

Earnings Call 4Q2018

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Forward Looking Statements

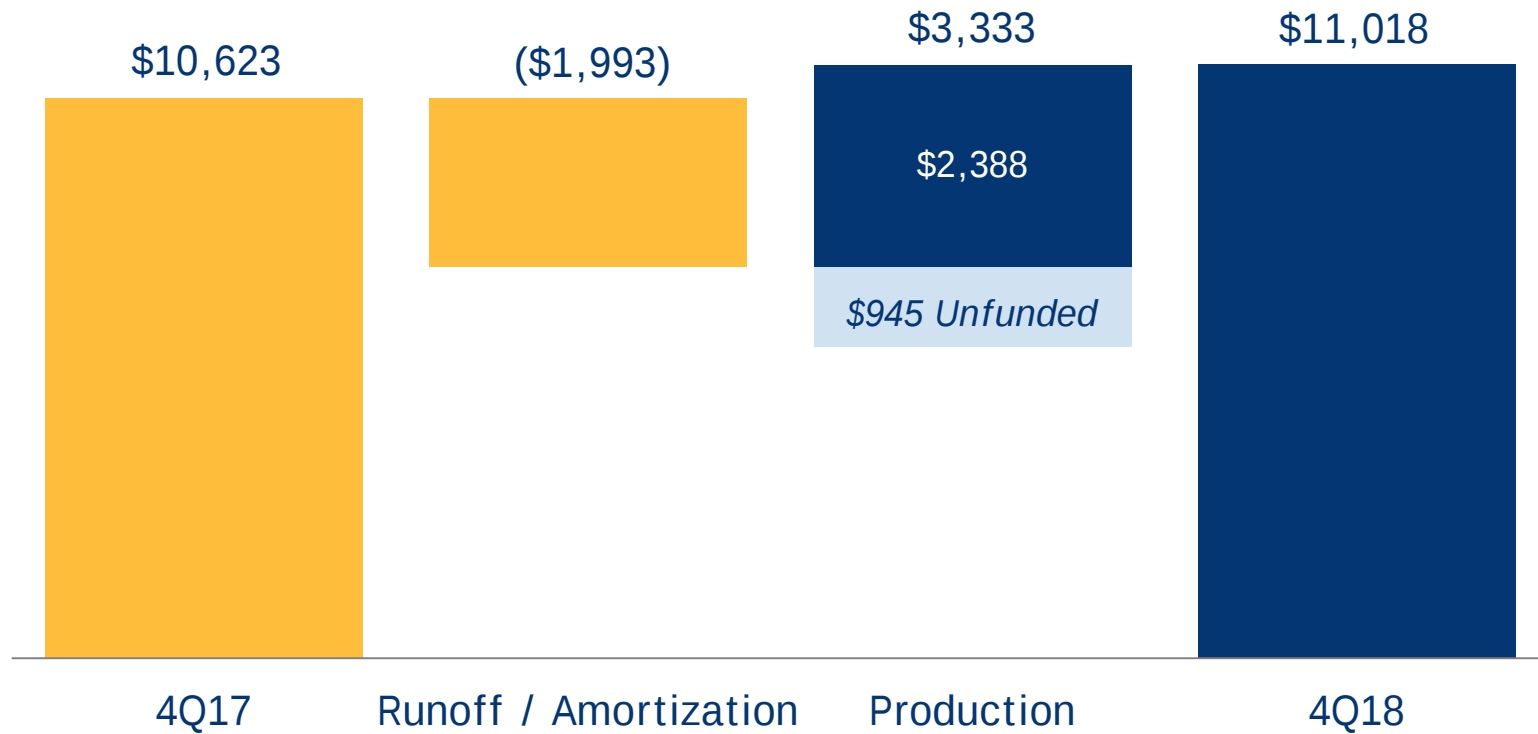
