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Offering Overview Issuer Ameris Bancorp (NASDAQ: ABCB) Security [ ]% Fixed - to - Floating Rate Subordinated Notes Offering Size \$75.0 million Term 10 year (5 year fixed, 5 year floating) Rating Kroll BBB - Call Provision Non - Call 5 Years Use of Proceeds Repay existing indebtedness under our revolving credit agreement and for other general corporate purposes, which may include providing capital to support our growth organically or through strategic acquisitions, financing investments and capital expenditures, and for investments in the Bank as regulatory capital. Bookrunner Stephens Inc. 4

Franchise Overview • Founded in Moultrie, GA in 1971 • Executive team headquartered in Jacksonville, FL • Four-state footprint with 97 banking offices • Balance Sheet (As of December 31, 2016) – Assets: \$6.9 Billion – Loans (Ex. HFS): \$5.3 Billion – Deposits: \$5.6 Billion Capital Ratios as of December 31, 2016 Standalone Pro Forma (1) TCE / TA 7.46 % 8.46 % Leverage 8.68 9.71 CET1 8.32 9.62 Tier 1 9.69 10.99 Total 10.11 12.69 C&D Concentration (2) 77 61 CRE Concentration (3) 269 214 5 (1) Pro forma for \$81.4 million gross equity offering (excluding the over-allotment option) and \$75 million gross debt offering, net of estimated offering expenses, and paydown of \$38.9 million of existing debt. (2) C&D Concentration defined as the sum of 1 - 4 family construction loans and other construction and land development loans divided by total risk based capital, per Federal Reserve guidance. (3) CRE Concentration defined as the sum of 1 - 4 family construction loans, other construction and land development loans, loans securitized by multi - family properties and loans secured by other non - farm, non - residential (non - owner occupied) properties divided by total risk based capital, per Federal Reserve guidance.

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Ownership and pricing data as of February 28, 2017. Excludes employee stock options. Edwin Hortman President & CEO 17 36 Citizens Security Bank Colony Bankcorp 11.4 Dennis Zember COO & CFO 11 23 FLAG Financial Corp. Century South Banks 7.8 Andrew Cheney Chief Banking Executive 7 40 Mercantile Bank Southern Financial Group Barnett Bank 5.1 Jon Edwards Chief Credit Officer 17 32 Nations Bank 2.5 Lawton Bassett President - Ameris Bank 20 25 Citizens Security Bank Barnett Bank SunTrust 1.9 James LaHaise Corporate Banking Executive 3 31 The Coastal Bank Barnett Bank 3.3 Experienced Management Team Tenure at Ameris ( Yrs ) Banking Industry Experience ( Yrs ) Previous Experience 6 Management Ownership (\$M) Total Management & Board Ownership : 57.8

- Continue to bolster BSA and compliance functions in order to exit the Consent Order with the FDIC as soon as possible – Recently hired a new head of BSA from a larger regional bank
- Focus efforts on organic earnings per share growth – Leverage existing infrastructure to drive loan growth in our markets – Build scale in new lines of business
- Generate consistent operating performance
- Maintain disciplined approach to M&A
- Finish building operating platform to support \$ 10 billion balance sheet

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\$2,625 \$2,999 \$3,431 \$4,879 \$5,575 \$1,500 \$2,750 \$4,000 \$5,250 \$6,500 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Consistent  
 Record of Growth \$3,019 \$3,668 \$4,037 \$5,589 \$6,892 \$2,000 \$3,500 \$5,000 \$6,500 \$8,000 2012 2013 2014 2015  
 2016 \$1,958 \$2,457 \$2,835 \$3,909 \$5,264 \$1,000 \$2,250 \$3,500 \$4,750 \$6,000 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 CAGR =  
 22.9% CAGR = 20.7% Assets Loans (1) Deposits (\$ in millions) 8 (1) Reflects total gross loans, excluding loans held  
 for sale. CAGR = 28.0%

