 )	(702 )	357	601	(1,674 )	(2,610 )
Carrying value of acquired loans	7,814	7,601	(3,907)	601	0	12,109
Allowance for loan losses	(64 )					0
Carrying value less allowance for loan losses	\$ 7,750					\$ 12,109

Activity during the three month period ending December 31, 2014	9/30/2014	Additions	Net Deletions	Accretion	Reclassifications from nonaccretable difference	12/31/2014
			(In thousands)			
Contractually required principal and interest	\$ 0	\$ 17,169	\$(2,338)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14,831
Non-accretable difference	0	(7,196 )	1,289	0	82	(5,825 )
Cash flows expected to be collected	0	9,973	(1,049)	0	82	9,006
Accretable yield	0	(1,256 )	50	96	(82 )	(1,192 )
Carrying value of acquired loans	0	\$ 8,717	\$(999 )	\$ 96	\$ 0	7,814
Allowance for loan losses	0					(64 )
Carrying value less allowance for loan losses	\$ 0					\$ 7,750

One of the sources of the Company's business is loans to directors and executive officers. The aggregate dollar amount of these loans was approximately \$4,008,000 and \$4,514,000 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. During 2015 new loans totaling \$850,000 were made and reductions totaled \$1,356,000.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014 loans pledged as collateral for borrowings totaled \$50 million and \$130 million, respectively.

Loans are made to individuals, as well as, commercial and tax exempt entities. Specific loan terms vary as to interest rate, repayment, and collateral requirements based on the type of loan requested and the credit worthiness of the prospective borrower.

Concentrations of Credit All of the Company's lending activity occurs within the State of Florida, including Orlando in Central Florida and Southeast coastal counties from Brevard County in the north to Palm Beach County in the south, as well as, all of the counties surrounding Lake Okeechobee in the center of the state. The Company's loan portfolio consists of approximately one half commercial and commercial real estate loans and one half consumer and residential real estate loans.

The Company's extension of credit is governed by the Credit Risk Policy which was established to control the quality of the Company's loans. These policies and procedures are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors on a regular basis.

*Construction and Land Development Loans* The Company defines construction and land development loans as exposures secured by land development and construction (including 1-4 family residential construction), multi-family property, and non-farm nonresidential property where the primary or significant source of repayment is from rental income associated with that property (that is, loans for which 50 percent or more of the source of repayment comes from third party, non-affiliated rental income) or the proceeds of the sale, refinancing, or permanent financing of the property.

*Commercial Real Estate Loans* The Company's goal is to create and maintain a high quality portfolio of commercial real estate loans with customers who meet the quality and relationship profitability objectives of the Company. Commercial real estate loans are subject to underwriting standards and processes similar to commercial and industrial loans. These loans are viewed primarily as cash flow loans and the repayment of these loans is largely dependent on the successful operation of the property. Loan performance may be adversely affected by factors impacting the general economy or conditions specific to the real estate market such as geographic location and/or property type.

*Residential Real Estate Loans* The Company selectively adds residential mortgage loans to its portfolio, primarily loans with adjustable rates, home equity mortgages and home equity lines. Substantially all residential originations have been underwritten to conventional loan agency standards, including loans having balances that exceed agency value limitations. The Company has never offered sub-prime, Alt A, Option ARM or any negative amortizing residential loans, programs or products, although we have originated and hold residential mortgage loans from borrowers with original or current FICO credit scores that are less than "prime."

*Commercial and Financial Loans* Commercial credit is extended primarily to small to medium sized professional firms, retail and wholesale operators and light industrial and manufacturing concerns. Such credits typically comprise working capital loans, loans for physical asset expansion, asset acquisition and other business loans. Loans to closely held businesses will generally be guaranteed in full or for a meaningful amount by the businesses' major owners. Commercial loans are made based primarily on the historical and projected cash flow of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower. The cash flows of borrowers, however, may not behave as forecasted and collateral securing loans may fluctuate in value due to economic or individual performance factors. Minimum standards and underwriting guidelines have been established for all commercial loan types.

*Consumer Loans* The Company originates consumer loans including installment loans, loans for automobiles, boats, and other personal, family and household purposes. For each loan type several factors including debt to income, type of collateral and loan to collateral value, credit history and Company relationship with the borrower is considered during the underwriting process.

The following tables present the contractual aging of the recorded investment in past due loans by class of loans as of December 31, 2015 and 2014:

December 31, 2015	Accruing 30-59 Days Past Due	Accruing 60-89 Days Past Due	Accruing Greater Than 90 Days (In thousands)	Nonaccrual Current	Total Financing Receivables
<b>Portfolio Loans</b>					
Construction and land development	\$ 665	\$ -	\$- \$ 269	\$96,695	\$97,629
Commercial real estate	810	-	- 2,301	773,764	776,875
Residential real estate	141	-	- 9,941	668,049	678,131
Commerical and financial	59	-	- -	187,954	188,013
Consumer	430	-	- 247	82,040	82,717
Other	-	-	- -	507	507
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,105</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$- \$ 12,758</b>	<b>\$1,809,009</b>	<b>\$1,823,872</b>
<b>Purchased Unimpaired Loans</b>					
Construction and land development	\$ -	\$ -	\$- \$ 40	\$11,004	\$11,044
Commercial real estate	179	-	- 2,294	220,040	222,513
Residential real estate	66	-	- -	44,666	44,732
Commerical and financial	39	-	- 130	39,252	39,421
Consumer	39	-	- -	2,600	2,639
Other	-	-	- -	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 323</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$- \$ 2,464</b>	<b>\$317,562</b>	<b>\$320,349</b>
<b>Purchased Impaired Loans</b>					
Construction and land development	\$ -	\$ -	\$- \$ -	\$114	\$114
Commercial real estate	132	-	- 1,816	8,042	9,990
Residential real estate	-	-	- 348	574	922
Commerical and financial	-	-	- -	1,083	1,083
Consumer	-	-	- -	-	-
Other	-	-	- -	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 132</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$- \$ 2,164</b>	<b>\$9,813</b>	<b>\$12,109</b>
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>\$ 2,560</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$- \$ 17,386</b>	<b>\$2,136,384</b>	<b>\$2,156,330</b>

December 31, 2014	Accruing 30-59 Days Past Due	Accruing 60-89 Days Past Due	Accruing Greater Than 90 Days (In thousands)		Current	Total Financing Receivables
			Nonaccrual			
<b>Portfolio Loans</b>						
Construction and land development	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 534	\$65,362	\$ 65,896
Commercial real estate	764	0	0	3,457	606,642	610,863
Residential real estate	259	159	17	14,381	624,612	639,428
Commerical and financial	232	0	0	0	120,531	120,763
Consumer	256	25	0	191	50,071	50,543
Other	0	0	0	0	512	512
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,511</b>	<b>\$ 184</b>	<b>\$17</b>	<b>\$ 18,563</b>	<b>\$1,467,730</b>	<b>\$ 1,488,005</b>
<b>Purchased Unimpaired Loans</b>						
Construction and land development	\$ 303	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0	\$19,280	\$ 19,583
Commercial real estate	2,318	0	41	0	219,833	222,192
Residential real estate	142	0	39	5	46,432	46,618
Commerical and financial	953	0	0	0	34,368	35,321
Consumer	0	0	0	0	2,352	2,352
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,716</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$322,265</b>	<b>\$ 326,066</b>
<b>Purchased Impaired Loans</b>						
Construction and land development	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 1,428	\$129	\$ 1,557
Commercial real estate	7	359	0	733	2,993	4,092
Residential real estate	88	0	116	411	236	851
Commerical and financial	0	0	0	0	1,312	1,312
Consumer	0	0	0	0	2	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 95</b>	<b>\$ 359</b>	<b>\$116</b>	<b>\$ 2,572</b>	<b>\$4,672</b>	<b>\$ 7,814</b>
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>\$ 5,322</b>	<b>\$ 543</b>	<b>\$213</b>	<b>\$ 21,140</b>	<b>\$1,794,667</b>	<b>\$ 1,821,885</b>

Nonaccrual loans and loans past due ninety days or more were \$17.4 million and \$21.1 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The reduction in interest income associated with loans on nonaccrual status was approximately \$0.6 million, \$1.9 million, and \$1.0 million, for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

The Company utilizes an internal asset classification system as a means of reporting problem and potential problem loans. Under the Company's risk rating system, the Company classifies problem and potential problem loans as "Special Mention," "Substandard," and "Doubtful" and these loans are monitored on an ongoing basis. Substandard loans include those characterized by the distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Loans classified as substandard may require a specific allowance. Loans classified as Doubtful, have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified Substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable. The principal balance of loans classified as doubtful are generally charged off. Loans that do not currently expose the Company to sufficient risk to warrant classification in one of the aforementioned categories, but possess weaknesses that deserve management's close attention are deemed to be Special Mention. Risk ratings are updated any time the situation warrants.

