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FORM 10-K

**Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the fiscal year ended: December 31, 2009

Commission File Number 1-31565

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

06-1377322
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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615 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

11590
(Zip code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) (516) 683-4100

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

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

and

Bifurcated Option Note Unit SecuritiesSM
(Title of Class)

New York Stock Exchange
(Name of exchange on which registered)

Haven Capital Trust II 10.25% Capital Securities
(Title of Class)

The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC
(Name of exchange on which registered)

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 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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (Section 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the 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 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 whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

As of June 30, 2009, the aggregate market value of the shares of common stock outstanding of the registrant was \$3.52 billion, excluding 15,846,674 shares held by all directors and executive officers of the registrant. This figure is based on the closing price of the registrant's common stock on June 30, 2009, \$10.69, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange.

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The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of February 23, 2010 was 433,222,466 shares.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 3, 2010 are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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For the purpose of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the words we, us, our, and the Company are used to refer to New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and our consolidated subsidiaries, including New York Community Bank and New York Commercial Bank (the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank, respectively, and collectively, the Banks.)

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISK FACTORS

This report, like many written and oral communications presented by New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and our authorized officers, may contain certain forward-looking statements regarding our prospective performance and strategies within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are including this statement for purposes of said safe harbor provisions.

Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe future plans, strategies, and expectations of the Company, are generally identified by use of the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, plan, project, seek, strive, try, or future or such as will, would, should, could, may, or similar expressions. Our ability to predict results or the actual effects of our plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from anticipated results.

There are a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, that could cause actual conditions, events, or results to differ significantly from those described in our forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to:

general economic conditions, either nationally or in some or all of the areas in which we and our customers conduct our respective businesses;

conditions in the securities markets and real estate markets or the banking industry;

changes in interest rates, which may affect our net income, prepayment penalty income, and other future cash flows, or the market value of our assets, including our investment securities;

changes in deposit flows and wholesale borrowing facilities;

changes in the demand for deposit, loan, and investment products and other financial services in the markets we serve;

changes in our credit ratings or in our ability to access the capital markets;

changes in our customer base or in the financial or operating performances of our customers' businesses;

changes in real estate values, which could impact the quality of the assets securing the loans in our portfolio;

changes in the quality or composition of our loan or securities portfolios;

changes in competitive pressures among financial institutions or from non-financial institutions;

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the ability to successfully integrate any assets, liabilities, customers, systems, and management personnel, including those of AmTrust Bank and any other banks we may acquire, into our operations, and our ability to realize related revenue synergies and cost savings within expected time frames;

our use of derivatives to mitigate our interest rate exposure;

our ability to retain key members of management;

our timely development of new lines of business and competitive products or services in a changing environment, and the acceptance of such products or services by our customers;

any interruption or breach of security resulting in failures or disruptions in customer account management, general ledger, deposit, loan or other systems;

any breach in performance by the Community Bank under our loss sharing agreements with the FDIC;

any interruption in customer service due to circumstances beyond our control;

potential exposure to unknown or contingent liabilities of companies we have acquired or target for acquisition;

the outcome of pending or threatened litigation, or of other matters before regulatory agencies, whether currently existing or commencing in the future;

environmental conditions that exist or may exist on properties owned by, leased by or mortgaged to the Company;

operational issues stemming from, and/or capital spending necessitated by, the potential need to adapt to industry changes in information technology systems, on which we are highly dependent;

changes in our estimates of future reserves based upon the periodic review thereof under relevant regulatory and accounting requirements;

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changes in our capital management policies, including those regarding business combinations, dividends, and share repurchases, among others;

changes in legislation, regulation, policies, or administrative practices, whether by judicial, governmental, or legislative action, including, but not limited to, those pertaining to banking, securities, taxation, rent regulation and housing, environmental protection, and insurance; and the ability to comply with such changes in a timely manner;

additional FDIC special assessments or required assessment prepayments;

changes in accounting principles, policies, practices or guidelines;

the ability to keep pace with, and implement on a timely basis, technological changes;

changes in the monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. Government, including policies of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System;

war or terrorist activities; and

other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory and geopolitical factors affecting our operations, pricing and services. It should be noted that we routinely evaluate opportunities to expand through acquisitions and frequently conduct due diligence activities in connection with such opportunities. As a result, acquisition discussions and, in some cases, negotiations, may take place at any time, and acquisitions involving cash or our debt or equity securities may occur.

Additionally, the timing and occurrence or non-occurrence of events may be subject to circumstances beyond our control.

Please see Item 1A, Risk Factors, for a further discussion of factors that could affect the actual outcome of future events.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained herein, which speak only as of the date of this report. Except as required by applicable law or regulation, we undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date on which such statements were made.

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A bargain purchase gain exists when the fair value of the assets acquired in a business combination exceeds the fair value of the assumed liabilities. Assets acquired in an FDIC-assisted transaction may include cash payments received from the FDIC.

BASIS POINT

Throughout this filing, the year-over-year or linked-quarter changes that occur in certain financial measures are reported in terms of basis points. Each basis point is equal to one hundredth of a percentage point, or 0.01%.

BOOK VALUE PER SHARE

As we define it, book value per share refers to the amount of stockholders' equity attributable to each outstanding share of common stock, after the unallocated shares held by our Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) have been subtracted from the total number of shares outstanding. Book value per share is determined by dividing total stockholders' equity at the end of a period by the adjusted number of shares at the same date. The following table indicates the number of shares outstanding both before and after the total number of unallocated ESOP shares have been subtracted at December 31,

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Shares outstanding | 433,197,332 | 344,985,111 | 323,812,639 | 295,350,936 | 269,776,791 |
| Less: Unallocated ESOP shares | (299,248) | (631,303) | (977,800) | (1,460,564) | (2,182,398) |
| Shares used for book value per share computation | 432,898,084 | 344,353,808 | 322,834,839 | 293,890,372 | 267,594,393 |

BROKERED DEPOSITS

Refers to funds obtained, directly or indirectly, by or through deposit brokers that are then deposited into one or more deposit accounts at a bank.

CHARGE-OFF

Refers to the amount of a loan balance that has been written off against the allowance for loan losses.

CORE DEPOSIT INTANGIBLE (CDI)

Refers to the intangible asset related to the value of core deposit accounts acquired in a business combination.

CORE DEPOSITS

All deposits other than certificates of deposit (i.e., NOW and money market accounts, savings accounts, and non-interest-bearing deposits) are collectively referred to as core deposits.

COST OF FUNDS

The interest expense associated with interest-bearing liabilities, typically expressed as a ratio of interest expense to the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities for a given period.

COVERED LOANS

On December 4, 2009, we acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AmTrust Bank (AmTrust) in an FDIC-assisted transaction (the AmTrust acquisition). The loans we acquired in the AmTrust acquisition are referred to as covered loans because they are covered by loss

sharing agreements with the FDIC. Please see the definition of Loss Sharing Agreements that appears on the following page.

DIVIDEND PAYOUT RATIO

The percentage of our earnings that is paid out to shareholders in the form of dividends. It is determined by dividing the dividend paid per share during a period by our diluted earnings per share during the same period of time.

DIVIDEND YIELD

Refers to the yield generated on a shareholder's investment in the form of dividends. The current dividend yield is calculated by annualizing the current quarterly cash dividend and dividing that amount by the current stock price.

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EFFICIENCY RATIO

Measures total operating expenses as a percentage of the sum of net interest income and non-interest income.

GAAP

This abbreviation is used to refer to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, on the basis of which financial statements are prepared and presented.

GOODWILL

Refers to the difference between the purchase price and the fair value of an acquired company's assets, net of the liabilities assumed. Goodwill is reflected as an asset on the balance sheet and is tested at least annually for impairment.

GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES (GSEs)

Refers to a group of financial services corporations that were created by the United States Congress to enhance the availability, and reduce the cost, of credit to certain targeted borrowing sectors, including home finance. The GSEs include, but are not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), and the Federal Home Loan Bank.

GSE OBLIGATIONS

Refers to GSE mortgage-related securities (both certificates and collateralized mortgage obligations) and GSE debentures.

INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY

Refers to the likelihood that the interest earned on assets and the interest paid on liabilities will change as a result of fluctuations in market interest rates.

INTEREST RATE SPREAD

The difference between the yield earned on average interest-earning assets and the cost of average interest-bearing liabilities.

LOAN-TO-VALUE RATIO

Measures the current balance of a loan as a percentage of the original appraised value of the underlying property.

LOSS SHARING AGREEMENTS

Refers to agreements we entered into with the FDIC in connection with our acquisition of certain loans of AmTrust on December 4, 2009. The agreements call for the FDIC to reimburse us for 80% of losses (and share in 80% of any recoveries) up to \$907.0 million and to reimburse us for 95% of any losses (and share in 95% of any recoveries) beyond that amount with respect to the acquired loans. All of the loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition are subject to these agreements and are referred to in this document as covered loans.

MULTI-FAMILY LOAN

A mortgage loan secured by a rental or cooperative apartment building with more than four units.

NET INTEREST INCOME

The difference between the interest and dividends earned on interest-earning assets and the interest paid or payable on interest-bearing liabilities.

NET INTEREST MARGIN

Measures net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

NON-ACCRUAL LOAN

A loan generally is classified as a non-accrual loan when it is over 90 days past due. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, we cease the accrual of interest owed, and previously accrued interest is reversed and charged against interest income. A loan generally is returned to accrual status when the loan is less than 90 days past due and we have reasonable assurance that the loan will be fully collectible.

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NON-COVERED LOANS

Refers to all of the loans in our loan portfolio that are not covered by our loss sharing agreements with the FDIC.

NON-PERFORMING ASSETS

Consists of non-accrual loans, loans over 90 days past due and still accruing interest, and other real estate owned.

RENT-CONTROL/RENT-STABILIZATION

In New York City, where the vast majority of the properties securing our multi-family loans are located, the amount of rent that tenants may be charged on the apartments in certain buildings is restricted under certain rent-control or rent-stabilization laws. Rent-control laws apply to apartments in buildings that were constructed prior to February 1947. An apartment is said to be rent-controlled if the tenant has been living continuously in the apartment for a period of time beginning prior to July 1971. When a rent-controlled apartment is vacated, it typically becomes rent-stabilized. Rent-stabilized apartments are generally located in buildings with six or more units that were built between February 1947 and January 1974. Rent-controlled and -stabilized apartments tend to be more affordable to live in because of the applicable regulations, and buildings with a preponderance of such rent-regulated apartments are therefore less likely to experience vacancies in times of economic adversity.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Repurchase agreements are contracts for the sale of securities owned or borrowed by the Banks with an agreement to repurchase those securities at an agreed-upon price and date. The Banks' repurchase agreements are primarily collateralized by GSE obligations and other mortgage-related securities, and are entered into with either the Federal Home Loan Bank (the FHLB) or various brokerage firms.

RETURN ON AVERAGE ASSETS

A measure of profitability determined by dividing net income by average assets.

RETURN ON AVERAGE STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

A measure of profitability determined by dividing net income by average stockholders' equity.

WHOLESALE BORROWINGS

Refers to advances drawn by the Banks against their respective lines of credit with the FHLB, their repurchase agreements with the FHLB and various brokerage firms, and federal funds purchased.

YIELD

The interest income associated with interest-earning assets, typically expressed as a ratio of interest income to the average balance of interest-earning assets for a given period.

YIELD CURVE

Considered a key economic indicator, the yield curve is a graph that illustrates the difference between long-term and short-term interest rates over a period of time. The greater the difference, the steeper the yield curve; the lesser the difference, the flatter the yield curve. When short-term interest rates exceed long-term interest rates, the result is an inverted yield curve.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

General

With total assets of \$42.2 billion at December 31, 2009, we are the 22nd largest publicly traded bank holding company in the nation, and operate the nation's second largest public thrift. Reflecting our growth through nine business combinations in the last decade, we currently have 276 branch offices, including 210 in Metro New York and New Jersey, and 66 in Florida, Ohio, and Arizona that were acquired in connection with our FDIC-assisted acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of AmTrust Bank (the AmTrust acquisition) on December 4, 2009.

We are organized under Delaware Law as a multi-bank holding company and have two primary subsidiaries: New York Community Bank and New York Commercial Bank (hereinafter referred to as the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank, respectively, and collectively as the Banks).

Established in 1859, the Community Bank is a New York State-chartered savings bank with 241 locations that currently operate through seven divisional banks.

In New York, we serve our customers through Roslyn Savings Bank, with 56 locations on Long Island, a suburban market east of New York City comprised of Nassau and Suffolk counties; Queens County Savings Bank, with 33 locations in the New York City borough of Queens; Richmond County Savings Bank, with 22 locations in the borough of Staten Island; and Roosevelt Savings Bank, with eight branches in the borough of Brooklyn. In the Bronx and neighboring Westchester County, we currently have four branches that operate directly under the name New York Community Bank.

In New Jersey, we serve our Community Bank customers through 52 locations that operate under the name Garden State Community Bank.

In Florida and Arizona, where we have 25 and 12 branches, respectively, we serve our customers through the new AmTrust Bank division of the Community Bank. In Ohio, we serve our customers through 29 branches of our new Ohio Savings Bank division, which was the name of AmTrust in Ohio for the first 118 of its 120 years.

We compete for depositors in these diverse markets by emphasizing service and convenience, and by offering a comprehensive menu of traditional and non-traditional products and services. Of our 241 Community Bank branches, 223 feature weekend hours, including 61 that are open seven days a week. Of these, 44 are in-store branches that are located in supermarkets or drugstores in New York and New Jersey. The Community Bank also offers 24-hour banking online and by phone.

In addition, we are a leading producer of multi-family loans in New York City with an emphasis on non-luxury apartment buildings that feature below-market rents. In addition to multi-family loans, we originate commercial real estate loans, primarily in Metro New York and New Jersey, and, to a lesser extent, acquisition, development, and construction loans, and commercial and industrial loans. We also originate one- to four-family loans for sale. Such loans are either originated on a pass-through basis and sold to a third-party conduit shortly after closing, or are originated for sale by AmTrust's mortgage banking unit to the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). Although the majority of the loans we produce for portfolio are secured by properties or businesses in Metro New York and New Jersey, the one- to four-family loans we originate on a pass-through basis are made to borrowers throughout our extended market and the one- to four-family loans we originate for sale to Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac are originated nationwide.

The Commercial Bank is a New York State-chartered commercial bank and was established in connection with our acquisition of Long Island Financial Corp. (Long Island Financial) on December 30, 2005. Reflecting that acquisition, and our subsequent acquisitions of Atlantic Bank of New York (Atlantic Bank) and the New York City-based branch network of Doral Bank, FSB (Doral), we currently serve our Commercial Bank customers through 35 branches in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Westchester County, and Long Island, including 18 that operate under the name Atlantic Bank.

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The Commercial Bank competes for customers by emphasizing personal service and by addressing the needs of small and mid-size businesses, professional associations, and government agencies with a comprehensive menu of business solutions, including installment loans, revolving lines of credit, and cash management services. In addition to featuring up to 52.5 hours per week of in-branch service, the Commercial Bank offers 24-hour banking online and by phone.

Customers of the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank also have 24-hour access to their accounts through 260 of our 289 ATM locations.

We also serve our customers through three connected websites: www.myNYCB.com, www.NewYorkCommercialBank.com, and www.NYCBfamily.com. In addition to providing our customers with 24-hour access to their accounts, and information regarding our products and services, hours of service, and locations, these websites provide extensive information about the Company for the investment community. Earnings releases, dividend announcements, and other press releases are posted upon issuance to the Investor Relations portion of our websites. In addition, our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") (including our annual report on Form 10-K; our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q; and our current reports on Form 8-K), and all amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, are available without charge, typically within minutes of being filed. The websites also provide information regarding our Board of Directors and management team and the number of Company shares held by these insiders, as well as certain Board Committee charters and our corporate governance policies. The content of our websites shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Annual Report.

Overview

Loan Production: Loans are our principal asset and represented \$28.4 billion, or 67.4%, of total assets at December 31, 2009. Our portfolio largely consists of loans secured by non-luxury multi-family buildings in New York City in which the majority of the apartments are rent-controlled or stabilized. As reported by the Rent Guidelines Board, such rent-regulated apartments represented 43.2% of New York City's housing market as recently as 2008.

For several years, we have complemented our multi-family lending with the production of commercial real estate loans and, to a much lesser extent, acquisition, development, and construction loans, and commercial and industrial loans. While these loans, and our multi-family loans, are originated for portfolio, we have also originated one- to four-family loans on a pass-through basis for sale to a third-party conduit shortly after they close. As a result, our portfolio of one- to four-family loans traditionally consisted of seasoned loans we originated before adopting this conduit practice, as well as loans we acquired in our merger transactions prior to 2009. With the acquisition of AmTrust's mortgage banking unit, our portfolio of one- to four-family loans will now include agency-conforming loans that were originated throughout the nation for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Covered Loans: In connection with the AmTrust acquisition, we acquired \$5.0 billion of one- to four-family and other loans, all of which are covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC. To distinguish these covered loans from the loans in our portfolio that are not subject to these agreements (and that, for the most part, we ourselves originated), all other loans in our portfolio are referred to as non-covered loans.

Non-covered Loans: At December 31, 2009, non-covered loans totaled \$23.4 billion and represented 82.3% of the total loan portfolio. A discussion of our non-covered loans follows.

Multi-family Loans: Multi-family loans represented \$16.7 billion, or 71.6%, of non-covered loans at the end of this December, and represented \$1.9 billion, or 45.0%, of the total loans we produced over the course of 2009.

The loans we produce are typically based on the cash flows generated by the buildings, and are generally made to long-term property owners with a history of growing cash flows over time. The property owners typically use the funds we provide to make improvements to the buildings and the apartments within them, thus increasing the value of the buildings and the amount of rent they may charge. As improvements are made, the building's rent roll increases, typically prompting the borrower to seek additional funds by refinancing the loan.

Our typical loan has a term of ten years, with a fixed rate of interest in years one through five and a rate that either adjusts annually or is fixed for the five years that follow. Loans that prepay in the first five years generate prepayment penalties ranging from five percentage points to one percentage point of the then-current loan balance,

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depending on the remaining term of the loan. If a loan is still outstanding in the sixth year and the borrower selects the fixed rate option, the prepayment penalties typically reset to a range of five points to one point over years six through ten. Reflecting the structure of our multi-family credits, the average multi-family loan had an expected weighted average life of 4.2 years at December 31, 2009.

Commercial Real Estate (CRE) Loans: At December 31, 2009, CRE loans totaled \$5.0 billion and represented 21.3% of our non-covered loan portfolio. Twelve-month originations totaled \$673.8 million, representing 15.7% of the total loans we produced over the course of the year.

Our CRE loans are similar in structure to our multi-family credits, and had a weighted average life of 3.9 years at December 31, 2009. In addition, our CRE loans are largely secured by properties in New York City, with Manhattan accounting for the largest share.

Acquisition, Development, and Construction (ADC) Loans: ADC loans represented \$666.4 million, or 2.9%, of total non-covered loans at the end of December, reflecting our decision to largely limit such lending to previously committed advances in the face of declining real estate values and economic uncertainty.

Our ADC loan portfolio largely consists of loans that were originated for land acquisition, development, and construction of multi-family and residential tract projects in New York City and Long Island, and, to a lesser extent, for the construction of owner-occupied one- to four-family homes and commercial properties.

Commercial and Industrial (C&I) Loans: Included in other loans in our Consolidated Statements of Condition, C&I loans represented \$653.2 million, or 2.8%, of non-covered loans at December 31, 2009. We offer a broad range of loans to small and mid-size businesses for working capital (including inventory and receivables), business expansion, and the purchase of equipment and machinery.

One- to Four-Family Loans: Non-covered one- to four-family loans totaled \$216.1 million at the end of this December, and consisted primarily of loans acquired in our earlier business combinations and seasoned loans we produced prior to adopting our practice of originating one- to four-family loans on a pass-through basis and selling them to the conduit after they close.

Funding Sources: We have four primary funding sources: the deposits we've added through our acquisitions or gathered organically through our branch network, and brokered deposits; wholesale borrowings, primarily in the form of Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances and repurchase agreements with the FHLB and various brokerage firms; cash flows produced by the repayment and sale of loans; and cash flows produced by securities repayments and sales.

Primarily reflecting the deposits acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, total deposits rose to \$22.3 billion at December 31, 2009. Certificates of deposit (CDs) represented \$9.1 billion, or 40.6%, of the current year-end total, while NOW and money market accounts, savings accounts, and non-interest-bearing accounts totaled \$7.7 billion, \$3.8 billion, and \$1.8 billion, respectively.

Although the AmTrust acquisition added wholesale borrowings of \$2.6 billion on December 4th, we utilized a portion of the cash we received in the transaction to reduce the balance of such funding in December 2009. Including wholesale borrowings of \$13.1 billion, borrowed funds totaled \$14.2 billion and represented 33.6% of total assets at December 31, 2009.

Loan repayments generated \$3.3 billion, while securities sales and repayments generated cash flows of \$2.7 billion in 2009.

Asset Quality: The recession that began in late 2007 continued to impact borrowers in our region throughout 2009. While home prices started to rise, albeit modestly, in the last quarter, they remained well below 2008 levels for the better part of the year. In addition, unemployment in New York City, Long Island, and New Jersey rose to 10.4%, 7.0%, and 9.8% in 2009 from the respective year-earlier levels of 7.2%, 5.8%, and 6.8%. In addition, office vacancies in Manhattan were 13.1% in December 2009 as compared to 10.2% in December 2008.

Although our net charge-offs rose to \$29.9 million in 2009 from \$6.2 million in 2008, these amounts represented 0.13% and 0.03% of average loans in the respective years. Similarly, non-performing loans rose \$464.4 million year-over-year to \$578.1 million, representing 2.04% of total loans at December 31, 2009 as compared to 0.51% at December 31, 2008.

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In view of the declining economy and the related rise in non-performing loans and net charge-offs, we increased our loan loss provision to \$63.0 million in 2009 from \$7.7 million in 2008. Reflecting this provision and the aforementioned net charge-offs, our allowance for loan losses rose \$33.1 million year-over-year to \$127.5 million, representing 22.05% of non-performing loans and 0.45% of loans, net, at December 31, 2009.

Continued economic weakness, resulting from a further contraction of real estate values and/or an increase in office vacancies, bankruptcies, and unemployment, could result in our experiencing a further increase in charge-offs and/or an increase in our loan loss provisions, either of which could have an adverse impact on our earnings in the period ahead.

Growth through Acquisitions: In 2009, the opportunities for healthier banks to expand by engaging in FDIC-assisted acquisitions were abundant, and we were among the many banks that capitalized on such opportunities.

On December 4, 2009, we acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AmTrust in an FDIC-assisted acquisition. The AmTrust acquisition provided us with assets of \$11.0 billion, including loans of \$5.0 billion, all of which are subject to loss sharing agreements; securities of \$760.0 million, and cash and cash equivalents of \$4.0 billion (including \$3.2 billion received from the FDIC); and liabilities of \$10.9 billion, including deposits of \$8.2 billion and wholesale borrowings of \$2.6 billion.

Revenues: Our primary source of income is net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income generated by the loans we produce and the securities we invest in, and the interest expense produced by our interest-bearing deposits and borrowed funds. The level of net interest income we generate is influenced by a variety of factors, some of which are within our control (e.g., our mix of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities); and some of which are not (e.g., the level of short-term interest rates and market rates of interest, the degree of competition we face for deposits and loans, and the level of prepayment penalty income we receive).

While net interest income is our primary source of income, it is supplemented by the non-interest income we produce. The fee income we generate on deposits and loans and the revenues from our investment in bank-owned life insurance (BOLI) are complemented by income from a variety of other sources, including revenues from the sale of third-party investment products, the sale of one- to four-family loans to a third-party conduit, and the revenues from our investment advisory firm, Peter B. Cannell & Co., Inc., which had \$1.4 billion of assets under management at December 31, 2009.

In December 2009, our non-interest income was supplemented by revenues generated through AmTrust's mortgage banking unit, which engages in the origination of agency-conforming one- to four-family loans for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Efficiency: The efficiency of our operation has long been a distinguishing characteristic, stemming from our focus on multi-family lending, which is broker-driven, and from the expansion of our franchise through acquisitions rather than de novo growth. Notwithstanding an increase in operating expenses stemming from higher FDIC insurance premiums and the addition of AmTrust's employees and operations, we continued to rank among the most efficient bank holding companies in the nation, with an efficiency ratio of 36.13% in 2009.

Our Market

With the AmTrust acquisition, we expanded the reach of our franchise beyond Metro New York and New Jersey to encompass south Florida, northeast Ohio, and central Arizona. As a result, the combined population of our marketplace grew from 16.4 million residents of New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County in New York, and the seven counties we serve in New Jersey, to 29.6 million, including residents of the 11 counties we added on December 4, 2009.

In addition, our assets grew from \$32.5 billion to \$42.2 billion from the end of 2008 to the end of 2009. As a result, we now are the 22nd largest bank holding company in the nation and operate the nation's second largest public thrift.

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With deposits of \$22.3 billion at year-end 2009, we ranked tenth among all bank and thrift depositories in the 26 counties that now comprise our market, and ranked first or second among all thrift depositories in Queens, Staten Island, and Nassau Counties in New York; Essex County in New Jersey; Broward and Palm Beach Counties in Florida; Cuyahoga County in Ohio; and Maricopa County in Arizona. (Market share information was provided by SNL Financial.)

With more than 400 banks and thrifts currently serving our expanded market, we face a significant level of competition for deposits and, to a lesser extent, for loans. We not only vie for business with the many banks and thrifts within our local markets, but also with credit unions, Internet banks, and brokerage firms. Many of the institutions we compete with have greater financial resources than we do, and serve a far broader market, which enables them to promote their products more extensively than we can.

Furthermore, our success is substantially tied to the economic health of the cities and suburban areas where our branches are located, and in the areas where we lend. Local economic conditions have a significant impact on loan demand, the value of the collateral securing our credits, and the ability of our borrowers to repay their loans. In addition, our ability to attract and retain deposits is not only a function of short-term interest rates and industry consolidation, but also the competitiveness of the rates being offered by other financial institutions within our marketplace.

Competition for Deposits

Competition for deposits is influenced by several factors, including the opportunity to acquire deposits through business combinations; the cash flows produced through loan and securities repayments and sales; and the availability of attractively priced wholesale funds. In addition, the degree to which we compete for deposits is influenced by the liquidity needed to fund our loan production and other outstanding commitments, and by the interest rates on the products offered by the banks and thrifts with which we compete.

In 2009, our ability to compete for deposits was significantly enhanced by the AmTrust acquisition, which added 66 branches to our Community Bank franchise in south Florida, northeast Ohio, and central Arizona, bringing our total number of Community Bank branches to 241. We also enhanced our liquidity with the addition of AmTrust's deposits and the infusion of \$4.0 billion in cash and cash equivalents. Among our goals in 2010 is bringing back the customers who had transferred their funds from AmTrust to other institutions in the year preceding the acquisition, and thus restoring our deposits in Florida, Ohio, and Arizona to previous levels.

We vie for deposits and customers by placing an emphasis on convenience and service. In addition to our 241 Community Bank branches and 35 Commercial Bank branches, we have 289 ATM locations, including 260 that operate 24 hours a day. Our customers also have 24-hour access to their accounts through our bank-by-phone service and online through our three websites, www.myNYCB.com, www.NewYorkCommercialBank.com, and www.NYCBfamily.com.

In addition to 190 traditional brick & mortar branches in New York, New Jersey, Florida, Ohio, and Arizona, our Community Bank currently has 44 branches in Metro New York and New Jersey that are located in-store. Our in-store branch network ranks among the largest in-store franchises in this region, and is also one of the largest in the Northeast. Because of the proximity of these branches to our traditional locations, our customers in New York and New Jersey have the option of doing their banking seven days a week in many of the communities we serve. This service model is a key component of our efforts to attract and maintain deposits in a highly competitive marketplace.

We also compete by complementing our broad selection of traditional banking products with an extensive menu of alternative financial services, including insurance, annuities, and mutual funds of various third-party service providers. Furthermore, our practice of originating loans in our branches through a third-party conduit enables us to offer our customers a variety of one- to four-family mortgage loans. This service is already available in the 66 branches we acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, as it has been in our New York and New Jersey branches for nearly ten years.

In addition to checking and savings accounts, Individual Retirement Accounts, and CDs for both businesses and consumers, the Commercial Bank offers a variety of cash management products to address the needs of small and mid-size businesses, municipal and county governments, school districts, and professional associations.

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Another competitive advantage is our strong community presence, with April 14, 2009 having marked the 150th anniversary of our forebear, Queens County Savings Bank. We capitalized on this occasion to promote awareness of our institution, and to attract deposits from customers seeking a strong, stable, and service-oriented bank.

Competition for Loans

We are a leading producer of multi-family loans in New York City, and compete for such loans both on the basis of timely service and the expertise that stems from being a specialist in our field. The majority of our multi-family loans are secured by non-luxury buildings with a preponderance of rent-regulated apartments, a niche that we have focused on for more than 30 years.

Although multi-family lending remains our primary focus, we also originate CRE, ADC, and C&I loans for our portfolio, and one- to four-family loans for sale.

While our ability to compete for multi-family loans was enhanced in 2008 by the conservatorship of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the demise or acquisition of certain investment banks and savings institutions, a number of new competitors entered this market, and the government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) recommenced such lending, in 2009. In general, the GSEs have been offering rates that are lower than those we offer, and we have been willing to pass on making a loan rather than lend imprudently. Nonetheless, certain other competitors have shifted their focus away from multi-family and CRE lending, countering some of the impact of new competitors and the return of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

While we anticipate that competition for multi-family loans will continue in the future, the volume of loans produced in 2009 is indicative of our continued ability to compete for such loans. That said, no assurances can be made that we will be able to sustain or increase our level of multi-family loan production, given the extent to which it is influenced not only by competition, but also by such factors as the level of market interest rates, the availability and cost of funding, real estate values, market conditions, and the state of the economy.

Our ability to originate CRE loans was also enhanced in 2008 by the exit of the conduit lenders and other institutions, a factor that contributed to the growth of our portfolio in 2009. In view of the economic weakness in our local markets, fewer banks chose to compete for CRE credits, and we also reduced our production levels over the course of the year. Our ability to compete for CRE loans on a go-forward basis depends on the same factors that impact our ability to compete for multi-family credits, and on the degree to which other CRE lenders choose to step up their loan production once the local market improves.

Since the second half of 2007, we have been largely limiting our ADC lending to previously committed advances; in addition, we have generally been limiting our production of C&I loans.

With our acquisition of AmTrust in December, we assumed the operation of its mortgage banking unit, which competed for one- to four-family loans with other mortgage banks throughout the United States. We have continued the origination of agency-conforming one- to four-family loans for sale to the GSEs, and expect that this service will continue to be competitive with that of other mortgage banks.