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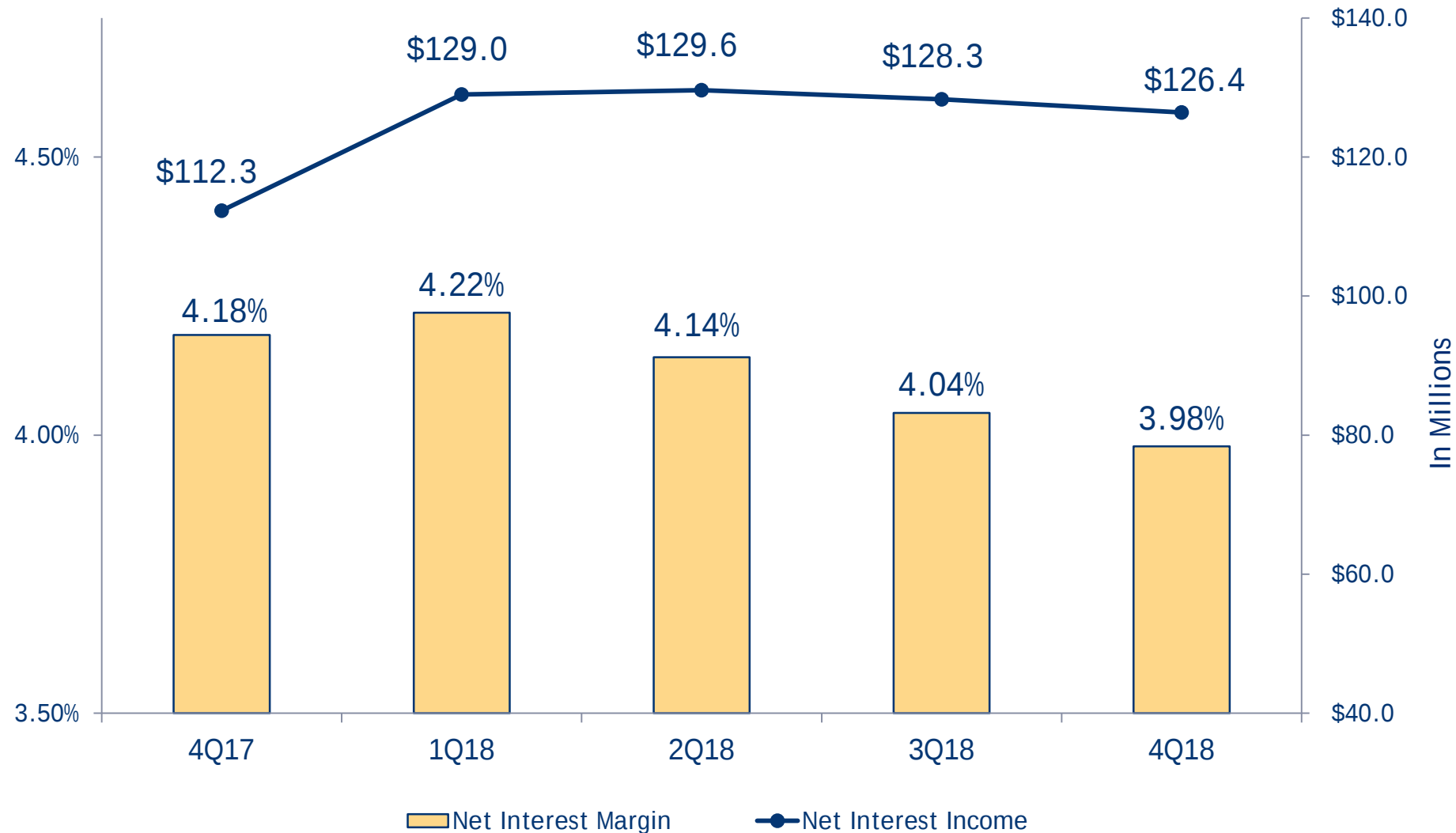
2018 Highlights