Loans not meeting the criteria above are considered to be pass-rated loans and risk grades are recalculated at least annually by the loan relationship manager. The following tables present the risk category of loans by class of loans based on the most recent analysis performed as of December 31, 2015 and 2014:

December 31, 2015	Construction & Land	Commercial	Commercial			Total
	Development	Real Estate	Residential and Real Estate	Financial	Consumer	
	(In thousands)					
Pass	\$ 100,186	\$ 973,942	\$ 697,907	\$ 226,391	\$ 83,786	\$ 2,082,212
Special mention	3,377	12,599	629	1,209	1,392	19,206
Substandard	4,242	9,278	3,197	769	70	17,556
Doubtful	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonaccrual	309	6,410	10,290	130	247	17,386
Pass-Troubled debt restructures	58	5,893	0	18	0	5,969
Troubled debt restructures	615	1,256	11,762	0	368	14,001
	\$ 108,787	\$ 1,009,378	\$ 723,785	\$ 228,517	\$ 85,863	\$ 2,156,330

December 31, 2014	Construction & Land	Commercial	Commercial			Total
	Development	Real Estate	Residential and Real Estate	Financial	Consumer	
	(In thousands)					
Pass	\$ 79,397	\$ 797,934	\$ 655,518	\$ 155,281	\$ 51,764	\$ 1,739,894
Special mention	1,815	11,709	546	993	590	15,653
Substandard	1,685	15,325	1,733	1,002	456	20,201
Doubtful	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonaccrual	1,963	4,189	14,797	0	191	21,140
Pass-Troubled debt restructures	1,672	2,332	17	0	0	4,021
Troubled debt restructures	504	5,658	14,286	120	408	20,976



\$ 87,036      \$ 837,147      \$686,897      \$ 157,396      \$ 53,409      \$1,821,885

**Note F****Impaired Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses**

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, the total of newly identified Troubled Debt Restructurings ("TDRs") was \$2.6 million, of which \$1.9 million were accruing commercial real estate loans and \$0.2 million were accruing construction and land development loans.

The Company's TDR concessions granted generally do not include forgiveness of principal balances. Loan modifications are not reported in calendar years after modification if the loans were modified at an interest rate equal to the yields of new loan originations with comparable risk and the loans are performing based on the terms of the restructuring agreements. When a loan is modified as a TDR, there is not a direct, material impact on the loans within the consolidated balance sheet, as principal balances are generally not forgiven. Most loans prior to modification were classified as an impaired loan and the allowance for loan losses is determined in accordance with Company policy.

The following tables present accruing loans that were modified within the twelve months ending December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Number of Contracts	Pre- Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment (In thousands)	Post- Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Specific Reserve Recorded	Valuation Allowance Recorded
2015:					
Construction and Land Development	2	\$ 220	\$ 218	\$ 0	\$ 2
Residential Real Estate	1	27	26	0	1
Commercial Real Estate	3	1,881	1,787	0	94
Consumer	1	48	45	0	3
	7	\$ 2,176	\$ 2,076	\$ 0	\$ 100
2014:					
Construction and Land Development	1	\$ 72	\$ 71	\$ 0	\$ 1
Residential Real Estate	6	687	638	0	49
Commercial Real Estate	1	4,300	3,975	0	325
	8	\$ 5,059	\$ 4,684	\$ 0	\$ 375

No accruing loans that were restructured within the twelve months ending December 31, 2015 defaulted during the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, and no loans restructured with the twelve month ending December 31, 2104 defaulted during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. The Company considers a loan to have defaulted when it becomes 90 or more days delinquent under the modified terms, has been transferred to nonaccrual status or has been transferred to other real estate owned. A defaulted TDR is generally placed on nonaccrual and specific allowance for loan losses assigned in accordance with the Company's policy.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company's recorded investment in impaired loans (excluding purchased loans) and related valuation allowance was as follows:

	Impaired Loans for the Year Ended December 31, 2015				
	Unpaid Recorded Principal Investment Balance	Related Valuation Allowance	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	
	<b>( In thousands )</b>				
With no related allowance recorded:					
Construction and land development	\$ 107	\$ 255	\$ 0	\$ 1,252	\$ 6
Commercial real estate	2,363	3,911	0	2,880	16
Residential real estate	9,256	13,707	0	10,259	168
Commercial and financial	17	17	0	84	1
Consumer	264	349	0	141	3
With an allowance recorded:					
Construction and land development	835	870	84	987	29
Commercial real estate	7,087	7,087	429	7,280	302
Residential real estate	12,447	12,803	1,964	15,136	337
Commercial and financial	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer	351	351	40	495	18
Total:					
Construction and land development	942	1,125	84	2,239	35
Commercial real estate	9,450	10,998	429	10,160	318
Residential real estate	21,703	26,510	1,964	25,395	505
Commercial and financial	17	17	0	84	1
Consumer	615	700	40	636	21
	\$32,727	\$39,350	\$ 2,517	\$ 38,514	\$ 880

Impaired Loans for the Year Ended December 31, 2014					
	Unpaid Recorded Investmen	Principal Balance	Related Valuation Allowance	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized
( In thousands )					
With no related allowance recorded:					
Construction and land development	\$ 1,824	\$ 2,239	\$ 0	\$ 2,080	\$ 106
Commercial real estate	3,087	4,600	0	2,713	20
Residential real estate	11,898	16,562	0	11,366	198
Commercial and financial	120	120	0	110	8
Consumer	65	93	0	291	1
With an allowance recorded:					
Construction and land development	886	931	159	1,213	81
Commercial real estate	8,359	8,469	529	10,446	461
Residential real estate	16,804	17,693	2,741	20,793	445
Commercial and financial	0	0	0	47	0
Consumer	534	562	112	543	25
Total:					
Construction and land development	2,710	3,170	159	3,293	187
Commercial real estate	11,446	13,069	529	13,159	481
Residential real estate	28,702	34,255	2,741	32,159	643
Commercial and financial	120	120	0	157	8
Consumer	599	655	112	834	26
	\$43,577	\$51,269	\$ 3,541	\$ 49,602	\$ 1,345

Impaired loans also include loans that have been modified in troubled debt restructurings where concessions to borrowers who experienced financial difficulties have been granted. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, accruing TDRs totaled \$20.0 million and \$25.0 million, respectively.

The average recorded investment in impaired loans for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$38.5 million, \$49.6 million, and \$66.6 million, respectively. The impaired loans were measured for impairment based on the value of underlying collateral or the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. The valuation allowance is included in the allowance for loan losses.

Interest payments received on impaired loans are recorded as interest income unless collection of the remaining recorded investment is doubtful at which time payments received are recorded as reductions to principal. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company recorded \$880,000, \$1,345,000 and \$1,260,000, respectively, in interest income on impaired loans.

For impaired loans whose impairment is measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows a total of \$318,000, \$456,000, and \$1.1 million, respectively, for 2015, 2014 and 2013 was included in interest income and represents the change in present value attributable to the passage of time.

The nonaccrual loans and accruing loans past due 90 days or more (excluding purchased loans) were \$12,758,000 and \$0, respectively, at December 31, 2015, \$18,563,000 and \$17,000, respectively at the end of 2014, and were \$27,672,000 and \$160,000, respectively, at year-end 2013.

The purchased nonaccrual loans and accruing loans past due 90 days or more were \$4,628,000 and \$0, respectively at 2015, \$2,577,000 and \$196,000, respectively, at December 31, 2014. There were no purchased loans prior to 2014.

Activity in the allowance for loans losses (excluding PCI loans) for the three years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 are summarized as follows:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Provision for Loan Losses</b>	<b>Charge-Offs</b>	<b>Recoveries</b>	<b>Net (Charge-Offs) Recoveries</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>					
<b>December 31, 2015</b>						
Construction and land development	\$ 722	\$ 1,296	\$ (1,271)	) \$ 404	\$ (867)	) \$ 1,151
Commercial real estate	4,528	2,010	(482)	) 700	218	) 6,756
Residential real estate	9,784	(2,208)	) (779)	) 1,260	481	) 8,057
Commercial and financial	1,179	1,058	(726)	) 531	(195)	) 2,042
Consumer	794	552	(341)	) 117	(224)	) 1,122
	\$ 17,007	\$ 2,708	\$ (3,599)	) \$ 3,012	\$ (587)	) \$ 19,128
<b>December 31, 2014</b>						
Construction and land development	\$ 808	\$ 139	\$ (640)	) \$ 415	\$ (225)	) \$ 722
Commercial real estate	6,160	(2,917)	) (398)	) 1,683	1,285	) 4,528
Residential real estate	11,659	(1,651)	) (1,126)	) 902	(224)	) 9,784
Commercial and financial	710	697	(398)	) 170	(228)	) 1,179
Consumer	731	182	(193)	) 74	(119)	) 794
	\$ 20,068	\$ (3,550)	) \$ (2,755)	) \$ 3,244	\$ 489	) \$ 17,007
<b>December 31, 2013</b>						
Construction and land development	\$ 1,134	\$ 66	\$ (604)	) \$ 212	\$ (392)	) \$ 808
Commercial real estate	8,849	(522)	) (2,714)	) 547	(2,167)	) 6,160
Residential real estate	11,090	3,273	(3,153)	) 449	(2,704)	) 11,659
Commercial and financial	468	(24)	) (60)	) 326	266	) 710
Consumer	563	395	(253)	) 26	(227)	) 731
	\$ 22,104	\$ 3,188	\$ (6,784)	) \$ 1,560	\$ (5,224)	) \$ 20,068

As discussed in Note A, "Significant Accounting Policies," the allowance for loan losses is composed of specific allowances for certain impaired loans and general allowances grouped into loan pools based on similar characteristics. The Company's loan portfolio (excluding PCI loans) and related allowance at December 31, 2015 and 2014 is shown in the following tables.