Environmental Issues

We encounter certain environmental risks in our lending activities. The existence of hazardous materials may make it unattractive for a lender to foreclose on the properties securing its loans. In addition, under certain conditions, lenders may become liable for the costs of cleaning up hazardous materials found on such properties. We attempt to mitigate such environmental risks by requiring either that a borrower purchase environmental insurance or that an appropriate environmental site assessment be completed as part of our underwriting review on the initial granting of CRE and ADC loans, regardless of location, and of all out-of-state multi-family loans. In addition, we order an updated environmental analysis prior to foreclosing on a property, and typically maintain ownership of real estate we acquire through foreclosure in separately incorporated subsidiaries.

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Our attention to environmental risks also applies to the properties and facilities that house our bank operations. Prior to acquiring a large-scale property, a Phase 1 Environmental Property Assessment is typically performed by a licensed professional engineer to determine the integrity of, and/or the potential risk associated with, the facility and the property on which it is built. Properties and facilities of a smaller scale are evaluated by qualified in-house assessors, as well as by industry experts in environmental testing and remediation. This two-pronged approach identifies potential risks associated with asbestos-containing material, above and underground storage tanks, radon, electrical transformers (which may contain PCBs), ground water flow, storm and sanitary discharge, and mold, among other environmental risks. These processes assist us in mitigating environmental risk by enabling us to identify potential issues prior to, and following, our acquisition of bank properties.

Subsidiary Activities

The Community Bank has formed, or acquired through merger transactions, 39 active subsidiary corporations. Of these, 19 are direct subsidiaries of the Community Bank and 20 are subsidiaries of Community Bank-owned entities.

The 19 direct subsidiaries of the Community Bank are:

| Name | Jurisdiction of Organization | Purpose |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Mt. Sinai Ventures, LLC | Delaware | A joint venture partner in the development, construction, and sale of a 177-unit golf course community in Mt. Sinai, New York, all the units of which were sold by December 31, 2006 |
| NYCB Community Development Corp. | Delaware | Formed to invest in community development activities |
| Eagle Rock Investment Corp. | New Jersey | Formed to hold and manage investment portfolios for the Company |
| Pacific Urban Renewal, Inc. | New Jersey | Owns a branch building |
| Somerset Manor Holding Corp. | New Jersey | Holding company for four subsidiaries that owned and operated two assisted-living facilities in New Jersey in 2005 |
| Synergy Capital Investments, Inc. | New Jersey | Formed to hold and manage investment portfolios for the Company |
| 1400 Corp. | New York | Manages properties acquired by foreclosure while they are being marketed for sale |
| BSR 1400 Corp. | New York | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| Bellingham Corp. | New York | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| Blizzard Realty Corp. | New York | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| CFS Investments, Inc. | New York | Sells non-deposit investment products |
| Main Omni Realty Corp. | New York | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| NYB Realty Holding Company, LLC | New York | Holding company for subsidiaries owning interests in real estate |
| O.B. Ventures, LLC | New York | A joint venture partner in a 370-unit residential community in Plainview, New York, all the units of which were sold by December 31, 2004 |
| RCBK Mortgage Corp. | New York | Organized to own interests in certain multi-family loans |
| RCSB Corporation | New York | Owns a branch building, Ferry Development Holding Company, and Woodhaven Investments, Inc. |
| RSB Agency, Inc. | New York | Sells non-deposit investment products |
| Richmond Enterprises, Inc. | New York | Holding company for Peter B. Cannell & Co., Inc. |
| Roslyn National Mortgage Corporation | New York | Formerly operated as a mortgage loan originator and servicer and currently holds an interest in its former office space |

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The 20 subsidiaries of Community Bank-owned entities are:

| Name | Jurisdiction of Organization | Purpose |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Grove Street Realty Holding Company, LLC | Connecticut | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| HS Realty Holding Company, LLC | Connecticut | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| Columbia Preferred Capital Corporation | Delaware | A real estate investment trust (REIT) organized for the purpose of investing in mortgage-related assets |
| Ferry Development Holding Company | Delaware | Formed to hold and manage investment portfolios for the Company |
| Peter B. Cannell & Co., Inc. | Delaware | Advises high net worth individuals and institutions on the management of their assets |
| Roslyn Real Estate Asset Corp. | Delaware | A REIT organized for the purpose of investing in mortgage-related assets |
| Woodhaven Investments, Inc. | Delaware | Holding company for Roslyn Real Estate Asset Corp. and Ironbound Investment Company, Inc. |
| Ironbound Investment Company, Inc. | New Jersey | A REIT organized for the purpose of investing in mortgage-related assets that also is the principal shareholder of Richmond County Capital Corp. |
| Somerset Manor North Operating Company, LLC | New Jersey | Established to own or operate assisted-living facilities in New Jersey that were sold in 2005 |
| Somerset Manor North Realty Holding Company, LLC | New Jersey | Established to own or operate assisted-living facilities in New Jersey that were sold in 2005 |
| Somerset Manor South Operating Company, LLC | New Jersey | Established to own or operate assisted-living facilities in New Jersey that were sold in 2005 |
| Somerset Manor South Realty Holding Company, LLC | New Jersey | Established to own or operate assisted-living facilities in New Jersey that were sold in 2005 |
| Trent Court Realty Holding Company, LLC | New Jersey | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| The Hamlet at Olde Oyster Bay, LLC | New York | Organized as a joint venture, part-owned by O.B. Ventures, LLC |
| The Hamlet at Willow Creek, LLC | New York | Organized as a joint venture, part-owned by Mt. Sinai Ventures, LLC |
| Moriches Sunrise Real Estate Holding Company, LLC | New York | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| Rational Real Estate I, LLC | New York | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| Rational Real Estate II, LLC | New York | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| Rational Real Estate III, LLC | New York | Organized to own interests in real estate |
| Richmond County Capital Corporation | New York | A REIT organized for the purpose of investing in mortgage-related assets that also is the principal shareholder of Columbia Preferred Capital Corp. |

In addition, the Community Bank maintains one inactive corporation organized in New York.

The Commercial Bank has six active subsidiary corporations, three of which are subsidiaries of Commercial Bank-owned entities.

The three direct subsidiaries of the Commercial Bank are:

| Name | Jurisdiction of Organization | Purpose |
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| Beta Investments, Inc. | Delaware | Holding company for Omega Commercial Mortgage Corp. and Long Island Commercial Capital Corp. |
| Gramercy Leasing Services, Inc. | New York | Provides equipment lease financing |
| Standard Funding Corp. | New York | Provides insurance premium financing |

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The three subsidiaries of Commercial Bank-owned entities are:

| Name | Jurisdiction of Organization | Purpose |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Standard Funding of California, Inc. | California | Provides insurance premium financing |
| Omega Commercial Mortgage Corp. | Delaware | A REIT organized for the purpose of investing in mortgage-related assets |
| Long Island Commercial Capital Corp. | New York | A REIT organized for the purpose of investing in mortgage-related assets |

The Company owns nine active special business trusts that were formed for the purpose of issuing capital and common securities and investing the proceeds thereof in the junior subordinated debentures issued by the Company. Please see Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Borrowed Funds, within Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, for a further discussion of the Company's special business trusts.

The Company also has one non-banking subsidiary that was established in connection with the acquisition of Atlantic Bank.

Personnel

At December 31, 2009, the number of full-time equivalent employees was 3,970. Our employees are not represented by a collective bargaining unit, and we consider our relationship with our employees to be good.

Federal, State, and Local Taxation

In estimating income taxes, management assesses the relative merits and risks of the tax treatment of transactions, taking into account statutory, judicial, and regulatory guidance in the context of our tax position. In this process, management also relies on tax opinions, recent audits, and historical experience. Although we use the best available information to record income taxes, underlying estimates and assumptions can change over time as a result of unanticipated events or circumstances such as changes in tax laws and judicial guidance influencing our overall or transaction-specific tax position.

We recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and the carryforward of certain tax attributes such as net operating losses. A valuation allowance is maintained for deferred tax assets that we estimate are more likely than not to be unrealizable, based on available evidence at the time the estimate is made. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, we estimate future taxable income, considering the feasibility of tax planning strategies and the realizability of tax loss carryforwards. Valuation allowances related to deferred tax assets can be affected by changes to tax laws, statutory tax rates, and future taxable income levels. In the event that we were to determine that we would not be able to realize all or a portion of our net deferred tax assets in the future, we would reduce such amounts through a charge to income tax expense in the period in which that determination was made. Conversely, if we were to determine that we would be able to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of the net carrying amounts, we would decrease the recorded valuation allowance through a decrease in income tax expense in the period in which that determination was made. Subsequently recognized tax benefits associated with valuation allowances recorded in a business combination would be recorded as an adjustment to goodwill.

In July 2009, new tax laws were enacted that were effective for the determination of our New York City income tax liability for calendar year 2009. In general, these laws conformed the New York City tax rules to those of New York State. The new tax laws include a provision that requires the inclusion of income earned by a subsidiary taxed as a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) for federal tax purposes, regardless of the location in which the REIT subsidiary conducts its business or the timing of its distribution of earnings. The inclusion of such income is phased in with full inclusion of income starting in 2011. As a result of certain of our earlier business combinations, the Company currently has six REIT subsidiaries.

This new tax law increased our effective tax rate and income tax expense in 2009. Absent any change in the manner in which we conduct our business, current income tax expense is estimated to increase by approximately \$1.3 million in 2010, with a larger increase starting in 2011.

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Regulation and Supervision

General

The Community Bank is a New York State-chartered savings bank and its deposit accounts are insured under the Deposit Insurance Fund (the DIF) up to applicable legal limits. The Commercial Bank is a New York State-chartered commercial bank and its deposit accounts also are insured by the DIF up to applicable legal limits. Both the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are subject to extensive regulation and supervision by the New York State Banking Department (the Banking Department), as their chartering agency, and by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC), as their insurer of deposits. Both institutions must file reports with the Banking Department and the FDIC concerning their activities and financial condition, in addition to obtaining regulatory approvals prior to entering into certain transactions such as mergers with, or acquisitions of, other depository institutions. Furthermore, the Banks are periodically examined by the Banking Department and the FDIC to assess compliance with various regulatory requirements, including safety and soundness considerations. This regulation and supervision establishes a comprehensive framework of activities in which a savings bank and a commercial bank can engage, and is intended primarily for the protection of the insurance fund and depositors. The regulatory structure also gives the regulatory authorities extensive discretion in connection with their supervisory and enforcement activities and examination policies, including policies with respect to the classification of assets and the establishment of adequate loan loss allowances for regulatory purposes. Any change in such regulation, whether by the Banking Department, the FDIC, or through legislation, could have a material adverse impact on the Company, the Community Bank, the Commercial Bank, and their operations, and the Company's shareholders.

The Company is required to file certain reports under, and otherwise comply with, the rules and regulations of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors (the FRB), the FDIC, the Banking Department, and the SEC under federal securities laws. In addition, the FRB periodically examines the Company. Certain of the regulatory requirements applicable to the Community Bank, the Commercial Bank, and the Company are referred to below or elsewhere herein. However, such discussion is not meant to be a complete explanation of all laws and regulations and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual laws and regulations.

New York Law

The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank derive their lending, investment, and other authority primarily from the applicable provisions of New York State Banking Law and the regulations of the Banking Department, as limited by FDIC regulations. Under these laws and regulations, banks, including the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank, may invest in real estate mortgages, consumer and commercial loans, certain types of debt securities (including certain corporate debt securities, and obligations of federal, state, and local governments and agencies), certain types of corporate equity securities, and certain other assets. The lending powers of New York savings banks and commercial banks are not subject to percentage of assets or capital limitations, although there are limits applicable to loans to individual borrowers.

Under the statutory authority for investing in equity securities, a savings bank may directly invest up to 7.5% of its assets in certain corporate stock, and may also invest up to 7.5% of its assets in certain mutual fund securities. Investment in the stock of a single corporation is limited to the lesser of 2% of the issued and outstanding stock of such corporation or 1% of the savings bank's assets, except as set forth below. Such equity securities must meet certain earnings ratios and other tests of financial performance. Commercial banks may invest in certain equity securities up to 2% of the stock of a single issuer and are subject to a general overall limit of the lesser of 2% of the bank's assets or 20% of capital and surplus.

Pursuant to the leeway power, a savings bank may also make investments not otherwise permitted under New York State Banking Law. This power permits a bank to make investments that would otherwise be impermissible. Up to 1% of a bank's assets may be invested in any single such investment, subject to certain restrictions; the aggregate limit for all such investments is 5% of a bank's assets. Additionally, savings banks are authorized to elect to invest under a prudent person standard in a wide range of debt and equity securities in lieu of investing in such securities in accordance with, and reliance upon, the specific investment authority set forth in New York State Banking Law. Although the prudent person standard may expand a savings bank's authority, in the event that a savings bank elects to utilize the prudent person standard, it may be unable to avail itself of the other provisions of New York State Banking Law and regulations which set forth specific investment authority.

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New York State savings banks may also invest in subsidiaries under a service corporation power. A savings bank may use this power to invest in corporations that engage in various activities authorized for savings banks, plus any additional activities which may be authorized by the Banking Department. Investment by a savings bank in the stock, capital notes, and debentures of its service corporation is limited to 3% of the savings bank's assets, and such investments, together with the savings bank's loans to its service corporations, may not exceed 10% of the savings bank's assets. Savings banks and commercial banks may invest in operating subsidiaries that engage in activities permissible for the institution directly. Under New York law, the New York State Banking Board has the authority to authorize savings banks to engage in any activity permitted under federal law for federal savings associations and the insurance powers of national banks. Commercial banks may be authorized to engage in any activity permitted under federal law for national banks.

The exercise by an FDIC-insured savings bank or commercial bank of the lending and investment powers under New York State Banking Law is limited by FDIC regulations and other federal laws and regulations. In particular, the applicable provision of New York State Banking Law and regulations governing the investment authority and activities of an FDIC-insured state-chartered savings bank and commercial bank have been effectively limited by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA) and the FDIC regulations issued pursuant thereto.

With certain limited exceptions, a New York State-chartered savings bank may not make loans or extend credit for commercial, corporate, or business purposes (including lease financing) to a single borrower, the aggregate amount of which would be in excess of 15% of the bank's net worth or up to 25% for loans secured by collateral having an ascertainable market value at least equal to the excess of such loans over the bank's net worth. A commercial bank is subject to similar limits on all of its loans. The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank currently comply with all applicable loans-to-one-borrower limitations.

Under New York State Banking Law, New York State-chartered stock-form savings banks and commercial banks may declare and pay dividends out of their net profits, unless there is an impairment of capital, but approval of the Superintendent of Banks (the Superintendent) is required if the total of all dividends declared by the bank in a calendar year would exceed the total of its net profits for that year combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two years less prior dividends paid.

New York State Banking Law gives the Superintendent authority to issue an order to a New York State-chartered banking institution to appear and explain an apparent violation of law, to discontinue unauthorized or unsafe practices, and to keep prescribed books and accounts. Upon a finding by the Banking Department that any director, trustee, or officer of any banking organization has violated any law, or has continued unauthorized or unsafe practices in conducting the business of the banking organization after having been notified by the Superintendent to discontinue such practices, such director, trustee, or officer may be removed from office after notice and an opportunity to be heard. The Superintendent also has authority to appoint a conservator or a receiver for a savings or commercial bank under certain circumstances.

FDIC Regulations

Capital Requirements. The FDIC has adopted risk-based capital guidelines to which the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are subject. The guidelines establish a systematic analytical framework that makes regulatory capital requirements sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banking organizations. The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are required to maintain certain levels of regulatory capital in relation to regulatory risk-weighted assets. The ratio of such regulatory capital to regulatory risk-weighted assets is referred to as a risk-based capital ratio. Risk-based capital ratios are determined by allocating assets and specified off-balance-sheet items to four risk-weighted categories ranging from 0% to 100%, with higher levels of capital being required for the categories perceived as representing greater risk.

These guidelines divide an institution's capital into two tiers. The first tier (Tier I) includes common equity, retained earnings, certain non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock (excluding auction rate issues) and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, less goodwill and other intangible assets (except mortgage servicing rights and purchased credit card relationships subject to certain limitations). Supplementary (Tier II) capital includes, among other items, cumulative perpetual and long-term limited-life preferred stock, mandatorily convertible securities, certain hybrid capital instruments, term subordinated debt, and the allowance for loan losses, subject to certain limitations, and up to 45% of pre-tax net unrealized gains on equity securities with readily determinable fair market values, less required deductions. Savings banks and commercial banks are required to maintain a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 8%, of which at least 4% must be Tier I capital.

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In addition, the FDIC has established regulations prescribing a minimum Tier I leverage capital ratio (the ratio of Tier I capital to adjusted average assets as specified in the regulations). These regulations provide for a minimum Tier I leverage capital ratio of 3% for institutions that meet certain specified criteria, including that they have the highest examination rating and are not experiencing or anticipating significant growth. All other institutions are required to maintain a Tier I leverage capital ratio of at least 4%. The FDIC may, however, set higher leverage and risk-based capital requirements on individual institutions when particular circumstances warrant. Institutions experiencing or anticipating significant growth are expected to maintain capital ratios, including tangible capital positions, well above the minimum levels.

As of December 31, 2009, the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank were deemed to be well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, a bank must maintain a minimum Tier I leverage capital ratio of 5%, a minimum Tier I risk-based capital ratio of 6%, and a minimum total risk-based capital ratio of 10%. A summary of the regulatory capital ratios of the Banks at December 31, 2009 appears in Note 18 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Regulatory Matters in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The regulatory capital regulations of the FDIC and other federal banking agencies provide that the agencies will take into account the exposure of an institution's capital and economic value to changes in interest rate risk in assessing capital adequacy. According to the agencies, applicable considerations include the quality of the institution's interest rate risk management process, overall financial condition, and the level of other risks at the institution for which capital is needed. Institutions with significant interest rate risk may be required to hold additional capital. The agencies have issued a joint policy statement providing guidance on interest rate risk management, including a discussion of the critical factors affecting the agencies' evaluation of interest rate risk in connection with capital adequacy. Institutions that engage in specified amounts of trading activity may be subject to adjustments in the calculation of the risk-based capital requirement to assure sufficient additional capital to support market risk.

Standards for Safety and Soundness. Federal law requires each federal banking agency to prescribe, for the depository institutions under its jurisdiction, standards that relate to, among other things, internal controls; information and audit systems; loan documentation; credit underwriting; the monitoring of interest rate risk; asset growth; compensation; fees and benefits; and such other operational and managerial standards as the agency deems appropriate. The federal banking agencies adopted final regulations and Interagency Guidelines Establishing Standards for Safety and Soundness (the Guidelines) to implement these safety and soundness standards. The Guidelines set forth the safety and soundness standards that the federal banking agencies use to identify and address problems at insured depository institutions before capital becomes impaired. If the appropriate federal banking agency determines that an institution fails to meet any standard prescribed by the Guidelines, the agency may require the institution to submit to the agency an acceptable plan to achieve compliance with the standard, as required by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, (the FDI Act). The final regulations establish deadlines for the submission and review of such safety and soundness compliance plans.

Real Estate Lending Standards. The FDIC and the other federal banking agencies have adopted regulations that prescribe standards for extensions of credit that (i) are secured by real estate, or (ii) are made for the purpose of financing construction or improvements on real estate. The FDIC regulations require each institution to establish and maintain written internal real estate lending standards that are consistent with safe and sound banking practices and appropriate to the size of the institution and the nature and scope of its real estate lending activities. The standards also must be consistent with accompanying FDIC Guidelines, which include loan-to-value limitations for the different types of real estate loans. Institutions are also permitted to make a limited amount of loans that do not conform to the proposed loan-to-value limitations so long as such exceptions are reviewed and justified appropriately. The Guidelines also list a number of lending situations in which exceptions to the loan-to-value standard are justified.

In 2006, the FDIC, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (collectively, the Agencies) issued joint guidance entitled Concentrations in Commercial Real Estate Lending, Sound Risk Management Practices (the CRE Guidance). The CRE Guidance, which addresses land development, construction, and certain multi-family loans, as well as commercial real estate loans, does not establish specific lending limits but, rather, reinforces and enhances the Agencies' existing regulations and guidelines for such lending and portfolio management.

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Dividend Limitations. The FDIC has authority to use its enforcement powers to prohibit a savings bank or commercial bank from paying dividends if, in its opinion, the payment of dividends would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice. Federal law prohibits the payment of dividends that will result in the institution failing to meet applicable capital requirements on a pro forma basis. The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are also subject to dividend declaration restrictions imposed by New York law as previously discussed under New York Law.

Investment Activities

Since the enactment of FDICIA, all state-chartered financial institutions, including savings banks, commercial banks, and their subsidiaries, have generally been limited to such activities as principal and equity investments of the type and in the amount authorized for national banks. State law, FDICIA, and FDIC regulations permit certain exceptions to these limitations. For example, certain state-chartered savings banks, such as the Community Bank, may, with FDIC approval, continue to exercise state authority to invest in common or preferred stocks listed on a national securities exchange and in the shares of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Such banks may also continue to sell Savings Bank Life Insurance. In addition, the FDIC is authorized to permit institutions to engage in state authorized activities or investments not permitted for national banks (other than non-subsidiary equity investments) for institutions that meet all applicable capital requirements if it is determined that such activities or investments do not pose a significant risk to the insurance fund. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 and FDIC regulations impose certain quantitative and qualitative restrictions on such activities and on a bank's dealings with a subsidiary that engages in specified activities.

The Community Bank received grandfathering authority from the FDIC in 1993 to invest in listed stock and/or registered shares subject to the maximum permissible investments of 100% of Tier I Capital, as specified by the FDIC's regulations, or the maximum amount permitted by New York State Banking Law, whichever is less. Such grandfathering authority is subject to termination upon the FDIC's determination that such investments pose a safety and soundness risk to the Community Bank or in the event that the Community Bank converts its charter or undergoes a change in control.

Prompt Corrective Regulatory Action

Federal law requires, among other things, that federal bank regulatory authorities take prompt corrective action with respect to institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements. For these purposes, the law establishes five capital tiers: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, and critically undercapitalized.

The FDIC has adopted regulations to implement prompt corrective action. Among other things, the regulations define the relevant capital measure for the five capital categories. An institution is deemed to be well capitalized if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of 10% or greater, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of 6% or greater, and a leverage capital ratio of 5% or greater, and is not subject to a regulatory order, agreement, or directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure. An institution is deemed to be adequately capitalized if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of 8% or greater, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of 4% or greater, and generally a leverage capital ratio of 4% or greater. An institution is deemed to be undercapitalized if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of less than 8%, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of less than 4%, or generally a leverage capital ratio of less than 4%. An institution is deemed to be significantly undercapitalized if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of less than 6%, a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of less than 3%, or a leverage capital ratio of less than 3%. An institution is deemed to be critically undercapitalized if it has a ratio of tangible equity (as defined in the regulations) to total assets that is equal to or less than 2%.

Undercapitalized institutions are subject to growth, capital distribution (including dividend), and other limitations and are required to submit a capital restoration plan. An institution's compliance with such plan is required to be guaranteed by any company that controls the undercapitalized institution in an amount equal to the lesser of 5.0% of the bank's total assets when deemed undercapitalized or the amount necessary to achieve the status of adequately capitalized. If an undercapitalized institution fails to submit an acceptable plan, it is treated as if it is significantly undercapitalized. Significantly undercapitalized institutions are subject to one or more additional

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restrictions including, but not limited to, an order by the FDIC to sell sufficient voting stock to become adequately capitalized; requirements to reduce total assets, cease receipt of deposits from correspondent banks, or dismiss directors or officers; and restrictions on interest rates paid on deposits, compensation of executive officers, and capital distributions by the parent holding company.

Critically undercapitalized institutions also may not, beginning 60 days after becoming critically undercapitalized, make any payment of principal or interest on certain subordinated debt, or extend credit for a highly leveraged transaction, or enter into any material transaction outside the ordinary course of business. In addition, subject to a narrow exception, the appointment of a receiver is required for a critically undercapitalized institution.

Transactions with Affiliates

Under current federal law, transactions between depository institutions and their affiliates are governed by Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act and the FRB's Regulation W promulgated thereunder. An affiliate of a savings bank or commercial bank is any company or entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the institution, other than a subsidiary. Generally, an institution's subsidiaries are not treated as affiliates unless they are engaged in activities as principal that are not permissible for national banks. In a holding company context, at a minimum, the parent holding company of an institution, and any companies that are controlled by such parent holding company, are affiliates of the institution. Generally, Section 23A limits the extent to which the institution or its subsidiaries may engage in covered transactions with any one affiliate to an amount equal to 10% of the institution's capital stock and surplus, and contains an aggregate limit on all such transactions with all affiliates to an amount equal to 20% of such capital stock and surplus. The term covered transaction includes the making of loans or other extensions of credit to an affiliate; the purchase of assets from an affiliate; the purchase of, or an investment in, the securities of an affiliate; the acceptance of securities of an affiliate as collateral for a loan or extension of credit to any person; or issuance of a guarantee, acceptance, or letter of credit on behalf of an affiliate. Section 23A also establishes specific collateral requirements for loans or extensions of credit to, or guarantees, or acceptances on letters of credit issued on behalf of, an affiliate. Section 23B requires that covered transactions and a broad list of other specified transactions be on terms substantially the same as, or no less favorable to, the institution or its subsidiary as similar transactions with non-affiliates.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 generally prohibits loans by the Company to its executive officers and directors. However, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act contains a specific exemption for loans by an institution to its executive officers and directors in compliance with federal banking laws. Section 22(h) of the Federal Reserve Act, and FRB Regulation O adopted thereunder, governs loans by a savings bank or commercial bank to directors, executive officers, and principal shareholders. Under Section 22(h), loans to directors, executive officers, and shareholders who control, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of voting securities of an institution, and certain related interests of any of the foregoing, may not exceed, together with all other outstanding loans to such persons and affiliated entities, the institution's total capital and surplus. Section 22(h) also prohibits loans above amounts prescribed by the appropriate federal banking agency to directors, executive officers, and shareholders who control 10% or more of the voting securities of an institution, and their respective related interests, unless such loan is approved in advance by a majority of the board of the institution's directors. Any interested director may not participate in the voting. The loan amount (which includes all other outstanding loans to such person) as to which such prior board of director approval is required, is the greater of \$25,000 or 5% of capital and surplus or any loans aggregating over \$500,000. Further, pursuant to Section 22(h), loans to directors, executive officers, and principal shareholders must be made on terms substantially the same as those offered in comparable transactions to other persons. There is an exception for loans made pursuant to a benefit or compensation program that is widely available to all employees of the institution and does not give preference to executive officers over other employees. Section 22(g) of the Federal Reserve Act places additional limitations on loans to executive officers.

Enforcement

The FDIC has extensive enforcement authority over insured banks, including the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank. This enforcement authority includes, among other things, the ability to assess civil money penalties, to issue cease and desist orders, and to remove directors and officers. In general, these enforcement actions may be initiated in response to violations of laws and regulations and unsafe or unsound practices.

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The FDIC has authority under federal law to appoint a conservator or receiver for an insured institution under certain circumstances. The FDIC is required, with certain exceptions, to appoint a receiver or conservator for an insured institution if that institution was critically undercapitalized on average during the calendar quarter beginning 270 days after the date on which the institution became critically undercapitalized. For this purpose, critically undercapitalized means having a ratio of tangible equity to total assets of less than 2%. See Prompt Corrective Regulatory Action earlier in this report.

The FDIC may also appoint a conservator or receiver for an insured institution on the basis of the institution's financial condition or upon the occurrence of certain events, including (i) insolvency (whereby the assets of the bank are less than its liabilities to depositors and others); (ii) substantial dissipation of assets or earnings through violations of law or unsafe or unsound practices; (iii) existence of an unsafe or unsound condition to transact business; (iv) likelihood that the bank will be unable to meet the demands of its depositors or to pay its obligations in the normal course of business; and (v) insufficient capital, or the incurrence or likely incurrence of losses that will deplete substantially all of the institution's capital with no reasonable prospect of replenishment of capital without federal assistance.

Insurance of Deposit Accounts

The deposits of the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are insured up to applicable limits by the DIF. The DIF is the successor to the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund, which were merged in 2006. Under the FDIC's risk-based assessment system, insured institutions are assigned to one of four risk categories based on supervisory evaluations, regulatory capital level, and certain other factors, with less risky institutions paying lower assessments. An institution's assessment rate depends upon the category to which it is assigned. No institution may pay a dividend if in default of the federal deposit insurance assessment.

For calendar year 2008, assessments ranged from five to 43 basis points of each institution's deposit assessment base. Due to losses incurred by the DIF in 2008 from failed institutions, and anticipated future losses, the FDIC adopted an across the board seven-basis point increase in the assessment range for the first quarter of 2009. The FDIC made further refinements to its risk-based assessment system, as of April 1, 2009, that effectively made the range seven to 77.5 basis points. The FDIC may adjust the scale uniformly from one quarter to the next, except that no adjustment can deviate more than three basis points from the base scale without notice and comment rulemaking.

The FDIC also imposed on all insured institutions a special emergency assessment of five basis points of total assets minus Tier 1 capital (capped at ten basis points of an institution's deposit assessment base, as of June 30, 2009), in order to cover losses to the DIF. That special assessment was collected on September 30, 2009. The FDIC considered the need for similar special assessments during the final two quarters of 2009. However, in lieu of further special assessments, the FDIC required insured institutions to prepay estimated quarterly risk-based assessments for the fourth quarter of 2009 through the fourth quarter of 2012. The estimated assessments, which include an assumed annual assessment base increase of 5%, were recorded as a prepaid expense asset as of December 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, and each quarter thereafter, a charge to earnings will be recorded for each regular assessment with an offsetting credit to the prepaid asset.

Due to the decline in economic conditions, the deposit insurance provided by the FDIC per account owner was raised to \$250,000 for all types of accounts for the period beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2013. In addition, the FDIC adopted an optional Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (TLGP) under which, for a fee, non-interest-bearing transaction accounts would receive unlimited insurance coverage until December 31, 2009, later extended to June 30, 2010, and certain senior unsecured debt issued between October 13, 2008 and June 30, 2009, later extended to October 31, 2009, by institutions and their holding companies would be guaranteed by the FDIC through June 30, 2012 or in certain cases, until December 31, 2012. The Banks are both participating in the unlimited non-interest-bearing transaction account coverage and, together with the Company, participated in the unsecured debt guarantee program. In December 2008, the Company issued \$90.0 million of fixed rate senior notes with a maturity date of June 22, 2012, and the Community Bank issued \$512.0 million of fixed rate senior notes with a maturity date of December 16, 2011.