	3Q18	4Q18	2018
GAAP			
Net Income	\$47.1	\$49.0	\$178.9
EPS	\$1.28	\$1.35	\$4.86
Return on Average Assets	1.28%	1.33%	1.23%
Return on Average Tangible Equity	15.29%	15.91%	14.93%
Adjusted*			
Net Income	\$49.1	\$49.0	\$202.1
EPS	\$1.33	\$1.35	\$5.50
Return on Average Assets	1.33%	1.33%	1.39%
Return on Average Tangible Equity	15.90%	15.91%	16.76%
Cash dividend per common share	\$0.35	\$0.36	\$1.38

Net Loan Growth

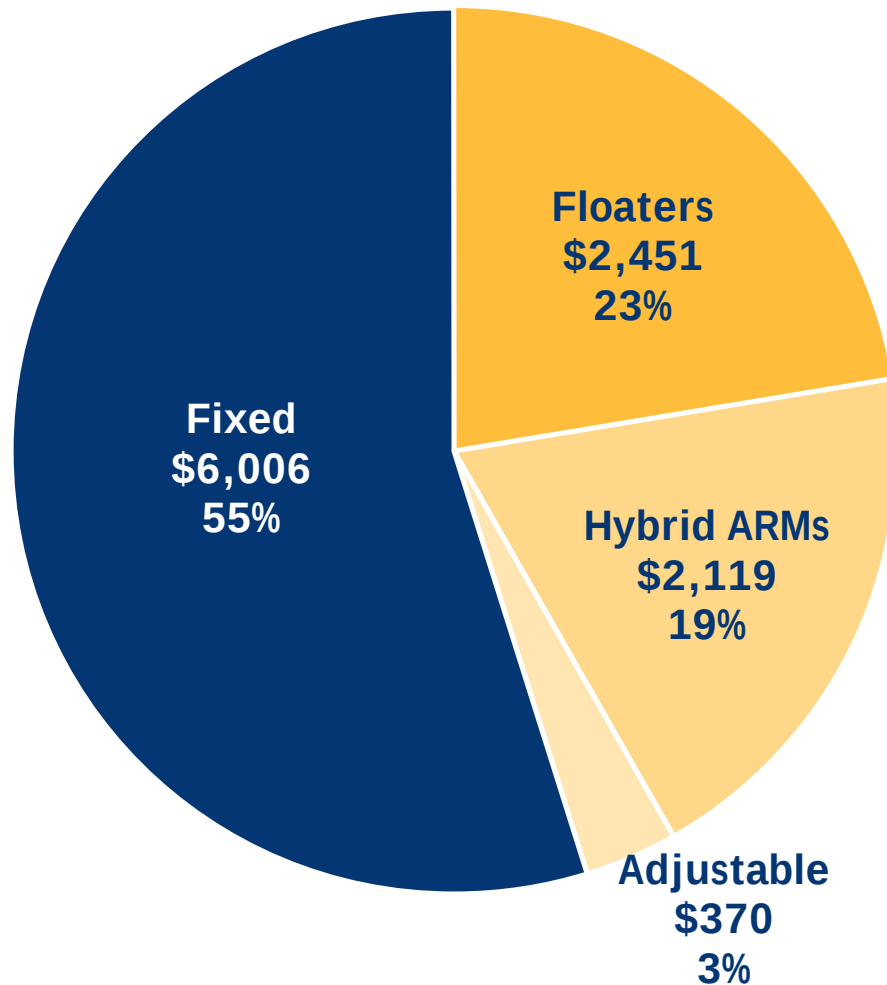


Net Interest Margin



Loan Characteristics

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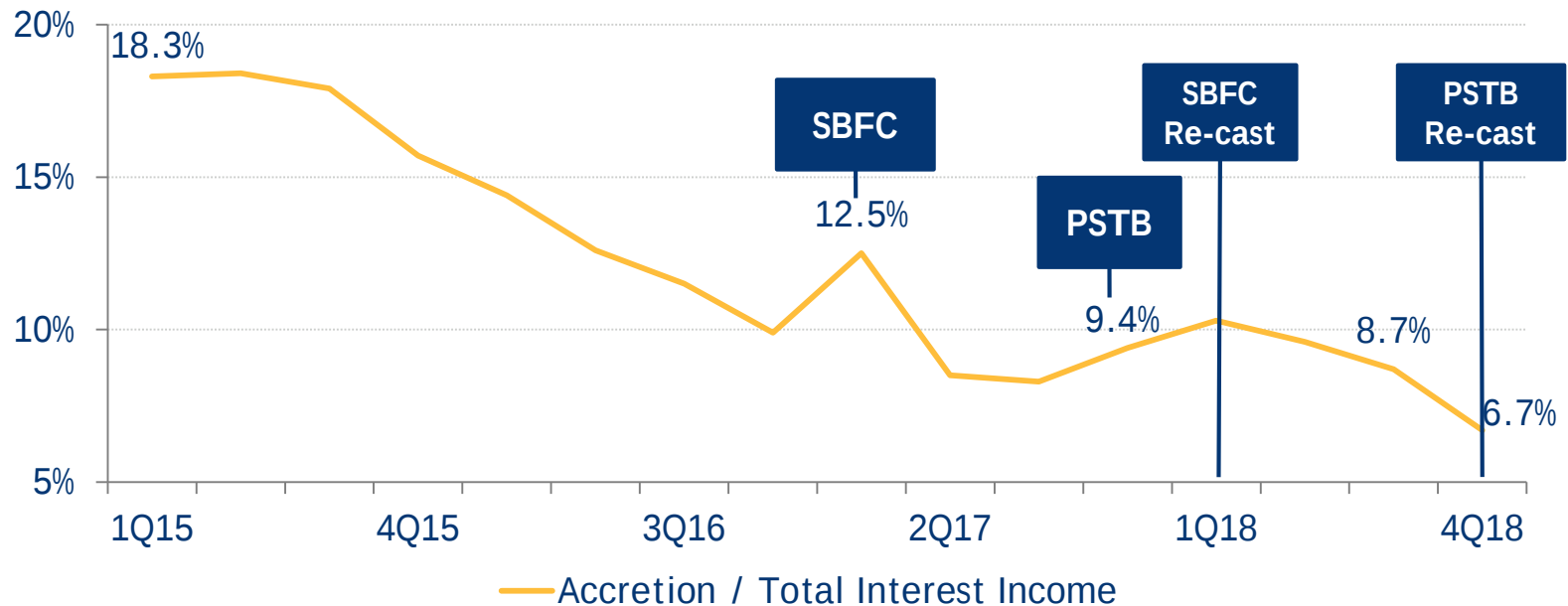
<1 year	30%
1 - 5 years	34
5+ years	36