December 31, 2015	Individually Evaluated for Impairment		Collectively Evaluated for Impairment		Total	
	Carrying Value	Associated Allowance	Carrying Value	Associated Allowance	Carrying Value	Associated Allowance
	(In thousands)					
Construction and land development	\$942	\$ 84	\$107,731	\$ 1,067	\$108,673	\$ 1,151
Commercial real estate	9,450	429	989,938	6,327	999,388	6,756
Residential real estate	21,703	1,964	701,160	6,093	722,863	8,057
Commercial and financial	17	0	227,417	2,042	227,434	2,042
Consumer	615	40	85,248	1,082	85,863	1,122
	\$32,727	\$ 2,517	\$2,111,494	\$ 16,611	\$2,144,221	\$ 19,128

December 31, 2014	Individually Evaluated for Impairment		Collectively Evaluated for Impairment		Total	
	Carrying Value	Associated Allowance	Carrying Value	Associated Allowance	Carrying Value	Associated Allowance
	(In thousands)					
Construction and land development	\$2,710	\$ 159	\$82,769	\$ 563	\$85,479	\$ 722
Commercial real estate	11,446	529	821,609	3,999	833,055	4,528
Residential real estate	28,702	2,741	657,344	7,043	686,046	9,784
Commercial and financial	120	0	155,964	1,179	156,084	1,179
Consumer	599	112	52,808	682	53,407	794
	\$43,577	\$ 3,541	\$1,770,494	\$ 13,466	\$1,814,071	\$ 17,007

Loans collectively evaluated for impairment reported at December 31, 2015 included loans acquired from Grand on July 17, 2015 and BANKshares on October 1, 2014 that are not PCI loans. At December 31, 2015, the remaining fair value adjustment for loans acquired from Grand and BANKshares was approximately \$14.2 million, or approximately 4.43% of the outstanding aggregate PUL balances. At December 31, 2014, the remaining fair value adjustments for loans acquired from BANKshares at the acquisition date was approximately \$11.2 million, or 3.56% of the outstanding aggregate loan balances. These amounts, which represents the remaining fair value discount of each PUL, are accreted into interest income over the remaining lives of the related loans on a level yield basis. Provisioning for loan losses of \$1.3 million and net charge-offs of \$1.2 million were recorded for these loans during 2015. No provision for loan losses was recorded related to these loans at December 31, 2014. The table below summarizes PCI loans that were individually evaluated for impairment based on expected cash flows at December 31,

2015 and 2014.

	<b>December 31, 2015</b>		<b>December 31, 2014</b>	
	<b>PCI Loans</b>		<b>PCI Loans</b>	
	<b>Individually</b>		<b>Individually</b>	
	<b>Evaluated for</b>		<b>Evaluated for</b>	
	<b>Impairment</b>		<b>Impairment</b>	
	<b>Carrying</b>	<b>Associated</b>	<b>Carrying</b>	<b>Associated</b>
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Allowance</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Allowance</b>
Construction and land development	\$ 114	\$ 0	\$ 1,557	\$ 43
Commercial real estate	9,990	0	4,092	3
Residential real estate	922	0	851	18
Commercial and financial	1,083	0	1,312	0
Consumer	0	0	2	0
	\$ 12,109	\$ 0	\$ 7,814	\$ 64

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**Note G****Bank Premises and Equipment**

Bank premises and equipment are summarized as follows:

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization (In thousands)	Net Carrying Value
December 31, 2015			
Premises (including land of \$14,839)	\$66,965	\$ (21,298	) \$45,667
Furniture and equipment	26,546	(17,634	) 8,912
	\$93,511	\$ (38,932	) \$54,579
December 31, 2014			
Premises (including land of \$13,594)	\$59,471	\$ (20,260	) \$39,211
Furniture and equipment	21,924	(16,049	) 5,875
	\$81,395	\$ (36,309	) \$45,086

**Note H****Goodwill and Acquired Intangible Assets**

Goodwill was a result of the Company's acquisition of The BANKshares, a whole bank acquisition, on October 1, 2014, and totaled \$25.2 million at year end December 31, 2015. The acquisition of Grand Bankshares, a whole bank acquisition, on July 17, 2015, was recorded as a bargain purchase, with no goodwill and a bargain purchase gain of \$416,000 recorded to income.

Acquired intangible assets consist of core deposit intangibles ("CDI"), which are intangible assets arising from the purchase of deposits separately or from the acquisitions of BANKshares in 2014 and Grand BANKshares in 2015. The change in balance for CDI is as follows:

	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Beginning of year	\$7,454	\$718	\$1,501
Acquired CDI	2,564	7,769	0
Amortization expense	(1,424)	(1,033)	(783 )
End of year	\$8,594	\$7,454	\$718

The gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of the Company's intangible asset subject to amortization at December 31 is presented below.

	2015		2014	
	Gross	Accumulated	Gross	Accumulated
	Carrying	Amortization	Carrying	Amortization
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
	(In thousands)			
Deposit base	\$19,827	\$ (11,233 )	\$17,263	\$ (9,809 )
	\$19,827	\$ (11,233 )	\$17,263	\$ (9,809 )

The annual amortization expense for the deposit base intangible determined using the straight line method in each of the four years subsequent to December 31, 2015 is \$1,587,000, and amortization in the fifth year subsequent to December 31, 2015 is \$1,482,000.



**Note I****Borrowings**

All of the Company's short-term borrowings were comprised of federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase with maturities primarily from overnight to seven days:

	2015		2014		2013
	(In thousands)				
Maximum amount outstanding at any month end	\$230,120		\$298,399		\$165,770
Weighted average interest rate at end of year	0.28	%	0.19	%	0.17
Average amount outstanding	\$182,914		\$171,965		\$155,222
Weighted average interest rate during the year	0.21	%	0.17	%	0.18

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are accounted for as secured borrowings. For securities sold under agreements to repurchase, the company would be obligated to provide additional collateral in the event of a significant decline in fair value of collateral pledge. At December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, company securities pledge were as follows by collateral type and maturity:

Fair-Value of Pledge Securities	Overnight and Continuous Maturity		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgages obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities	\$ 172,005	\$ 153,640	\$ 151,310

During 2007, the Company obtained advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of \$25.0 million each on September 25, 2007 and November 27, 2007. The advances mature on September 15, 2017 and November 27, 2017, respectively, and have fixed rates of 3.64% and 2.70% at December 31, 2015, respectively, payable quarterly; the FHLB has a perpetual three-month option to convert the interest rate on either advance to an adjustable rate and the Company has the option to prepay the advance should the FHLB convert the interest rate.

Seacoast National has unused secured lines of credit of \$1.4 billion at December 31, 2015.

The Company issued \$20.6 million in junior subordinated debentures on March 31 and December 16, 2005, an aggregate of \$41.2 million. These debentures were issued in conjunction with the formation of a Delaware and

Connecticut trust subsidiary, SBCF Capital Trust I, and SBCF Statutory Trust II ("Trusts I and II") which each completed a private sale of \$20.0 million of floating rate preferred securities. On June 29, 2007, the Company issued an additional \$12.4 million in junior subordinated debentures which was issued in conjunction with the formation of a Delaware trust subsidiary, SBCF Statutory Trust III ("Trust III"), which completed a private sale of \$12.0 million of floating rate trust preferred securities. The rates on the trust preferred securities are the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 175 basis points, the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 133 basis points, and the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 135 basis points, respectively. The rates, which adjust every three months, are currently 2.36%, 1.84%, and 1.86%, respectively, per annum. The trust preferred securities have original maturities of thirty years, and may be redeemed without penalty on or after June 10, 2010, March 15, 2011, and September 15, 2012, respectively, upon approval of the Federal Reserve or upon occurrence of certain events affecting their tax or regulatory capital treatment. Distributions on the trust preferred securities are payable quarterly in March, June, September and December of each year. The Trusts also issued \$619,000, \$619,000 and \$372,000, respectively, of common equity securities to the Company. The proceeds of the offering of trust preferred securities and common equity securities were used by Trusts I and II to purchase the \$41.2 million junior subordinated deferrable interest notes issued by the Company, and by Trust III to purchase the \$12.4 million junior subordinated deferrable interest notes issued by the Company, all of which have terms substantially similar to the trust preferred securities.

As part of the October 1, 2014 BANKshares acquisition the Company acquired three junior subordinated debentures. Correspondingly, at December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had \$5.2 million and \$4.1 million of Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures outstanding which are due December 26, 2032 and March 17, 2034, and callable by the Company, at its option, any time after December 26, 2007 and March 17, 2009. The rates on these trust preferred securities are the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 325 basis points and the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 279 basis points, respectively. The rates, which adjust every three months, are currently 3.85% percent and 3.32%, respectively, per annum. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company also had \$5.2 million outstanding of Junior Subordinated Debentures due February 23, 2036. The interest rate was fixed at 6.37% through February 2011 and, thereafter the coupon rate floats quarterly at the three month LIBOR rate plus 139 basis points. The junior subordinated debenture is redeemable in certain circumstances after February 2011. The interest rate was 1.77% at December 31, 2015. The above three junior subordinated debentures in accordance with ASU 805 *Business Combinations* have been recorded at their acquisition date fair values which collectively is \$3.5 million lower than face value and will be amortized into interest expense over the remaining term to maturity.