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Markets Overview Deposits by Market Type Top MSAs in States of Operation (1) Non - Metro 34.3% Metro 65.7%  
5-Yr Proj. Pop. MSA Population Growth (%) 1 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA 5,843,277 6.69 2 Tampa-St.  
Petersburg-Clearwater, FL 3,052,850 6.46 3 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL 2,462,444 8.28 4 Jacksonville, FL  
1,487,906 6.70 5 Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin, SC 891,702 6.10 6 Columbia, SC 823,488 5.68 7 North  
Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, FL 788,154 7.35 8 Charleston-North Charleston, SC 768,937 8.66 9 Lakeland-Winter  
Haven, FL 666,124 6.87 10 Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL 637,616 5.84 11 Augusta-Richmond County,  
GA-SC 598,039 4.57 12 Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL 581,191 5.43 13 Chattanooga, TN-GA 552,944 3.81 14  
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL 487,757 6.05 15 Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, SC-NC 449,541 9.80 16  
Savannah, GA 388,564 7.10 17 Tallahassee, FL 385,452 4.31 18 Ocala, FL 350,432 4.92 19 Spartanburg, SC 329,437  
4.89 20 Columbus, GA-AL 315,214 3.71 National 3.77 Note: Metro markets refer to Metropolitan Statistical Areas as  
defined by the U.S. Government's Office of Management and Budget. Blue shading indicates ABCB presence. (1)  
Based on population. Excludes Alabama and Southern Florida. (2) Represents deposit - weighted average of deposit  
market share. Data source: SNL Financial. Deposit data as of June 30 of indicated year. 9 Non - Metro 45.0% Metro  
55.0% 2010 2016 Deposit Market Type Market Share (2) Metro 4.9% Non-Metro 25.2% Deposit Market Type Market  
Share (2) Metro 2.6% Non-Metro 29.6%

Deploying Core Funding Into Higher Growth Markets Loan Portfolio by Market (1) Deposits by Market Jacksonville / St. Augustine, FL 28.8% Southern GA 21.5% South Carolina 13.3% Savannah, GA 11.3% Atlanta, GA 7.1% Florida Panhandle 6.1% North Central Florida 5.6% Alabama 3.2% Other 3.1% Jacksonville / St. Augustine, FL 21.9% Southern GA 39.3% South Carolina 7.5% Savannah, GA 8.6% Atlanta, GA 1.2% Florida Panhandle 5.7% North Central Florida 12.2% Alabama 3.7% 10 (1) Includes covered loans and purchased non - covered loans. Excludes warehouse lines, purchased mortgage pools, premium finance loans and service finance loans. Company financial data as of December 31, 2016.

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\$1,451 \$1,618 \$1,890 \$2,407 \$3,627 \$1,958 \$2,457 \$2,835 \$3,909 \$5,264 \$500 \$2,500 \$4,500 \$6,500 2012 2013  
 2014 2015 2016 Non-Acquired Loans Total Gross Loans Robust Loan Growth Total and Non - Acquired Loan  
 Portfolio (1) December 31, 2016 Non - Acquired Loan Portfolio Composition – \$3.6 Billion (Including U.S. Premium  
 Finance) 11 1 - 4 Family 14.1% HELOC 2.1% Own. Occ. CRE 11.8% Non Own. Occ. CRE 22.6% C&D 10.0%  
 Premium Finance 9.8% Warehouse Lending 5.4% Other C&I 5.3% Ag. Prod. 1.1% Ag. Land 4.3% Consumer  
 Installment & Other 3.0% Muni. 10.5% CRE C&I Ag. Residential Organic growth in loans amounted to \$660.4  
 million for 2016, or 20.8% of December 31, 2015 loans excluding purchased loan pools and covered loans. 2012 -  
 2016 Non - Acquired Loan CAGR = 25.7% (1) Excludes loans held for sale. (\$ in millions)