Overall Weighted Average
Life of 3 - 4 Years

Average Interest Earning Assets

Assets	<i>% of Earning Assets</i>	3Q 2018	<i>% of Earning Assets</i>	4Q 2018	Net Change
Short-Term Investments	1.8%	\$ 233	1.4%	\$ 173	\$ (60)
Investment Securities	12.6%	1,589	12.2%	1,548	(41)
Loans - Acquired	27.1%	3,429	25.1%	3,175	(254)
Loans - NonAcquired	58.2%	7,373	61.2%	7,753	380
Total Loans	85.3%	\$ 10,802	86.2%	\$ 10,928	\$ 126
Loans Held for Sale	0.3%	35	0.2%	25	(10)
Total Interest Earning Assets		\$ 12,659		\$ 12,674	\$ 15

Accretable Yield



Fourth Quarter 2018 (Yields Annualized)

Income Statement	Contractual Interest	Accretion	Total Income	Contractual Yield	Total Yield
Acquired Credit Impaired	\$7.8	\$5.9	\$13.7	5.40%	10.86%
Acquired NonCredit Impaired	32.5	3.8	36.3	4.76%	5.38%
Total	\$40.3	\$9.7	\$50.0	4.87%	6.25%

Acquired Loan Portfolio

As of December 31, 2018

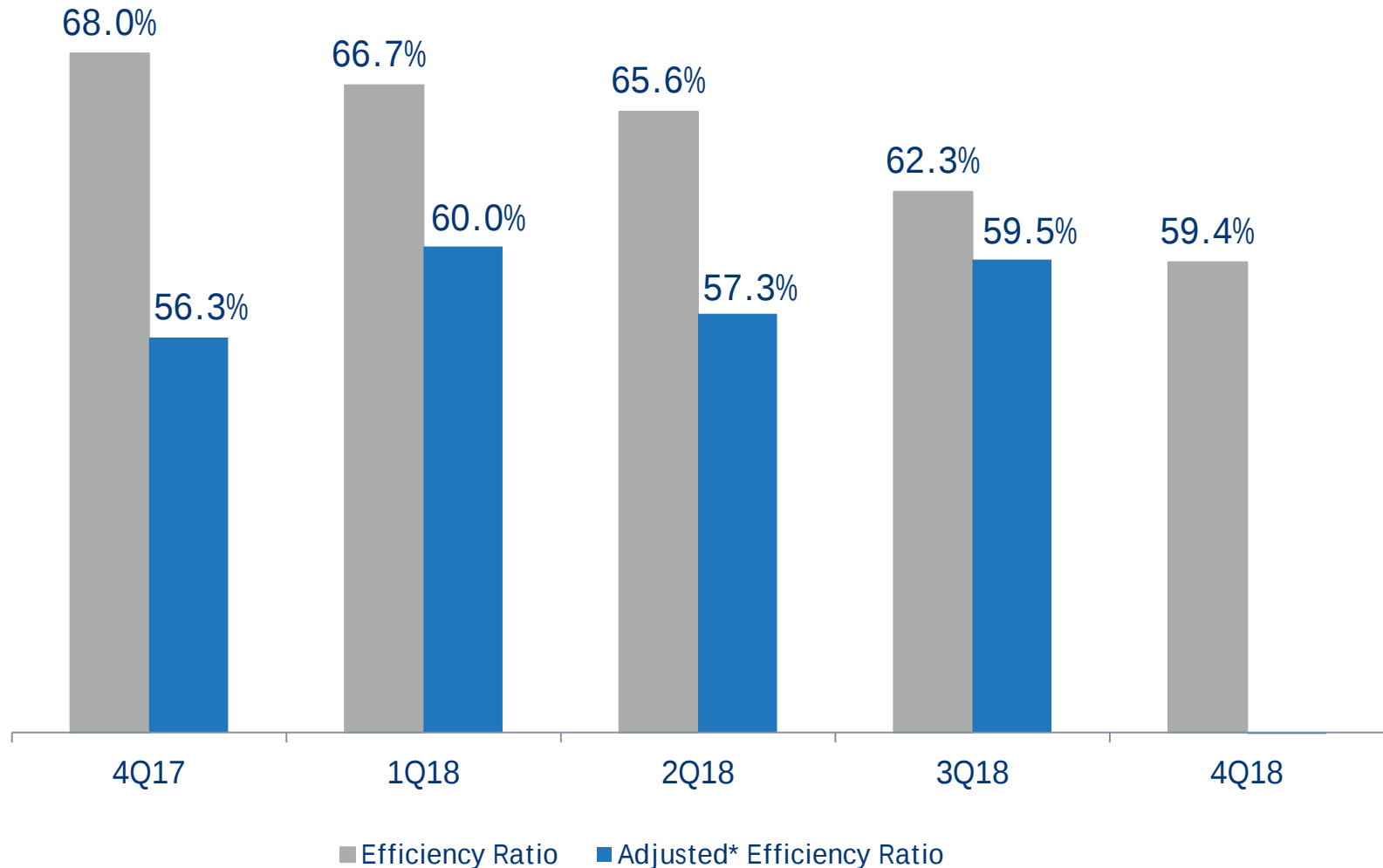
Balance Sheet	UPB	Discount	Carrying Value	Accretable Yield / Disc
Acquired Credit Impaired	\$553.1	(A) (\$68.0)	\$485.1	(B) \$116.8
Acquired NonCredit Impaired	2,628.2	(33.4)	2,594.8	33.4
Total	\$3,181.3	(\$101.4)	\$3,079.9	\$150.2

- (A) Represents total loan discount made up of \$19.1 million credit mark (\$24.8 million total non-accretable difference less \$5.7 million interest portion of non-accretable difference) and a non-credit discount of \$48.9 million
- (B) Represents cash flows of principal totaling \$48.9 million and interest totaling \$67.9 million that are expected to be received in future periods and will be recognized as interest income

4th Quarter 2018 Highlights

Noninterest Income	3Q 2018	4Q 2018	Net Change
Fees on Deposit Accounts	\$ 17.8	\$ 18.7	\$ 0.9
Mortgage Banking	2.8	2.5	(0.3)
Wealth Management	7.5	7.6	0.1
Acquired Loan Recoveries	1.2	2.7	1.5
Other Income	2.7	4.1	1.4
Total Adjusted* NonInterest Income	\$ 32.0	\$ 35.6	\$ 3.6
Securities gains (losses), net	(0.01)	(0.00)	0.01
Total Noninterest Income	\$ 32.0	\$ 35.6	\$ 3.6