As part of the July 17, 2015 Grand Bank acquisition the Company acquired one junior subordinated debentures. Correspondingly, at December 31, 2015 the company has \$7.2 million of Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debenture outstanding which is due December 30, 2034, with no call option. The interest rate is the 2-month LIBOR rate plus 198 basis points. The rate, which adjusts every three months is currently 2.58%, per annum. The junior subordinated debentures in accordance with ASU 805 *Business Combinations* have been recorded at the acquisition date fair values which is \$2.1 million lower than face value and will be amortized into interest expense over the remaining term to maturity.

The Company has the right to defer payments of interest on the notes at any time or from time to time for a period of up to twenty consecutive quarterly interest payment periods. Under the terms of the notes, in the event that under certain circumstances there is an event of default under the notes or the Company has elected to defer interest on the notes, the Company may not, with certain exceptions, declare or pay any dividends or distributions on its capital stock or purchase or acquire any of its capital stock. As of December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, all interest payments on trust preferred securities were current.

The Company has entered into agreements to guarantee the payments of distributions on the trust preferred securities and payments of redemption of the trust preferred securities. Under these agreements, the Company also agrees, on a subordinated basis, to pay expenses and liabilities of the Trusts other than those arising under the trust preferred securities. The obligations of the Company under the junior subordinated notes, the trust agreement establishing the Trusts, the guarantees and agreements as to expenses and liabilities, in aggregate, constitute a full and conditional guarantee by the Company of the Trusts' obligations under the trust preferred securities.

## Note J

### Employee Benefits and Stock Compensation

The Company's profit sharing and retirement plan covers substantially all employees after one year of service and includes a matching benefit feature for employees electing to defer the elective portion of their profit sharing compensation. In addition, amounts of compensation contributed by employees are matched on a percentage basis under the plan. The profit sharing and retirement contributions charged to operations were \$1,499,000 in 2015, \$1,198,000 in 2014 and \$807,000 in 2013.

The Company, through its Compensation and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors, offers equity compensation to employees and non-employee directors of Seacoast and Seacoast Bank in the form of share-based awards. Stock options, restricted stock awards ("RSAs"), and restricted stock units ("RSUs") vest over time, upon the satisfaction of established performance criteria, or both.

The Company believes such awards better align the interests of its employees and non-employee directors with those of its shareholders. Option awards are granted with an exercise price at least equal to the market price of the Company's stock at the date of grant. Option and other share-based awards vest at such times as are determined by the Compensation and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors (the Compensation Committee) at the time of grant. The options have a maximum term of ten years. The 2013 plan includes a number of provisions, which are consistent with the interests of shareholders and sound corporate governance practices. More information on this plan can be found in our proxy statement.

The fair value of RSAs and RSUs are estimated based on the price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Compensation cost is measured ratably over the vesting period of the awards and reversed for awards which are forfeited due to unfulfilled service or performance criteria. All options or SSARs issued since December 31, 2002 have a vesting period of three to five years and a contractual life of ten years. All stock awards and restricted stock units have a contractual life of three or five years. To the extent the Company has treasury shares available, stock options exercised or stock grants awarded may be issued from treasury shares or, if treasury shares are insufficient, the Company can issue new shares.

Vesting of share-based awards is immediately accelerated on death or disability. Upon the event of a change-in-control acceleration is immediately accelerated, or can be at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee may also accelerate vesting upon retirement (including a voluntary termination of employment at age 55 for those employees with five or more years of service with the company).

Awards are currently granted under the Seacoast 2013 Incentive Plan (“2013 Plan”), which shareholders approved on May 23, 2013 and amended on May 26, 2015 to increase the number authorized shares for issuance thereunder. The 2013 Plan expires on May 26, 2025. The 2013 Plan replaced the 2000 Incentive Plan and the 2008 Incentive Plan (the “Prior Plans”). Upon adoption of the 2013 Plan, no further awards were granted under the Prior Plans, which remain in effect only so long as awards granted thereunder remain outstanding. Under the terms of the 2013 Plan, approximately 1.7 million shares are available for issuance and 948,857 shares remain outstanding as of December 31, 2015.

Prior to the adoption of the 2013 Plan, the Company maintained other employee stock compensation plans (“Prior Company Plans”). Under Prior Company Plans, a total of 960,000 shares of common stock were made available for options, stock-settled stock appreciation rights or restricted stock awards. At December 31, 2015, a total of 119,604 shares remain outstanding from Prior Company Plans.



The impact of shared-based compensation on the Company's financial results for the following periods:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Share-based compensation expense	\$ 2,859	\$ 1,299	\$ 246
Income tax benefit	(963 )	(501 )	(95 )
Reduction to net income	\$ 1,896	\$ 798	\$ 151

The total unrecognized compensation cost and the weighted-average period over which unrecognized compensation cost is expected to be recognized related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements at December 31, 2015 is presented below:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Unrecognized Compensation Cost	Weighted-Average Period Remaining (Years)
Restricted stock	\$ 3,794	2.7
Stock options	542	1.8
Total	\$ 4,336	2.5

### Restricted Stock

As part of restricted share issuances, in 2013, the Company issued 195,000 of restricted stock units at \$11.00 per share. An additional 27,692 restricted stock units were issued in 2014 at 10.19 per share. The restricted stock units allow the grantee to earn 0-160 percent of the target award as determined by two criteria, the Company's after-tax earnings and its classified assets ratio. Any restricted stock units that become eligible for vesting pursuant to the performance requirements will vest by one-third on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the last day of the performance period, December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively. If the Company does not achieve the target performance goal for both criteria by December 31, 2015, then none of the restricted stock units will vest and they will be forfeited. On December 31, 2015 these restricted shares were converted to restricted stock awards at a rate of 150% of the target awards.

Information regarding restricted stock for the following periods is summarized below:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)		
Shares granted	250,934	27,692	195,000
Weighted-average grant date fair value	\$13.42	\$10.19	\$11.00
Fair value of awards vested (1)	836	1,455	133

(1) Based on grant date fair value

A summary of the status of the Company's non-vested restricted stock as of December 31, 2014, and changes during the year then ended, is presented below:

<i>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Non-vested at January 1, 2014	361,035	\$ 9.89
Granted	250,934	13.42
Converted	93,688	10.45
Forfeited/Canceled	(8,039 )	10.81
Vested	(60,849 )	13.74
Non-vested at December 31, 2014	636,769	10.98

Stock Options

The Company estimated the fair value of each option grant on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes options-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Risk-free interest rates	1.65 %	2.7 %	2.5 %
Expected dividend yield	0 %	0 %	0 %
Expected volatility	15.5 %	17.0 %	26.5 %
Expected lives (years)	5.0	5.0	5.0

Information regarding stock options as of December 31, 2015, and changes during the year ended are presented below:

<i>(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)</i>	Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2015	492,997	\$ 18.72	8.7	\$ 1,311
Granted	63,650	12.63	0	0
Exercised	0	0	0	0
Forfeited	0	0	0	0
Outstanding at December 31, 2015	556,647	18.02	7.6	2,099
Exercisable at December 31, 2015	255,616	\$ 26.25	7.1	\$ 912

The following table summarizes information related to stock options:

<i>(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)</i>	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Options granted	63,650	413,000	49,200
Weighted-average grant date fair value	\$2.21	\$2.26	\$3.10
Proceeds from stock options exercised	0	0	0
Tax benefit recognized from stock options exercised	0	0	0
Intrinsic value of stock options exercised	0	0	0

The following table provides information related to options as of December 31, 2015:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding	Remaining contractual Life	Shares Exercisable	Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price*
\$10.50 to \$10.80	400,000	8.3 yrs	188,889	8.2 yrs	\$ 10.70
\$10.81 to \$13.00	119,250	7.4 yrs	29,330	7.6 yrs	\$ 11.44
\$110.00 to \$120.00	28,537	1.3 yrs	28,537	1.3 yrs	\$ 111.09
\$120.01 to \$140.00	8,860	0.4 yrs	8,860	0.4 yrs	\$ 133.60
Total	556,647	7.6 yrs	255,616	7.1 yrs	\$ 18.02

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Employee Stock Purchase Plan (“ESPP”), as amended, was approved by shareholders on April 25, 1989, and additional shares authorized for issuance by shareholders on June 18, 2009 and May 2, 2013. Under the ESPP, the Company is authorized to issue up to 300,000 common shares of the Company to eligible employees of the Company. These shares may be purchased by employees at a price equal to 95% of the fair market value of the shares on the purchase date. Purchases under the ESPP are made monthly. Employee contributions to the ESPP are made through payroll deductions.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
ESPP shares purchased	9,083	13,294	18,536
Weighted-average employee purchase price	\$13.99	\$10.63	\$10.20

**Note K****Lease Commitments**

The Company is obligated under various noncancellable operating leases for buildings, and land. Minimum rent payments under operating leases are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. At December 31, 2015, future minimum lease payments under leases with initial or remaining terms in excess of one year are as follows:

	(In thousands)
2016	\$ 4,736
2017	3,892
2018	2,087
2019	1,882
2020	1,364
Thereafter	9,681
	\$ 23,642

Rent expense charged to operations was \$4,133,000 for 2015, \$4,066,000 for 2014, and \$3,878,000 for 2013. Certain leases contain provisions for renewal and change with the consumer price index.