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Strong Asset Quality 1.19% 0.90% 0.75% 0.54% 0.45% 1.67% 1.45% 1.23% 1.02% 0.89% 0.00% 0.45% 0.90%  
1.35% 1.80% 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Stated Adjusted 3.77% 2.89% 2.53% 1.54% 1.11% 3.77% 2.46% 2.15%  
0.84% 0.55% 0.00% 1.50% 3.00% 4.50% 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Stated Adjusted Reserves / Loans NPAs /  
Loans & OREO 12 Adjusted figures exclude FDIC - covered loans, acquired loans, purchased mortgage pools,  
wholesale mortgage LOC's, municipal loans and loans acquired in U.S. Premium Finance acquisition. Adjusted figures  
exclude acquired NPAs.

New and Existing Lines of Business to Drive Growth

- 13 US Premium Finance • Nationwide platform that offers insurance agencies the ability to provide credit to their P&C customers • Headquartered in Atlanta, GA • Approximately \$ 353 . 9 million in outstanding loans at year - end with quickly expanding team and robust loan pipeline • Believe \$ 1 B in total outstanding receivables attainable within 5 years • Accretive to credit quality, ROAA and efficiency ratio, as well as long - term EPS growth rate
- Ameris Equipment Finance • Launched in January 2017 when we recruited six (6) professionals formerly with Caterpillar's captive finance division. • Focus on shorter - term financing of equipment in the transportation, manufacturing and construction segments of the economy
- Existing Business Lines • Retail Mortgage : • SBA : • Warehouse Lending : • Municipal : 2016 Contribution \$ 13 . 2 million net income \$ 2 . 8 million net income \$ 4 . 6 million net income \$ 379 . 8 million loan portfolio at year - end

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19.5% 22.3% 24.5% 27.3% 28.2% 25.6% 23.5% 24.1% 25.5% 24.0% 26.5% 29.2% 28.7% 30.0% 30.6% 27.3%  
 24.8% 22.6% 17.1% 16.9% 1.1% 0.2% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016  
 Demand NOW & Other MMDAs & Savings Time Brokered Stable Core Funding \$2,625 \$2,999 \$3,431 \$4,879  
 \$5,575 0.51% 0.34% 0.30% 0.23% 0.24% 0.26% 0.00% 0.20% 0.40% 0.60% 0.80% \$2,000 \$3,000 \$4,000 \$5,000  
 \$6,000 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Total Deposits Cost of Deposits Regional Peer Median(1) Deposit Composition  
 Total Deposits (\$ in millions) 14 ( 1 ) Regional Peers consist of CBF, CSFL, FCB, HOMB, RNST, SFBS, SFNC,  
 SSB, TOWN, TRMK, UBSH, UCBI and WSBC.

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5.53% 10.39% 15.57% 13.66% 16.71% 14.97% 17.04% 14.09% 0.00% 5.00% 10.00% 15.00% 20.00% 2012 2013  
2014 2015 2016 Q4 '15 Q4 '16 0.44% 0.86% 1.18% 1.11% 1.30% 1.12% 1.33% 1.21% 0.00% 0.40% 0.80% 1.20%  
1.60% 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Q4 '15 Q4 '16 Strong Profitability Core ROAA (1) Core ROATCE (1) 15 (1)  
Earnings exclude certain credit resolution related expenses, one - time compliance related charge and merger related  
charges. ( 2 ) Regional Peers consist of CBF, CSFL, FCB, HOMB, RNST, SFBS, SFNC, SSB, TOWN, TRMK,  
UBSH, UCBI and WSBC. Regional Peer Median (2)