Federal law also provides for the possibility that the FDIC may pay dividends to insured institutions once the DIF reserve ratio equals or exceeds 1.35% of estimated insured deposits.

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In addition to the assessment for deposit insurance, institutions are required to make payments on bonds issued in the late 1980s by the Financing Corporation to recapitalize a predecessor deposit insurance fund. That payment is established quarterly, and during the calendar year ending December 31, 2009, averaged 1.06 basis points of assessable deposits.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 provided the FDIC with authority to adjust the DIF ratio to insured deposits within a range of 1.15% and 1.50%, in contrast to the prior statutorily fixed ratio of 1.25%. The Restoration Plan adopted by the FDIC seeks to restore the DIF to a 1.15% ratio within a period of eight years.

Insurance of deposits may be terminated by the FDIC upon a finding that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations, or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule, order, or condition imposed by the FDIC. Management does not know of any practice, condition, or violation that might lead to termination of deposit insurance of either of the Banks.

Community Reinvestment Act

Federal Regulation. Under the Community Reinvestment Act (the CRA), as implemented by FDIC regulations, an institution has a continuing and affirmative obligation consistent with its safe and sound operation to help meet the credit needs of its entire community, including low and moderate income neighborhoods. The CRA does not establish specific lending requirements or programs for financial institutions nor does it limit an institution's discretion to develop the types of products and services that it believes are best suited to its particular community, consistent with the CRA. The CRA requires the FDIC, in connection with its examinations, to assess the institution's record of meeting the credit needs of its community and to take such record into account in its evaluation of certain applications by such institution. The CRA requires public disclosure of an institution's CRA rating and further requires the FDIC to provide a written evaluation of an institution's CRA performance utilizing a four-tiered descriptive rating system. The Community Bank's latest CRA rating from the FDIC was outstanding and the Commercial Bank's latest CRA rating was satisfactory.

New York Regulation. The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are also subject to provisions of the New York State Banking Law which impose continuing and affirmative obligations upon a banking institution organized in New York to serve the credit needs of its local community (the NYCRA). Such obligations are substantially similar to those imposed by the CRA. The NYCRA requires the Banking Department to make a periodic written assessment of an institution's compliance with the NYCRA, utilizing a four-tiered rating system, and to make such assessment available to the public. The NYCRA also requires the Superintendent to consider the NYCRA rating when reviewing an application to engage in certain transactions, including mergers, asset purchases, and the establishment of branch offices or ATMs, and provides that such assessment may serve as a basis for the denial of any such application. The latest NYCRA rating received by the Community Bank was outstanding and the latest rating received by the Commercial Bank was satisfactory.

Federal Reserve System

Under FRB regulations, the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are required to maintain reserves against their transaction accounts (primarily NOW and regular checking accounts). The FRB regulations generally require that reserves be maintained against aggregate transaction accounts as follows: for that portion of transaction accounts aggregating \$55.2 million or less (subject to adjustment by the FRB), the reserve requirement is 3%; for amounts greater than \$55.2 million, the reserve requirement is 10% (subject to adjustment by the FRB between 8% and 14%). The first \$10.7 million of otherwise reservable balances (subject to adjustments by the FRB) are exempted from the reserve requirements. The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are in compliance with the foregoing requirements.

Federal Home Loan Bank System

The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (the FHLB-NY), one of 12 regional FHLBs comprising the FHLB system. Each regional FHLB manages its customer relationships, while the 12 FHLBs use their combined size and strength to obtain their necessary funding at the lowest possible cost. As members of the FHLB-NY, the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are required to acquire and hold shares of FHLB-NY capital stock. In addition, the Community Bank acquired \$110.6 million of FHLB-Cincinnati stock in the AmTrust acquisition. As a result, the Community Bank held total FHLB stock of \$488.3 million at December 31, 2009 and the Commercial Bank held FHLB-NY stock of \$8.4 million at that date. FHLB stock continued to be valued at par, with no impairment loss required, at that date.

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For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, dividends from the FHLB to the Community Bank amounted to \$22.6 million and \$18.0 million, respectively. Dividends from the FHLB-NY to the Commercial Bank amounted to \$473,000 and \$487,000, respectively, in the corresponding years. A reduction in FHLB dividends received or an increase in the interest paid on future FHLB advances would adversely impact the Company's net interest income. The FHLB has stated that it expects to continue to pay dividends, but has acknowledged that future economic events, regulatory actions, and other actions could impact its ability to pay dividends. In addition, a reduction in the capital levels of the FHLB could adversely impact our ability to redeem our shares and the value thereof.

Interstate Branching

Federal law allows the FDIC, and New York State Banking Law allows the Superintendent, to approve an application by a state banking institution to acquire interstate branches by merger, unless, in the case of the FDIC, the state of the target institution has opted out of interstate branching. New York State Banking Law authorizes savings banks and commercial banks to open and occupy de novo branches outside the state of New York, and the FDIC is authorized to approve a state bank's establishment of a de novo interstate branch, if the intended host state has opted into interstate de novo branching. The Community Bank currently maintains 52 branches in New Jersey, 25 branches in Florida, 29 branches in Ohio, and 12 branches in Arizona, in addition to its 123 branches in New York State.

In April 2008, the Banking Regulators in the States of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (the "Interstate MOU") to clarify their respective roles, as home and host state regulators, regarding interstate branching activity on a regional basis pursuant to the Riegle-Neal Amendments Act of 1997. The Interstate MOU establishes the regulatory responsibilities of the respective state banking regulators regarding bank regulatory examinations and is intended to reduce the regulatory burden on state chartered banks branching within the region by eliminating duplicative host state compliance exams.

Under the Interstate MOU, the activities of branches established by the Community Bank or the Commercial Bank in New Jersey or Pennsylvania would be governed by New York State law to the same extent that federal law governs the activities of the branch of an out-of-state national bank in such host states. For the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank, issues regarding whether a particular host state law is preempted are to be determined in the first instance by the Banking Department. In the event that the Banking Department and the applicable host state regulator disagree regarding whether a particular host state law is pre-empted, the Banking Department and the applicable host state regulator would use their reasonable best efforts to consider all points of view and to resolve the disagreement.

Holding Company Regulation

Federal Regulation. The Company is currently subject to examination, regulation, and periodic reporting under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHCA"), as administered by the FRB.

The Company is required to obtain the prior approval of the FRB to acquire all, or substantially all, of the assets of any bank or bank holding company. Prior FRB approval would be required for the Company to acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting securities of any bank or bank holding company if, after giving effect to such acquisition, it would, directly or indirectly, own or control more than 5% of any class of voting shares of such bank or bank holding company. In addition to the approval of the FRB, before any bank acquisition can be completed, prior approval thereof may also be required to be obtained from other agencies having supervisory jurisdiction over the bank to be acquired, including the Banking Department.

FRB regulations generally prohibit a bank holding company from engaging in, or acquiring, direct or indirect control of more than 5% of the voting securities of any company engaged in non-banking activities. One of the principal exceptions to this prohibition is for activities found by the FRB to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. Some of the principal activities that the FRB has determined by regulation to be so closely related to banking are: (i) making or servicing loans; (ii) performing certain data processing services; (iii) providing discount brokerage services; (iv) acting as fiduciary, investment, or financial advisor; (v) leasing personal or real property; (vi) making investments in corporations or projects designed primarily to promote community welfare; and (vii) acquiring a savings and loan association.

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The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 authorizes a bank holding company that meets specified conditions, including being well capitalized and well managed, to opt to become a financial holding company and thereby engage in a broader array of financial activities than previously permitted. Such activities can include insurance underwriting and investment banking.

The FRB has adopted capital adequacy guidelines for bank holding companies (on a consolidated basis) substantially similar to those of the FDIC for the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank. (Please see *Capital Requirements* earlier in this report.) At December 31, 2009, the Company's consolidated Total and Tier I capital exceeded these requirements.

Bank holding companies are generally required to give the FRB prior written notice of any purchase or redemption of its outstanding equity securities if the gross consideration for the purchase or redemption, when combined with the net consideration paid for all such purchases or redemptions during the preceding twelve months, is equal to 10% or more of the Company's consolidated net worth. The FRB may disapprove such a purchase or redemption if it determines that the proposal would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice, or would violate any law, regulation, FRB order or directive, or any condition imposed by, or written agreement with, the FRB. The FRB has adopted an exception to this approval requirement for well-capitalized bank holding companies that meet certain other conditions.

The FRB has issued a policy statement regarding the payment of dividends by bank holding companies. In general, the FRB's policies provide that dividends should be paid only out of current earnings and only if the prospective rate of earnings retention by the bank holding company appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality, and overall financial condition. The FRB's policies also require that a bank holding company serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks by standing ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to those banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and by maintaining the financial flexibility and capital-raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks where necessary. Under the prompt corrective action laws, the ability of a bank holding company to pay dividends may be restricted if a subsidiary bank becomes undercapitalized. These regulatory policies could affect the ability of the Company to pay dividends or otherwise engage in capital distributions.

Under the FDI Act, a depository institution may be responsible for providing financial support if a commonly controlled depository institution were to fail. The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are commonly controlled within the meaning of that law.

The status of the Company as a registered bank holding company under the BHCA does not exempt it from certain federal and state laws and regulations applicable to corporations generally, including, without limitation, certain provisions of the federal securities laws.

The Company, the Community Bank, the Commercial Bank, and their respective affiliates will be affected by the monetary and fiscal policies of various agencies of the United States Government, including the Federal Reserve System. In view of changing conditions in the national economy and in the money markets, it is difficult for management to accurately predict future changes in monetary policy or the effect of such changes on the business or financial condition of the Company, the Community Bank, or the Commercial Bank.

New York Holding Company Regulation. With the addition of the Commercial Bank, the Company became subject to regulation as a multi-bank holding company under New York law since it controls two banking institutions. Among other requirements, this means that the Company must receive the prior approval of the New York State Banking Board prior to the acquisition of 10% or more of the voting stock of another banking institution or to otherwise acquire a banking institution by merger or purchase.

Acquisition of the Holding Company

Federal Restrictions. Under the Federal Change in Bank Control Act (the CIBCA), a notice must be submitted to the FRB if any person (including a company), or group acting in concert, seeks to acquire 10% or more of the Company's shares of outstanding common stock, unless the FRB has found that the acquisition will not result

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in a change in control of the Company. Under the CIBCA, the FRB generally has 60 days within which to act on such notices, taking into consideration certain factors, including the financial and managerial resources of the acquirer, the convenience and needs of the communities served by the Company, the Community Bank, and the Commercial Bank, and the anti-trust effects of the acquisition. Under the BHCA, any company would be required to obtain prior approval from the FRB before it may obtain control of the Company within the meaning of the BHCA. Control generally is defined to mean the ownership or power to vote 25% or more of any class of voting securities of the Company or the ability to control in any manner the election of a majority of the Company's directors. An existing bank holding company would be required to obtain the FRB's prior approval under the BHCA before acquiring more than 5% of the Company's voting stock. See Holding Company Regulation earlier in this report.

New York Change in Control Restrictions. In addition to the CIBCA and the BHCA, New York State Banking Law generally requires prior approval of the New York State Banking Board before any action is taken that causes any company to acquire direct or indirect control of a banking institution which is organized in New York.

Federal Securities Law

The Company's common stock is registered with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). The Company is subject to the information and proxy solicitation requirements, insider trading restrictions, and other requirements under the Exchange Act.

Registration of the shares of the common stock that were issued in the Community Bank's conversion from mutual to stock form under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), does not cover the resale of such shares. Shares of the common stock purchased by persons who are not affiliates of the Company may be resold without registration. Shares purchased by an affiliate of the Company will be subject to the resale restrictions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act. If the Company meets the current public information requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, each affiliate of the Company who complies with the other conditions of Rule 144 (including those that require the affiliate's sale to be aggregated with those of certain other persons) would be able to sell in the public market, without registration, a number of shares not to exceed in any three-month period the greater of (i) 1% of the outstanding shares of the Company, or (ii) the average weekly volume of trading in such shares during the preceding four calendar weeks. Provision may be made by the Company in the future to permit affiliates to have their shares registered for sale under the Securities Act under certain circumstances.

Regulatory Restructuring Legislation

The Obama Administration has proposed, and Congress is currently considering, legislation that would restructure the regulation of depository institutions and other financial companies. Proposed legislation includes creation of an oversight counsel to monitor and address systemic risk, and strengthened regulation of systemically significant financial companies. Other proposals range from the merger of the Office of Thrift Supervision, which regulates federal thrifts, with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which regulates national banks, to the creation of an independent federal agency that would assume the regulatory responsibilities of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the FRB. The federal savings association charter would be eliminated and federal associations required to become banks under some proposals, although others would grandfather existing charters. Also proposed is the creation of a new federal agency to administer and enforce consumer and fair lending laws, a function that is now performed by the federal depository institution regulators.

Enactment of certain of these proposals could revise the regulatory structure imposed on the Bank, and result in more stringent regulation. At this time, the contents of any final legislation, or whether any legislation will be enacted at all, is uncertain.

Enterprise Risk Management

The Company identifies, measures, and attempts to mitigate risks that affect, or have the potential to affect, our business. Proper risk management does not achieve the elimination of all risk but, rather, keeps risks within acceptable levels, and ensures that efforts are made to prioritize identified risks. The Company uses the *COSO Enterprise Risk Management - Integrated Framework* to manage risk. The framework applies at all levels, from the development of the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Program to the tactical operations of the front-line business team. The framework has eight key elements:

1. *Internal Environment* The internal environment sets the basis for how risk and control are viewed and addressed by our Company. Our employees, their individual attributes, including integrity, ethical values, and competence, along with the environment in which they

operate, are all critical to setting a proper internal environment.

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2. *Objective Setting* Management sets the Company's key objectives before proceeding to the challenge of identifying the potential events, risks, and other factors that could affect the achievement of those objectives. The ERM Program ensures that management has in place a process to set objectives and that such objectives support and align with the Company's mission.
3. *Risk Identification* The ERM Program focuses on recognizing and identifying existing risks to the core objectives of the Company, as well as risks that may arise from time to time from new business initiatives or from changes to the Company's size, businesses, structure, personnel, or strategic interests.
4. *Risk Measurement* Accurate and timely measurement of risks is a critical component of effective risk management. The sophistication of the risk measurement tools the Company uses reflects the complexity and levels of risk it has assumed. The Company periodically verifies the integrity of the measurement tools it uses. Risk measurement takes into account inherent risks (risks before controls are applied), residual risks (the level of risks remaining after controls are applied), and mitigating factors (e.g., insurance).
5. *Risk Control* The Company establishes and communicates limits through policies, standards, and/or procedures that define responsibility and authority. These control limits are meaningful management tools that can be adjusted if conditions or risk tolerances change. The Company has a process to authorize exceptions or changes to risk limits when they are warranted.
6. *Risk Monitoring* The Company monitors risk levels to ensure timely review of risk positions and exceptions. Monitoring reports compare actual performance metrics against benchmarks, and where applicable, against Board-established limits. Reports are produced with such frequency as management deems to be appropriate and a major effort is made to ensure that these reports are timely, accurate, and informative. These reports are distributed to appropriate individuals to ensure action, when needed.
7. *Risk Response* Management addresses cases where actual risk levels are approaching or exceeding established limits, and considers alternative risk response options (taking into account appropriate cost/benefit analyses) in order to reduce residual risk to desired risk tolerances.
8. *Information and Communication* Relevant information is communicated in a form and timeframe that enable our employees to carry out their responsibilities. Effective communication occurs in a broader sense, flowing down, across, and up the Company, including Executive Management and, if appropriate, the applicable Board of Directors, and other relevant parties across the Company.

Risk Management Roles and Responsibilities

The proper management of risk must start at, and be driven by, the highest level within a company. The following groups play an integral role in the successful achievement of the Company's ERM Program.

Board of Directors

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of the Company's overall ERM function, including, but not limited to, the approval and oversight of the execution of the ERM Program; reviewing the Company's risk profile; and reviewing risk indicators against established risk limits, including those identified in the Chief Risk Officer's reports.

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Senior Management

Senior Management is responsible for ensuring that a risk management process with adequate resources is effectively implemented; ensuring that the corporate structure supports risk management goals; and ensuring that a risk management process is integrated into the corporate culture.

Chief Risk Officer

The Chief Risk Officer is responsible for establishing and implementing the Company's overall ERM Policy; overseeing and implementing the ERM Program; reviewing each Business Process Owner's self-risk assessment, and making recommendations regarding their risk scores; aggregating and categorizing risks; and reporting the Company's risk profile and risk indicators to Senior Management and the Board of Directors.

Business Process Owners

Each Business Process Owner is responsible for ensuring that proper controls are in place to prudently mitigate risk; performing periodic self-assessments of risks and controls which are reviewed by the Chief Risk Officer; identifying changes in rules, laws, and regulations that could impact the business unit; and maintaining communication with the applicable Risk Committee and Chief Risk Officer on emerging risk.

Internal Audit

Internal Audit is responsible for validating controls identified by Business Process Owners when performing internal audits and communicating its audit findings to the Chief Risk Officer, who revisits the self-assessment performed by the Business Process Owner.

Risk Categories

The Company's risk management program is organized around eight categories: credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, market risk, operational risk, legal/compliance risk, strategic risk, and reputational risk.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There are various risks and uncertainties that are inherent in our business. Following is a discussion of the material risks and uncertainties that could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations, and that could cause the value of our common stock to decline significantly. Additional risks that are not currently known to us, or that we currently believe to be immaterial, may also have a material effect on our financial condition and results of operations. This report is qualified in its entirety by these risk factors.

The current economic environment poses significant challenges for us and could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Since the second half of 2007, we have been operating in a challenging and uncertain economic environment, both nationally and in the various local markets that we serve. Financial institutions continue to be affected by declines in the value of financial instruments and real estate values, and while we have taken, and continue to take, steps to reduce our market and credit risk exposure, we nonetheless are affected by these issues in view of our retaining a securities portfolio; retaining portfolios of multi-family, commercial real estate (CRE), acquisition, development and construction (ADC), and commercial and industrial (C&I) loans, and, to a lesser extent, our having acquired a portfolio of one- to four-family and other loans in the AmTrust acquisition and our now originating one- to four-family loans for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Continued declines in the value of our investment securities could result in our recording additional losses on the other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) of securities, which would reduce our earnings and, therefore, our capital. Continued declines in real estate values and home sales, and an increase in the financial stress on borrowers stemming from an uncertain economic environment, including high unemployment, could have an adverse effect on our borrowers or their customers, which could adversely impact the repayment of the loans we have made. The overall deterioration in economic conditions also could subject us, and the financial services industry, to increased regulatory scrutiny. In addition, further deterioration in economic conditions in the markets we serve could result in an increase in loan delinquencies, an increase in problem assets and foreclosures, and a decline in the value of the

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collateral for our loans, which could reduce our customers' borrowing power. Further deterioration in local economic conditions could drive the level of loan losses beyond the level we have provided for in our loan loss allowance, which could necessitate an increase in our provision for loan losses, which, in turn, would reduce our earnings and capital. Additionally, the demand for our products and services could be reduced, which would adversely impact our liquidity and the level of revenues we generate.

We are subject to interest rate risk.

Our primary source of income is net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income generated by our interest-earning assets (consisting primarily of loans and, to a lesser extent, securities) and the interest expense produced by our interest-bearing liabilities (consisting primarily of deposits and wholesale borrowings).

The level of net interest income we produce is primarily a function of the average balance of our interest-earning assets, the average balance of our interest-bearing liabilities, and the spread between the yield on such assets and the cost of such liabilities. These factors are influenced by both the pricing and mix of our interest-earning assets and our interest-bearing liabilities which, in turn, are impacted by such external factors as the local economy, competition for loans and deposits, the monetary policy of the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors (the FOMC) and market interest rates.

The cost of our deposits and short-term wholesale borrowings is largely based on short-term interest rates, the level of which is driven by the FOMC. However, the yields generated by our loans and securities are typically driven by intermediate-term (i.e., five-year) interest rates, which are set by the market and generally vary from day to day. The level of net interest income is therefore influenced by movements in such interest rates, and the pace at which such movements occur. If the interest rates on our interest-bearing liabilities increase at a faster pace than the interest rates on our interest-earning assets, the result could be a reduction in net interest income and with it, a reduction in our earnings. Our net interest income and earnings would be similarly impacted were the interest rates on our interest-earning assets to decline more quickly than the interest rates on our interest-bearing liabilities.

In addition, such changes in interest rates could affect our ability to originate loans and attract and retain deposits, the fair values of our securities and other financial assets, the fair values of our liabilities, and the average lives of our loan and securities portfolios.

Changes in interest rates could also have an effect on the level of loan refinancing activity which, in turn, would impact the amount of prepayment penalty income we receive on our multi-family and CRE loans. As prepayment penalties are recorded as interest income, the extent to which they increase or decrease during any given period could have a significant impact on the level of net interest income and net income we generate during that time.

In addition, changes in interest rates could have an effect on the slope of the yield curve. A flat to inverted yield curve could cause our net interest income and net interest margin to contract, which could have a material adverse effect on our net income and cash flows, and the value of our assets.

Furthermore, with the acquisition of AmTrust's mortgage banking unit, we are originating one- to four-family loans for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Although we enter into forward commitments and other derivative financial instruments to hedge the interest rate risk stemming from this business, there is no guarantee that these forward commitments and other derivative instruments will be sufficient to hedge the interest rate risk we undertake.

Our use of derivative financial instruments to mitigate our interest rate exposure may not be effective and may expose us to counterparty risks.

In accordance with our operating policies, we may use various types of derivative financial instruments, including forward rate agreements, options, and other derivative transactions, to mitigate or reduce our exposure to losses from adverse changes in interest rates. These activities will vary in scope based on the types of assets held, the level and volatility of interest rates, and other changing market conditions. No strategy, however, can completely insulate us from the interest rate risks to which we are exposed and there is no guarantee that the implementation of any strategy would have the desired impact on our results of operations or financial condition. These derivatives, which are intended to limit losses, may actually adversely affect our earnings, which could reduce our capital and the cash available to us for distribution to our shareholders.

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We are subject to credit risk.

Risks stemming from our lending activities:

The loans we originate for portfolio are primarily multi-family loans and, to a lesser extent, CRE loans, as well as ADC and C&I loans. Such loans are generally larger, and have higher risk-adjusted returns and shorter maturities, than one- to four-family mortgage loans. Our credit risk would ordinarily be expected to increase with the growth of these loan portfolios.

Multi-family and CRE properties are generally believed to involve a greater degree of credit risk than one- to four-family mortgage loans. In addition, payments on multi-family and CRE loans generally depend on the income produced by the underlying properties which, in turn, depends on their successful operation and management. Accordingly, the ability of our borrowers to repay these loans may be impacted by adverse conditions in the local real estate market and the local economy. While we seek to minimize these risks through our underwriting policies, which generally require that such loans be qualified on the basis of the collateral property's cash flows, appraised value, and debt service coverage ratio, among other factors, there can be no assurance that our underwriting policies will protect us from credit-related losses or delinquencies.

ADC financing typically involves a greater degree of credit risk than longer-term financing on improved, owner-occupied real estate. Risk of loss on an ADC loan depends largely upon the accuracy of the initial estimate of the property's value at completion of construction or development, compared to the estimated costs (including interest) of construction. If the estimate of value proves to be inaccurate, the loan may be under-secured. While we seek to minimize these risks by maintaining consistent lending policies and rigorous underwriting standards, an error in such estimates or a downturn in the local economy or real estate market could have a material adverse effect on the quality of our ADC loan portfolio, thereby resulting in material losses or delinquencies.

We seek to minimize the risks involved in C&I lending by underwriting such loans on the basis of the cash flows produced by the business; by requiring that such loans be collateralized by various business assets, including inventory, equipment, and accounts receivable, among others; and by requiring personal guarantees. However, the capacity of a borrower to repay a C&I loan is substantially dependent on the degree to which his or her business is successful. In addition, the collateral underlying such loans may depreciate over time, may not be conducive to appraisal, or may fluctuate in value, based upon the results of operation of the business.

We cannot guarantee that our record of asset quality will be maintained in future periods. The ramifications of the subprime lending crisis and the turmoil in the financial and capital markets that followed have been far-reaching, with real estate values declining and unemployment and bankruptcies rising throughout the nation, including the regions we serve. The ability of our borrowers to repay their loans could be adversely impacted by the significant change in market conditions, which not only could result in our experiencing a further increase in charge-offs, but also could necessitate our further increasing our provision for loan losses. Either of these events would have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

Although the credit risk associated with the \$5.0 billion of loans we acquired in the AmTrust acquisition was largely mitigated by the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC, these loans are not without risk. Under the terms of these agreements, we will assume 20% of any losses incurred on the first \$907.0 million of losses and 5% of any losses incurred above that amount. However, if the loss sharing process is not properly managed, the losses may not be fully recoverable from the FDIC, which could result in an increase in charge-offs and necessitate our increasing our provision for loan losses. Either of these events would have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

Furthermore, if the loans we originate for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are not agency-conforming or properly documented, we could be required to repurchase the loans for our own portfolio.

Risks stemming from the loans we originate in the New York metropolitan region:

Our business depends significantly on general economic conditions in the New York metropolitan region, where the majority of the buildings and properties securing the loans we originate for portfolio, and the businesses

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of the customers to whom we make C&I loans, are located. Unlike larger national or superregional banks that serve a broader and more diverse geographic region, our lending historically has been concentrated in New York City and the surrounding markets of Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties in New York, and Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union counties in New Jersey.

Accordingly, the ability of our borrowers to repay their loans, and the value of the collateral securing such loans, may be significantly affected by economic conditions in this region or by changes in the local real estate market. A significant decline in general economic conditions caused by inflation, recession, unemployment, acts of terrorism, or other factors beyond our control, could therefore have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, because multi-family and CRE loans represent the majority of the loans in our portfolio, a decline in tenant occupancy or rents due to such factors, or for other reasons, could adversely impact the ability of our borrowers to repay their loans on a timely basis, which could have a negative impact on our results of operations.

We are subject to certain risks in connection with the level of our allowance for loan losses.

A variety of factors could cause our borrowers to default on their loan payments and the collateral securing such loans to be insufficient to repay any remaining indebtedness. In such an event, we could experience significant loan losses, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In the process of originating a loan, we make various assumptions and judgments about the ability of the borrower to repay it, based on the cash flows produced by the building, property, or business; the value of the real estate or other assets serving as collateral; and the creditworthiness of the borrower, among other factors.

We also establish an allowance for loan losses through an assessment of probable losses in each of our loan portfolios. Several factors are considered in this process, including the level of defaulted loans at the close of each quarter; recent trends in loan performance; historical levels of loan losses; the factors underlying such loan losses and loan defaults; projected default rates and loss severities; internal risk ratings; loan size; economic, industry, and environmental factors; and impairment losses on individual loans. If our assumptions and judgments regarding such matters prove to be incorrect, our allowance for loan losses might not be sufficient, and additional loan loss provisions might need to be made. Depending on the amount of such loan loss provisions, the adverse impact on our earnings could be material.

In addition, as we continue to grow our loan portfolio, it may be necessary to increase the allowance for loan losses by making additional provisions, which would adversely impact our operating results. Furthermore, bank regulators may require us to make a provision for loan losses or otherwise recognize further loan charge-offs following their periodic review of our loan portfolio, our underwriting procedures, and our loan loss allowance. Any increase in our allowance for loan losses or loan charge-offs as required by such regulatory authorities could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Reflecting the weakness of the economy and the increase in our non-performing loans and net charge-offs, we increased our allowance for loan losses substantially in 2009. For more information regarding our allowance for loan losses in recent periods, please see **Allowance for Loan Losses** in the discussion of **Critical Accounting Policies** that begins on page 43 and the discussion of **Asset Quality** that begins on page 57 of this report.

We face significant competition for loans and deposits.

We face significant competition for loans and deposits from other banks and financial institutions, both within and beyond our local markets. We compete with commercial banks, savings banks, credit unions, and investment banks for deposits, and with the same financial institutions and others (including mortgage brokers, finance companies, mutual funds, insurance companies, and brokerage houses) for loans. We also compete with companies that solicit loans and deposits over the Internet.

Many of our competitors (including money center, national, and superregional banks) have substantially greater resources and higher lending limits than we do, and may offer certain products and services that we cannot. Because our profitability stems from our ability to attract deposits and originate loans, our continued ability to compete for depositors and borrowers is critical to our success.

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Our success as a competitor depends on a number of factors, including our ability to develop, maintain, and build upon long-term relationships with our customers by providing them with convenience, in the form of multiple branch locations and extended hours of service; access, in the form of alternative delivery channels, such as online banking, banking by phone, and ATMs; a broad and diverse selection of products and services; interest rates and service fees that compare favorably with those of our competitors; and skilled and knowledgeable personnel to assist our customers with their financial needs. External factors that may impact our ability to compete include changes in local economic conditions and real estate values, changes in interest rates, and the consolidation of banks and thrifts within our marketplace.

In addition, the mortgage banking unit we acquired in the AmTrust acquisition originates one- to four-family loans for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and competes nationally with other mortgage brokers for this business.

We are subject to certain risks with respect to liquidity.

Liquidity refers to our ability to generate sufficient cash flows to support our operations and to fulfill our obligations, including commitments to originate loans, to repay our wholesale borrowings and other liabilities, and to satisfy the withdrawal of deposits by our customers.

Our primary sources of liquidity are the deposits we acquire in connection with our acquisitions and those we gather organically through our branch network, and brokered deposits; borrowed funds, primarily in the form of wholesale borrowings from the FHLB and various Wall Street brokerage firms; the cash flows generated through the repayment of loans and securities; and the cash flows from the sale of loans and securities. In addition, and depending on current market conditions, we have the ability to access the capital markets from time to time.

Deposit flows, calls of investment securities and wholesale borrowings, and prepayments of loans and mortgage-related securities are strongly influenced by such external factors as the direction of interest rates, whether actual or perceived; local and national economic conditions; and competition for deposits and loans in the markets we serve. Furthermore, changes to the FHLB's underwriting guidelines for wholesale borrowings or lending policies may limit or restrict our ability to borrow, and could therefore have a significant adverse impact on our liquidity. Additionally, replacing funds in the event of large-scale withdrawals of brokered deposits could require us to pay significantly higher interest rates on retail deposits or other wholesale funding sources, which would have an adverse impact on our net interest income and our earnings. A decline in available funding could adversely impact our ability to originate loans, invest in securities, and meet our expenses, or to fulfill such obligations as repaying our borrowings or meeting deposit withdrawal demands.

Our goodwill may be determined to be impaired.