**Note L****Income Taxes**

The provision (benefit) for income taxes is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
<b>Current</b>			
Federal	\$578	\$310	\$160
State	61	12	7
<b>Deferred</b>			
Federal	10,818	3,440	(30,540)
State	2,070	782	(10,012)
	\$13,527	\$4,544	\$(40,385)

The difference between the total expected tax benefit (computed by applying the U.S. Federal tax rate of 35% to pretax income in 2015, 2014 and 2013) and the reported income tax provision (benefit) relating to income (loss) before before income taxes is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Tax rate applied to income (loss) before income taxes	\$12,484	\$3,583	\$4,061
Increase (decrease) resulting from the effects of:			
Nondeductible acquisition costs	441	554	0
Tax exempt interest on obligations of states and political subdivisions and bank owned life insurance	(761 )	(293 )	(148 )
State income taxes	(746 )	(278 )	(259 )
Nontaxable bargain purchase gain	(146 )	0	0
Stock compensation	127	92	4
Other	(3 )	92	38
Federal tax provision before valuation allowance	11,396	3,750	3,696
State tax provision before valuation allowance	2,131	794	740
Total income tax provision	13,527	4,544	4,436
Change in valuation allowance	0	0	(44,821)
Income tax provision (benefit)	\$13,527	\$4,544	\$(40,385)

The net deferred tax assets (liabilities) are comprised of the following:

	December 31	
	2015	2014
	(In thousands)	
Allowance for loan losses	\$7,759	\$6,926
Other real estate owned	1,737	1,562
Accrued stock compensation	1,235	721
Federal tax loss carryforward	33,507	39,974
State tax loss carryforward	6,767	7,580
Alternative minimum tax carryforward	3,355	2,136
Net unrealized securities losses	3,906	3,035
Deferred compensation	1,829	1,643
Accrued interest and fee income	2,404	3,270
Other	7,194	7,428
Gross deferred tax assets	69,693	74,275
Less: Valuation allowance	0	0
Deferred tax assets net of valuation allowance	69,693	74,275
Depreciation	(1,211 )	(1,334 )
Deposit base intangible	(3,452 )	(2,976 )
Other	(4,756 )	(3,165 )
Gross deferred tax liabilities	(9,419 )	(7,475 )
Net deferred tax assets	\$60,274	\$66,800



Included in the table above is the effect of certain temporary differences for which no deferred tax expense or benefit was recognized. The effect of these items is instead recorded as Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in the shareholder's equity section of consolidated balance sheet. In 2015, such items consisted primarily of \$3.9 million of unrealized losses on certain investments in debt and equity securities accounted for under ASC 320. In 2014, they consisted primarily of \$3.0 million of unrealized losses on certain investments in debt and equity securities.

At December 31, 2015, the Company's deferred tax assets of \$60.2 million consists of approximately \$47.5 million of net U.S. federal deferred tax assets and \$12.7 million of net state deferred tax assets.

As a result of the acquisition of Grand Bankshares (Grand), the Company recorded a net deferred tax asset (DTA) of \$5.3 million. Prior to the acquisition, Grand had recorded a full valuation allowance on its DTA due to the uncertainty as to its future realization. Included in this DTA are \$9.1 million of federal net operating loss (NOL) carry-overs and \$91,000 of alternative minimum tax credit carryovers. There are also \$9.1 million of state NOL carryovers. Both the federal and state NOL's expire beginning in 2029, while the tax credits have an indefinite life. Grand actually had \$31.8 million of federal and state NOL's at acquisition date. However, due to Internal Revenue Code limitations on the use of acquired NOL's, it was determined that only \$9.1 million of the NOL's could be used prior to their expiration. Accordingly the \$22.7 million of NOL's expected to expire were not recorded during purchase accounting.

Management assesses the necessity of a valuation allowance recorded against deferred tax assets at each reporting period. The determination of whether a valuation allowance for net deferred tax assets is appropriate is subject to considerable judgment and requires an evaluation of all positive and negative evidence. Based on an assessment of all of the evidence, including favorable trending in asset quality and certainty regarding the amount of future taxable income that the Company forecasts, management concluded that it was more likely than not that its net deferred tax assets will be realized based upon future taxable income. Management's confidence in the realization of projected future taxable income is based upon analysis of the Company's risk profile and its trending financial performance, including credit quality. The Company believes it can confidently and reasonably predict future results of operations that result in taxable income at sufficient levels over the future period of time that the Company has available to realize its net deferred tax asset.

Management expects to realize the \$60.2 million in net deferred tax assets well in advance of the statutory carryforward period. At December 31, 2015, approximately \$33.5 million of deferred tax assets relate to federal net operating losses which will expire in annual installments beginning in 2029 through 2032. Additionally, \$6.8 million of the deferred tax assets relate to state net operating losses which will expire in annual installments beginning in 2028 through 2034. Tax credit carryforwards at December 31, 2015 include federal alternative minimum tax credits totaling \$3.4 million which have an unlimited carryforward period. Remaining deferred tax assets are not related to net operating losses or credits and therefore, have no expiration date.

Prior to the third quarter of 2013, the Company was unable to conclude that there was sufficient evidence to support that the deferred tax asset was more likely than not realizable and to support the reversal of its deferred tax asset valuation allowance of \$44.8 million. The deferred tax asset valuation allowance was reversed after the achievement of operating results for the third quarter and nine months of 2013 that demonstrated the continuation of increasing income before tax results.

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A valuation allowance could be required in future periods based on the assessment of positive and negative evidence. Management's conclusion at December 31, 2015 that it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax asset of \$60.2 million will be realized is based upon estimates of future taxable income that are supported by internal projections which consider historical performance, various internal estimates and assumptions, as well as certain external data, all of which management believes to be reasonable although inherently subject to judgment. If actual results differ significantly from the current estimates of future taxable income, even if caused by adverse macro-economic conditions, a valuation allowance may need to be recorded for some or all of the Company's deferred tax assets. Such an increase to the deferred tax asset valuation allowance could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties, as appropriate, as part of the provisioning for income taxes. No interest or penalties were accrued at December 31, 2015.

The Company has no unrecognized income tax benefits or provisions due to uncertain income tax positions. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) examined the federal income tax returns for the years 2006 through 2009. The IRS did not propose any adjustments related to this examination. The following are the major tax jurisdictions in which the Company operates and the earliest tax year subject to examination:

Jurisdiction	Tax Year
United States of America	2012
Florida	2012

Income taxes related to securities transactions were \$62,000, \$181,000 and \$162,000 in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

**Note M****Noninterest Income and Expenses**

Details of noninterest income and expense follow:

	Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Noninterest income			
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$8,563	\$6,952	\$6,711
Trust fees	3,132	2,986	2,711
Mortgage banking fees	4,252	3,057	4,173
Brokerage commissions and fees	2,132	1,614	1,631
Marine finance fees	1,152	1,320	1,189
Interchange income	7,684	5,972	5,404
Other deposit based EFT fees	397	343	342
BOLI Income	1,426	252	0
Gain on participant loan	725	0	0
Other	2,555	2,248	2,158
	32,018	24,744	24,319
Securities gains, net	161	469	419
Bargain purchase gain, net	416	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,595</b>	<b>\$25,213</b>	<b>\$24,738</b>
Noninterest expense			
Salaries and wages	\$41,075	\$35,132	\$31,006
Employee benefits	9,564	8,773	7,327
Outsourced data processing costs	10,150	8,781	6,372
Telephone / data lines	1,797	1,331	1,253
Occupancy	8,744	7,930	7,178
Furniture and equipment	3,434	2,535	2,334
Marketing	4,428	3,576	2,339
Legal and professional fees	8,022	6,871	2,458
FDIC assessments	2,212	1,660	2,601
Amortization of intangibles	1,424	1,033	783
Asset dispositions expense	472	488	740
Branch closures and new branding	0	4,958	0
Net loss on other real estate owned and repossessed assets	239	310	1,289
Other	12,209	9,988	9,472
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,770</b>	<b>\$93,366</b>	<b>\$75,152</b>



**Note N****Shareholders' Equity**

The Company has reserved 300,000 common shares for issuance in connection with an employee stock purchase plan and 1,000,000 common shares for issuance in connection with an employee profit sharing plan. At December 31, 2015, an aggregate of 192,443 shares and 11,940 shares, respectively, have been issued as a result of employee participation in these plans.

A 1 for 5 reverse stock split was effective as of December 13, 2013. Each five shares of the Company's common stock was automatically converted to one share of the Company's common stock. Any fractional post-split shares as a result of the reverse split were rounded up to the nearest whole post-split share. Shareholders of the Company previously authorized the Board of Directors to approve a reverse stock split at the annual meeting in May 2013. All share amounts have been restated for all years presented.

A common stock offering was completed during November 2013 adding \$75 million to capital, with approximately \$47 million (net of issuance costs) received during November 2013, and \$25 million received in January 2014 from a single investor that was required to obtain approval of the Federal Reserve Bank for its investment. Of the funds received, \$50 million was utilized to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock at December 31, 2013, with the remainder available for future growth and general corporate purposes.

Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters presented to shareholders as provided in the Company's Articles of Incorporation. The Company implemented a dividend reinvestment plan during 2007, issuing no shares from treasury stock during 2015 and 2014.