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(1) Excludes problem loan and OREO expense, one-time compliance related charge and merger related charges. (2) Regional Peers consist of CBF, CSFL, FCB, HOMB, RNST, SFBS, SFNC, SSB, TOWN, TRMK, UBSH, UCBI and WSBC. Noninterest Income & Expense Operating Expense (1) Noninterest Income / Average Assets 1.27% 1.63% 1.79% 1.78% 1.72% 1.64% 1.47% 0.96% 0.00% 0.50% 1.00% 1.50% 2.00% 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Q4 '15 Q4 '16 Regional Peer Median(2) \$7.0 \$8.9 \$8.7 \$8.8 \$9.2 \$11.3 \$12.1 \$10.4 \$30.7 \$31.1 \$38.2 \$40.2 \$38.2 \$39.3 \$39.6 \$37.5 \$- \$10.0 \$20.0 \$30.0 \$40.0 \$50.0 \$60.0 Q1 '15 Q2 '15 Q3 '15 Q4 '15 Q1 '16 Q2 '16 Q3 '16 Q4 '16 Line of Business Operating Expense Bank Operating Expense 16 (\$ in millions)



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Earnings & Tangible Book Value Growth \$1.01 \$1.58 \$1.66 \$2.30 \$2.68 \$3.28 \$0.00 \$0.50 \$1.00 \$1.50 \$2.00 \$2.50  
\$3.00 \$3.50 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017E 2018E \$10.39 \$9.87 \$10.99 \$12.65 \$14.42 \$8.50 \$10.25 \$12.00 \$13.75  
\$15.50 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Operating Earnings per Share (1) Tangible Book Value per Share (1) Excludes  
gains and losses on sale of OREO , one - time compliance related charge and merger related charges. Forecasted  
earnings per share represent consensus estimates per FactSet Research Systems as of February 28, 2017. 18

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Potential M&A Target Institutions (1) Targets include all banks headquartered in AL, FL (excluding Southern FL), GA, NC, SC and TN between \$500M and \$5.0B in assets. Excludes announced merger targets. Data source: SNL Financial . 19 Potential M&A Targets by Asset Size (1) \$500M - \$1.0B - \$2.5B - State \$1.0B \$2.5B \$5.0B Alabama 12 4 0 Florida 11 4 2 Georgia 11 7 3 North Carolina 9 5 4 South Carolina 8 3 0 Tennessee 20 9 3 Total 71 32 12  
Total: 17 Total: 21 FL AL GA TN SC NC Total: 11 Total: 18 Total: 32 Total: 16

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Access to Capital 20 (1) Peers consist of CBF, CSFL, FCB, HOMB, RNST, SFBS, SFNC, SSB, TOWN, TRMK, UBSH, UCBI and WSBC . (2) Offering priced on March 1, 2017 and does not include the overallotment option. Data source: SNL Financial. Market data through February 28, 2017. (5.0%) 5.0% 15.0% 25.0% 35.0% 45.0% 55.0% 65.0% 75.0% 85.0% 95.0% 2/28/16 5/28/16 8/28/16 11/28/16 2/28/17 1-Year 3-Year 5-Year ABCB 77.8% 129.6% 312.8% Peers (1) 52.7% 67.7% 165.1% SNL B&T 49.7% 45.9% 107.1% Previous Capital Raises Date Type Amount (\$M) April 13, 2010 Follow - On \$90.0 January 29, 2015 Follow - On 119.7 March 1, 2017 (2) Follow - On 81.4 1 - Year Price Performance Historical Price Performance ABCB 77.8% SNL Mid Cap Bank & Thrift 49.7% Peers (1) 52.7%

Interest Coverage For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016 Bank Level Common Equity 767,682\$ Consolidated Equity 646,437 Double Leverage Ratio 118.8% Subordinated Debt Offering Net Proceeds (1) 73,625\$ Pro Forma Holding Company Investment in Bank 868,363 Equity Offering Net Proceeds (2) 77,056 Pro Forma Consolidated Equity 723,493 Pro Forma Double Leverage Ratio 120.0% Interest Coverage Deposit Interest Expense 12,410\$ Borrowing Interest Expense 7,284 Reduction in Interest Expense from Revolver Paydown (3) (1,758) Total Interest Expense 17,936\$ Pre-Tax Income 105,246 Interest Coverage (Including deposit expense) 5.3x Interest Coverage (Excluding deposit expense) 14.4x Subordinated Debt Expense (4) 4,125\$ Interest Coverage (Including deposit expense, including subordinated debt expense) 4.8x Interest Coverage (Excluding deposit expense, including subordinated debt expense) 10.9x Note: Assumes proceeds over \$50 million are downstreamed to bank. (1) Pro forma for \$75 million gross debt offering, net of estimated offering expenses. (2) Pro forma for \$81.4 million gross equity offering (excluding the overallotment option), net of estimated offering expenses. (3) Interest expense related to \$38.9 million of existing debt. (4) Assumes an estimated rate of 5.50%. Data source: SNL Financial. 21