We test goodwill for impairment on an annual basis, or more frequently, if necessary. Quoted market prices in active markets are the best evidence of fair value and are to be used as the basis for measuring impairment, when available. Other acceptable valuation methods include present-value measurements based on multiples of earnings or revenues, or similar performance measures. If we were to determine that the carrying amount of our goodwill exceeded its implied fair value, we would be required to write down the value of the goodwill on our balance sheet. This, in turn, would result in a charge against earnings and, thus, a reduction in our stockholders' equity.

We may not be able to attract and retain key personnel.

To a large degree, our success depends on our ability to attract and retain key personnel whose expertise, knowledge of our markets, and years of industry experience would make them difficult to replace. Competition for skilled leaders in our industry can be intense, and we may not be able to hire or retain the people we would like to have working for us. The unexpected loss of services of one or more of our key personnel could have a material adverse impact on our business, given the specialized knowledge of such personnel and the difficulty of finding qualified replacements on a timely basis. To attract and retain personnel with the skills and knowledge to support our business, we offer a variety of benefits that may reduce our earnings.

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We are subject to environmental liability risk associated with our lending activities.

A significant portion of our loan portfolio is secured by real property. During the ordinary course of business, we may foreclose on, and take title to, properties securing certain loans. In doing so, there is a risk that hazardous or toxic substances could be found on these properties. If hazardous or toxic substances are found, we may be liable for remediation costs, as well as for personal injury and property damage. In addition, we own and operate certain properties that may be subject to similar environmental liability risks.

Environmental laws may require us to incur substantial expenses and may materially reduce the affected property's value or limit our ability to use or sell the affected property. In addition, future laws or more stringent interpretations or enforcement policies with respect to existing laws may increase our exposure to environmental liability. Although we have policies and procedures requiring the performance of an environmental site assessment before initiating any foreclosure action on real property, these assessments may not be sufficient to detect all potential environmental hazards. The remediation costs and any other financial liabilities associated with an environmental hazard could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our business may be adversely impacted by acts of war or terrorism.

Acts of war or terrorism could have a significant adverse impact on our ability to conduct our business. Such events could affect the ability of our borrowers to repay their loans, could impair the value of the collateral securing our loans, and could cause significant property damage, thus increasing our expenses and/or reducing our revenues. In addition, such events could affect the ability of our depositors to maintain their deposits with the Banks. Although we have established disaster recovery policies and procedures, the occurrence of any such event could have a material adverse effect on our business which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to extensive laws, regulations, and regulatory enforcement.

We are subject to regulation, supervision, and examination by the New York State Banking Department, which is the chartering authority for both the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank; by the FDIC, as the insurer of the Banks' deposits; and by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Such regulation and supervision governs the activities in which a bank holding company and its banking subsidiaries may engage, and is intended primarily for the protection of the Deposit Insurance Fund, the banking system in general, and customers, and not for the benefit of a company's stockholders. These regulatory authorities have extensive discretion in connection with their supervisory and enforcement activities, including with respect to the imposition of restrictions on the operation of a bank or a bank holding company, the imposition of significant fines, the ability to delay or deny merger applications, the classification of assets by a bank, and the adequacy of a bank's allowance for loan losses, among other matters. Any failure to comply with, or any change in, such regulation and supervision, or change in regulation or enforcement by such authorities, whether in the form of policy, regulations, legislation, rules, orders, enforcement actions, or decisions, could have a material impact on the Company, our subsidiary banks, and our operations.

Our operations are also subject to extensive legislation enacted, and regulation implemented, by other federal, state, and local governmental authorities, and to various laws and judicial and administrative decisions imposing requirements and restrictions on part or all of our operations. While we believe that we are in compliance in all material respects with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including those pertaining to banking, lending, and taxation, among other matters, we may be subject to future changes in such laws, rules, and regulations that could have a material impact on our results of operations.

We may be required to pay significantly higher FDIC premiums, special assessments, or taxes that could adversely affect our earnings.

Market developments have significantly depleted the insurance fund of the FDIC and reduced the ratio of reserves to insured deposits. As a result, we may be required to pay significantly higher premiums or additional special assessments or taxes that could adversely affect our earnings. We are generally unable to control the amount of premiums that we are required to pay for FDIC insurance. If there are additional bank or financial institution failures, we may be required to pay even higher FDIC premiums than the higher levels imposed in 2009. These increases and any future increases or required prepayments in FDIC insurance premiums or taxes may materially adversely affect our results of operations.

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We are subject to risks associated with taxation.

The amount of income taxes we are required to pay on our earnings is based on federal and state legislation and regulations. We provide for current and deferred taxes in our financial statements, based on our results of operations, business activity, legal structure, interpretation of tax statutes, assessment of risk of adjustment upon audit, and application of financial accounting standards. We may take tax return filing positions for which the final determination of tax is uncertain. Our net income and earnings per share may be reduced if a federal, state, or local authority assesses additional taxes that have not been provided for in our consolidated financial statements. There can be no assurance that we will achieve our anticipated effective tax rate either due to a change to tax law, a change in regulatory or judicial guidance, or an audit assessment which denies previously recognized tax benefits.

Recent legislative and regulatory proposals in response to developments in the financial markets may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Legislation proposing significant structural reforms to the financial services industry is being considered in the U.S. Congress, including, among other things, the creation of a Consumer Financial Protection Agency, which would have broad authority to regulate financial service providers and financial products. In addition, the Federal Reserve Bank has proposed guidance on incentive compensation at the banking organizations it regulates and the United States Department of the Treasury and the federal banking regulators have issued statements calling for higher capital and liquidity requirements for banking organizations. Complying with any new legislative or regulatory requirements, and any programs established thereunder by federal and state governments to address the current economic crisis, could have an adverse impact on our results of operations, our ability to fill positions with the most qualified candidates available, and our ability to maintain our dividend.

We are subject to certain risks in connection with our use of technology.

Risks associated with systems failures, interruptions, or breaches of security:

Communications and information systems are essential to the conduct of our business, as we use such systems to manage our customer relationships, our general ledger, our deposits, and our loans. While we have established policies and procedures to prevent or limit the impact of systems failures, interruptions, and security breaches, there can be no assurance that such events will not occur or that they will be adequately addressed if they do. In addition, any compromise of our security systems could deter customers from using our web site and our online banking service, both of which involve the transmission of confidential information. Although we rely on commonly used security and processing systems to provide the security and authentication necessary to effect the secure transmission of data, these precautions may not protect our systems from compromises or breaches of security.

In addition, we outsource certain of our data processing to certain third-party providers. If our third-party providers encounter difficulties, or if we have difficulty in communicating with them, our ability to adequately process and account for customer transactions could be affected, and our business operations could be adversely impacted. Threats to information security also exist in the processing of customer information through various other vendors and their personnel.

The occurrence of any systems failure, interruption, or breach of security could damage our reputation and result in a loss of customers and business, could subject us to additional regulatory scrutiny, or could expose us to civil litigation and possible financial liability. Any of these occurrences could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Risks associated with changes in technology:

Financial products and services have become increasingly technology-driven. Our ability to meet the needs of our customers competitively, and in a cost-efficient manner, is dependent on our ability to keep pace with technological advances and to invest in new technology as it becomes available. Many of our competitors have greater resources to invest in technology than we do and may be better equipped to market new technology-driven products and services. The ability to keep pace with technological change is important, and the failure to do so on our part could have a material adverse impact on our business and therefore on our financial condition and results of operations.

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We rely on the dividends we receive from our subsidiaries.

The Parent Company (i.e., the company on an unconsolidated basis) is a separate and distinct legal entity from the Banks, and a substantial portion of the revenues the Parent Company receives consists of dividends from the Banks. These dividends are the primary funding source for the dividends we pay on our common stock and the interest and principal payments on our debt. Various federal and state laws and regulations limit the amount of dividends that a bank may pay to its parent company. In addition, our right to participate in a distribution of assets upon the liquidation or reorganization of a subsidiary may be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary's creditors. If the Banks are unable to pay dividends to the Company, we may not be able to service our debt, pay our obligations, or pay dividends on our common stock. The inability to receive dividends from the Banks could therefore have a material adverse effect on our business, our financial condition, and our results of operations, as well as our ability to maintain or increase the current level of cash dividends paid to our shareholders.

We are subject to certain risks in connection with our strategy of growing through mergers and acquisitions.

Mergers and acquisitions have contributed significantly to our growth in the past, and continue to be a key component of our business model. Accordingly, it is possible that we could acquire other financial institutions, financial service providers, or branches of banks in the future, including as part of one or more additional acquisitions from the FDIC acting in its capacity as receiver for such financial institutions. However, our ability to engage in future mergers and acquisitions depends on our ability to identify suitable merger partners and acquisition opportunities, our ability to finance and complete such transactions on acceptable terms and at acceptable prices, our ability to bid competitively for FDIC-assisted transactions, and our ability to receive the necessary regulatory and, where required, shareholder approvals.

Furthermore, mergers and acquisitions involve a number of risks and challenges, including:

Our ability to integrate the branches and operations we acquire, and the internal controls and regulatory functions into our current operations;

The diversion of management's attention from existing operations;

Our ability to limit the outflow of deposits held by our new customers in the acquired branches and to successfully retain and manage the loans we acquire;

Our ability to attract new deposits, and to generate new interest-earning assets, in geographic areas we have not previously served;

Our success in deploying any cash received in a transaction into assets bearing sufficiently high yields without incurring unacceptable credit or interest rate risk;

Our ability to control the incremental non-interest expense from the acquired branches in a manner that enables us to maintain a favorable overall efficiency ratio;

Our ability to retain and attract the appropriate personnel to staff the acquired branches and conduct any acquired operations;

Our ability to earn acceptable levels of interest and non-interest income, including fee income, from the acquired branches;

Our ability to address an increase in working capital requirements; and

Limitations on our ability to successfully reposition the post-merger balance sheet, when deemed appropriate.

As with any acquisition involving a financial institution, particularly one involving the transfer of a large number of bank branches as in our AmTrust acquisition, there may be business and service changes and disruptions that result in the loss of customers or cause customers to close their accounts and move their business to competing financial institutions. Integrating acquired branches is an operation of substantial size and expense, and may be affected by general market and economic conditions or government actions affecting the financial industry

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in general. Integration efforts will also likely divert our management's attention and resources. No assurance can be given that we will be able to integrate acquired branches successfully, and the integration process could result in the loss of key employees, the disruption of ongoing business, or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures, and policies that could adversely affect our ability to maintain relationships with clients, customers, depositors, and employees, or to achieve the anticipated benefits of an acquisition. We may also encounter unexpected difficulties or costs during the integration process that could adversely affect our earnings and financial condition, perhaps materially.

Additionally, no assurance can be given that the operation of acquired branches would not adversely affect our existing profitability; that we would be able to achieve results in the future similar to those achieved by our existing banking business; that we would be able to compete effectively in the market areas served by acquired branches; or that we would be able to manage any growth resulting from a transaction effectively. In particular, our ability to compete effectively in new markets is dependent on our ability to understand those markets and their competitive dynamics, and our ability to retain certain key employees from the acquired institution who know those markets better than we do.

Any of these factors, among others, could adversely affect our ability to achieve the anticipated benefits of any acquisitions we undertake.

The acquisition of assets and liabilities of financial institutions in FDIC-sponsored or assisted transactions involves risks similar to those faced when acquiring existing financial institutions, even though the FDIC might provide assistance to mitigate certain risks, e.g., entering into loss sharing arrangements. However, because such acquisitions are structured in a manner that does not allow the time normally associated with evaluating and preparing for the integration of an acquired institution, we face the additional risk that the anticipated benefits of such an acquisition may not be realized fully or at all, or within the time period expected.

Risks Specific to the AmTrust Acquisition

Changes in national, regional, and local economic conditions could lead to higher delinquencies or defaults in connection with the AmTrust acquisition, all of which may not be supported by the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC.

We acquired a significant nationwide portfolio of one- to four-family loans in the AmTrust acquisition. Although this loan portfolio was initially accounted for at fair value, there is no assurance that the loans we acquired will not become impaired, which may result in charge-offs to this portfolio. Fluctuations in national, regional, and local economic conditions may increase the level of charge-offs on the loans we acquired in the transaction and correspondingly reduce our net income. These fluctuations are not predictable, cannot be controlled, and may have a material adverse impact on our operations and financial condition even if other favorable events occur.

Although we have entered into loss sharing agreements which provide that the FDIC will bear a significant portion of any losses related to the loan portfolios we acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, we are not protected from all losses resulting from charge-offs with respect to the acquired loan portfolios. Additionally, the loss sharing agreements have limited terms; therefore, any charge-offs that we experience after the terms of the loss sharing agreements have ended may not be fully recoverable from the FDIC, which would negatively impact our net income.

Loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition may not be covered by the loss sharing agreements if the FDIC determines that we have not adequately managed these agreements.

Although the FDIC has agreed to reimburse us for 80% of losses on covered loans up to \$907.0 million and 95% of losses on covered loans beyond that amount, the FDIC has the right to refuse or delay payment for loan losses if the loss sharing agreements are not managed in accordance with their terms.

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Loans originated by AmTrust's mortgage banking unit for sale may not be agency-conforming or provide required documentation.

The mortgage banking unit we acquired in the AmTrust acquisition originates one- to four-family loans throughout the country for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. If a loan we originate is not in conformance with the pertinent guidelines, and/or Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac find that the documentation provided upon the sale of a loan was defective, we could be required to repurchase the loan for our own portfolio.

Risks Related to our Common Stock

The price of our common stock may fluctuate.

The market price of our common stock could be subject to significant fluctuations due to changes in sentiment in the market regarding our operations or business prospects. Among other factors, these risks may be affected by:

operating results that vary from the expectations of our management or of securities analysts and investors;

developments in our business or in the financial services sector generally;

regulatory or legislative changes affecting our industry generally or our business and operations;

operating and securities price performance of companies that investors consider to be comparable to us;

changes in estimates or recommendations by securities analysts or rating agencies;

announcements of strategic developments, acquisitions, dispositions, financings, and other material events by us or our competitors;
and

changes or volatility in global financial markets and economies, general market conditions, interest or foreign exchange rates, stock, commodity, credit, or asset valuations.

Furthermore, given recent and ongoing market and economic conditions, the market price of our common stock may be subject to further significant market fluctuations. The recession that began in the second half of 2007 has continued to have an adverse impact on real estate values; in addition, foreclosure filings are increasing and unemployment remains atypically high. These factors have negatively affected the credit performance of mortgage and other loans, and resulted in significant write-downs of asset values by financial institutions. The resulting economic pressure on property owners and other borrowers, and the lack of confidence in the financial markets in general, has adversely affected, and may continue to adversely affect, our business and results of operations.

In addition, stock markets around the world have experienced significant price and trading volume volatility, with shares of financial services firms being adversely impacted, in particular. While the U.S. and other governments continue to take action to restore confidence in the financial markets and to promote job creation and economic growth, continued or further market and economic turmoil could occur in the near or long term, which could negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations, and volatility in the price and trading volume of our common stock.

We may not pay dividends on our common stock.

Holders of our common stock are only entitled to receive such dividends as our Board of Directors may declare out of funds available for such payments under applicable law and regulatory guidance. Furthermore, regulatory agencies may impose further restrictions on the payment of dividends in the future. In addition, although we have historically declared cash dividends on our common stock, we are not required to do so.

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Any reduction of, or the elimination of, our common stock dividend in the future could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our common stock is equity and is subordinate to our existing and future indebtedness and preferred stock.

Shares of our common stock are equity interests and do not constitute indebtedness. Accordingly, shares of our common stock rank junior to all indebtedness of, and other non-equity claims on, the Company with respect to assets available to satisfy claims. Additionally, holders of our common stock are subject to the prior dividend and liquidation rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock we may issue.

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Various factors could make a takeover attempt of the Company more difficult to achieve.

Certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, in addition to certain federal banking laws and regulations, could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire the Company without the consent of our Board of Directors, even if doing so were perceived to be beneficial to our stockholders. These provisions also make it more difficult to remove our current Board of Directors or management or to appoint new directors, and also regulate the timing and content of stockholder proposals and nominations, and qualification for service on our Board of Directors. In addition, we have entered into employment agreements with certain executive officers and directors that would require payments to be made to them in the event that their employment was terminated following a change in control of the Company or the Banks. These payments may have the effect of increasing the costs of acquiring the Company. The combination of these provisions could effectively inhibit a non-negotiated merger or other business combination, which could adversely impact the market price of our common stock.

If we defer payments on our trust preferred capital debt securities or are in default under the related indentures, we will be prohibited from making distributions on our common stock.

The terms of our outstanding trust preferred capital debt securities prohibit us from declaring or paying any dividends or distributions on our capital stock, including our common stock, or purchasing, acquiring or making a liquidation payment on such stock, if an event of default has occurred and is continuing under the applicable indenture, we are in default with respect to a guarantee payment under the guarantee of the related trust preferred securities, or we have given notice of our election to defer interest payments but the related deferral period has not yet commenced or a deferral period is continuing. In addition, without notice to, or consent from, the holders of our common stock, we may issue additional series of trust preferred capital debt securities with similar terms or enter into other financing agreements that limit our ability to purchase or pay dividends or distributions on our common stock.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

In addition to owning certain branches and other bank business facilities, we also lease a majority of our branch offices and facilities under various lease and license agreements that expire at various times. (Please see Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Commitments and Contingencies: Lease and License Commitments in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.) We believe that our facilities are adequate to meet our present and immediately foreseeable needs.

The Community Bank did not immediately acquire or lease the real estate, banking facilities, furniture, fixtures, or equipment of AmTrust as part of the Purchase and Assumption Agreement with the FDIC. However, the Community Bank has the option to purchase or lease these items from the FDIC. The terms of these options expire 170 days after December 4, 2009, unless extended by the FDIC. Acquisition costs of the real estate, banking facilities, furniture, fixtures, and equipment will be based on current appraisals and determined at a later date.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In the ordinary course of our business, we are defendants in or parties to a number of legal proceedings. We believe we have meritorious defenses with respect to these cases and intend to defend them vigorously.

ITEM 4. [RESERVED]

Table of Contents**PART II.****ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS, AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

The common stock of the Company is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the symbol "NYB".

At December 31, 2009, the number of outstanding shares was 433,197,332 and the number of registered owners was approximately 14,000. The latter figure does not include those investors whose shares were held for them by a bank or broker at that date.

Dividends Declared per Common Share and Market Price of Common Stock

The following table sets forth the dividends declared per common share, and the intra-day high/low price range and closing prices for the Company's common stock, as reported by the NYSE, in each of the four quarters of 2009 and 2008:

| | Dividends Declared per Common Share | Market Price | | |
|-------------|---|--------------|----------|----------|
| | | High | Low | Close |
| 2009 | | | | |
| 1st Quarter | \$ 0.25 | \$ 14.10 | \$ 7.69 | \$ 11.17 |
| 2nd Quarter | 0.25 | 12.55 | 9.90 | 10.69 |
| 3rd Quarter | 0.25 | 11.89 | 9.98 | 11.42 |
| 4th Quarter | 0.25 | 14.81 | 10.35 | 14.51 |
| 2008 | | | | |
| 1st Quarter | \$ 0.25 | \$ 19.20 | \$ 14.48 | \$ 18.22 |
| 2nd Quarter | 0.25 | 20.70 | 17.21 | 17.84 |
| 3rd Quarter | 0.25 | 21.00 | 15.07 | 16.79 |
| 4th Quarter | 0.25 | 18.05 | 10.31 | 11.96 |

Please see the discussion of "Liquidity" in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," for information regarding restrictions on the Company's ability to pay dividends.

On July 6, 2009, our Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Joseph R. Ficalora, submitted to the NYSE his Annual CEO certification confirming our compliance with the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards, as required by

Section 303A.12(a) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

Stock Performance Graph

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Company's previous filings under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that might incorporate future filings, including this Form 10-K, in whole or in part, the following stock performance graph shall not be incorporated by reference into any such filings.

The following graph provides a comparison of total shareholder returns on the Company's common stock since December 31, 2004 with the cumulative total returns of a broad market index and a peer group index. The S&P Mid-Cap 400 Index was chosen as the broad market index in connection with the Company's trading activity on the NYSE. The peer group index chosen was the SNL Bank and Thrift Index, which currently is comprised of 529 bank and thrift institutions, including the Company. The data for the indices included in the graph were provided by SNL Financial.

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Comparison of 5-Year Cumulative Total Return

Among New York Community Bancorp, Inc.,

S&P Mid-Cap 400 Index, and SNL Bank and Thrift Index

ASSUMES \$100 INVESTED ON DEC. 31, 2004

ASSUMES DIVIDEND REINVESTED

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2009

| | 12/31/2004 | 12/31/2005 | 12/31/2006 | 12/31/2007 | 12/31/2008 | 12/31/2009 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| New York Community Bancorp, Inc. | \$ 100.00 | \$ 85.01 | \$ 88.01 | \$ 101.89 | \$ 73.64 | \$ 97.58 |
| S&P Mid-Cap 400 Index | \$ 100.00 | \$ 112.55 | \$ 124.17 | \$ 134.07 | \$ 85.50 | \$ 117.46 |
| SNL Bank and Thrift Index | \$ 100.00 | \$ 101.57 | \$ 118.68 | \$ 90.50 | \$ 52.05 | \$ 51.35 |

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From time to time, we repurchase shares of our common stock on the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, and hold such shares in our Treasury account. Repurchased shares may be utilized for various corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, merger transactions and the exercise of stock options.

During the three months ended December 31, 2009, we allocated \$22,000 toward share repurchases, as outlined in the following table:

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased ⁽¹⁾ | (b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | (c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ⁽²⁾ |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Month #1: | | | | |
| October 1, 2009 through | | | | |
| October 31, 2009 | 1,943 | \$ 11.36 | 1,943 | 1,235,990 |
| Month #2: | | | | |
| November 1, 2009 through | | | | |
| November 30, 2009 | | | | 1,235,990 |
| Month #3: | | | | |
| December 1, 2009 through | | | | |
| December 31, 2009 | | | | 1,235,990 |
| Total | 1,943 | \$ 11.36 | 1,943 | |

(1) All shares were purchased in privately negotiated transactions.

(2) On April 20, 2004, the Board authorized the repurchase of up to five million shares. Of this amount, 1,235,990 shares were still available for repurchase at December 31, 2009. Under said authorization, shares may be repurchased on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions until completion or the Board's earlier termination of the repurchase authorization.

Use of Proceeds

In December 2009, we issued 69,000,000 shares in a common stock offering that generated net proceeds of \$864.9 million. We contributed \$827.0 million of these proceeds to the capital of the Community Bank, which will use this amount for its general corporate purposes. The filing date of the Automatic Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-152147) relating to the stock offering was July 3, 2008. Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC acted as managing underwriter for the offering. The class of securities registered was common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The expenses incurred in connection with the stock offering were \$32.1 million, including expenses paid to and for underwriters of \$31.4 million and attorney and accounting fees of \$707,000.

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| <i>(dollars in thousands, except share data)</i> | At or For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 ⁽¹⁾ | 2008 | 2007 ⁽²⁾ | 2006 ⁽³⁾ | 2005 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| EARNINGS SUMMARY: | | | | | |
| Net interest income ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 905,325 | \$ 675,495 | \$ 616,530 | \$ 561,566 | \$ 595,367 |
| Provision for loan losses | 63,000 | 7,700 | | | |
| Non-interest income | 157,639 | 15,529 | 111,092 | 88,990 | 97,701 |
| Non-interest expense: | | | | | |
| Operating expenses | 384,003 | 320,818 | 299,575 | 256,362 | 236,621 |
| Debt repositioning charges | | 285,369 | 3,190 | 26,477 | |
| Termination of interest rate swaps | | | | 1,132 | |
| Amortization of core deposit intangibles | 22,812 | 23,343 | 22,758 | 17,871 | 11,733 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 194,503 | (24,090) | 123,017 | 116,129 | 152,629 |
| Net income ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾ | 398,646 | 77,884 | 279,082 | 232,585 | 292,085 |
| Basic earnings per share ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾ | \$1.13 | \$0.23 | \$0.90 | \$0.82 | \$1.12 |
| Diluted earnings per share ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾ | 1.13 | 0.23 | 0.90 | 0.81 | 1.11 |
| Dividends paid per common share | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| SELECTED RATIOS: | | | | | |
| Return on average assets | 1.20% | 0.25% | 0.94% | 0.83% | 1.17% |
| Return on average stockholders' equity | 9.29 | 1.86 | 7.13 | 6.57 | 9.15 |
| Operating expenses to average assets | 1.15 | 1.03 | 1.01 | 0.91 | 0.95 |
| Average stockholders' equity to average assets | 12.89 | 13.41 | 13.21 | 12.60 | 12.83 |
| Efficiency ratio | 36.13 | 46.43 | 41.17 | 39.41 | 34.14 |
| Interest rate spread ⁽⁵⁾ | 2.98 | 2.25 | 2.11 | 2.02 | 2.59 |
| Net interest margin ⁽⁵⁾ | 3.12 | 2.48 | 2.38 | 2.27 | 2.74 |
| Dividend payout ratio | 88.50 | 434.78 | 111.11 | 123.46 | 90.09 |
| BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY: | | | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 42,153,869 | \$ 32,466,906 | \$ 30,579,822 | \$ 28,482,370 | \$ 26,283,705 |
| Loans, net of allowance for loan losses | 28,265,208 | 22,097,844 | 20,270,454 | 19,567,502 | 16,948,697 |
| Allowance for loan losses | 127,491 | 94,368 | 92,794 | 85,389 | 79,705 |
| Securities held to maturity | 4,223,597 | 4,890,991 | 4,362,645 | 2,985,197 | 3,258,038 |
| Securities available for sale | 1,518,646 | 1,010,502 | 1,381,256 | 1,940,787 | 2,379,214 |
| Deposits | 22,316,411 | 14,375,648 | 13,235,801 | 12,693,740 | 12,167,950 |
| Borrowed funds | 14,164,686 | 13,496,710 | 12,915,672 | 11,880,008 | 10,528,658 |
| Stockholders' equity | 5,366,902 | 4,219,246 | 4,182,313 | 3,689,837 | 3,324,877 |
| Common shares outstanding | 433,197,332 | 344,985,111 | 323,812,639 | 295,350,936 | 269,776,791 |
| Book value per share ⁽⁹⁾ | \$12.40 | \$12.25 | \$12.95 | \$12.56 | \$12.43 |
| Stockholders' equity to total assets | 12.73% | 13.00% | 13.68% | 12.95% | 12.65% |
| ASSET QUALITY RATIOS: | | | | | |
| Non-performing loans to total loans | 2.04% | 0.51% | 0.11% | 0.11% | 0.16% |
| Non-performing assets to total assets | 1.41 | 0.35 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.11 |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans | 22.05 | 83.00 | 418.14 | 402.72 | 289.17 |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| Net charge-offs to average loans | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

(1) The Company acquired certain assets and liabilities of AmTrust Bank (AmTrust) on December 4, 2009. Accordingly, the Company's 2009 earnings reflect 27 days of combined operations with AmTrust.

(2) The Company completed three business combinations in 2007: the acquisition of PennFed Financial Services, Inc. on April 2, 2007; the acquisition of Doral Bank, FSB's branch network in New York City and certain assets and liabilities on July 26, 2007; and the acquisition of Synergy Financial Group, Inc. on October 1, 2007. Accordingly, the Company's 2007 earnings reflect nine months, five months, and

three months of combined operations with the respective institutions.

- (3) *The Company acquired Atlantic Bank of New York (Atlantic Bank) on April 28, 2006. Accordingly, the Company's 2006 earnings reflect eight months of combined operations with Atlantic Bank.*
- (4) *The Company acquired Long Island Financial Corp. on December 30, 2005, the last business day of the year.*
- (5) *The 2008 amount/measure reflects the impact of a \$39.6 million debt repositioning charge that was recorded in interest expense.*
- (6) *Please see the comparison of our 2009 and 2008 earnings on pages 71 through 78 of this report for a discussion of certain gains and charges that increased/reduced our earnings in the respective periods.*
- (7) *Please see the comparison of our 2008 and 2007 earnings on pages 78 through 83 of this report for a discussion of certain gains and charges that increased/reduced our earnings in the respective periods.*
- (8) *The 2005 amount includes a pre-tax merger-related charge of \$36.6 million, recorded in operating expenses, which resulted in an after-tax charge of \$34.0 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share.*
- (9) *Excludes unallocated Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) shares from the number of shares outstanding. Please see book value per share in the Glossary earlier in this report.*

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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the purpose of this discussion and analysis, the words we, us, our, and the Company are used to refer to New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and our consolidated subsidiaries, including New York Community Bank (the Community Bank) and New York Commercial Bank (the Commercial Bank) (collectively, the Banks).

Executive Summary

As more fully discussed in the following pages, 2009 was a year of challenges as the economy continued to falter and achievements - as we expanded our franchise, increased our earnings, and enhanced our capital strength.

Challenges

The economic crisis that began in the second half of 2007 continued to adversely impact our nation, as unemployment rose, real estate values declined, and bankruptcies increased in 2009. For the first time in 26 years, unemployment grew to 10.1% in October, before retracting to 10.0% the following month. In December, home prices were down 2.5% year-over-year throughout the nation, and the number of businesses filing for bankruptcy rose 38% to 89,402 as the recession continued to impact small and large businesses alike.

In the Metro New York region, where most of the properties securing our loans are located, the statistics tell a similar tale of economic decline. In December 2009, unemployment rose to 10.4% in New York City, 7.0% on Long Island, and 9.8% in New Jersey, and home prices declined 6.3%, year-over-year, throughout Metro New York. In addition, 13.1% of Manhattan's office space was vacant in December, as compared to 10.2% in December 2008.

Not surprisingly, these increases had an effect on the quality of our assets, despite the strength of our underwriting standards and the unique character of our primary lending niche. As non-performing assets rose, together with our net charge-offs, we increased our provision for loan losses from \$7.7 million in 2008 to \$63.0 million, and our loan loss allowance from \$94.4 million to \$127.5 million at year-end 2009.

The recession also took a toll on certain of our investment securities, as the other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) losses we recorded reduced our 2009 earnings by \$58.5 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share. Our earnings growth was also subdued by the higher cost of FDIC deposit insurance, as the premiums paid by healthy banks were increased by the FDIC. As more and more borrowers fell victim to the prolonged recession, the number of bank failures rose from 25 in 2008 to 140 in 2009. To further replenish the Deposit Insurance Fund, the FDIC imposed a special assessment in the second quarter. As a result of these actions, our total FDIC-related expenses rose to \$45.8 million in 2009 from \$4.7 million in the year-earlier twelve months.

While these challenges were counterproductive to earnings, their impact was more than exceeded by the achievements noted below.

Achievements

In 2009, our consistent pursuit of the strategies that comprise our business model resulted in our best financial performance since 2004. While asset quality declined due to the aforementioned economic factors, we expanded our net interest margin, increased our net interest income, and grew our earnings and capital meaningfully over the course of the year.