***Required Regulatory Capital***

		Minimum for Capital Adequacy Purpose		Minimum To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
(Dollars in thousands)					

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## (CONSOLIDATED)

At December 31, 2015:

Total Capital Ratio (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 383,039	16.01 %	\$ 191,413	≥8.00 %	N/A	N/A
Tier 1 Capital Ratio (to risk-weighted assets)	363,873	15.21	143,560	≥6.00 %	N/A	N/A
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	317,004	13.25	107,670	≥4.50 %	N/A	N/A
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio (to adjusted average assets)	363,873	10.70	136,009	≥4.00 %	N/A	N/A

At December 31, 2014:

Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 322,765	16.25 %	\$ 158,903	≥8.00 %	N/A	N/A
Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	305,665	15.39	79,452	≥4.00 %	N/A	N/A
Tier 1 Capital (to adjusted average assets)	305,665	10.32	124,731	≥4.00 %	N/A	N/A

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At December 31, 2015:

Total Capital Ratio (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 337,259	14.11 %	\$ 191,240	≥8.00 %	\$ 239,050	≥10.00 %
Tier 1 Capital Ratio (to risk-weighted assets)	318,093	13.31	143,430	≥6.00 %	191,240	≥8.00 %
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	318,093	13.31	107,572	≥4.50 %	155,382	≥6.50 %
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio (to adjusted average assets)	318,093	9.36	135,929	≥4.00 %	169,911	≥5.00 %

At December 31, 2014:

Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 284,555	14.32 %	\$ 158,925	≥8.00 %	\$ 198,656	≥10.00 %
Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets)	267,455	13.46	79,462	≥4.00 %	119,193	≥6.00 %
Tier 1 Capital (to adjusted average assets)	267,455	9.04	118,409	≥4.00 %	148,011	≥5.00 %

N/A - Not Applicable

The Company is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Under new Basel III standards adopted January 1, 2015, deferred tax assets (DTAs) were substantially restricted in regulatory capital calculations, the Common Equity Tier 1 Capital calculation was created, and new minimum adequacy and well capitalized thresholds were established. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory, and possibly additional discretionary, actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the Company's assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Company's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company to maintain minimum amounts and ratios of total, Tier 1 capital and common equity Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined) and of Tier 1 capital to average assets (as defined). Management believes, as of December 31, 2015, that the Company meets all capital adequacy requirements to which it is subject.

The Company is well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, the Company must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based and Tier 1 leverage ratios as set forth above. At December 31, 2015, the Company's deposit-taking bank subsidiary met the capital and leverage ratio requirements for well capitalized banks.

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**Note O****Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida****(Parent Company Only) Financial Information*****Balance Sheets***

	December 31	
	2015	2014
	(In thousands)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$364	\$480
Securities purchased under agreement to resell with subsidiary bank, maturing within 30 days	43,323	37,836
Investment in subsidiaries	383,516	341,302
Other assets	10	0
	<b>\$427,213</b>	<b>\$379,618</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Subordinated debt	\$69,961	\$64,584
Other liabilities	3,799	2,383
Shareholders' equity	353,453	312,651
	<b>\$427,213</b>	<b>\$379,618</b>

*Statements of Income (Loss)*

	Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Income			
Interest/other	\$115	\$43	\$28
Dividends from subsidiary Bank	0	0	0
	115	43	28
Interest expense	1,671	1,053	958
Other expenses	317	1,000	450
Loss before income tax benefit and equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries	(1,873 )	(2,010 )	(1,380 )
Income tax benefit	(661 )	(704 )	(2,281 )
Income (loss) before equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries	(1,212 )	(1,306 )	901
Equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries	23,353	7,002	51,088
Net income	\$22,141	\$5,696	\$51,989

*Statement of Cash Flows*

	Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received	\$78	\$43	\$5
Interest paid	(1,487 )	(1,058 )	(957 )
Dividends received	37	24	23
Income taxes received	0	573	1,797
Other	122	(964 )	(494 )
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(1,250 )	(1,382 )	374
Cash flows from investing activities			
Decrease (increase) in securities purchased under agreement to resell, maturing within 30 days, net	(5,487 )	(37,044)	2,130
Net cash provided by (used in) investment activities	(5,487 )	(37,044)	2,130
Cash flows from financing activities			
Issuance of common stock, net of related expense	0	24,637	46,977
Subordinated debt increase	6,494	13,208	0
Stock based employment plans	127	142	190
Redemption of preferred stock	0	0	(50,000)
Dividends paid on preferred shares	0	0	(2,819 )
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	6,621	37,987	(5,652 )
Net change in cash	(116 )	(439 )	(3,148 )
Cash at beginning of year	480	919	4,067
Cash at end of year	\$364	\$480	\$919
RECONCILIATION OF INCOME (LOSS) TO CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income (loss)	\$22,141	\$5,696	\$51,989
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:			
Equity in undistributed income of subsidiaries	(23,353)	(7,002 )	(51,088)
Other, net	(38 )	(76 )	(527 )
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$(1,250 )	\$(1,382 )	\$374

## Note P

### **Contingent Liabilities and Commitments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk**

The Company and its subsidiaries, because of the nature of their business, are at all times subject to numerous legal actions, threatened or filed. Management presently believes that none of the legal proceedings to which it is a party are likely to have a materially adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, or operating results or cash flows.

The Company's subsidiary bank is party to financial instruments with off balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit, and limited partner equity commitments.

The subsidiary bank's exposure to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is represented by the contract or notional amount of those instruments. The subsidiary bank uses the same credit policies in making commitments and standby letters of credit as they do for on balance sheet instruments.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The subsidiary bank evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the bank upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the counterparty. Collateral held varies but may include accounts receivable, inventory, equipment, and commercial and residential real estate. Of the \$343,245,000 in commitments to extend credit outstanding at December 31, 2015, \$156,026,000 is secured by 1-4 family residential properties for individuals with approximately \$23,859,000 at fixed interest rates ranging from 3.00 to 5.125%.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the subsidiary bank to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. These instruments have fixed termination dates and most end without being drawn; therefore, they do not represent a significant liquidity risk. Those guarantees are primarily issued to support public and private borrowing arrangements, including commercial paper, bond financing, and similar transactions. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. The subsidiary bank holds collateral supporting these commitments for which collateral is deemed necessary. The extent of collateral held for secured standby letters of credit at December 31, 2015 and 2014 amounted to \$5,259,000 and \$2,617,000, respectively.

Unfunded limited partner equity commitments at December 31, 2015 totaled \$2,911,000 that the Company has committed to small business investment companies under the SBIC Act to be used to provide capital to small businesses.

Contract or Notional Amount	December 31	
	2015	2014
<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk:		
Commitments to extend credit	\$343,245	\$238,130
Standby letters of credit and financial guarantees written:		
Secured	9,593	2,685
Unsecured	93	200
Unfunded limited partner equity commitment	2,911	3,715

The Company's subsidiary bank renewed its contract for outsourced data services on December 31, 2012 for a period of five years and six months which requires a minimum payment for early termination without cause as follows:

Year Ended	(In thousands)
2015	\$ 10,380
2016	6,228
2017	2,076

**Note Q****Supplemental Disclosures for Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities for the three years ended:

	Year Ended December 31		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Net income	\$22,141	\$5,696	\$51,989
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used) provided by operating activities			
Depreciation	3,773	3,268	2,776
Net amortization of premiums and discounts on securities	3,920	2,353	3,882
Accretion of purchase accounting loan discount	(5,152 )	(750 )	0
Other amortization and accretion	(2,791 )	494	(172 )
Change in loans available for sale, net	(11,920)	1,754	22,189
Provision (recapture) for loan losses, net	2,644	(3,486 )	3,188
Deferred tax benefit	0	0	(40,552)
Gain on sale of securities	(161 )	(469 )	(419 )
Gain on sale of loans	(702 )	(419 )	(455 )
Loss on sale or write down of foreclosed assets	239	310	1,295
Loss on branch closures and disposition of equipment	183	4,493	1
Stock based employee benefit expense	2,859	1,299	246
Earnings on bank owned life insurance	(1,426 )	(219 )	0
Change in interest receivable	(903 )	(2,763 )	160
Change in interest payable	(682 )	847	(27 )
Change in prepaid expenses	(1,201 )	(591 )	4,562
Change in accrued taxes	12,990	4,294	(102 )
Change in other assets	(1,060 )	3,175	792
Change in other liabilities	238	2,660	499
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$22,989	\$21,946	\$49,852
Supplemental disclosure of non cash investing activities			
Fair value adjustment to securities	\$(2,256 )	\$8,985	\$(21,957)
Transfers from loans to other real estate owned	5,255	4,789	5,087
Transfers from loans to loans available for sale	0	0	379
Securities principal receivable recorded in other assets	230	101	159
Transfer from securities held for investment to available for sale	0	0	13,818
Transfer from securities available for sale to held for investment	0	158,781	0
Purchase of securities under trade date accounting	28,343	0	0





**Note R****Fair Value*****Fair Value Instruments Measured at Fair Value***

In certain circumstances, fair value enables the Company to more accurately align its financial performance with the market value of actively traded or hedged assets and liabilities. Fair values enable a company to mitigate the non-economic earnings volatility caused from financial assets and financial liabilities being carried at different bases of accounting, as well as to more accurately portray the active and dynamic management of a company's balance sheet. ASC 820 provides additional guidance for estimating fair value when the volume and level of activity for an asset or liability has significantly decreased. In addition, it includes guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly. Under ASC 820, fair value measurements for items measured at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2015 and 2014 included:

(Dollars in thousands)	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs Level 3
At December 31, 2015				
Available for sale securities (1)	\$ 790,766	\$ 225	\$ 790,541	\$ 0
Loans held for sale (2)	23,998	0	23,998	0
Loans (3)	7,511	0	6,052	1,459
Other real estate owned (4)	7,039	0	598	6,441
At December 31, 2014				
Available for sale securities (1)	\$ 741,375	\$ 3,899	\$ 737,476	\$ 0
Loans held for sale (2)	12,078	0	12,078	0
Loans (3)	10,409	0	8,324	2,085
Other real estate owned (4)	7,462	0	1,468	5,994

(1) See Note D for further detail of fair value of individual investment categories.