Summary • Energetic leadership team focused on creating shareholder value • Attractive markets with substantial growth opportunities • Demonstrated ability to generate organic growth • Significant earnings power • Attractive valuation versus peers 22

Appendix

Relative Size of our Top 300 Lending Relationships • Top Relationships are small relative to our capital levels and our legal lending limit • Looking for larger deals, but not making big bets especially on CRE • Approximately 30 % of the principal from our top 50 relationships are municipal credits, which represent the highest credit grade from the company Relationship Groupings Total Principal (\$M) Percent of Total Portfolio Top 25 relationships \$603.4 11.4% Top 50 relationships \$930.5 17.6% Top 100 relationships \$1,313.5 24.9% Top 250 relationships \$1,962.0 37.1% Top 300 relationships \$2,098.1 39.7% Individual Groupings Principal (\$M) Largest Relationship \$44.6 10th Largest Relationship \$24.2 50th Largest Relationship \$10.5 100th Largest Relationship \$6.0 200th Largest Relationship \$3.8 300th Largest Relationship \$2.5 \$44.6 \$10.0 \$6.0 \$4.8 \$3.8 \$3.0 \$2.5 \$0.0 \$10.0 \$20.0 \$30.0 \$40.0 \$50.0 1 50 100 150 200 250 300 Relationship Size in millions Number of Relationships Top 300 Lending Relationships 24

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Non - GAAP Reconciliation 25 Year Ended December 31, Quarter Ended Dec. 31, Dec. 31, Adjusted Operating Net  
Income Reconciliation 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2015 2016 Net income available to common shareholders 10,859\$  
18,280\$ 38,437\$ 40,847\$ 72,100\$ 14,148\$ 18,177\$ Certain credit resolution related expenses 1,402 4,855 682 11,241  
- Certain compliance resolution expenses - - - 5,750 - 5,750 Merger and conversion charges 2,125 4,862 3,940 7,980  
6,376 1,807 17 Tax effect of management-adjusted charges (1,234) (3,401) (1,618) (6,727) (4,244) (632) (2,018) Plus:  
After tax management-adjusted charges 2,293 6,316 3,004 12,494 7,882 1,175 3,749 Adjusted Operating Net income  
13,152 24,596 41,441 53,341 79,982 15,323 21,926 Average assets 2,971,960 2,860,093 3,508,027 4,804,245  
6,166,714 5,427,367 6,573,344 Core ROAA 0.44% 0.86% 1.18% 1.11% 1.30% 1.12% 1.33% Average Common  
Stockholders' Equity 242,420 249,343 328,388 488,039 613,435 513,098 653,991 Average Intangibles 4,554 12,723  
62,251 97,677 134,859 107,140 141,986 Average Tangible Common Stockholders' Equity 237,866 236,620 266,137  
390,362 478,576 405,958 512,005 Core ROATCE 5.53% 10.39% 15.57% 13.66% 16.71% 14.97% 17.04% Quarter  
Ended Mar. 31, Jun. 30, Sep. 30, Dec. 31, Mar. 31, Jun. 30, Sep. 30, Dec. 31, Management-Adjusted Operating  
Expenses 2015 2015 2015 2015 2016 2016 2016 2016 Total Operating Expenses 40,827 56,864 48,396 53,028 55,600  
52,359 53,199 54,677 Less: Credit costs & management-adjusted charges Credit resolution related expenses (3,161)  
(11,240) (1,083) (2,223) (1,799) (1,764) (1,526) (1,083) Merger and conversion charges (15) (5,712) (446) (1,807)  
(6,359) - - (17) Compliance resolution expenses - - - - - (5,750) Management-Adjusted Operating Expenses  
37,651\$ 39,912\$ 46,867\$ 48,998\$ 47,442\$ 50,595\$ 51,673\$ 47,827\$ (\$ in thousands)