Growth through Acquisitions

Capitalizing on the opportunity to grow through FDIC-assisted transactions, we acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AmTrust Bank (AmTrust) on December 4, 2009. In addition to expanding our Community Bank franchise with the addition of 66 branches in Florida, Ohio, and Arizona, the AmTrust acquisition increased our interest-earning assets with loans of \$5.0 billion and securities of \$760.0 million, and enhanced our liquidity with an infusion of \$4.0 billion in cash and cash equivalents. Furthermore, the acquisition enhanced our funding mix by providing deposits of \$8.2 billion, in addition to \$2.6 billion of wholesale borrowings.

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The loans we acquired are covered by certain loss sharing agreements which reduce the risk of having acquired loans outside our traditional market and lending niche. Of the \$5.0 billion in loans we acquired, \$4.7 billion were one- to four-family credits; the remainder consisted primarily of home equity lines of credit (HELOCs) and consumer loans. Under the terms of the loss sharing agreements, the FDIC will reimburse the Community Bank for 80% of losses up to \$907.0 million and 95% of losses beyond that initial amount with respect to these covered loans.

Another positive feature of the transaction was the potential for revenue enhancement, primarily through the addition of AmTrust's mortgage banking unit, which originates loans for sale to the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac).

Although our 2009 earnings reflect less than a month of combined operations with AmTrust, we recorded a one-time bargain purchase gain in connection with the transaction that added \$84.2 million to our 2009 earnings and \$0.24 to our diluted earnings per share. Other immediate contributions to earnings from the AmTrust acquisition are discussed under "non-interest income" beginning on page 76 of this report.

Multi-family Lending

Multi-family loans continued to be our principal asset, notwithstanding the AmTrust-related growth of our one- to four-family mortgage loan portfolio. Although loan production was somewhat constrained by the general reluctance of property owners to refinance their loans or increase their real estate holdings, in view of current market conditions, we originated \$1.9 billion of multi-family loans in 2009, and grew the multi-family loan portfolio by \$1.0 billion, or 6.4%, to \$16.7 billion at December 31st.

Asset Quality

While the quality of our assets declined as certain of our borrowers fell victim to the recession, our measures of asset quality continued to compare favorably with those of our industry peers. Non-performing loans rose \$464.4 million year-over-year, to \$578.1 million, equivalent to 2.04% of total loans at December 31st. Net charge-offs rose \$23.8 million during this time, to \$29.9 million, which represented 0.13% of average loans in 2009.

To mitigate, and manage, our credit risk, we limited our production of acquisition, development, and construction loans and commercial and industrial loans, and increased our loan loss provisions over the course of the year. We also stepped up our loan workout and collection efforts with the expansion of our Loan Recovery Unit. In addition, we focused our growth-through-acquisition strategy on FDIC-assisted acquisitions, to reduce the risk entailed in acquiring loans that we did not underwrite.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income continued to be our primary source of income and rose \$229.8 million, or 34.0%, over the course of the year. Capitalizing on the level of short-term interest rates and the related steepness of the yield curve, we continued to lower our funding costs throughout 2009. In addition to allowing higher cost certificates of deposit (CDs) to run off, and replacing them with lower-cost deposits, we repurchased certain REIT-preferred and trust preferred securities and exchanged 1.4 million of our Bifurcated Option Note Unit SecuritiESSM (BONUS units) for 4.8 million shares of our common stock. Together, the repurchase of debt and the debt exchange added \$6.5 million after-tax, or \$0.02 per diluted share, to our 2009 earnings, while at the same time contributing to the reduction in our cost of funds.

We also enhanced our funding mix through the AmTrust acquisition, with deposits representing 52.9% of total assets at December 31, 2009, an improvement from 44.3% at December 31, 2008.

While the average yields on our loans and assets declined, the impact was far exceeded by the benefit of substantial loan and asset growth. Reflecting both the loans we acquired and organic loan production, the average balance of loans rose \$2.2 billion, or 10.3%, to \$23.0 billion, and the average balance of interest-earning assets rose \$1.8 billion to \$29.0 billion, an increase of 6.8%.

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The same factors that contributed to the growth of our net interest income contributed to the expansion of our net interest margin in 2009. At 3.12%, our margin was 64 basis points wider than the measure recorded in the prior year.

Efficiency

We measure our efficiency by monitoring the ratio of our operating expenses to the combination of our net interest income and non-interest income (together, our revenues). Although our operating expenses were increased by the addition of AmTrust's staff and operations and higher FDIC insurance-related expenses, the impact was exceeded by the increased revenues we produced. As a result, our efficiency ratio in 2009 was 36.13%.

Our efficiency was, in some part, enhanced by the integration of the data processing systems used by our Community Bank branches in New York and New Jersey. As a result, our customers in these branches now have the option of conducting their business in any of our 175 branches in these two states.

Capital Strength

While the actions we took in 2009 resulted in the growth of our assets, deposits, and franchise, they also resulted in a significant level of capital strength. Tangible stockholders' equity rose \$1.1 billion, or 66.6%, to \$2.8 billion, and our ratio of tangible equity to tangible assets rose 147 basis points to 7.13% at year-end. (Please see the reconciliation of our stockholders' equity and tangible stockholders' equity on page 85 of this report.)

These increases were, in large part, attributable to the positive response to our AmTrust acquisition, which was followed by a successful common stock offering. The offering generated net proceeds of \$864.9 million and resulted in our issuing 69.0 million shares.

As a result of our actions in 2009, we ended the year with assets of \$42.2 billion, deposits of \$22.3 billion, and a book value of \$12.40 per share. We also produced earnings of \$398.6 million, equivalent to \$1.13 per diluted share. Reflecting the strength of our capital, as well as that of our earnings, we distributed dividends of \$347.6 million, collectively, to our investors, and maintained our quarterly cash dividend at \$0.25 per share throughout the year.

Recent Events

Dividend Declaration

On January 26, 2010, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share, payable on February 17, 2010 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 5, 2010.

Critical Accounting Policies

We consider certain accounting policies to be critically important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations, since they require management to make complex or subjective judgments, some of which may relate to matters that are inherently uncertain. The sensitivity of our consolidated financial statements to these critical accounting policies, and the judgments, estimates, and assumptions used therein, could have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

We have identified the following to be critical accounting policies: the determination of the allowance for loan losses; the determination of whether an impairment of securities is other than temporary; the determination of the amount, if any, of goodwill impairment; and the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets.

The judgments used by management in applying these critical accounting policies may be influenced by a further and prolonged deterioration in the economic environment, which may result in changes to future financial results. In addition, the current economic environment has increased the degree of uncertainty inherent in our judgments, estimates, and assumptions.

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Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is increased by provisions for loan losses that are charged against earnings, and is reduced by net charge-offs and/or reversals, if any, that are credited to earnings. Loans are held by either the Community Bank or the Commercial Bank, and a separate loan loss allowance is established for each. In addition, except as otherwise noted below, the process for establishing the allowance for loan losses is the same for each of the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank. In determining the respective allowances for loan losses, management considers the Community Bank's and the Commercial Bank's current business strategies and credit processes, including compliance with conservative guidelines established by the respective Boards of Directors with regard to credit limitations, loan approvals, underwriting criteria, and loan workout procedures.

The allowances for loan losses are established based on our evaluation of the probable inherent losses in our portfolio in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The allowances for loan losses are comprised of both specific valuation allowances and general valuation allowances which are determined in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) accounting standards.

Specific valuation allowances are established based on our analyses of individual loans that are considered impaired. If a loan is deemed to be impaired, management measures the extent of the impairment and establishes a specific valuation allowance for that amount. A loan is classified as impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect both the principal and interest due under the contractual terms of the loan agreement. We apply this classification as necessary to loans individually evaluated for impairment in our portfolios of multi-family; commercial real estate; acquisition, development, and construction; and commercial and industrial loans. Smaller balance homogenous loans and loans carried at the lower of cost or fair value are evaluated for impairment on a collective rather than an individual basis. We generally measure impairment on an individual loan and the extent to which a specific valuation allowance is necessary by comparing the loan's outstanding balance to either the fair value of the collateral, less the estimated cost to sell, or the present value of expected cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. A specific valuation allowance is established when the fair value of the collateral, net of estimated costs, or the present value of the expected cash flows, is less than the recorded investment in the loan.

We also follow a process to assign general valuation allowances to loan categories. General valuation allowances are established by applying our loan loss provisioning methodology, and reflect the inherent risk in loans outstanding. Our loan loss provisioning methodology considers various factors in determining the appropriate quantified risk factors to use to determine the general valuation allowances. The factors assessed begin with the historical loan loss experience for each of the major loan categories we maintain. Our historical loan loss experience is then adjusted by considering qualitative or environmental factors that are likely to cause estimated credit losses associated with the existing portfolio to differ from historical loss experience, including, but not limited to, the following:

Changes in lending policies and procedures, including changes in underwriting standards and collection, charge-off, and recovery practices;

Changes in international, national, regional, and local economic and business conditions and developments that affect the collectability of the portfolio, including the condition of various market segments;

Changes in the nature and volume of the portfolio and in the terms of loans;

Changes in the volume and severity of past due loans, the volume of non-accrual loans, and the volume and severity of adversely classified or graded loans;

Changes in the quality of our loan review system;

Changes in the value of the underlying collateral for collateral-dependent loans;

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The existence and effect of any concentrations of credit, and changes in the level of such concentrations;

Changes in the experience, ability, and depth of lending management and other relevant staff; and

The effect of other external factors such as competition and legal and regulatory requirements on the level of estimated credit losses in the existing portfolio.

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By considering the factors discussed above, we determine quantified risk factors that are applied to each non-impaired loan or loan type in the loan portfolio to determine the general valuation allowances.

In recognition of recent macroeconomic and real estate market conditions, the time periods considered for historical loss experience are the last three years and the current period. We also evaluate the sufficiency of the overall allocations used for the loan loss allowance by considering the loss experience in the current calendar year.

The process of establishing the loan loss allowances also involves:

Periodic inspections of the loan collateral by qualified in-house property appraisers/inspectors, as applicable;

Regular meetings of executive management with the pertinent Board committee, during which observable trends in the local economy and/or the real estate market are discussed;

Assessment by the pertinent Board of Directors of the aforementioned factors when making a business judgment regarding the impact of anticipated changes on the future level of loan losses; and

Analysis of the portfolio in the aggregate, as well as on an individual loan basis, taking into consideration payment history, underwriting analyses, and internal risk ratings.

In order to determine their overall adequacy, each of the respective loan loss allowances is reviewed quarterly by management and by the Mortgage and Real Estate Committee of the Community Bank's Board of Directors or the Credit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Commercial Bank, as applicable.

We charge off loans, or portions of loans, in the period that such loans, or portions thereof, are deemed uncollectible. The collectability of individual loans is determined through an estimate of the fair value of the underlying collateral and/or an assessment of the financial condition and repayment capacity of the borrower.

The level of future additions to the respective loan loss allowances is based on many factors, including certain factors that are beyond management's control such as changes in economic and local market conditions, including declines in real estate values, and increases in vacancy rates and unemployment. Management uses the best available information to recognize losses on loans or to make additions to the loan loss allowances; however, the Community Bank and/or the Commercial Bank may be required to take certain charge-offs and/or recognize further additions to their loan loss allowances, based on the judgment of regulatory agencies with regard to information provided to them during their examinations of the Banks.

Investment Securities

The securities portfolio primarily consists of mortgage-related securities and, to a lesser extent, debt and equity (other) securities. Securities that are classified as available for sale are carried at their estimated fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, reported as accumulated other comprehensive income or loss in stockholders' equity. Securities that we have the intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held to maturity and carried at amortized cost, less the non-credit portion of OTTI recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax (AOCL).

The fair values of our securities and particularly our fixed-rate securities are affected by changes in market interest rates and credit spreads. In general, as interest rates rise and/or credit spreads widen, the fair value of fixed-rate securities will decline; as interest rates fall and/or credit spreads tighten, the fair value of fixed-rate securities will increase. We regularly conduct a review and evaluation of the securities portfolio to determine if the decline in the fair value of any security below its carrying amount is other than temporary. If we deem any decline in value to be other than temporary, the security is written down to its current fair value, creating a new cost basis, and the resultant loss (other than OTTI on debt securities attributable to non-credit factors) is charged against earnings and recorded in non-interest income. Our assessment of a decline in fair value includes judgment as to the financial positions and future prospects of the entity that issued the investment security, as well as a review of the security's underlying collateral. Broad changes in the overall market or interest rate environment generally will not lead to a

conclusion that an OTTI loss should be recognized on a particular security.

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Prior to April 1, 2009, when the decline in fair value below an investment's carrying amount was deemed to be other than temporary, the investment was written down to fair value and the full amount of the write-down was charged to the income statement. A decline in fair value of an investment was deemed to be other than temporary if we did not expect to recover the carrying amount of the investment or we did not have the intent and ability to hold the investment to the anticipated recovery of its amortized cost. Effective April 1, 2009, with the adoption of revised OTTI accounting requirements issued by the FASB, unless we have the intent to sell, or it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell a security, an OTTI is recognized as a realized loss on the income statement to the extent that the decline in fair value is credit-related. The decline in value attributable to factors other than credit is charged to AOCL. If there is a decline in fair value of a security below its carrying amount and we have the intent to sell it, or it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security, the entire amount of the decline in fair value will be charged to the income statement.

At December 31, 2009, we had net unrealized losses of \$1.2 million on available-for-sale securities. The securities impairments were deemed to be temporary and were principally based on the direct relationship of the declines in fair value to the movements in interest rates, including, in some cases, wider credit spreads; the effect of illiquidity on the market; the estimated remaining life and the credit quality of the investments; and our ability to hold, and our intent not to sell, before anticipated full recovery of amortized cost, which may not be until maturity. In contrast, we had net unrealized gains on held-to-maturity securities of \$26.1 million.

Goodwill Impairment

Goodwill is presumed to have an indefinite useful life and is tested for impairment, rather than amortized, at the reporting unit level, at least once a year. The goodwill impairment analysis is a two-step test. The first step (Step 1) is used to identify potential impairment, and involves comparing each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the estimated fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill is considered not to be impaired. If the carrying amount exceeds the estimated fair value, there is an indication of potential impairment and the second step (Step 2) is performed to measure the amount.

Step 2 involves calculating an implied fair value of goodwill for each reporting unit for which impairment was indicated in Step 1. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in a manner similar to the amount of goodwill calculated in a business combination, i.e., by measuring the excess of the estimated fair value of the reporting unit, as determined in Step 1, over the aggregate estimated fair values of the individual assets, liabilities, and identifiable intangibles, as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination at the impairment test date. If the implied fair value of goodwill exceeds the carrying amount of goodwill assigned to the reporting unit, there is no impairment. If the carrying amount of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess. An impairment loss cannot exceed the carrying amount of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit, and the loss establishes a new basis in the goodwill. Subsequent reversal of goodwill impairment losses is not permitted.

Quoted market prices in active markets are the best evidence of fair value and are used as the basis for measurement, when available. Other acceptable valuation methods include present-value measurements based on multiples of earnings or revenues, or similar performance measures. Differences in the identification of reporting units and in valuation techniques could result in materially different evaluations of impairment.

For the purpose of goodwill impairment testing, management has determined that the Company has one reporting unit. We performed our annual goodwill impairment test as of January 1, 2009, and determined that the fair value of the reporting unit was in excess of its carrying amount. Accordingly, as of the annual impairment test date, there was no indication of goodwill impairment.

Historically, we have used the quoted market price of our common stock on the impairment testing date as the basis for determining fair value. As of January 1, 2009, the quoted market price of our common stock was \$11.96 per share, resulting in a market capitalization of \$4.1 billion, as compared to a net book value (common stockholders' equity) of \$4.2 billion at December 31, 2008. Given the negative variance of 2.4% in the Company's market capitalization, management enhanced the valuation methodology by using a discounted cash flow analysis (DCFA). The DCFA utilized observable market data to the extent available. The discount rates utilized in the DCFA reflected market-based estimates of capital costs and discount rates adjusted for management's assessment of a market participant's view with respect to execution, concentration, and other risks associated with the projected cash flows. The results of the DCFA yielded a net book value in excess of fair value. In addition to the DCFA, we reviewed the Company's average market price for the one-month period subsequent to December 31, 2008 and found that the average market price resulted in a market capitalization greater than the Company's book value per share.

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Furthermore, management utilized a market premium approach to determine if there was any indication of goodwill impairment at January 1, 2009. This approach looks at the market value of the Company's common stock, and estimates the fair value of the Company based on the market value of the stock plus a control premium, and compares that value to the carrying amount of the Company's stockholders' equity. Under this method, management determined that there was no indication of goodwill impairment as of January 1, 2009. In determining the appropriate control premium, management took into consideration, among other factors, certain facts and circumstances unique to our company, as well as recent trends in market capitalization and control premiums used in comparable transactions.

We also performed our annual goodwill impairment test as of January 1, 2010 and found no indication of goodwill impairment.

Income Taxes

In estimating income taxes, management assesses the relative merits and risks of the tax treatment of transactions, taking into account statutory, judicial, and regulatory guidance in the context of our tax position. In this process, management also relies on tax opinions, recent audits, and historical experience. Although we use the best available information to record income taxes, underlying estimates and assumptions can change over time as a result of unanticipated events or circumstances such as changes in tax laws and judicial guidance influencing our overall or transaction-specific tax position.

We recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and the carryforward of certain tax attributes such as net operating losses. A valuation allowance is maintained for deferred tax assets that we estimate are more likely than not to be unrealizable, based on available evidence at the time the estimate is made. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, we estimate future taxable income, considering the feasibility of tax planning strategies and the realizability of tax loss carryforwards. Valuation allowances related to deferred tax assets can be affected by changes to tax laws, statutory tax rates, and future taxable income levels. In the event that we were to determine that we would not be able to realize all or a portion of our net deferred tax assets in the future, we would reduce such amounts through a charge to income tax expense in the period in which that determination was made. Conversely, if we were to determine that we would be able to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of the net carrying amounts, we would decrease the recorded valuation allowance through a decrease in income tax expense in the period in which that determination was made. Subsequently recognized tax benefits associated with valuation allowances recorded in a business combination would be recorded as an adjustment to goodwill.

In July 2009, new tax laws were enacted that were effective for the determination of our New York City income tax liability for calendar year 2009. In general, these laws conformed the New York City tax rules to those of New York State. Included in these new tax laws is a provision which requires the inclusion of income earned by a subsidiary taxed as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal tax purposes, regardless of the location in which the REIT subsidiary conducts its business or the timing of its distribution of earnings. As a result of certain earlier business combinations, we currently have six REIT subsidiaries. The inclusion of such income is phased in with full inclusion of income starting in 2011. This new tax law increased our income tax expense in 2009 by \$1.6 million. Absent any change in the manner in which we conduct our business, current income tax expense is estimated to increase by approximately \$1.3 million in 2010, with a larger increase starting in 2011.

Balance Sheet Summary

At December 31, 2009, our assets totaled \$42.2 billion and were up \$9.7 billion, or 29.8%, from the year-earlier amount. Asset growth was primarily due to the AmTrust acquisition, which provided one- to four-family mortgage and other loans of \$5.0 billion; available-for-sale securities of \$760.0 million; and cash and cash equivalents of \$4.0 billion, including \$3.2 billion in cash received from the FDIC. In addition to the assets acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, our asset growth stemmed from loan originations of \$4.3 billion over the course of the year.

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Similarly, total liabilities rose \$8.5 billion, or 30.2%, year-over-year, to \$36.8 billion, as deposits grew \$7.9 billion, or 55.2%, to \$22.3 billion, and borrowed funds rose \$668.0 million to \$14.2 billion. The increase in deposits was largely attributable to the AmTrust acquisition, which provided deposits of \$8.2 billion at December 4, 2009. While the balance of borrowed funds was increased by the AmTrust acquisition, the extent of the increase was limited by our deployment of cash acquired in the transaction to pay down certain wholesale borrowings and repurchase certain debt.

Stockholders' equity rose \$1.1 billion year-over-year to \$5.4 billion, representing 12.73% of total assets and a book value of \$12.40 per share. Tangible stockholders' equity rose \$1.1 billion during this time to \$2.8 billion, and represented 7.13% of tangible assets and a tangible book value of \$6.53 per share. (Please see the reconciliations of stockholders' equity and tangible stockholders' equity and the related measures that appear on page 85 of this report.) The year-over-year increases in the respective balances were primarily attributable to the net proceeds of our common stock offering in December and the sale of shares through the direct purchase feature of our Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (DRP) during the year.

Loans

At December 31, 2009, loans represented \$28.4 billion, or 67.4%, of total assets, as compared to \$22.2 billion, or 68.4% of total assets, at December 31, 2008. Included in the year-end 2009 balance were the \$5.0 billion of loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, all of which are subject to (i.e., covered by) our loss sharing agreements with the FDIC. These loans are referred to as covered loans on our Consolidated Statement of Condition at December 31, 2009. The remainder of the loan portfolio consisted of non-covered loans which were originated by the Company or, in some cases, acquired in our merger transactions prior to 2009.

Originations totaled \$4.3 billion in 2009, a \$1.6 billion reduction from the year-earlier total, as the decline in real estate values and economic weakness in our market discouraged multi-family and commercial real estate property owners from buying or refinancing properties. Included in the 2007 amount were loan originations for portfolio of \$3.4 billion and originations of one- to four-family loans held for sale of \$888.5 million. In 2008, originations of held-for-sale one- to four-family loans totaled \$47.4 million; the significant increase in 2009 was attributable to originations by AmTrust's mortgage banking unit in December for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Although originations declined year-over-year, so too did loan sales and repayments, from \$4.1 billion in 2008 to \$3.3 billion in 2009. Included in the 2009 amount were sales of one- to four-family loans totaling \$835.7 million; of this amount, loans of \$735.0 million were originated for sale by AmTrust; the remainder were originated through our third-party conduit.

Loan Origination Analysis

The following table summarizes our loan production for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | Percent of Total | 2008 | Percent of Total |
| Mortgage Loan Originations: | | | | |
| Multi-family | \$ 1,927,240 | 45.02% | \$ 3,200,364 | 54.42% |
| Commercial real estate | 673,814 | 15.74 | 1,135,833 | 19.31 |
| Acquisition, development, and construction | 117,926 | 2.76 | 372,987 | 6.34 |
| One- to four-family held for sale | 888,527 | 20.76 | 47,385 | 0.81 |
| One- to four-family held for portfolio | 340 | 0.01 | 5,155 | 0.09 |
| Total mortgage loan originations | 3,607,847 | 84.29 | 4,761,724 | 80.97 |
| Other Loan Originations: | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | 656,008 | 15.32 | 1,099,123 | 18.69 |
| Other | 16,563 | 0.39 | 20,087 | 0.34 |
| Total other loan originations | 672,571 | 15.71 | 1,119,210 | 19.03 |

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|-------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| Total loan originations | \$ 4,280,418 | 100.00% | \$ 5,880,934 | 100.00% |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|

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Covered Loans

At December 31, 2009, covered loans consisted of \$4.4 billion of one- to four-family loans (including both fixed and adjustable rate loans that were made to subprime, Alt-A, and prime borrowers); \$309.9 million of other loans (HELOCs and consumer loans); and \$351.2 million of loans held-for-sale that were originated by AmTrust's mortgage banking unit prior to the December 4th acquisition date. The latter loans are recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Condition as covered loans held for sale.

Covered loans are referred to as such because they are subject to our loss sharing agreements with the FDIC. The loss sharing agreements require the FDIC to reimburse us for 80% of losses up to \$907.0 million, and 95% of losses beyond that initial amount with respect to the covered loans. Please see page 60 of this report for a more detailed discussion of the FDIC loss sharing agreements to which all the covered loans are subject.

Non-covered Loans

Multi-family Loans

Multi-family loans are our principal asset, and non-luxury residential apartment buildings with below-market rents in the New York Metropolitan region constitute our primary lending niche. Consistent with our emphasis on multi-family lending, multi-family loan originations represented 45.0% of the loans we produced in 2009 and 71.6% of non-covered loans outstanding at December 31, 2009. Multi-family loans rose \$1.0 billion year-over-year to \$16.7 billion, reflecting originations of \$1.9 billion over the twelve-month period. At December 31, 2009, the average multi-family loan had a principal balance of \$4.0 million and the portfolio had an average loan-to-value (LTV) ratio at origination of 61.0%, based on appraisals that primarily were received at the time of origination.

In 2009, loan production was primarily constrained by the decline in real estate values and by continued economic uncertainty. In addition, while competition for product was weak in the first half of the year, it began to pick up in the summer with the entry of new competitors and the return of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to our multi-family lending niche. We would expect to see a return to more normal loan production levels when the market becomes more stable and when an increase in market interest rates appears likely to occur.

Our multi-family loans are typically made to long-term owners of buildings with apartments that are subject to certain rent-control and rent-stabilization laws. Borrowers typically use the funds we provide to make improvements to the buildings and to certain apartments therein. Upon completion of these improvements, the property owners have the right to increase the rents paid by their tenants and, in doing so, can create more cash flows to borrow against in future years. To a lesser extent, we make loans to building owners seeking to expand their real estate holdings with the purchase of additional properties.

In addition to underwriting our multi-family loans on the basis of the buildings' income and condition, we consider the borrowers' credit history, profitability, and building management expertise. Borrowers are required to present evidence of their ability to repay the loan from the building's current rent rolls, their financial statements, and related documents.

Our multi-family loans typically feature a term of ten years, with a fixed rate of interest for the first five years of the loan, and an alternative rate of interest in years six through ten. The rate charged in the first five years is generally based on intermediate-term interest rates plus a spread. During years six through ten, the loan resets to an annually adjustable rate that is tied to the prime rate of interest, as reported in *The New York Times*, plus a spread. Alternately, the borrower may opt for a fixed rate that, until January 2009, was tied to the five-year Constant Maturity Treasury rate (the five year CMT). For loans originated since that date, the fixed rate in years six through ten has been tied to the fixed advance rate of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of New York (the FHLB-NY), plus a spread. The fixed-rate option also requires the payment of an amount equal to one percentage point of the then-outstanding loan balance. In either case, the minimum rate at repricing is equivalent to the rate in the initial five-year term.

As the rent roll increases, the typical property owner seeks to refinance the mortgage, and generally does so before the loan reprices in year six. While this cycle has repeated itself over the course of many decades, regardless of market interest rates and conditions, refinancing activity has been increasingly constrained by the uncertainty in the real estate market over the past two years, and is likely to be restrained while such uncertainty remains. Thus, in 2009, contrary to our historical experience, certain borrowers took the fixed rate option for years six through ten. Accordingly, the expected weighted average life of the multi-family loan portfolio was 4.2 years at the end of this December, as compared to 3.8 years at December 31, 2008.

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Multi-family loans that refinance within the first five years are typically subject to an established prepayment penalty schedule. Depending on the remaining term of the loan at the time of prepayment, the penalties normally range from five percentage points to one percentage point of the then-current loan balance. If a loan extends past the fifth year and the borrower selects the fixed rate option, the prepayment penalties typically reset to a range of five points to one point over years six through ten.

Prepayment penalties are recorded as interest income and are therefore reflected in the average yields on our loans and assets, our interest rate spread and net interest margin, and the level of net interest income we record.

Our success in our primary lending niche partly reflects the solid relationships we have developed with the market's leading mortgage brokers, who are familiar with our lending practices, our underwriting standards, and our long-standing practice of basing our loans on the cash flows produced by the properties. Because the multi-family market is largely broker-driven, the process of producing such loans is significantly expedited, with loans taking four to six weeks to process, and the related expenses being substantially reduced.

At December 31, 2009, \$16.4 billion, or 98.3%, of our multi-family loans were secured by rental apartment buildings, with the remainder of the portfolio being secured by underlying mortgages on cooperative apartment buildings. In addition, 75.4% of our multi-family loans were secured by buildings in New York City, with Manhattan accounting for the largest share. Of the loans secured by buildings that are outside New York City, the State of New York was home to 5.8% of our multi-family credits, with New Jersey and Pennsylvania accounting for 8.8% and 4.0%, respectively. The remaining 6.0% of multi-family loans were secured by buildings outside our primary market.

Our emphasis on multi-family loans is driven by several factors, including their structure, which reduces our exposure to interest rate volatility to some degree. Another factor driving our focus on multi-family lending has been the comparative quality of the loans in our specific niche. Notwithstanding an increase in non-performing multi-family loans in the current credit cycle, the amount of charged-off multi-family loans has, to date, been limited and has largely consisted of out-of-market non-niche loans. We attribute the difference between the amount of non-performing loans we record and the actual losses we take to our underwriting standards and the generally conservative LTV ratios on the multi-family loans we produce.

We primarily underwrite our multi-family loans based on the current cash flows produced by the building, with a reliance on the income approach to appraising the properties, rather than the sales approach. The sales approach is subject to fluctuations in the real estate market, as well as general economic conditions, and is therefore liable to be more risky in the event of a downward credit cycle. We also consider a variety of other factors, including the physical condition of the underlying property; the net operating income of the mortgaged premises prior to debt service and depreciation; the debt service coverage ratio, which is the ratio of the property's net operating income to its debt service; and the ratio of the loan amount to the appraised value of the property. The multi-family loans we are originating today generally represent no more than 75% of the lower of the appraised value or the sales price of the underlying property, and typically feature an amortization period of up to 30 years. In addition to requiring a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 120% on multi-family buildings, we obtain a security interest in the personal property located on the premises, and an assignment of rents and leases.

Accordingly, while our multi-family lending niche has not been immune to the downturn of the credit cycle, we continue to believe that the multi-family loans we produce involve less credit risk than certain other types of loans. In general, buildings that are subject to rent regulation have tended to be stable, with occupancy levels remaining more or less constant over time. Because the rents are typically below market and the buildings securing our loans are generally maintained in good condition, we believe that they are reasonably likely to retain their tenants in adverse economic times.

In a ruling that was contrary to a 1996 advisory opinion from the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal that owners of housing units who benefited from the receipt of J-51 tax incentives under the

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Rent Stabilization Law are eligible to decontrol luxury apartments, the New York State Court of Appeals ruled, on October 22, 2009, that residential housing units located in two major housing complexes in New York City had been illegally decontrolled by the current and previous property owners.

Although we are a major producer of multi-family loans in New York City, the loans on these two properties are not in our portfolio. In addition, because we underwrite our multi-family loans on the basis of the current cash flows generated by the underlying properties excluding any J-51 real estate tax benefits received by the property owners our business model is not dependent upon lending to property owners who place an emphasis on luxury decontrol. Accordingly, this ruling has not had a material impact on our multi-family loan portfolio.