(2) Recurring fair value basis determined using observable market data.

See Note F. Nonrecurring fair value adjustments to loans identified as impaired reflect full or partial write-downs (3) that are based on the loan's observable market price or current appraised value of the collateral in accordance with ASC 310.

(4) Fair value is measured on a nonrecurring basis in accordance with ASC 360.

The fair value of impaired loans which are not troubled debt restructurings is based on recent real estate appraisals less estimated costs of sale. For residential real estate impaired loans, appraised values or internal evaluation are based on the comparative sales approach. These impaired loans are considered level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. For commercial and commercial real estate impaired loans, evaluations may use either a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches, such as comparative sales, cost and/or income approach. A significant unobservable input in the income approach is the estimated capitalization rate for a given piece of collateral. At December 31, 2015 the range of capitalization rates utilized to determine fair value of the underlying collateral averaged approximately 8.0%. Adjustments to comparable sales may be made by an appraiser to reflect local market conditions or other economic factors and may result in changes in the fair value of an asset over time. As such, the fair value of these impaired loans is considered level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. Impaired loans measured at fair value total \$7.5 million with a specific reserve of \$2.9 million at December 31, 2015, compared to \$10.4 million with a specific reserve of \$2.4 million at December 31, 2014.

Fair value of available for sale securities are determined using valuation techniques for individual investments as described in Note A.

When appraisals are used to determine fair value and the appraisals are based on a market approach, the fair value of OREO is classified as level 2. When the fair value of OREO is based on appraisals which require significant adjustments to market-based valuation inputs or apply an income approach based on unobservable cash flows, the fair value of OREO is classified as Level 3.

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are recognized on the actual date of the event or circumstances that caused the transfer, which generally coincides with the Company's monthly and/or quarter valuation process.

During 2015, there were no transfers between level 1 and level 2 assets carried at fair value.

For loans classified as level 3 the transfers in totaled \$1.1 million consisting of loans that became impaired during 2015. Transfers out consisted of charge offs of \$0.2 million, and loan foreclosures migrating to OREO and other reductions (including principal payments) totaling \$1.5 million.

Charge-offs recognized upon loan foreclosures are generally offset by general or specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses and generally do not, and did not during the reported periods, significantly impact the Company's provision for loan losses.

For OREO classified as level 3 during 2015 sales and valuation write-downs of \$3.4 million, and transfers in consisted of foreclosed loans totaling \$3.4 million, and valuation adjustment increase of \$0.4 million.

The carrying amount and fair value of the Company's other significant financial instruments that are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis in the balance sheet as of December 31 is as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Carrying Amount	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs Level 3
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At December 31, 2015

## Financial Assets

Securities held to maturity (1)	\$203,525	\$	0	\$	202,813	\$	0
Loans, net	2,129,691		0		0		2,147,024

## Financial Liabilities

Deposits	2,844,387		0		0		2,843,800
Borrowings	50,000		0		51,788		0
Subordinated debt	69,961		0		52,785		0

At December 31, 2014

## Financial Assets

Securities held to maturity (1)	\$207,904	\$	0	\$	208,788	\$	0
Loans, net	1,794,405		0		0		1,814,746

## Financial Liabilities

Deposits	2,416,534		0		0		2,417,355
Borrowings	50,000		0		52,735		0
Subordinated debt	64,583		0		53,861		0

(1) See Note D for further detail of recurring fair value basis of individual investment categories.

The short maturity of Seacoast's assets and liabilities results in having a significant number of financial instruments whose fair value equals or closely approximates carrying value. Such financial instruments are reported in the following balance sheet captions: cash and cash equivalents, interest bearing deposits with other banks, federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase, maturing within 30 days.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument for which it is practicable to estimate that value at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

*Securities:* U.S. Treasury securities are reported at fair value utilizing Level 1 inputs. Other securities are reported at fair value utilizing Level 2 inputs. The fair value measurements consider observable data that may include dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. Treasury yield curve, live trading levels, trade execution data, market consensus prepayment speeds, credit information and the bond's terms and conditions, among other things.

The Company reviews the prices supplied by the independent pricing service, as well as their underlying pricing methodologies, for reasonableness and to ensure such prices are aligned with traditional pricing matrices. In general, the Company does not purchase investment portfolio securities that are esoteric or that have a complicated structure. The Company's entire portfolio consists of traditional investments, the majority of which are U.S. Treasury obligations, federal agency bullet, mortgage pass-through securities, or general obligation or revenue based municipal bonds. Pricing for such instruments is fairly generic and is easily obtained. The fair value of the collateralized loan obligations are determined from broker quotes. From time to time, the Company will validate, on a sample basis, prices supplied by brokers and the independent pricing service by comparison to prices obtained from other brokers and third-party sources or derived using internal models.

*Loans:* Fair values are estimated for portfolios of loans with similar financial characteristics. Loans are segregated by type such as commercial, mortgage, etc. Each loan category is further segmented into fixed and adjustable rate interest terms and by performing and nonperforming categories. The fair value of loans, except residential mortgages, is calculated by discounting scheduled cash flows through the estimated maturity using estimated market discount rates that reflect the credit and interest rate risks inherent in the loan. For residential mortgage loans, fair value is estimated by discounting contractual cash flows adjusting for prepayment assumptions using discount rates based on secondary market sources. The estimated fair value is not an exit price fair value under ASC 820 when this valuation technique is used.

*Loans held for sale:* Fair values are based upon estimated values to be received from independent third party purchasers. These loans are intended for sale and the Company believes the fair value is the best indicator of the resolution of these loans. Interest income is recorded based on contractual terms of the loan in accordance with Company policy on loans held for investment. None of the loans are 90 days or more past due or on nonaccrual at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

	December 31,	
(Dollars in thousands)	2015	2014
Aggregate fair value	\$23,998	\$12,078
Contractual balance	23,384	11,769
Gains (losses)	614	309

*Deposit Liabilities:* The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts and money market deposits is the amount payable at the reporting date. The fair value of fixed maturity certificates of deposit is estimated using the rates currently offered for funding of similar remaining maturities.

**Note S****Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per common share were computed by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the year.

The number of shares utilized to compute earnings per share for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, have been restated to reflect a 1 for 5 reverse stock split effective December 13, 2013.

In 2015, 2014, and 2013, options and warrants to purchase 456,000, 293,000, and 102,000 shares, respectively, were antidilutive and accordingly were excluded in determining diluted earnings per share.

	Year Ended December 31		
	Net Income (Loss)	Shares	Per Share Amount
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)			
2015			
Basic Earnings Per Share			
Income available to common shareholders	\$22,141	33,495,827	\$ 0.66
Diluted Earnings Per Share			
Employee restricted stock and stock options (See Note J)		248,344	
Income available to common shareholders plus assumed conversions	\$22,141	33,744,171	\$ 0.66
2014			
Basic Earnings Per Share			
Income available to common shareholders	\$5,696	27,538,955	\$ 0.21
Diluted Earnings Per Share			
Employee restricted stock and stock options (See Note J)		177,940	
Income available to common shareholders plus assumed conversions	\$5,696	27,716,895	\$ 0.21
2013			
Basic Earnings Per Share			
Income available to common shareholders	\$47,916	19,449,560	\$ 2.46
Diluted Earnings Per Share			
Employee restricted stock (See Note J)		200,445	
Income available to common shareholders plus assumed conversions	\$47,916	19,650,005	\$ 2.44





## Note T - Business Combinations

### Acquisition of The BANKshares Inc.

The Company, through its subsidiary bank, purchased The BANKshares Inc. (“BANKshares”) in Winter Park, Florida on October 1, 2014. The Company acquired 100% of the outstanding common stock of BANKshares. Each share of BANKshares common stock was exchanged for 0.4975 shares of the Company’s common stock. Based on the closing price of the Company’s common stock on September 30, 2014, the resulting purchase price was \$76.8 million.

The Company’s principal reasons for the acquisition were to further solidify its market share in the Central Florida market and expand its customer base to enhance deposit fee income and leverage operating costs through economies of scale. The acquisition contributed \$516.3 million in total deposits and \$365.4 million in loans to our balance sheet, and significantly increased net interest income. It also provides opportunities for growth in one of Florida’s most vibrant markets.

Goodwill and core deposit intangibles for the BANKshares acquisition were \$25.2 million and \$7.8 million, respectively, at acquisition date. See Note H – Goodwill and Acquired Intangible Assets for related disclosures. Goodwill was deemed to be nondeductible for tax purposes as this acquisition was a nondeductible transaction.