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Non - GAAP Reconciliation 26 Quarter Ended Dec. 31, Mar. 31, Jun. 30, Sep. 30, Dec. 31, Net Interest Income and Margin 2015 2016 2016 2016 2016 Excluding Accretion Reconciliation Total Interest Income (TE) 53,386\$ 55,300\$ 60,276\$ 63,167\$ 64,575\$ Accretion Income 2,912 2,942 4,196 3,604 3,370 Total Interest Income (TE) Excluding Accretion 50,474\$ 52,358\$ 56,080\$ 59,563\$ 61,205\$ Total Interest Expense 3,983\$ 4,123\$ 4,751\$ 5,143\$ 5,677\$ Net Interest Income (TE) Excluding Accretion 46,491\$ 48,235\$ 51,329\$ 54,420\$ 55,528\$ Average Earning Assets 4,926,671 5,106,011 5,574,608 5,780,455 5,925,634 Net Interest Margin Excluding Accretion 3.74% 3.80% 3.70% 3.75% 3.73% Operating Efficiency Ratio Total Operating Expenses 53,028 55,600 52,359 53,199 54,677 Less: Credit costs & management-adjusted charges Credit resolution related expenses (2,223) (1,799) (1,764) (1,526) (1,083) Merger and conversion charges (1,807) (6,359) - - (17) Compliance resolution expenses - - - - (5,750) Management-Adjusted Operating Expenses 48,998\$ 47,442\$ 50,595\$ 51,673\$ 47,827\$ Net interest income plus noninterest income 71,025 74,722 82,968 85,931 81,551 Operating Efficiency Ratio 69.0% 63.5% 61.0% 60.1% 58.6% (\$ in thousands)

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Non - GAAP Reconciliation	2013	2014	2015	2016	Net
income available to common shareholders	18,280	\$ 38,437	\$ 40,847	\$ 72,100	\$
Certain credit resolution related expenses	4,855	682	11,241	-	-
- Certain compliance resolution expenses	-	-	-	5,750	-
Merger and conversion charges	4,862	3,940	7,980	6,376	
Tax effect of management-adjusted charges	(3,401)	(1,618)	(6,727)	(4,244)	
Plus: After tax management-adjusted charges	6,316	3,004	12,494	7,882	
Adjusted Operating Net income	24,596	41,441	53,341	79,982	
Weighted average number of diluted shares	24,346,723	26,259,030	32,126,667	34,701,732	
Operating Earnings per Share	1.01	1.58	1.66	2.30	

(\$ in thousands, except per share)

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Non - GAAP Reconciliation 28 (\$ in thousands, except per share) Year Ended December 31, Tangible Common Book Value Per Share 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Shareholders' Equity 279,017\$ 316,699\$ 366,028\$ 514,759\$ 646,437\$ Intangible Assets 3,996 41,058 71,768 107,140 142,960 Preferred Equity 27,662 28,000 - - - Tangible Common Shareholders' Equity 247,359 247,641 294,260 407,619 503,477 Common Shares Outstanding 23,799,768 25,098,427 26,773,863 32,211,385 34,921,474 Tangible Common Book Value Per Share 10.39 9.87 10.99 12.65 14.42 Tangible Common Equity / Tangible Assets Total Assets - - - - 6,892,031 Intangible Assets - - - - 142,960 Tangible Assets - - - - 6,749,071 Shareholders' Equity 646,437 Intangible Assets 142,960 Preferred Equity - - - - Tangible Common Shareholders' Equity - - - - 503,477 Tangible Common Equity / Tangible Assets - - - - 7.46%