Commercial Real Estate (CRE) Loans

CRE loans represented \$673.8 million, or 15.7%, of the year's originations, as compared to \$1.1 billion, or 19.3%, of the loans produced in 2008. While the growth of the portfolio was tempered by the level of repayments, CRE loans totaled \$5.0 billion at the end of this December, a \$435.1 million increase from the balance recorded at December 31, 2008. At December 31, 2009, CRE loans represented 21.3% of non-covered loans outstanding, as compared to 20.5% at the prior year-end. The average CRE loan had a principal balance of \$2.8 million at the end of this December, and the portfolio had an average LTV ratio at origination of 54.2%.

At December 31, 2009, 60.2% of our CRE loans were secured by properties in New York City, with properties on Long Island and in New Jersey accounting for 17.2% and 11.7%, respectively. The CRE loans we produce are secured by income-producing properties such as office buildings, retail centers, mixed-use buildings, and multi-tenanted light industrial properties.

The pricing of our CRE loans is structured along the same lines as our multi-family credits, i.e., with a fixed rate of interest for the first five years of the loan that is generally based on intermediate-term interest rates plus a spread. During years six through ten, the loan resets to an annually adjustable rate that is tied to the prime rate of interest, as reported in *The New York Times*, plus a spread. Alternately, the borrower may opt for a fixed rate that, until January 2009, was tied to the five-year CMT. For loans originated since that date, the fixed rate in years six through ten has been tied to the fixed advance rate of the FHLB-NY plus a spread. The fixed-rate option also requires the payment of an amount equal to one percentage point of the then-outstanding loan balance. In either case, the minimum rate at repricing is equivalent to the rate in the initial five-year term.

Prepayment penalties also apply, with five percentage points of the then-current balance generally being charged on loans that refinance in the first year, scaling down to one percentage point of the then-current balance on loans that refinance in year five. Our CRE loans tend to refinance within five years of origination. Accordingly, the expected weighted average life of the portfolio was 3.9 years at December 31, 2009 and 3.4 years at December 31, 2008. If a loan remains outstanding in the sixth year, and the borrower selects the fixed-rate option, a schedule of prepayment penalties ranging from five points to one point begins again in year six.

The repayment of loans secured by commercial real estate is often dependent on the successful operation and management of the underlying properties. To minimize our credit risk, we originate CRE loans in adherence with conservative underwriting standards, and require that such loans qualify on the basis of the property's current income stream and debt service coverage ratio. The approval of a loan also depends on the borrower's credit history, profitability, and expertise in property management, and generally requires a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 130% and a maximum LTV ratio of 65%. In addition, the origination of CRE loans typically requires a security interest in the personal property of the borrower and/or an assignment of the rents and/or leases.

Acquisition, Development, and Construction (ADC) Loans

While the growth of our loan portfolio was fueled by multi-family and CRE lending, the increase was tempered by a reduction in ADC loans. In the interest of reducing our exposure to credit risk at a time when real estate values have been declining, we have, for the most part, limited our production of ADC loans since the second half of 2007 to advances that were committed prior to the onset of the credit cycle turn. As a result, originations declined by \$255.1 million, or 68.4%, from the year-earlier volume to \$117.9 million in 2009. ADC loans represented \$666.4 million, or 2.9%, of total non-covered loans at December 31, 2009, representing a 14.4% reduction from \$778.4 million at December 31, 2008.

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At December 31, 2009, 60.2% of the loans in our ADC portfolio were for land acquisition and development; the remaining 39.8% consisted of loans that were provided for the construction of owner-occupied homes and commercial properties. Such loans are typically originated for terms of 18 to 24 months, and feature a floating rate of interest tied to prime, and a floor. They also generate origination fees that are recorded as interest income and amortized over the lives of the loans.

In addition, 68.9% of the loans in the ADC portfolio were for properties in New York City, with Manhattan accounting for more than half of New York City's share. Long Island accounted for 20.5% of our ADC loans, with other parts of New York State and New Jersey accounting for 6.4%, combined. In previous years, limited ADC lending was done outside our immediate market and, even then, to borrowers we had lent to successfully within our marketplace.

Because ADC loans are generally considered to have a higher degree of credit risk, especially during a downturn in the credit cycle, borrowers are required to provide a personal guarantee of repayment and completion during construction. The risk of loss on an ADC loan is largely dependent upon the accuracy of the initial appraisal of the property's value upon completion of construction; the estimated cost of construction, including interest; and the estimated time to complete and/or sell or lease such property. If the appraised value proves to be inaccurate, the cost of completion is greater than expected, or the length of time to complete and/or sell or lease the collateral property is greater than anticipated, the property could have a value upon completion that is insufficient to assure full repayment of the loan. At December 31, 2009, 11.9% of the loans in our ADC loan portfolio were non-performing, a result of the downturn in the credit cycle, and an indication of the length of time it has taken certain borrowers to sell or lease the properties underlying their loans.

When applicable, as a condition to closing a construction loan, it is our practice to require that residential properties be pre-sold or that borrowers secure permanent financing commitments from a recognized lender for an amount equal to, or greater than, the amount of our loan. In some cases, we ourselves may provide permanent financing. We typically require pre-leasing for loans on commercial properties.

One- to Four-Family Loans

Although we offer one- to four-family loans, it has long been our policy to produce such loans on a pass-through basis only, and to sell the loans we originate to the third-party conduit shortly after they close. Reflecting this practice, as well as repayments of seasoned loans that were produced before its adoption or were acquired in our pre-AmTrust merger transactions, non-covered one- to four-family loans declined \$50.2 million year-over-year to \$216.1 million, and represented less than 1% of total non-covered loans at December 31, 2009.

In connection with this practice, we participate in a private-label program with a nationally recognized third-party mortgage originator (the conduit), based on defined underwriting criteria. The loans are marketed through our branches, including those acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, as well as on our web sites. The loans that we originate through the conduit program generate fees that are recorded as other non-interest income in our Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

In addition to ensuring that our customers are provided with an extensive range of one- to four-family products, the conduit arrangement supports two of our primary objectives: managing our exposure to interest rate risk and maintaining our efficiency.

With the addition of AmTrust's mortgage banking unit, we now originate a far greater number of one- to four-family loans than we did before the acquisition, specifically consisting of agency-conforming loans for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The loans originated through the mortgage banking unit are made to borrowers on a nationwide platform, and in future periods will be reflected on the Consolidated Statement of Condition, together with the loans originated through our conduit program, as non-covered one- to four-family loans held for sale.

Other Loans

Our portfolio of other loans also declined in 2009, by \$101.8 million, to \$771.6 million at December 31st. Commercial and industrial (C&I) loans accounted for \$653.2 million of other loans at the end of December, as compared to \$713.1 million at December 31, 2008. Of the \$672.6 million of other loans produced in the past four quarters, C&I loan originations accounted for \$656.0 million, or 97.5%.

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C&I loans are tailored to meet the specific needs of our borrowers, and include term loans, demand loans, revolving lines of credit, letters of credit, and loans that are partly guaranteed by the Small Business Administration. A broad range of C&I loans, both collateralized and unsecured, are made available to businesses for working capital (including inventory and accounts receivable), business expansion, the purchase of machinery and equipment, and other general corporate needs. In determining the tenor and structure of a C&I loan, several factors are considered, including its purpose, the collateral, and the anticipated sources of repayment. C&I loans are typically secured by business assets and personal guarantees of the borrower, and include financial covenants to monitor the borrower's financial stability.

The interest rates on C&I loans can be fixed or floating, with floating rate loans being tied to prime or some other market index, plus an applicable spread. Depending on the profitability of our relationship with the borrower, our floating rate loans may or may not feature a floor rate of interest.

A benefit of C&I lending is the opportunity to establish full-scale banking relationships with our C&I customers. As a result, many of our borrowers provide us with deposits, and many take advantage of our cash management, investment, and trade finance services.

The remainder of the portfolio of other loans consists primarily of home equity loans and lines of credit, as well as a variety of consumer loans, most of which were originated by our pre-AmTrust merger partners prior to their joining the Company. We currently do not offer home equity loans or lines of credit.

Geographical Analysis of the Loan Portfolio

The following table presents a geographical analysis of our multi-family, CRE, and ADC loans (all of which are non-covered loans) at December 31, 2009:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | At December 31, 2009 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| | Multi-family Loans | | Commercial Real Estate Loans | | Acquisition, Development, and Construction Loans | |
| | Amount | Percent of Total | Amount | Percent of Total | Amount | Percent of Total |
| New York City: | | | | | | |
| Manhattan | \$ 5,306,808 | 31.71% | \$ 1,834,807 | 36.78% | \$ 271,419 | 40.73% |
| Brooklyn | 2,986,082 | 17.84 | 390,303 | 7.82 | 91,040 | 13.66 |
| Bronx | 2,329,002 | 13.91 | 192,233 | 3.85 | 17,827 | 2.68 |
| Queens | 1,889,069 | 11.29 | 529,423 | 10.61 | 53,541 | 8.03 |
| Staten Island | 116,278 | 0.69 | 56,632 | 1.14 | 25,001 | 3.75 |
| Total New York City | \$ 12,627,239 | 75.44% | \$ 3,003,398 | 60.20% | \$ 458,828 | 68.85% |
| Long Island | 450,450 | 2.69 | 859,574 | 17.23 | 136,513 | 20.48 |
| Other New York State | 521,557 | 3.12 | 113,009 | 2.27 | 2,891 | 0.43 |
| New Jersey | 1,465,753 | 8.76 | 582,672 | 11.68 | 39,892 | 5.99 |
| Pennsylvania | 664,168 | 3.97 | 262,105 | 5.25 | | |
| All other states | 1,008,554 | 6.02 | 167,891 | 3.37 | 28,316 | 4.25 |
| Total | \$ 16,737,721 | 100.00% | \$ 4,988,649 | 100.00% | \$ 666,440 | 100.00% |

The covered loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition were made to borrowers throughout the United States, primarily for the purchase or refinancing of one- to four-family homes.

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The following table summarizes the composition of our loan portfolio at each year-end for the five years ended December 31, 2009:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | 2009 | | 2008 | | At December 31, 2007 | | 2006 | | 2005 | | |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| | Amount | Percent of Total Loans | Amount | Percent of Total Loans | Amount | Percent of Total Loans | Amount | Percent of Total Loans | Amount | Percent of Total Loans | |
| Non-covered Mortgage Loans: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Multi-family | \$ 16,737,721 | 58.94% | \$ 15,728,264 | 70.85% | \$ 14,052,298 | 69.00% | \$ 14,529,097 | 73.93% | \$ 12,854,188 | 75.49% | |
| Commercial real estate | 4,988,649 | 17.57 | 4,553,550 | 20.51 | 3,828,334 | 18.80 | 3,114,440 | 15.85 | 2,888,294 | 16.96 | |
| Acquisition, development, and construction | 666,440 | 2.35 | 778,364 | 3.51 | 1,138,851 | 5.59 | 1,102,732 | 5.61 | 856,651 | 5.03 | |
| One- to four-family | 216,078 | 0.76 | 266,307 | 1.20 | 380,824 | 1.87 | 230,508 | 1.17 | 254,510 | 1.49 | |
| Total non-covered mortgage loans | \$ 22,608,888 | 79.62 | \$ 21,326,485 | 96.07 | \$ 19,400,307 | 95.26 | \$ 18,976,777 | 96.56 | \$ 16,853,643 | 98.97 | |
| Non-covered Other Loans: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | 653,159 | 2.30 | 713,099 | 3.21 | 705,810 | 3.47 | 643,116 | 3.27 | 152,638 | 0.90 | |
| Other loans | 118,445 | 0.42 | 160,340 | 0.72 | 259,395 | 1.27 | 33,677 | 0.17 | 22,855 | 0.13 | |
| Total non-covered other loans | 771,604 | 2.72 | 873,439 | 3.93 | 965,205 | 4.74 | 676,793 | 3.44 | 175,493 | 1.03 | |
| Total non-covered loans | \$ 23,380,492 | 82.34 | | 100.00% | | | | | | | |
| Net deferred loan origination fees | (3,893) | | (7,712) | | (2,264) | | (679) | | (734) | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | (127,491) | | (94,368) | | (92,794) | | (85,389) | | (79,705) | | |
| Total non-covered loans, net | \$ 23,249,108 | | \$ 22,097,844 | | \$ 20,270,454 | | \$ 19,567,502 | | \$ 16,948,697 | | |
| Total Covered Loans⁽¹⁾ | 5,016,100 | 17.66 | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Total loans, net | \$ 28,265,208 | 100.00% | \$ 22,097,844 | 100.00% | \$ 20,270,454 | 100.00% | \$ 19,567,502 | 100.00% | \$ 16,948,697 | 100.00% |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|

- (1) Covered loans include \$4.7 billion of one- to four-family loans (of which \$351.3 million were held for sale) and \$309.9 million of other loans at December 31, 2009. We had no covered loans at any of the prior year-ends.

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Lending Authority

The loans we originate for portfolio are subject to federal and state laws and regulations, and are underwritten in accordance with loan underwriting policies and procedures approved by the Mortgage and Real Estate Committee of the Board of Directors of the Community Bank (the Mortgage Committee), the Credit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Commercial Bank (the Credit Committee), and the respective Boards of Directors.

In accordance with the Banks' policies, all loans of \$10.0 million or more are reported to the respective Boards of Directors. In 2009, 52 loans of \$10.0 million or more were originated by the Banks, with an aggregate loan balance of \$1.2 billion at origination. In 2008, 104 such loans were originated by the Banks, with an aggregate loan balance at origination of \$2.7 billion.

We also place a limit on the amount of loans that may be made to one borrower. At December 31, 2009, the largest concentration of loans to one borrower consisted of a \$479.5 million multi-family loan provided by the Community Bank to Riverbay Corporation Co-op City, a residential community with 15,372 units in the Bronx, New York, which was created under New York State's Mitchell-Lama Housing Program in the late 1960s to provide affordable housing for middle-income residents of the State. The loan was originated on September 30, 2004 at an interest rate of 5.20%. At October 1, 2009, the interest rate on the loan was 6.20%. As of December 31, 2009, the loan has been current since its origination.

Mortgage Banking Unit

With the AmTrust acquisition, we acquired a mortgage banking unit that is currently originating only agency-conforming one- to four-family loans for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In connection with the activities of the mortgage banking unit, we have certain interest rate lock commitments to fund loans and other derivative financial instruments that obligate us to sell loans at specific dates in the future at specified prices. These commitments are considered derivatives, and are carried at fair value.

Most forward commitments to sell are entered into with primary dealers. Entering into commitments to sell loans can pose a risk if we are not able to deliver the loans on the appropriate delivery date. If we are unable to meet our obligation, we may be required to pay a fee to the counterparty.

We may retain the servicing on loans that we sell, in which case we would recognize a mortgage servicing right (MSR) asset. We estimate prepayment rates based on current interest rate levels, other economic conditions, and market forecasts, as well as relevant characteristics of the servicing portfolio. Generally, when market interest rates decline, prepayments increase as customers refinance their existing mortgages under more favorable interest rate terms. When a mortgage prepays, or when loans are expected to prepay earlier than originally expected, the anticipated cash flows associated with servicing these loans are terminated or reduced, resulting in a reduction to the fair value of the capitalized MSRs and a reduction in earnings. MSRs are recorded at fair value, with changes in fair value recorded as a component of non-interest income in each period.

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The following table sets forth the maturity or period to repricing of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2009. Loans that have adjustable rates are shown as being due in the period during which the interest rates are next subject to change.

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Covered and Non-covered Loans at December 31, 2009 | | | | | Total Loans |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Multi-family | Commercial Real Estate | Acquisition, Development, and Construction | One- to Four- Family | Other | |
| Amount due: | | | | | | |
| Within one year | \$ 2,055,458 | \$ 731,885 | \$ 655,619 | \$ 1,456,231 | \$ 864,196 | \$ 5,763,389 |
| After one year: | | | | | | |
| One to five years | 11,708,252 | 3,017,927 | 10,344 | 1,952,709 | 153,895 | 16,843,127 |
| Over five years | 2,974,011 | 1,238,837 | 477 | 1,513,355 | 63,396 | 5,790,076 |
| Total due or repricing after one year | 14,682,263 | 4,256,764 | 10,821 | 3,466,064 | 217,291 | 22,633,203 |
| Total amounts due or repricing, gross | \$ 16,737,721 | \$ 4,988,649 | \$ 666,440 | \$ 4,922,295 | \$ 1,081,487 | \$ 28,396,592 |

The following table sets forth, as of December 31, 2009, the dollar amount of all loans due after December 31, 2010, and indicates whether such loans have fixed or adjustable rates of interest.

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Due after December 31, 2010 | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Fixed | Adjustable | Total |
| Mortgage Loans: | | | |
| Multi-family | \$ 4,125,900 | \$ 10,556,363 | \$ 14,682,263 |
| Commercial real estate | 1,371,989 | 2,884,775 | 4,256,764 |
| Acquisition, development, and construction | 10,821 | | 10,821 |
| One- to four-family | 2,174,766 | 1,291,298 | 3,466,064 |
| Total mortgage loans | 7,683,476 | 14,732,436 | 22,415,912 |
| Other loans | 215,693 | 1,598 | 217,291 |
| Total loans | \$ 7,899,169 | \$ 14,734,034 | \$ 22,633,203 |

Outstanding Loan Commitments

At December 31, 2009, we had outstanding loan commitments of \$1.4 billion, including commitments to originate \$232.1 million of multi-family loans; \$50.3 million of CRE loans; \$173.1 million of ADC loans; and \$517.6 million of other loans, including \$473.7 million of unadvanced lines of credit. Commitments to originate one- to four-family loans (all of which will be sold) totaled \$474.4 million at December 31, 2009, as compared to \$27.1 million at December 31, 2008, with the difference primarily being attributable to AmTrust's mortgage banking unit.

In addition to loan commitments, we had commitments to issue financial stand-by, performance, and commercial letters of credit totaling \$48.0 million at December 31, 2009. The commitments featured terms ranging from one to three years and are collateralized.

Financial stand-by letters of credit primarily are issued for the benefit of other financial institutions or municipalities, on behalf of certain of our current borrowers, and obligate us to guarantee payment of a specified financial obligation.

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Performance letters of credit are primarily issued for the benefit of local municipalities on behalf of certain of our borrowers. These borrowers are mainly developers of residential subdivisions with whom we currently have a lending relationship. Performance letters of credit obligate us to make payments in the event that a specified third party fails to perform under non-financial contractual obligations.

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Commercial letters of credit act as a means of ensuring payment to a seller upon shipment of goods to a buyer. Although commercial letters of credit are used to effect payment for domestic transactions, the majority are used to settle payments in international trade. Typically, such letters of credit require presentation of documents that describe the commercial transaction, and provide evidence of shipment and the transfer of title.

The fees we collect in connection with the issuance of letters of credit are included in fee income in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

Asset Quality

The economic crisis that began in the second half of 2007 showed few signs of abating as unemployment continued to rise, more businesses faltered, and real estate values declined through most of 2009. Although the initial shock of the crisis faded away, its far-reaching impact continued, posing a challenge to both borrowers and lenders alike.

The following discussion refers to our non-covered loans only, as the covered loans we acquired in the AmTrust acquisition are considered to be performing, as discussed on page 60 under Covered Loans.

The impact of these economic forces was reflected in our non-performing assets and net charge-offs, both of which rose substantially in 2009. At \$29.9 million, net charge-offs represented 0.13% of average loans in 2009, as compared to \$6.2 million, representing 0.03% of average loans, in 2008. Multi-family loans accounted for \$15.3 million of the 2009 net charge-offs, with ADC loans and other loans accounting for \$6.0 million and \$7.8 million, respectively. In 2008, the majority of our net charge-offs consisted of ADC and other loans.

Non-performing loans rose to \$578.1 million in 2009 from the prior year's \$113.7 million, and represented 2.04% and 0.51% of total loans, respectively. The increase in non-performing loans was attributable to a \$455.2 million rise in non-accrual mortgage loans to \$557.1 million and a \$9.2 million rise in non-accrual other loans to \$20.9 million. The increase in non-accrual mortgage loans was largely due to a \$340.0 million increase in loans secured by multi-family buildings, most of which were located outside our primary lending niche, as described earlier under Multi-family Loans. Although the reasons for this increase vary from credit to credit, such loans do not typically result in significant losses, given the value of the cash flows such buildings generate.

A loan generally is classified as a non-accrual loan when it is over 90 days past due. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, we cease the accrual of interest owed, and previously accrued interest is reversed and charged against interest income. A loan is generally returned to accrual status when the loan is less than 90 days past due and we have reasonable assurance that the loan will be fully collectible.

Non-performing loans are reviewed regularly by management and reported on a monthly basis to the Mortgage Committee, the Credit Committee, and the Boards of Directors of the Banks. When necessary, non-performing loans are written down to their current appraised values, less certain transaction costs. Workout specialists from our Loan Recovery Unit actively pursue borrowers who are delinquent in repaying their loans in an effort to collect payment. In addition, outside counsel with experience in foreclosure proceedings are retained to institute such action with regard to such borrowers.

Properties that are acquired through foreclosure are classified as other real estate owned (OREO), and recorded at the lower of the unpaid principal balance or fair value at the date of acquisition, less the estimated cost of selling the property. At December 31, 2009, OREO totaled \$15.2 million as compared to \$1.1 million at the previous year-end.

It is our policy to require an appraisal and environmental assessment of properties classified as OREO before foreclosure, and to re-appraise the properties on an as-needed basis until they are sold. We dispose of such properties as quickly and prudently as possible, given current market conditions and the property's condition.

Reflecting the increase in non-performing loans and OREO, non-performing assets rose \$478.5 million year-over-year to \$593.3 million, representing 1.41% of total assets at December 31, 2009. At December 31, 2008, the comparable ratio was 0.35%. In addition, loans 30 to 89 days past due totaled \$273.0 million at the end of this December, a \$170.2 million increase from the year-end 2008 amount.

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To mitigate the potential for credit risk, we underwrite our loans in accordance with prudent credit standards. In the case of multi-family and CRE loans, we look first at the consistency of the cash flows being generated to determine the property's economic value, and then at the market value of the property that collateralizes the loan. The amount of the loan is then based on the lower of the two values, with the economic value more typically used.

The condition of the collateral property is another critical factor. Multi-family buildings and CRE properties are inspected from rooftop to basement as a prerequisite to approval by management and the Mortgage or Credit Committee, as applicable. A member of the Mortgage or Credit Committee participates in inspections on multi-family loans originated in excess of \$4.0 million. Similarly, a member of the Mortgage or Credit Committee participates in inspections on CRE loans in excess of \$2.5 million. Furthermore, independent appraisers, whose appraisals are carefully reviewed by our experienced in-house appraisal officers, perform appraisals on collateral properties.

In addition, we work with a select group of mortgage brokers who are familiar with our credit standards and whose track record with our lending officers is typically greater than ten years. In addition, in New York City, where 75.4% of the buildings securing our multi-family loans are located, the rents that tenants may be charged on the apartments in certain buildings is restricted under certain rent-control or rent-stabilization laws. As a result, the average rents that tenants pay in such apartments are generally lower than current market rents. Buildings with a preponderance of such rent-regulated apartments are, therefore, less likely to experience vacancies in times of economic adversity.

To further manage our credit risk, our lending policies limit the amount of credit granted to any one borrower, and typically require a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 120% for multi-family loans and 130% for CRE loans. Although we typically will lend up to 75% of the appraised value on multi-family buildings and up to 65% on commercial properties, the current average LTV ratios of such credits were well below those amounts at December 31, 2009, as previously noted. Exceptions to these LTV limitations are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, requiring the approval of the Mortgage or Credit Committee, as applicable.

The repayment of loans secured by commercial real estate is often dependent on the successful operation and management of the underlying properties. To minimize our credit risk, we originate CRE loans in adherence with conservative underwriting standards, and require that such loans qualify on the basis of the property's current income stream and debt service coverage ratio. The approval of a loan also depends on the borrower's credit history, profitability, and expertise in property management; in addition, the origination of CRE loans typically requires an assignment of the rents and/or leases.

The Boards of Directors also take part in the ADC lending process, with all ADC loans requiring the approval of the Mortgage or Credit Committee, as applicable. In addition, a member of the pertinent committee participates in inspections when the loan amount exceeds \$2.5 million. ADC loans have primarily been made to well-established builders who have worked with us or our merger partners in the past. We typically lend up to 75% of the estimated as-completed market value of multi-family and residential tract projects; however, in the case of home construction loans to individuals, the limit is 80%. With respect to commercial construction loans, which are not our primary focus, we typically lend up to 65% of the estimated as-completed market value of the property.

Credit risk is also managed through the loan disbursement process. Loan proceeds are disbursed periodically in increments as construction progresses, and as warranted by inspection reports provided to us by our own lending officers and/or consulting engineers.

C&I loans are typically underwritten on the basis of the cash flows produced by the borrower's business, and are generally collateralized by various business assets, including, but not limited to, inventory, equipment, and accounts receivable. As a result, the capacity of the borrower to repay is substantially dependent on the degree to which the business is successful. Furthermore, the collateral underlying the loan may depreciate over time, may not be conducive to appraisal, and may fluctuate in value, based upon the operating results of the business. Accordingly, personal guarantees are also a normal requirement for C&I loans.

Our loan portfolio has been structured to manage our exposure to both credit and interest rate risk. The vast majority of the loans in our portfolio are intermediate-term credits, with multi-family and CRE loans typically repaying or refinancing within three to five years of origination, and the duration of ADC loans ranging up to 36 months, with 18 to 24 months more the norm. Furthermore, our multi-family loans are largely secured by buildings with rent-regulated apartments that tend to maintain a high level of occupancy, regardless of economic conditions in our marketplace.

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The procedures we follow with respect to delinquent loans are generally consistent across all categories, with late charges assessed, and notices mailed to the borrower, at specified dates. We attempt to reach the borrower by telephone to ascertain the reasons for delinquency and the prospects for repayment. When contact is made with a borrower at any time prior to foreclosure or recovery against collateral property, we attempt to obtain full payment, and will consider a repayment schedule to avoid taking such action. Delinquencies are addressed by our Loan Recovery Unit and every effort is made to collect rather than initiate foreclosure proceedings.

While we strive to originate loans that will perform fully, the severity of the credit cycle has resulted in an increase in non-performing loans and assets, as well as net charge-offs. In view of the weakened economy and the increase in non-performing assets and net charge-offs, we increased our allowance for loan losses in 2009. The allowance for loan losses rose \$33.1 million, or 35.1%, year-over-year to \$127.5 million, as net charge-offs of \$29.9 million were exceeded by loan loss provisions of \$63.0 million. In 2008, the provision for loan losses totaled \$7.7 million and exceeded that year's net charge-offs by \$1.5 million. At December 31, 2009, the allowance for loan losses represented 0.45% of total loans and 22.05% of non-performing loans.

The manner in which the allowance for loan losses is established, and the assumptions made in that process, are considered critical to our financial condition and results. Such assumptions are based on judgments that are difficult, complex, and subjective regarding various matters of inherent uncertainty. The current economic environment has increased the degree of uncertainty inherent in these judgments. Accordingly, the policies that govern our assessment of the allowance for loan losses are considered Critical Accounting Policies and are discussed under that heading earlier in this report.

Based upon all relevant and available information, management believes that the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2009 was appropriate at that date.

Historically, our level of charge-offs has been relatively low in adverse credit cycles, even when the volume of non-performing loans has increased. This distinction has largely been due to the nature of our primary lending niche (multi-family loans collateralized by non-luxury residential apartment buildings in the New York Metropolitan region that have a preponderance of apartments with below-market rents); and to our conservative underwriting practices that require, among other things, low LTV ratios.

Despite the rise in non-performing multi-family loans in 2009, we would not expect to see a comparable increase in losses. This is primarily due to the strength of the underlying collateral for these loans and the collateral structure upon which these loans are based. Low LTV ratios provide a greater likelihood of full recovery and reduce the possibility of incurring a severe loss on a credit. Furthermore, in many cases, low LTV ratios result in our having fewer loans with a potential for the borrower to walk-away from the property. Although borrowers may default on loan payments, they have a greater incentive to protect their equity in the collateral property and to return the loan to performing status.

Similarly, an increase in CRE loans would not necessarily be expected to result in a corresponding increase in our loan loss allowance for such credits. At December 31, 2009, CRE loans represented 21.3% of non-covered loans outstanding, an 83 basis point increase from the year-earlier amount. Charge-offs of CRE loans represented 1.8% of total charge-offs in the current twelve-month period and 0.26% in the twelve months ended December 31, 2008. We believe this favorable loan loss experience is due to our historical practice of underwriting CRE loans in accordance with standards similar to those we follow in underwriting our multi-family loans.

In 2009, we continued to de-emphasize the production of ADC and other loans, as well as one- to four-family loans for portfolio, in order to mitigate credit risk. At December 31, 2009, ADC, other loans, and one- to four-family loans represented 2.4%, 2.7%, and 0.76%, respectively, of loans outstanding, as compared to 3.5%, 3.9%, and 1.2%, respectively, at December 31, 2008. At December 31, 2009, 11.9%, 2.7%, and 6.6% of ADC, other loans, and one- to four-family loans were non-performing, respectively. Although ADC, other loans, and one- to four-family loans each

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represented a smaller percentage of loans outstanding, the level of the loan loss allowance for such loans at December 31, 2009 either increased or remained consistent with the year-earlier level, reflecting the trend in non-performing loans and our ongoing assessment of the risk inherent in these portfolios.

In view of these factors, we believe that a significant increase in non-performing loans will not necessarily result in a comparable increase in loan losses and, accordingly, will not necessarily require a significant increase in our loan loss allowance or in the provision for loan losses recorded in any given period. As indicated, while non-performing loans represented 2.04% of total loans at December 31, 2009, the ratio of net charge-offs to average loans for the twelve months ended at that date was 0.13%. The allowance for loan losses is determined in accordance with the methodology described earlier in this report under Critical Accounting Policies.

Covered Loans

Although the AmTrust acquisition increased our loan portfolio by \$5.0 billion, the credit risk associated with the acquired loans was substantially mitigated by the Community Bank's loss sharing agreements with the FDIC. Under the terms of the loss sharing agreements, the FDIC will reimburse us for 80% of losses (and share in 80% of any recoveries) up to \$907.0 million and reimburse us for 95% of any losses (and share in 95% of any recoveries) with respect to losses exceeding that initial amount. The loss sharing (and reimbursement) agreement applicable to one- to four-family mortgage loans and HELOCs is effective for a ten-year period. The loss sharing agreement applicable to consumer loans provides for the FDIC to reimburse us for losses for a five-year period; the period for sharing in recoveries on consumer loans extends for a period of eight years.