### Acquisition of Grand Bankshares, Inc.

On July 17, 2015, the Company completed its previously announced acquisition of Grand Bankshares, Inc. (“Grand”) as set forth in the Agreement and Plan of Merger (“Agreement”) whereby Grand merged with and into the Company. Pursuant to and simultaneously with the merger of Grand with and into the Company, Grand’s wholly owned subsidiary bank, Grand Bank & Trust of Florida (“GB”), merged with and into the Company’s subsidiary bank, Seacoast National Bank. The acquisition related costs were approximately \$3.1 million and these expenses are reported in noninterest expenses in the consolidated statement of income. As a result of this acquisition, the Company expects to further solidify its market share in the attractive Palm Beach market, expand its customer base and leverage operating cost through economies of scale, and positively affect the Company’s operating results to the extent the Company earns more from interest earning assets than it pays in interest on its interest bearing liabilities.

The Company acquired 100% of the outstanding common stock of Grand. The purchase price consisted of stock, and additionally the Company paid approximately \$1.48 million in cash for all of Grand’s outstanding shares of preferred B stock, representing the par value of \$1,000 per share of preferred B stock. Each share of Grand common stock and Preferred A stock was exchanged for 0.3114 shares of the Company’s common stock, or approximately 1.09 million shares of Company stock. Based on the price of the Company’s common stock of \$15.75 per share on July 17, 2015, plus cash paid for Grand’s outstanding shares of preferred B stock, the total purchase price was \$18.7 million.

	July 17, 2015
Grand preferred B shares exchanged for cash	\$1,481,000
Number of Grand common shares outstanding	3,501,185
Per share exchange ratio	0.3114
Number of shares of common stock issued	1,090,269
Multiplied by common stock price per share on July 17, 2015	\$15.75
Value of common stock issued	17,171,737
Total purchase price	\$18,652,737

The acquisition is accounted for under the acquisition method in accordance with ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations. The following table summarizes the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition. As previously disclosed the fair value initially assigned to assets acquired and liabilities assumed were preliminary and could change for up to one year after the closing date of the acquisition as new information and circumstances relative to closing date fair values are known. Based on recoveries of principal and interest on loans previously charged off and OREO appraisals received subsequent to the acquisition date, the Company adjusted its initial fair value estimates at acquisition date as indicated in the table below. Determining fair values of assets and liabilities, especially the loan portfolio and foreclosed real estate, is a complicated process involving significant judgment regarding methods and assumptions used to calculate estimated fair values. Adjustments under ASU Topic 805 resulted in a bargain purchase gain of \$416,000 that was recorded in noninterest income in the fourth quarter of 2015.

	July 17, 2015 (Initially Reported)	Measurement Period Adjustments (in thousands)	July 17, 2015 (As Adjusted)
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash	\$ 34,408	\$ 0	\$ 34,408
Investment securities	46,366	0	46,366
Loans, net	109,988	1,304	111,292
Fixed assets	4,191	0	4,191
OREO	2,424	437	2,861
Core deposit intangibles	2,564	0	2,564
Goodwill	555	(555 )	0
Other assets	14,163	(770 )	13,393
	\$ 214,659	\$ 416	\$ 215,075
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Deposits	\$ 188,469	\$ 0	\$ 188,469
Borrowings	1,658	0	1,658
Subordinated debt	5,151	0	5,151
Other liabilities	728	0	728
	\$ 196,006	\$ 0	\$ 196,006
Bargain purchase gain		\$ (416 )	

The table below presents information with respect to the fair value of acquired loans, as well as their unpaid principal balance ("Book Balance") at acquisition date.

(Dollars in thousands)                      July 17, 2015  
Fair Value

	Book Balance	
Loans:		
Single family residential real estate	\$6,158	\$ 6,379
Commercial real estate	82,782	81,191
Construction/development/land	979	913
Commercial loans	2,393	1,516
Consumer and other loans	14,575	13,692
Purchased credit-impaired	10,993	7,601
Total acquired loans	\$117,880	\$ 111,292

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For the loans acquired we first segregated all acquired loans with specifically identified credit deficiency factor(s). The factors we considered to identify loans as Purchase Credit Impaired (“PCI”) loans were all acquired loans that were nonaccrual, 60 days or more past due, designated as Trouble Debt Restructured (“TDR”), graded “special mention” or “substandard.” These loans were then evaluated to determine estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, we are accounting for these loans pursuant to ASC Topic 310-30. The table below summarizes the total contractually required principal and interest cash payments, management’s estimate of expected total cash payments and fair value of the loans as of July 17, 2015 for purchased credit impaired loans. Contractually required principal and interest payments have been adjusted for estimated prepayments.

(Dollars in thousands)	July 17, 2015
Contractually required principal and interest	\$ 12,552
Non-accretable difference	(4,249 )
Cash flows expected to be collected	8,303
Accretable yield	(702 )
Total purchased credit-impaired loan acquired	\$ 7,601

Second, loans without specifically identified credit deficiency factors are referred to as Purchased Unimpaired Loans (“PULs”) for disclosure purposes. These loans were then evaluated to determine estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. Although no specific credit deficiencies were identifiable, we believe there is an element of risk as to whether all contractual cash flows will be eventually received. Factors that were considered included the economic environment both nationally and locally as well as the real estate market particularly in Florida. We have applied ASC Topic 310-20 accounting treatment to the PULs.

The Company believes the deposits assumed from the acquisition have an intangible value. The Company applied ASC Topic 805, which prescribes the accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets such as core deposit intangibles, in a business combination. In determining the valuation amount, a third party analyzed the deposits based on factors such as type of deposit, deposit retention, interest rates and age of deposit relationships.

The Company recognized no goodwill for this acquisition based on the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the acquisition date and, in some instances, based on use of third party experts for valuations. The acquisition of Grand constituted a business combination. Accordingly, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are presented at their fair values. The determination of fair value requires management to make estimates about discount rates and future expected cash flows, market conditions and other future events that are highly subjective in nature and subject to change. Fair value estimates are based on the information available, and are subject to change for up to one year after the closing date of the acquisition as additional information relative to closing date fair values becomes available.

The operating results of the Company for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015 includes the operating results of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities since the date of acquisition of July 17, 2015. Pro-forma data for the twelve months ending December 31, 2015 and 2014 listed in the table below presents pro-forma information as if the acquisition occurred at the beginning of 2014.

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
Net interest income	\$ 113,082	\$ 82,124
Net income available to common shareholders	25,408	8,399
EPS - basic	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.29
EPS - diluted	0.74	0.29

Acquisition of BMO Harris Central Florida Offices, Deposits and Loans

On October 14, 2015, the Company announced that Seacoast's wholly-owned subsidiary, Seacoast National Bank, entered into a Branch Sale Agreement with BMO Harris Bank N.A. ("BMO") pursuant to which it has agreed to purchase, subject to the terms of the Agreement, fourteen branches of BMO located in the Orlando Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA"). Seacoast National Bank will assume approximately \$355 million in deposits and approximately \$70 million in loans related to business banking customers at a deposit premium of 3.0% of the deposit balances. Regulatory approval has been granted and subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, the acquisition is expected to close in June 2016.

Acquisition of Floridian Financial Group, Inc.

On November 3, 2015, the Company announced that it signed a definitive agreement to acquire Floridian Financial Group, Inc. ("Floridian"), the parent company of Floridian Bank. Upon completion of the merger, Seacoast expects that Floridian Bank will be merged into Seacoast National Bank. Floridian, headquartered in Lake Mary, Florida, currently operates 10 branches in Orlando and Daytona Beach and will add approximately \$426 million in assets, \$361 million in deposits, and \$289 million in loans to Seacoast.

Under the terms of the definitive agreement, Floridian shareholders will have the right to receive, at their election, (i) the combination of \$4.29 in cash and 0.5291 shares of Seacoast common stock, (ii) \$12.25 in cash, or (iii) 0.8140 shares of Seacoast common stock, subject to a customary proration mechanism so that the aggregate consideration mix equals 35% cash and 65% Seacoast shares (based on Seacoast's ten-day average closing price of \$15.05 per share as of October 29, 2015).

The transaction closed on March 11, 2016.

The acquisition is accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations. Some disclosures are being omitted at this time. The Company will recognize goodwill on this acquisition which is nondeductible for tax purposes as this acquisition is a nontaxable transaction. The goodwill will be calculated based on the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the acquisition date, which at the time of this filing were incomplete and reliant upon use of third party experts for pending valuations, including the core deposit intangible and pending appraisals on purchased unimpaired loans and purchased credit impaired loans, bank premises and other fixed assets, other real estate owned, subordinated debt, and remaining assets and other liabilities. Fair value estimates for the Floridian acquisition are subject to change for up to one year after the closing date of the acquisition as additional information relative to closing date fair values becomes available. Loans that are nonaccrual and all loan relationships identified as impaired as of the acquisition date will be considered by management to be credit impaired and will be accounted for pursuant to ASC Topic 310-30.

The Company believes the deposits assumed from the acquisition will have an intangible value. The Company will be applying ASC Topic 805, which prescribes the accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets such as core deposit intangibles, in a business combination. In determining the valuation amount, deposits will be analyzed based on factors such as type of deposit, deposit retention, interest rates and age of deposit relationships.