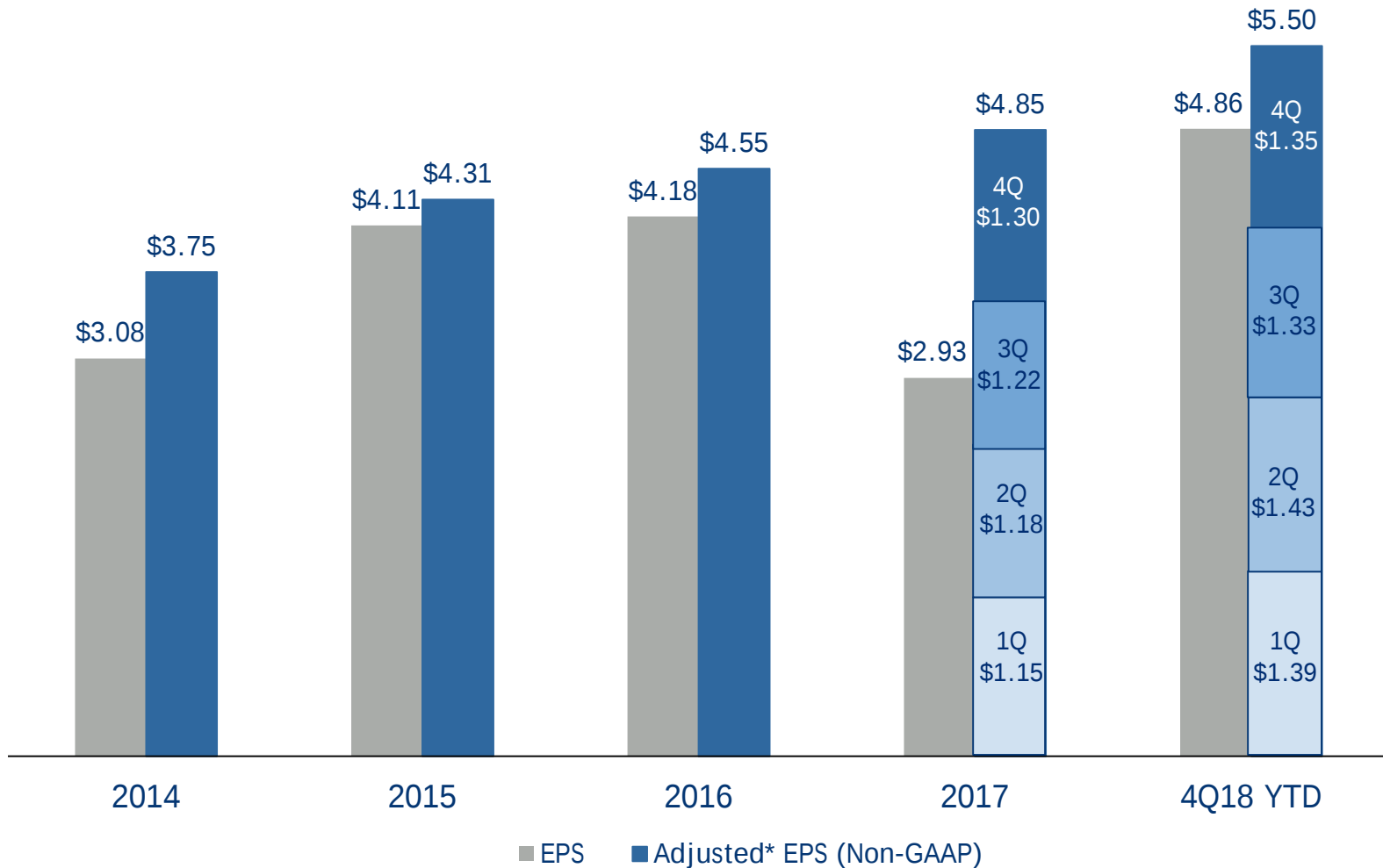
Efficiency Ratio



4th Quarter 2018 Highlights

Noninterest Expense	3Q 2018	4Q 2018	Net Change
Salaries and Benefits	57.9	57.7	(0.2)
Information services expense	7.8	7.9	0.1
OREO and loan related expense	(0.0)	0.8	0.9
Net occupancy expense & FFE	12.2	11.8	(0.4)
FDIC assessment & regulatory chgs	2.5	1.3	(1.2)
Bankcard expense	0.4	0.4	0.0
Amortization of intangibles	3.5	3.5	0.0
Professional fees & marketing	3.2	4.4	1.2
Business development and staff related	2.5	2.8	0.3
Other	5.8	5.9	0.1
Total Adjusted* Noninterest Expense	95.8	96.7	0.9
Merger-related Costs	4.5	0.0	(4.5)
Total Noninterest Expense	100.3	96.7	(3.6)

Earnings Per Diluted Share



Tangible Book Value