We consider the covered loans to be performing due to the application of the yield accretion method under Codification Topic 310-30, Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality. Topic 310-30 allows us to aggregate credit-impaired loans acquired in the same fiscal quarter into one or more pools, provided that the loans have common risk characteristics. A pool is then accounted for as a single asset with a single composite interest rate and an aggregate expectation of cash flows. Accordingly, loans that may have been classified as non-performing loans by AmTrust are no longer classified as non-performing because, at acquisition, we believe we will fully collect the new carrying value of these loans. The new carrying value represents the contractual balance, reduced by the portion expected to be uncollectible (referred to as the non-accretable difference) and by an accretable yield (discount) that is recognized as interest income. It is important to note that management's judgment is required in reclassifying loans subject to Codification Topic 310-30 as performing loans, and is dependent on having a reasonable expectation about the timing and amount of the cash flows to be collected, even if the loan is contractually past due.

In addition, the Community Bank agreed to pay to the FDIC on January 18, 2020 (the True-Up Measurement Date), half of the amount, if positive, calculated as (1) \$181,400,000 minus (2) the sum of (a) 25% of the asset discount bid made in connection with the AmTrust acquisition; (b) 25% of the Cumulative Shared-Loss Payments (as defined in the agreements); and (c) the sum of the period servicing amounts for every consecutive twelve-month period prior to, and ending on, the True-Up Measurement Date in respect of each of the shared loss agreements during which the applicable shared loss agreement is in effect.

These reimbursable losses and recoveries are based on the book value of the relevant loans and other assets as determined by the FDIC as of the effective date of the acquisition. The amount that the Community Bank realizes on these assets could differ materially from the carrying value that will be reflected in any financial statements, based upon the timing and amount of collections and recoveries on the covered loans in future periods.

In connection with the loss sharing agreements, we established an FDIC loss share receivable in the amount of \$740.0 million, which was the acquisition date fair value of the loss sharing agreements (expected reimbursements from the FDIC over the terms of the agreements). The loss share receivable may increase if the losses increase, and may decrease if the losses fall short of the expected amount. Gains and recoveries on covered loans will offset losses or be paid to the FDIC at the applicable loss share percentage at the time of recovery.

In addition, the one- to four-family loans originated for sale by AmTrust's mortgage banking unit are underwritten to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac standards. At the time of sale, certain representations and warranties with regard to the underwriting and documentation of these loans are made. We may be required to repurchase the loans from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac if it is found that a breach of the representations and warranties was made at the time of sale.

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The following table presents information regarding our consolidated allowance for loan losses, non-performing assets, and delinquencies at each year-end in the five years ended December 31, 2009. Covered loans are considered to be performing due to the application of the yield accretion method, as discussed on page 60 of this report. Therefore, covered loans are not reflected in any of the 2009 amounts or ratios provided in this table.

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | At December 31, | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Allowance for Loan Losses: | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ 94,368 | \$ 92,794 | \$ 85,389 | \$ 79,705 | \$ 78,057 |
| Provision for loan losses | 63,000 | 7,700 | | | |
| Charge-offs: | | | | | |
| Multi-family | (15,261) | (175) | | | |
| Commercial real estate | (530) | (16) | | | |
| Acquisition, development, and construction | (5,990) | (2,517) | | | |
| One- to four-family | (322) | | | | |
| Other loans | (7,828) | (3,460) | (431) | (420) | (21) |
| Total charge-offs | (29,931) | (6,168) | (431) | (420) | (21) |
| Recoveries | 54 | 42 | | | |
| Allowance acquired in merger transactions | | | 7,836 | 6,104 | 1,669 |
| Balance at end of year | \$ 127,491 | \$ 94,368 | \$ 92,794 | \$ 85,389 | \$ 79,705 |
| Non-performing Assets: | | | | | |
| Non-accrual mortgage loans: | | | | | |
| Multi-family | \$ 393,113 | \$ 53,153 | \$ 3,061 | \$ | \$ 263 |
| Commercial real estate | 70,618 | 12,785 | 3,293 | 2,583 | 3,000 |
| Acquisition, development, and construction | 79,228 | 24,839 | 2,939 | 11,375 | 5,906 |
| 1-4 family | 14,171 | 11,155 | 5,598 | 4,114 | 6,382 |
| Total non-accrual mortgage loans | 557,130 | 101,932 | 14,891 | 18,072 | 15,551 |
| Other non-accrual loans | 20,938 | 11,765 | 7,301 | 3,131 | 1,338 |
| Loans 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest | | | | | 10,674 |
| Total non-performing loans | 578,068 | 113,697 | 22,192 | 21,203 | 27,563 |
| Other real estate owned | 15,205 | 1,107 | 658 | 1,341 | 1,294 |
| Total non-performing assets | \$ 593,273 | \$ 114,804 | \$ 22,850 | \$ 22,544 | \$ 28,857 |
| Ratios: | | | | | |
| Non-performing loans to total loans | 2.04% | 0.51% | 0.11% | 0.11% | 0.16% |
| Non-performing assets to total assets | 1.41 | 0.35 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.11 |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans | 22.05 | 83.00 | 418.14 | 402.72 | 289.17 |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.43 | 0.47 |
| Net charge-offs during the period to average loans outstanding during the period | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Loans 30-89 Days Past Due: | | | | | |
| Multi-family | \$ 155,790 | \$ 37,266 | \$ 15,461 | \$ 15,545 | \$ 4,017 |
| Commercial real estate | 42,324 | 29,090 | 1,762 | 4,191 | 3,083 |

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| Acquisition, development, and construction | 48,838 | 21,380 | 2,870 | 19,301 | |
| One- to four-family | 5,019 | 4,885 | 4,875 | 4,440 | 3,601 |
| Other loans | 21,036 | 10,170 | 9,333 | 6,926 | 510 |
| | | | | | |
| Total loans 30-89 days past due | \$ 273,007 | \$ 102,791 | \$ 34,301 | \$ 50,403 | \$ 11,211 |

In accordance with GAAP, we are required to account for certain loan modifications or restructurings as troubled debt restructurings. In general, the modification or restructuring of a loan constitutes a troubled debt restructuring when we grant a concession to a borrower experiencing financial difficulty. Loans modified in a troubled debt restructuring are placed on non-accrual status until we determine that future collection of principal and interest is reasonably assured, which generally requires that the borrower demonstrate performance according to the restructured terms for a period of at least six months. Loans modified in a troubled debt restructuring, all of which had non-accrual status, totaled \$184.8 million at December 31, 2009. There were no troubled debt restructurings at any of the previous year-ends included in the preceding asset quality analysis.

Table of Contents**Summary of the Allowance for Loan Losses**

The following table sets forth the allocation of the consolidated allowance for loan losses at each year-end in the five years ended December 31, 2009. The entire allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2009 relates to non-covered loans.

| | 2009 | | 2008 | | 2007 | | 2006 | | 2005 | |
|--|------------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| | Amount | Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Non-covered Loans | Amount | Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans | Amount | Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans | Amount | Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans | Amount | Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Multi-family loans | \$ 75,567 | 71.59% | \$ 43,908 | 70.85% | \$ 43,066 | 69.00% | \$ 46,525 | 73.93% | \$ 44,336 | 75.49% |
| Commercial real estate loans | 32,079 | 21.34 | 29,622 | 20.51 | 29,461 | 18.80 | 23,313 | 15.85 | 23,379 | 16.96 |
| Acquisition, development, and construction loans | 8,276 | 2.85 | 10,289 | 3.51 | 10,243 | 5.59 | 9,089 | 5.61 | 8,281 | 5.03 |
| One- to four-family loans | 1,530 | 0.92 | 1,685 | 1.20 | 1,884 | 1.87 | 1,048 | 1.17 | 1,304 | 1.49 |
| Other loans | 10,039 | 3.30 | 8,864 | 3.93 | 8,140 | 4.74 | 5,414 | 3.44 | 2,405 | 1.03 |
| Total loans | \$ 127,491 | 100.00% | \$ 94,368 | 100.00% | \$ 92,794 | 100.00% | \$ 85,389 | 100.00% | \$ 79,705 | 100.00% |

The preceding allocation is based upon an estimate of various factors, as discussed in *Critical Accounting Policies* earlier in this report, and a different allocation methodology may be deemed to be more appropriate in the future. In addition, it should be noted that the portion of the loan loss allowance allocated to each non-covered loan category does not represent the total amount available to absorb losses that may occur within that category, since the total loan loss allowance is available for the entire non-covered loan portfolio.

Table of Contents**Securities**

Securities represented \$5.7 billion, or 13.6%, of total assets at December 31, 2009, as compared to \$5.9 billion, or 18.2%, of total assets at December 31, 2008. While the balance of securities had declined steadily from January through November, we acquired \$760.0 million of securities in the AmTrust acquisition, which limited the degree to which the portfolio declined year-over-year. Included in the acquired amount were U.S. Treasury notes of \$608.0 million and GSE obligations of \$152.0 million.

The investment policies of the Company and the Banks are established by the respective Boards of Directors and implemented by their respective Investment Committees, in concert with the respective Asset and Liability Management Committees. The Investment Committees generally meet quarterly or on an as-needed basis to review the portfolios and specific capital market transactions. In addition, the securities portfolios are reviewed monthly by the Boards of Directors as a whole. Furthermore, the policies guiding the Company's and the Banks' investments are reviewed at least annually by the respective Investment Committees, as well as by the respective Boards. While the policies permit investment in various types of liquid assets, neither the Company nor the Banks currently maintain a trading portfolio.

Our general investment strategy is to purchase liquid investments with various maturities to ensure that our overall interest rate risk position stays within the required limits of our investment policies. In 2009, we limited our investments to government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) obligations (defined as GSE certificates; GSE collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) and GSE debentures). At December 31, 2009, 91.8% of our securities portfolio consisted of GSE obligations, including those acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, as compared to 89.9% at December 31, 2008. The remainder of the portfolio was comprised of private label CMOs, corporate bonds, trust preferred securities, corporate equities, and municipal obligations. We have no investment securities that are backed by subprime or Alt-A loans.

Depending on management's intent at the time of purchase, securities are classified as either available for sale or held to maturity. While available-for-sale securities are intended to generate earnings, they also represent a significant source of cash flows and liquidity for future loan production, the reduction of higher-cost funding, and general operating activities. These cash flows stem from the repayment of principal and interest, in addition to the sale of such securities. Held-to-maturity securities also generate cash flows from repayments and serve as a source of earnings.

Securities expected to be held for an indefinite period of time are classified as available for sale. A decision to purchase or sell these securities is based on economic conditions, including changes in interest rates, liquidity, and our asset and liability management strategy. All of the securities acquired in the AmTrust acquisition were classified as available for sale. Accordingly, available-for-sale securities represented \$1.5 billion, or 26.4%, of total securities at the end of this December, up from \$1.0 billion, or 17.1%, of total securities at December 31, 2008. Included in the respective year-end amounts were mortgage-related securities of \$774.2 million and \$833.7 million, and other securities of \$744.4 million and \$176.8 million, respectively. The estimated weighted average lives of the available-for-sale securities portfolio were 2.2 years and 5.6 years, respectively, at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

Held-to-maturity securities represented \$4.2 billion, or 73.6%, of total securities at the end of this December, as compared to \$4.9 billion, or 82.9%, of total securities at the prior year-end. At December 31, 2009, the fair value of securities held to maturity represented 100.62% of their carrying value, an improvement from the year-earlier percentage of 98.7%. Mortgage-related securities accounted for \$2.5 billion and \$3.2 billion, respectively, of the year-end 2009 and 2008 totals, with other securities representing the remaining \$1.8 billion and \$1.7 billion. Included in the latter year-end amounts were GSE obligations of \$1.5 billion and \$1.4 billion; capital trust notes of \$167.1 million and \$220.4 million; and corporate bonds of \$101.1 million and \$133.2 million, respectively. The estimated weighted average lives of the held-to-maturity securities portfolio were 6.2 years and 5.2 years at the corresponding dates.

OTTI losses declined to \$96.5 million in 2009 from \$104.3 million in the year-earlier period. Included in the 2009 amount was OTTI of \$25.1 million on certain trust preferred securities that was recognized based on information received subsequent to the issuance of our fourth quarter 2009 earnings release on January 27, 2010. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2009, the OTTI losses on securities consisted of \$96.3 million on trust preferred securities (\$86.6 million of which was recognized in earnings); and \$10.0 million related to corporate debt (all of which was recognized in earnings).

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Prior to April 1, 2009, if the decline in fair value below an investment's carrying amount was deemed to be other than temporary, the investment was written down to fair value and the entire amount of the write-down was charged to the income statement. A decline in fair value of an investment was deemed to be other than temporary if we did not expect to recover the carrying amount of the investment or we did not have the intent and ability to hold the investment to its anticipated recovery. Effective April 1, 2009, with the adoption of revised OTTI accounting requirements issued by the FASB, unless we have the intent to sell, or it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell a security, an OTTI is recognized as a realized loss on the income statement to the extent that the decline in fair value is credit-related. The decline in value attributable to factors other than credit is charged to AOCL. If there is a decline in fair value of a security below its carrying amount and we have the intent to sell it, or it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security, the entire amount of the decline in fair value will be charged to the income statement.

Partly reflecting an improvement in market conditions during the year, the after-tax net unrealized loss on securities available for sale and the non-credit portion of OTTI, net of taxes, amounted to \$6.3 million at the end of this December as compared to after-tax net unrealized losses of \$32.5 million at December 31, 2008. The respective after-tax losses were recorded as a component of stockholders' equity in the Consolidated Statements of Condition at the corresponding dates.

Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) Stock

The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are members of the FHLB-NY, one of 12 regional FHLBs comprising the FHLB system. Each regional FHLB manages its customer relationships, while the 12 FHLBs use their combined size and strength to obtain their necessary funding at the lowest possible cost.

As members of the FHLB-NY, the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are required to acquire and hold shares of its capital stock. In addition, the Community Bank acquired shares of the capital stock of the FHLB-Cincinnati with a value of \$110.6 million in connection with the AmTrust acquisition.

As a result, the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank held FHLB stock of \$488.3 million and \$8.4 million, respectively, at December 31, 2009. FHLB stock continued to be valued at par, with no impairment required, at that date.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, dividends from the FHLB to the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank respectively amounted to \$22.6 million and \$473,000; in 2008, such dividends amounted to \$18.0 million and \$487,000, respectively. A reduction in the dividend paid by the FHLB or an increase in the interest paid on future FHLB advances would adversely impact our net interest income. The FHLB has stated that it expects to continue to pay dividends, but has acknowledged that future economic events, regulatory actions, and other actions could impact its ability to pay such dividends. In addition, a reduction in the capital levels of the FHLB could adversely impact our ability to redeem our shares and the value thereof.

Bank-Owned Life Insurance (BOLI)

At December 31, 2009, our investment in BOLI was \$716.0 million, as compared to \$691.4 million at December 31, 2008. The increase in our investment reflects the increase in the cash surrender value of the underlying policies during 2009.

BOLI is recorded as the total cash surrender value of the policies in the Consolidated Statements of Condition, and the income generated by the increase in the cash surrender value of the policies is recorded in non-interest income in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

FDIC Loss Share Receivable

In connection with our loss sharing agreements with the FDIC with respect to the loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, we recorded an FDIC loss share receivable which represents the acquisition date fair value of \$740.0 million for the reimbursements we expect to receive under the loss sharing agreements. The initial balance may be increased or decreased over time, primarily depending on the performance of the covered loan portfolio and the extent of losses incurred.

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Goodwill and Core Deposit Intangibles (CDI)

We record goodwill and CDI in our Consolidated Statements of Condition in connection with our various business combinations.

At December 31, 2009 goodwill totaled \$2.4 billion, equal to the balance at December 31, 2008. CDI rose \$18.0 million year-over-year, to \$105.8 million, reflecting the \$40.8 million of CDI acquired in the AmTrust acquisition less \$22.8 million of amortization stemming from previous mergers and acquisitions.

Sources of Funds

The Parent Company (i.e, the Company on an unconsolidated basis) has four primary funding sources for the payment of dividends, share repurchases, and other corporate uses: capital raised through the issuance of stock; dividends paid to the Company by the Banks; funding raised through the issuance of debt instruments; and repayments of, and income from, investment securities.

On a consolidated basis, our funding primarily stems from the deposits we acquire in our business combinations or gather through our branch network, and brokered deposits; the use of borrowed funds, primarily in the form of wholesale borrowings; the cash flows generated through the repayment of loans and securities; and the cash flows generated through the sale of loans and securities. In 2009, these funding sources were complemented by the AmTrust-related infusion of \$4.0 billion in cash and cash equivalents.

In 2009, loan repayments and sales totaled \$3.3 billion, down from \$4.1 billion in the prior year. Included in the 2009 amount were repayments of \$2.4 billion and sales of \$835.7 million, primarily reflecting loans originated for sale by AmTrust's mortgage banking unit. Cash flows from the repayment and sale of securities totaled \$2.7 billion and \$10.3 million, respectively, and were partially offset by purchases of securities totaling \$1.8 billion over the course of the year. In 2008, securities repayments and sales generated cash flows of \$2.5 billion and \$11.5 million and were offset by purchases of \$2.7 billion.

Consistent with our business model, the cash flows from loans and securities were primarily invested in loans and, to a lesser extent, in GSE obligations.

Deposits

Our funding mix and our ability to attract retail deposits were substantially enhanced by the AmTrust acquisition on December 4, 2009. With the addition of 66 branches in Florida, Ohio, and Arizona and \$8.2 billion in deposits, we expanded our franchise to 276 branches (including 210 branches in Metro New York and New Jersey) and increased our deposits to \$22.3 billion at December 31, 2009. Year-over-year, deposits were up \$7.9 billion, equivalent to an increase of 55.2%. Deposits represented 52.9% of total assets at the end of this December, an improvement from 44.3% at year-end 2008.

While the vast majority of our deposits, historically, have been acquired through business combinations or gathered through our branch network, our mix of deposits has also included brokered CDs and brokered money market accounts. Depending on the availability and pricing of such wholesale funding sources, we typically refrain from pricing our retail deposits at the higher end of the market in order to contain or reduce our funding costs.

CDs represented \$9.1 billion, or 40.6%, of total deposits at the end of December, and were up \$2.3 billion, or 33.2%, year-over-year. Brokered CDs accounted for \$358.5 million of the December 31, 2009 balance, down from \$1.6 billion of the balance at December 31, 2008. The balance of CDs at December 31, 2009 also includes CDs in excess of \$100,000 that feature preferential rates of interest and are accepted by both the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank. At December 31, 2009, CDs due to mature within one year totaled \$7.2 billion, representing 79.6% of total CDs at that date.

Core deposits (defined as all deposits other than CDs) rose \$5.7 billion year-over-year to \$13.3 billion, and represented 59.4% of total deposits at December 31, 2009. The increase was across the board, with NOW and money market accounts rising \$3.9 billion year-over-year to \$7.7 billion; savings accounts rising \$1.2 billion to \$3.8

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billion; and non-interest-bearing accounts rising \$640.3 million to \$1.8 billion. The increase in the balance of NOW and money market accounts was partially due to a \$1.1 billion increase in brokered money market accounts to \$2.6 billion at year-end 2009.

Borrowed Funds

Borrowed funds consist primarily of wholesale borrowings (i.e., FHLB advances, repurchase agreements, and federal funds purchased); junior subordinated debentures; and other borrowed funds (consisting primarily of preferred stock of subsidiaries and senior notes).

The cost of borrowed funds is largely based on short-term rates of interest, the level of which is partially impacted by the actions of the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors (the FOMC.) The FOMC reduces, maintains, or increases the target federal funds rate as it deems necessary. While the target federal funds rate declined dramatically in 2008, from 4.25% in January to a range of 0 to 25 basis points in December, the rate was maintained at that historically low range throughout 2009.

In the interest of reducing our cost of funds and enhancing our net interest margin, we used a portion of the cash received in the AmTrust acquisition to pay down the repurchase agreements we acquired. In the third quarter of 2009, we exchanged shares of our common stock for BONUSSES units; and in the fourth quarter of 2009, we repurchased certain REIT- and trust preferred securities.

Wholesale Borrowings

Although wholesale borrowings of \$2.6 billion were assumed in the AmTrust acquisition, we utilized a portion of the cash received in that transaction to pay down \$865.0 million of such borrowings before the end of the year. As a result, wholesale borrowings rose \$737.7 million from the December 31, 2008 balance to \$13.1 billion at December 31, 2009.

FHLB advances represented \$9.0 billion of wholesale borrowings at the end of this December, a \$1.2 billion increase from the balance at December 31, 2008. Included in the year-end 2009 amount were \$1.7 billion of FHLB-Cincinnati advances that were acquired in the AmTrust acquisition. The remaining advances were from the FHLB-NY. The Community Bank and the Commercial Bank are both members of, and have lines of credit with, the FHLB-NY. Pursuant to blanket collateral agreements with the Banks, our FHLB advances and overnight line-of-credit borrowings are secured by a pledge of certain eligible collateral in the form of loans and securities.

Also included in wholesale borrowings at year-end 2009 were repurchase agreements of \$4.1 billion, down \$360.0 million from the balance at December 31, 2008. Repurchase agreements are contracts for the sale of securities owned or borrowed by the Banks with an agreement to repurchase those securities at an agreed-upon price and date. Our repurchase agreements are primarily collateralized by GSE obligations, and may be entered into with the FHLB-NY or certain brokerage firms. The brokerage firms we utilize are subject to our ongoing internal financial review to ensure that we borrow funds only from those dealers whose financial strength will minimize the risk of loss due to default. In addition, a master repurchase agreement must be executed and on file for the brokerage firms we use. While the balance of wholesale borrowings at year-end 2008 included overnight federal funds purchased of \$150.0 million, we had no federal funds purchased at year-end 2009.

A significant portion of our wholesale borrowings at year-end 2009 consisted of callable advances and callable repurchase agreements. At December 31, 2009, \$9.9 billion of our wholesale borrowings were callable in 2010 and \$2.2 billion were callable in 2011. Given the current interest rate environment, we do not expect these borrowings to be called.

Junior Subordinated Debentures

Junior subordinated debentures declined to \$427.4 million at December 31, 2009 from \$484.2 million at December 31, 2008. The reduction was due to the exchange of BONUSSES units for common stock in the third quarter, and the repurchase of New York Community Capital Trust XI securities in the fourth quarter of the year.

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Other Borrowings

Other borrowings totaled \$656.5 million at December 31, 2009, as compared to \$669.4 million at the prior year-end. The reduction was attributable to the fourth quarter repurchase of REIT-preferred securities that had been issued by Richmond County Financial Corp. and Roslyn Bancorp, Inc. prior to merging with and into the Company in 2001 and 2003, respectively.

Included in the balance of other borrowings at both year-ends were \$602.0 million of fixed rate senior notes that were issued by the Community Bank under the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program in December 2008.

Please see Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Borrowed Funds, in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data for a further discussion of our wholesale borrowings, junior subordinated debentures, and other borrowings.

Liquidity, Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance-Sheet Commitments, and Capital Position

Liquidity

We manage our liquidity to ensure that cash flows are sufficient to support our operations, and to compensate for any temporary mismatches between sources and uses of funds caused by variable loan and deposit demand.

As discussed under Sources of Funds, the loans we produce are funded through four primary sources: (1) the deposits we acquire in connection with our business combinations, those we gather organically through our branch network, and brokered deposits; (2) borrowed funds, primarily in the form of wholesale borrowings; (3) cash flows from the repayment of loans and securities; and (4) cash flows from the sale of securities and loans.

While borrowed funds and the scheduled amortization of securities and loans are generally more predictable funding sources, deposit flows and loan and securities repayments are less predictable in nature, as they are subject to external factors beyond our control. Among these are changes in the economy and local real estate values; competition from other financial institutions and non-traditional financial services companies; and changes in short- and intermediate-term interest rates. Depending on the volume and cost of deposits acquired in our business combinations, we may opt not to compete aggressively for deposits, and may also allow our higher-cost deposits to run off.

Our principal investing activity is multi-family lending, which is supplemented by the production of CRE and, to a lesser extent, ADC and C&I loans. In 2009, loan originations totaled \$4.3 billion, including multi-family loans and CRE loans of \$1.9 billion and \$673.8 million, respectively. While the growth of the loan portfolio in 2009 was largely due to the AmTrust acquisition, organic loan production was primarily funded with cash flows from loan repayments, borrowed funds, and brokered deposits, while the cash flows from the sale and repayment of securities were primarily reinvested into GSE securities. The net cash provided by investing activities in 2009 totaled \$3.8 billion, including cash and cash equivalents received in the AmTrust acquisition. In addition, our operating activities provided net cash of \$211.6 million in 2009.

In 2009, the net cash used in financing activities totaled \$1.5 billion, primarily reflecting a \$266.4 million net decrease in cash flows from deposits and the net proceeds of \$864.9 million from our common stock offering in December 2009. These inflows were partially offset by the use of \$347.6 million for the payment of cash dividends.

We monitor our liquidity on a daily basis to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet our financial obligations. Our most liquid assets are cash and cash equivalents, which totaled \$2.7 billion at the end of this December, in contrast to \$203.2 million at December 31, 2008. Reflected in the current year-end balance was the cash received in the AmTrust acquisition, which is currently awaiting deployment into higher-yielding assets. Additional liquidity stems from our portfolio of available-for-sale securities, which totaled \$1.5 billion at the end of this December, and from the Banks' approved lines of credit with the FHLB-NY.

CDs due to mature in one year or less from December 31, 2009 totaled \$7.2 billion, representing 79.6% of total CDs at that date. Our ability to retain these CDs and to attract new deposits depends on numerous factors,

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including customer satisfaction, the rates of interest we pay on our deposits, the types of products we offer, and the attractiveness of their terms. As previously mentioned, there are times that we may choose not to compete for deposits, depending on our access to deposits through acquisitions, the availability of lower-cost funding sources, the competitiveness of the market and its impact on pricing, and our need for such deposits to fund loan demand.

In 2009, the primary sources of funds for the Parent Company included dividend payments from the Banks, the proceeds from the issuance of common stock, and the sale and repayment of investment securities. The ability of the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank to pay dividends and other capital distributions to the Parent Company is generally limited by New York State banking law and regulations, and by certain regulations of the FDIC. In addition, the New York State Superintendent of Banks (the Superintendent), the FDIC, and the Federal Reserve Bank, for reasons of safety and soundness, may prohibit the payment of dividends that are otherwise permissible by regulation.

Under New York State Banking Law, a New York State-chartered stock-form savings bank or commercial bank may declare and pay dividends out of its net profits, unless there is an impairment of capital. However, the approval of the Superintendent is required if the total of all dividends declared in a calendar year would exceed the total of a bank's net profits for that year, combined with its retained net profits for the preceding two years. In 2009, the Banks paid dividends totaling \$300.0 million to the Parent Company, leaving \$274.2 million that they could dividend to the Parent Company without regulatory approval at December 31st. In addition, the Parent Company had \$167.8 million in cash and cash equivalents at year-end 2009, together with \$6.9 million of available-for-sale securities. If either of the Banks applies to the Superintendent for approval to make a dividend or capital distribution in excess of the dividend amounts permitted under the regulations, there can be no assurance that such an application would be approved by the regulatory authorities.

In 2009, the Federal Reserve Bank issued a policy statement regarding the payment of dividends by bank holding companies. In general, the Federal Reserve Bank's policies provide that dividends should be paid only out of current earnings and only if the prospective rate of earnings retention by the bank holding company appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality, and overall financial condition. The Federal Reserve Bank's policies also require that a bank holding company serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks by standing ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to those banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and by maintaining the financial flexibility and capital-raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks where necessary. Under the prompt corrective action laws, the ability of a bank holding company to pay dividends may be restricted if a subsidiary bank becomes undercapitalized. These regulatory policies could affect the ability of the Company to pay dividends or otherwise engage in capital distributions.

Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance-Sheet Commitments

In the normal course of business, we enter into a variety of contractual obligations in order to manage our assets and liabilities, fund loan growth, operate our branch network, and address our capital needs.

For example, we offer CDs to our customers under contract, and borrow funds under contract from the FHLB and various brokerage firms. These contractual obligations are reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Condition under deposits and borrowed funds, respectively. At December 31, 2009, we recorded CDs of \$9.1 billion and long-term debt (defined as borrowed funds with an original maturity in excess of one year) of \$14.2 billion.

We also are obligated under certain non-cancelable operating leases on the buildings and land we use in operating our branch network and in performing our back-office responsibilities. These obligations are not included in the Consolidated Statements of Condition and totaled \$188.1 million at December 31, 2009.

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The following table sets forth the maturity profile of the aforementioned contractual obligations:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Certificates of Deposit | Long-term Debt⁽¹⁾ | Operating Leases⁽²⁾ | Total |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| One year or less | \$ 7,210,758 | \$ 1,069,663 | \$ 27,889 | \$ 8,308,310 |
| One to three years | 1,694,703 | 1,174,156 | 49,749 | 2,918,608 |
| Three to five years | 141,305 | 996,863 | 38,836 | 1,177,004 |
| More than five years | 7,125 | 10,924,004 | 71,654 | 11,002,783 |
| Total | \$ 9,053,891 | \$ 14,164,686 | \$ 188,128 | \$ 23,406,705 |

(1) Includes FHLB advances, repurchase agreements, junior subordinated debentures, preferred stock of subsidiaries, and senior notes.

(2) Includes leases for AmTrust's banking facilities. (Please see Item 2, Properties, for further information.)

We had no contractual obligations to purchase loans or securities at December 31, 2009.

At December 31, 2009, we had commitments to extend credit in the form of mortgage and other loan originations. These off-balance-sheet commitments consist of agreements to extend credit, as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract under which the loan is made. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee.

At December 31, 2009, commitments to originate mortgage loans totaled \$929.9 million, including \$474.4 million of one- to four-family loans committed for sale. Commitments to originate other loans totaled \$517.6 million, including unadvanced lines of credit. The majority of our loan commitments were expected to be funded within 90 days of that date.

In addition, we had off-balance-sheet commitments to issue commercial, performance, and financial stand-by letters of credit of \$12.2 million, \$12.6 million, and \$23.2 million, respectively, at December 31, 2009.

The following table sets forth our off-balance-sheet commitments relating to outstanding loan commitments and letters of credit at December 31, 2009:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
|---|---------------------|
| Mortgage Loan Commitments: | |
| Multi-family loans | \$ 232,093 |
| Commercial real estate loans | 50,311 |
| Acquisition, development, and construction loans | 173,091 |
| One- to four-family loans held for sale | 474,411 |
| Total mortgage loan commitments | 929,906 |
| Other loan commitments | 43,942 |
| Unused lines of credit | 473,659 |
| Total other loan commitments | 517,601 |
| Total loan commitments | \$ 1,447,507 |
| Commercial, performance, and financial stand-by letters of credit | 47,976 |

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Total commitments

\$ 1,495,483

Based upon the current strength of our liquidity position, we expect that our funding will be sufficient to fulfill these obligations and commitments when they are due.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses various financial instruments, including derivatives, in connection with strategies to reduce price risk resulting from changes in interest rates. The Company's derivative financial instruments consist of financial forward and futures contracts, interest rate lock commitments, swaps, and options. These derivatives relate to mortgage banking operations, MSR's, and other risk management activities. These derivatives seek to mitigate or reduce the Company's exposure to losses from adverse changes in interest rates. These activities will vary in scope based on the level and volatility of interest rates, the type of assets held, and other changing market conditions. The Company held derivative financial instruments with notional values of \$1.4 billion at December 31, 2009. Please see Note 15, Derivative Financial Instruments.

Table of Contents*Capital Position*

In 2009, our capital position was significantly strengthened by strategic actions that were taken to increase our tangible capital and our measures of tangible capital strength. In addition to selling 13.2 million shares of our common stock through our DRP during the year, we exchanged 1.4 million of our BONUSSES units for 4.8 million common shares in August, and sold 69.0 million shares in a common stock offering in December 2009 in conjunction with the AmTrust acquisition. The sale of shares through our DRP generated \$147.3 million, while the common stock offering generated net proceeds of \$864.9 million and the BONUSSES unit exchange generated \$39.1 million.

Reflecting these actions, as well as the increase in our 2009 earnings, stockholders' equity rose to \$5.4 billion at December 31, 2009 from \$4.2 billion at December 31, 2008. The balance at December 31, 2009 was equivalent to 12.73% of total assets and a book value per share of \$12.40, as compared to 13.00% of total assets and a book value of \$12.25 per share at December 31, 2008. The calculations of book value per share at the respective year-ends were based on 432,898,084 and 344,353,808 shares, respectively.

We calculate book value per share by subtracting the number of unallocated Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) shares at the end of a period from the number of shares outstanding at the same date, and then dividing our total stockholders' equity by the resultant number of shares. Reflecting the actions described above, the number of shares outstanding rose to 433,197,332 at December 31, 2009 from 344,985,111 at December 31, 2008. Included in the respective year-end amounts were unallocated ESOP shares of 299,248 and 631,303. (Please see the definition of book value per share that appears in the Glossary on page 3 of this report.)

Tangible stockholders' equity rose 66.6% year-over-year to \$2.8 billion from \$1.7 billion at December 31, 2008. We calculate our tangible stockholders' equity by subtracting the goodwill and CDI that stemmed from our various business combinations from the balance of stockholders' equity. At December 31, 2009, we recorded goodwill of \$2.4 billion, consistent with the year-earlier level, and CDI of \$105.8 million, as compared to \$87.8 million at December 31, 2008. The growth of our tangible capital was paralleled by the enhancement of our tangible capital measures. At December 31, 2009, tangible stockholders' equity represented 7.13% of tangible assets, a 147-basis point increase from the measure at December 31, 2008. Excluding AOCL from the calculation, the ratio of adjusted tangible stockholders' equity to adjusted tangible assets rose to 7.25% at the end of this December from 5.94% at the prior year-end. (Please see the reconciliations of stockholders' equity and tangible stockholders' equity and the related measures on page 85 of this report.)

The year-over-year increase in tangible stockholders' equity reflects the benefit of the aforementioned strategic actions, which was somewhat tempered by the distribution of cash dividends totaling \$347.6 million in the form of four quarterly cash dividends of \$0.25 per share, or \$1.00 per share, annualized. The latter increase was more than offset by a \$10.4 million reduction in the charge to stockholders' equity stemming from our pension and post-retirement plan obligations to \$39.7 million, and a \$27.0 million decline in after-tax net unrealized securities losses to \$10.2 million. Reflecting the reductions in the respective charges, AOCL declined \$37.4 million year-over-year to \$49.9 million at December 31, 2009.

Consistent with our focus on capital strength and preservation, the level of stockholders' equity at December 31, 2009 continued to exceed the minimum federal requirements for a bank holding company. The following tables set forth our total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based, and leverage capital amounts and ratios on a consolidated basis at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the respective minimum regulatory capital requirements:

Regulatory Capital Analysis

| At December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands) | Actual | | Minimum Required |
|--|--------------|--------|---------------------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Ratio |
| Total risk-based capital | \$ 3,500,748 | 15.03% | 8.00% |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital | 3,373,258 | 14.48 | 4.00 |
| Leverage capital | 3,373,258 | 10.03 | 4.00 |

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| At December 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands) | Actual | | Minimum Required |
|--|--------------|--------|---------------------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Ratio |
| Total risk-based capital | \$ 2,430,510 | 11.96% | 8.00% |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital | 2,336,142 | 11.49 | 4.00 |
| Leverage capital | 2,336,142 | 7.84 | 4.00 |

The capital strength of the Company is paralleled by the solid capital position of the Banks. At December 31, 2009, the capital ratios for the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank continued to exceed the minimum levels required for classification as well capitalized institutions under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, as further discussed in Note 18 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Regulatory Matters, in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 2009 and 2008 COMPARISON*Earnings Summary*

In 2009, our net income rose to \$398.6 million from \$77.9 million in 2008. The 2009 amount was equivalent to diluted earnings per share of \$1.13, up from \$0.23 per diluted share in the year-earlier twelve months.

The growth of our 2009 earnings was primarily fueled by an increase in net interest income, the expansion of our net interest margin, and the benefit of the AmTrust acquisition on December 4th. Net interest income rose \$229.8 million, or 34.0%, year-over-year to \$905.3 million, while our net interest margin rose 64 basis points to 3.12%. These improvements were primarily due to the growth of the loan portfolio through organic loan production and the AmTrust acquisition; the steepening of the yield curve, as short-term rates of interest remained at historically low levels; and the reduction of our funding costs over the course of the year.

Although our 2009 earnings reflected less than one month of combined operations, the AmTrust acquisition provided a pre-tax bargain purchase gain (the gain on AmTrust acquisition) of \$139.6 million, which accounted for \$84.2 million of our 2009 earnings and \$0.22 of our 2009 diluted earnings per share. In addition, we recorded an after-tax gain of \$1.9 million in connection with the termination of an AmTrust-related servicing hedge.

We also recorded a \$4.3 million pre-tax gain on the strategic repurchase of certain REIT- and trust preferred securities in the fourth quarter, and a \$5.7 million pre-tax gain on the exchange of our BONUSSES units for common shares in the third quarter of 2009. Reflecting these gains, as well as those that stemmed from the AmTrust acquisition, our non-interest income rose to \$157.6 million in 2009 from \$15.5 million in 2008. On an after-tax basis, the respective gains were equivalent to \$3.1 million and \$3.4 million.

The growth of our non-interest income was partly offset by pre-tax OTTI losses of \$96.5 million, equivalent to \$58.5 million after-tax. Included in the pre-tax amount was an OTTI loss of \$25.1 million that was recognized based on information received subsequent to the issuance of our fourth quarter 2009 earnings release. On an after-tax basis, this loss was equivalent to \$15.3 million.

Reflecting the resolution of various tax audits, our 2009 earnings also included a \$14.3 million reduction in income tax expense. This contribution to earnings combined with the gains recorded in non-interest income to more than offset the impact of the OTTI losses and a special assessment imposed on all FDIC-insured banks in the second quarter of the year. In our case, the special assessment was equivalent to \$14.8 million, or \$8.9 million after-tax.

The net effect of the aforementioned gains and the aforementioned charges was a \$49.3 million contribution to 2009 earnings and a \$0.14 contribution to diluted earnings per share.

Earnings growth was somewhat constrained by a \$55.3 million increase in our provision for loan losses to \$63.0 million, and by a \$26.3 million increase in FDIC insurance premiums, recorded in 2009 general and administrative (G&A) expense. Although operating expenses were generally increased by the AmTrust-related expansion of our staff and operations, the impact of the increase was more than offset by the contributions of AmTrust to our 2009 earnings and by the potential for continued earnings and revenue growth in future periods.

In 2008, our earnings were reduced by certain charges which more than offset the benefit of a \$17.1 million after-tax gain on the repurchase of certain trust preferred securities and a \$1.1 million

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after-tax Visa-related gain. Reflecting the strategic prepayment of certain borrowed funds in the second quarter, we recorded an after-tax debt repositioning charge of \$199.2 million in 2008. In addition, after-tax OTTI losses totaled \$62.7 million in the wake of Wall Street's third quarter 2008 turmoil. Our 2008 earnings were further reduced by a \$2.3 million after-tax litigation settlement charge.

The net effect of these 2008 charges and gains was a \$244.6 million reduction in 2008 earnings and a \$0.73 reduction in our 2008 diluted earnings per share. Please see the comparison of our 2008 and 2007 earnings beginning on page 78 for a more detailed description of the factors that influenced our earnings in 2008.

Net Interest Income

The level of net interest income is a function of the average balance of our interest-earning assets, the average balance of our interest-bearing liabilities, and the spread between the yield on such assets and the cost of such liabilities. These factors are influenced by both the pricing and mix of our interest-earning assets and our interest-bearing liabilities which, in turn, are impacted by various external factors, including the local economy, competition for loans and deposits, the monetary policy of the FOMC, and market interest rates.

The cost of our deposits and borrowed funds is largely based on short-term rates of interest, the level of which is partially impacted by the actions of the FOMC. The FOMC reduces, maintains, or increases the target federal funds rate (the rate at which banks borrow from one another), as it deems necessary. In an effort to energize an economy plagued by rising unemployment and falling real estate values, the FOMC reduced the target federal funds rate seven times in 2008, from 4.25% at the start of the year to an historically low range of zero to 25 basis points on December 16th. Despite statistical indications that the two-year-long recession had ended, unemployment rose to 10.1% in October 2009 and was 10.0% in December. With unemployment increasing, real estate values still depressed, and home foreclosures rising, the FOMC maintained the target federal funds rate at zero to 25 basis points throughout 2009.

As a result of the low level of short-term interest rates, we substantially reduced our cost of deposits and borrowed funds over the course of the year. With certain of our competitors offering higher rates to attract deposits, we chose to utilize lower-cost wholesale funding to fuel our loan and asset growth. Consistent with our practice of using wholesale funds when they present an attractively priced alternative to retail funding, we continued to use FHLB advances and lower-cost brokered deposits through most of 2009. With the infusion of AmTrust's deposits in December, we enhanced our mix of funding sources, increasing our ratio of deposits to total assets to 52.9% from 44.3% at year-end 2008.

The yields generated by our loans and other interest-earning assets are typically driven by intermediate-term interest rates, which are set by the market and generally vary from day to day. While intermediate-term rates were generally lower in 2009 than they were in 2008, the disparity between intermediate and short-term rates was such that the spreads on our loans were wider as the yield curve steepened between 2008 and 2009.

The yields on our loans are also impacted by the level of prepayment penalty income we receive. In 2009, the continuing reluctance of property owners to refinance their loans as real estate values eroded and economic uncertainty continued, resulted in a 69.4% decline in prepayment penalty income to \$7.6 million from an already modest \$24.9 million in 2008. As a result, prepayment penalty income added three basis points to our average yield on loans in the current twelve-month period, down from twelve basis points in 2008. However, the impact of this decline on our interest income was far exceeded by the benefit of the growth of our average loan portfolio. In addition to the loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, loan growth was driven by organic loan production, with originations exceeding loan repayments by \$1.0 billion in 2009.

As a result of these factors, net interest income rose 34.0% in 2009 to \$905.3 million, from \$675.5 million in 2008. The level of net interest income in 2008 was reduced by a debt repositioning charge of \$39.6 million in connection with the prepayment of \$700.0 million of wholesale borrowings.

In addition, the level of net interest income in 2009 reflects the amortization and accretion of mark-to-market adjustments on the assets and liabilities acquired in the AmTrust acquisition on December 4th.

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Interest Income

Interest income rose \$29.5 million year-over-year to \$1.6 billion in the twelve months ended December 31, 2009. Although the average yield on interest-earning assets fell 27 basis points to 5.63% from the year-earlier level, the impact of this decline was exceeded by the benefit of a \$1.8 billion, or 6.8%, increase in the average balance to \$29.0 billion. Loans generated \$1.3 billion of 2009's interest income, representing a \$65.3 million increase from the year-earlier amount. The increase was the net effect of a \$2.2 billion rise in the average balance of loans to \$23.0 billion and a 29-basis point reduction in the average yield to 5.76%. The interest income produced by loans was also somewhat tempered by the reduction in prepayment penalty income year-over-year.

The increase in interest income produced by loans was only partially offset by a \$35.8 million decline in the interest income produced by securities and money market investments to \$309.0 million. This decline was the result of a \$308.8 million reduction in the average balance to \$6.0 billion and a 32-basis point reduction in the average yield to 5.11%. Although securities of \$760.0 million were acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, their addition to the balance of such assets at the end of December was not sufficient to offset the impact of our year-long strategic decline in securities.

Interest Expense

Notwithstanding a \$2.1 billion, or 8.2%, increase in the average balance of such funds to \$27.6 billion, the interest expense produced by interest-bearing liabilities in 2009 declined \$200.3 million to \$729.3 million from the level recorded in 2008. The impact of the higher average balance on interest expense was exceeded by the benefit of a 100-basis point reduction in the average cost of funds to 2.65%.

While the rise in the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities primarily reflects the liabilities acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, the lower cost reflects a combination of factors, including the low level of short-term interest rates; the year-long run-off of higher-cost deposits; and the strategic actions we took in the second half of the year. In the third quarter of 2009, we exchanged 1.4 million BONUSES units with an average cost of 6.0% for common shares and then, in the fourth quarter, repurchased certain of our REIT- and trust preferred securities. In addition, we continued to benefit from the second quarter 2008 prepayment of wholesale borrowings totaling \$4.0 billion with an average cost of 5.19%.

The bulk of the decrease in interest expense was attributable to interest-bearing deposits, which generated 2009 interest expense of \$212.8 million, down \$135.6 million from the level recorded in 2008. While the average balance of such funds rose \$1.0 billion to \$13.6 billion, the impact was far exceeded by a 121-basis point reduction in the average cost to 1.56%.

CDs accounted for \$163.2 million of the interest expense produced by interest-bearing deposits, a \$108.4 million reduction from the 2008 amount. At 2.59%, the average cost of CDs was 140 basis points lower than the year-earlier measure; in addition, the average balance declined \$514.7 million year-over-year to \$6.3 billion. The interest expense produced by NOW and money market accounts fell \$20.8 million to \$33.8 million, as the impact of a \$1.4 billion increase in the average balance to \$4.5 billion was exceeded by the benefit of a 99-basis point decline in the average cost to 0.75%. Similarly, the interest expense produced by savings accounts fell \$6.3 million to \$15.9 million, the net effect of a \$208.4 million increase in the average balance to \$2.8 billion and a 29-basis point decline in the average cost to 0.56%.

Borrowed funds contributed \$516.5 million to 2009 interest expense, down \$64.8 million from the year-earlier level, as the impact of a \$1.1 billion increase in the average balance to \$13.9 billion was exceeded by the benefit of an 81-basis point decline in the average cost to 3.70%. The interest expense produced by borrowed funds in 2008 included a debt repositioning charge of \$39.6 million in connection with the strategic prepayment of wholesale borrowings in the second quarter of that year.

Net Interest Margin and Interest Rate Spread

Reflecting the same combination of factors that increased our net interest income, our spread and margin also rose in 2009. At 2.98%, our interest rate spread was 73 basis points wider than the year-earlier measure; at 3.12%, our net interest margin was 64 basis points wider than the measure recorded in 2008. The expansion of these measures occurred despite the decline in prepayment penalty income, which contributed three basis points to each of our 2009 spread and margin, as compared to nine basis points to each of these measures in 2008.

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It should be noted that the level of prepayment penalty income in any given period depends on the volume of loans that refinance or prepay during that time. Such activity is largely dependent on current market conditions, including real estate values, the perceived or actual direction of market interest rates, and the contractual repricing and maturity dates of our multi-family and CRE loans. As a result, the level of prepayment penalty income we record is difficult to predict.

Table of Contents**Net Interest Income Analysis**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our average balance sheet for the years indicated, including the average yields on our interest-earning assets and the average costs of our interest-bearing liabilities. Average yields are calculated by dividing the interest income produced by the average balance of interest-earning assets. Average costs are calculated by dividing the interest expense produced by the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities. The average balances for the year are derived from average balances that are calculated daily. The average yields and costs include fees and premiums and discounts (including mark-to-market adjustments from acquisitions) that are considered adjustments to such average yields and costs.

| | For the Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 | | | 2008 | | | 2007 | | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Average Balance | Interest | Average Yield/ Cost | Average Balance | Interest | Average Yield/ Cost | Average Balance | Interest | Average Yield/ Cost |
| ASSETS: | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| Mortgage and other loans, net ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 22,996,752 | \$ 1,325,601 | 5.76% | \$ 20,843,714 | \$ 1,260,291 | 6.05% | \$ 19,425,469 | \$ 1,217,348 | 6.27% |
| Securities and money market investments ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 6,046,016 | 309,011 | 5.11 | 6,354,826 | 344,838 | 5.43 | 6,468,182 | 349,397 | 5.40 |
| Total interest-earning assets | 29,042,768 | 1,634,612 | 5.63 | 27,198,540 | 1,605,129 | 5.90 | 25,893,651 | 1,566,745 | 6.05 |
| Non-interest-earning assets | 4,241,521 | | | 3,961,236 | | | 3,754,921 | | |
| Total assets | \$ 33,284,289 | | | \$ 31,159,776 | | | \$ 29,648,572 | | |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY: | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| NOW and money market accounts | \$ 4,481,377 | \$ 33,788 | 0.75% | \$ 3,131,137 | \$ 54,599 | 1.74% | \$ 2,925,648 | \$ 90,346 | 3.09% |
| Savings accounts | 2,829,237 | 15,859 | 0.56 | 2,620,864 | 22,179 | 0.85 | 2,534,276 | 27,714 | 1.09 |
| Certificates of deposit | 6,296,344 | 163,168 | 2.59 | 6,811,031 | 271,615 | 3.99 | 6,683,162 | 307,764 | 4.61 |
| Total interest-bearing deposits | 13,606,958 | 212,815 | 1.56 | 12,563,032 | 348,393 | 2.77 | 12,143,086 | 425,824 | 3.51 |
| Borrowed funds | 13,943,594 | 516,472 | 3.70 | 12,890,813 | 581,241 | 4.51 | 11,991,559 | 524,391 | 4.37 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 27,550,552 | 729,287 | 2.65 | 25,453,845 | 929,634 | 3.65 | 24,134,645 | 950,215 | 3.94 |
| Non-interest-bearing deposits | 1,221,709 | | | 1,316,237 | | | 1,318,633 | | |
| Other liabilities | 222,003 | | | 212,362 | | | 279,352 | | |
| Total liabilities | 28,994,264 | | | 26,982,444 | | | 25,732,630 | | |
| Stockholders equity | 4,290,025 | | | 4,177,332 | | | 3,915,942 | | |

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|--|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Total liabilities and stockholders equity | \$ 33,284,289 | | \$ 31,159,776 | | \$ 29,648,572 | |
| Net interest income/interest rate spread | \$ 905,325 | 2.98% | \$ 675,495 | 2.25% | \$ 616,530 | 2.11% |
| Net interest-earning assets/net interest margin | \$ 1,492,216 | 3.12% | \$ 1,744,695 | 2.48% | \$ 1,759,006 | 2.38% |
| Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities | | 1.05x | | 1.07x | | 1.07x |

- (1) Amounts are net of net deferred loan origination costs/(fees) and the allowance for loan losses, and include loans held for sale and non-performing loans.
- (2) Amounts are at amortized cost.
- (3) Includes FHLB stock.

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The following table presents the extent to which changes in interest rates and changes in the volume of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities have affected our interest income and interest expense during the periods indicated. Information is provided in each category with respect to (i) the changes attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate), (ii) the changes attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume), and (iii) the net change. The changes attributable to the combined impact of volume and rate have been allocated proportionately to the changes due to volume and the changes due to rate.

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Year Ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2008 | | | Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007 | | |
|---|---|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | Increase/(Decrease) Due to | | | Increase/(Decrease) Due to | | |
| | Volume | Rate | Net | Volume | Rate | Net |
| INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS: | | | | | | |
| Mortgage and other loans, net | \$ 119,105 | \$ (53,795) | \$ 65,310 | \$ 82,848 | \$ (39,905) | \$ 42,943 |
| Securities and money market investments | (16,314) | (19,513) | (35,827) | (6,161) | 1,602 | (4,559) |
| Total | 102,791 | (73,308) | 29,483 | 76,687 | (38,303) | 38,384 |
| INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES: | | | | | | |
| NOW and money market accounts | \$ 65,800 | \$ (86,611) | \$ (20,811) | \$ 6,877 | \$ (42,624) | \$ (35,747) |
| Savings accounts | 1,947 | (8,267) | (6,320) | 985 | (6,520) | (5,535) |
| Certificates of deposit | (19,249) | (89,198) | (108,447) | 6,020 | (42,169) | (36,149) |
| Borrowed funds | 54,615 | (119,384) | (64,769) | 40,189 | 16,661 | 56,850 |
| Total | 103,113 | (303,460) | (200,347) | 54,071 | (74,652) | (20,581) |
| Change in net interest income | \$ (322) | \$ 230,152 | \$ 229,830 | \$ 22,616 | \$ 36,349 | \$ 58,965 |

Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses is based on management's periodic assessment of the adequacy of the loan loss allowance which, in turn, is based on its evaluation of inherent losses in our loan portfolio in accordance with GAAP.

In 2009, management's assessments considered several factors, including the current and historical performance of the loan portfolio; its inherent risk characteristics; the level of non-performing loans and charge-offs; delinquency levels and trends; local economic and market conditions; declines in real estate values; and the levels of unemployment and vacancy rates.

Reflecting management's assessment of these factors, we increased our provision for loan losses over the course of the year to \$63.0 million from \$7.7 million in 2008. The 2009 provision exceeded the year's net charge-offs by \$33.1 million; as a result, the allowance for loan losses rose to \$127.5 million from \$94.4 million at December 31, 2008.

For additional information about the provision for loan losses, please see the discussion of the allowance for loan losses under Critical Accounting Policies earlier in this filing, together with the discussion of Asset Quality that begins on page 57 of this report.

Non-interest Income

The non-interest income we produce stems from several sources, some of which are ongoing and some of which are not. Among our ongoing sources of non-interest income are fee income in the form of retail deposit fees and charges on loans; income from our investment in BOLI; and other income which is typically derived from such varied sources as the sale of third-party investment products; the sale of one- to four-family loans on a conduit basis; and revenues from our wholly-owned subsidiary, Peter B. Cannell & Co., Inc. (PBC), an investment advisory firm. In connection with the AmTrust acquisition, the other income derived from these traditional sources was supplemented by other income from AmTrust's mortgage banking unit which originates loans held for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

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In 2009, the combined non-interest income from fee income, BOLI income, and other income rose to \$104.2 million from \$102.3 million in 2008. While fee income and BOLI income declined modestly year-over-year, to

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\$40.1 million and \$27.4 million, respectively, the combined reduction of \$2.4 million was exceeded by a \$4.2 million increase in other income to \$36.7 million. Included in the latter amount was a \$3.1 million gain on the termination of a mortgage servicing hedge acquired in the AmTrust acquisition and other AmTrust-related revenues of \$12.1 million. These additions to other income more than offset year-over-year declines in revenues from the sale of third-party investment products and the revenues produced by PBC.

In addition to the non-interest income produced by these ongoing sources, we recorded a \$139.6 million gain on the AmTrust acquisition in 2009. The gain reflects the degree to which the fair value of the assets acquired in the AmTrust acquisition exceeded the fair value of the liabilities assumed. Please see Note 3, Business Combinations, in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

We also recorded a \$10.1 million gain on the repurchase of certain REIT- and trust preferred securities in the fourth quarter and on the exchange of BONUSES units in the third quarter of the year. Although the gain on debt repurchases/exchange we recorded in 2009 was \$6.9 million less than the gain on debt repurchase recorded in 2008, our 2009 OTTI losses were \$7.8 million less than the OTTI losses recorded in the prior year. OTTI losses of \$9.7 million in 2009 related to non-credit factors and were therefore charged to AOCL in accordance with new accounting requirements described on page 64 under Securities.

This combination of factors resulted in our recording 2009 non-interest income of \$157.6 million, in contrast to \$15.5 million in 2008.

Non-interest Income Analysis

The following table summarizes our sources of non-interest income in 2009, 2008, and 2007:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Fee income | \$ 40,074 | \$ 41,191 | \$ 42,170 |
| BOLI | 27,406 | 28,644 | 26,142 |
| Net gain on sale of securities | 338 | 573 | 1,888 |
| Gain (loss) on debt repurchases/exchanges | 10,054 | 16,962 | (1,848) |
| Gain on AmTrust acquisition | 139,607 | | |
| Loss on OTTI of securities | (96,533) | (104,317) | (56,958) |
| Gain on sale of bank-owned property | | | 64,879 |
| Other income: | | | |
| PBC | 10,610 | 13,205 | 14,905 |
| Third-party investment product sales | 9,936 | 12,188 | 9,539 |
| Gain on sale of loans | 10,470 | 326 | 705 |
| Other | 5,677 | 6,757 | 9,670 |
| Total other income | 36,693 | 32,476 | 34,819 |
| Total non-interest income | \$ 157,639 | \$ 15,529 | \$ 111,092 |

Non-interest Expense

Non-interest expense has two primary components: operating expenses, which include compensation and benefits, occupancy and equipment, and G&A expenses; and the amortization of the CDI stemming from our various business combinations. CDI amortization totaled \$22.8 million in 2009 as compared to \$23.3 million in 2008.

In 2009, we recorded operating expenses of \$384.0 million, up \$63.2 million from the year-earlier amount. Although the increase stemmed from all three categories, the bulk of the increase was attributable to higher FDIC premiums and the FDIC special assessment imposed in the second quarter, which totaled \$45.8 million, and accounted for the \$45.4 million increase in G&A expense to \$125.6 million. Also reflected in 2009 G&A expense were \$7.5 million in AmTrust acquisition-related costs.

Compensation and benefits expense rose \$14.7 million year-over-year, to \$184.7 million, partly reflecting the AmTrust acquisition-related expansion of our branch and back-office staffs. In addition, the increase in compensation and benefits expense reflects normal salary increases, the expansion of certain existing back-office departments, and the granting of incentive stock awards. The increase in occupancy and equipment

expense in 2009 was far more modest, rising \$3.1 million to \$73.7 million year-over-year.

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Although operating expenses rose year-over-year, the increase was exceeded by the growth of our net interest income and non-interest income, resulting in an improvement in our efficiency ratio to 36.13% in 2009 from 46.43% in 2008. While our 2010 operating expenses will reflect the full-year impact of the AmTrust acquisition, we would expect the acquisition to benefit our net interest income and non-interest income as well.

In 2008, the level of non-interest expense recorded was increased by a charge of \$285.4 million for the prepayment of \$3.3 billion in wholesale borrowings and other borrowed funds. Reflecting the impact of this charge, 2008 non-interest expense totaled \$629.5 million; in contrast, we recorded non-interest expense of \$406.8 million in 2009.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit)

Income tax expense (benefit) includes federal, New York State, and New York City income taxes, as well as non-material income taxes from other jurisdictions where we have branch operations or operate certain of our subsidiaries.

In 2009, we recorded pre-tax income of \$593.1 million, in contrast to \$53.8 million in 2008. As a result of this significant difference, we recorded 2009 income tax expense of \$194.5 million in contrast to an income tax benefit of \$24.1 million in the year-earlier twelve months. Similarly, our effective tax rate was 32.79% in 2009, in contrast to a negative 44.78% in 2008.

In 2008, our pre-tax earnings were substantially reduced by the \$325.0 million debt repositioning charge recorded in the second quarter and by OTTI losses of \$104.3 million. In 2009, our OTTI losses were more than offset by the benefit of the aforementioned gain on the AmTrust acquisition. In addition, our 2009 income tax expense reflects the benefit of a \$14.3 million downward adjustment in connection with the resolution of various tax audits in the second half of the year.

In July 2009, new tax laws were enacted that were effective for the determination of our New York City income tax liability for calendar year 2009. In general, these laws conformed the New York City tax rules to those of New York State. Included in these new tax laws was a provision requiring the inclusion of income earned by a subsidiary taxed as a REIT for federal tax purposes, regardless of the location in which the REIT subsidiary conducts its business or the timing of its distribution of earnings. Although the full inclusion of REIT-generated income will begin in 2011, the new tax law increased our 2009 income tax expense by \$1.6 million. Absent any change in the manner in which we conduct our business, current income tax expense is estimated to increase by approximately \$1.3 million for 2010, with a larger increase starting in 2011.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 2008 and 2007 COMPARISON

Earnings Summary

Our 2008 earnings were highlighted by a \$59.0 million, or 9.6%, increase in net interest income to \$675.5 million, and by a ten-basis point increase in our net interest margin to 2.48%. The increases were driven by double-digit loan growth and by a meaningful reduction in our cost of funds. The increase in net interest income occurred despite a \$32.8 million decline in prepayment penalty income to \$24.9 million, which was equivalent to a nine-basis point reduction in our average interest-earning assets yield.

The reduction in our funding costs was partly due to the steady decline in the target federal funds rate, but also to certain strategic actions taken during the year. In May and June 2008, we prepaid \$4.0 billion of higher-cost borrowed funds, as previously mentioned, and replaced those funds with \$3.8 billion of wholesale borrowings featuring lower interest rates.

While the repositioning of our debt contributed to the expansion of our margin and net interest income in the third and fourth quarters, it generated a pre-tax charge of \$325.0 million in the second quarter of the year. Of the latter amount, \$39.6 million was recorded as interest expense, thus reducing our net interest income by that amount to the aforementioned level and our net interest margin by 15 basis points to the measure cited above. The remaining \$285.4 million of the pre-tax charge was recorded in non-interest expense.

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Primarily reflecting the \$285.4 million debt repositioning charge, and a \$21.2 million increase in operating expenses to \$320.8 million, non-interest expense rose \$304.0 million to \$629.5 million year-over-year. The increase in operating expenses in large part reflects the full-year impact of our 2007 acquisitions of PennFed Financial Services, Inc. (PennFed), Synergy Financial Group, Inc. (Synergy), and 11 branches of Doral Bank, FSB (Doral) in New York City, which not only increased our number of branches, but also our staffing and G&A expense.

On an after-tax basis, the combined debt repositioning charge reduced our 2008 earnings by \$199.2 million, or \$0.60 per common and diluted share.

The decline in the capital markets also had an impact on our 2008 performance, as we recorded total losses of \$104.3 million on the OTTI of securities during the year. The OTTI losses reduced our 2008 non-interest income to \$15.5 million and, on an after-tax basis, reduced our 2008 earnings by \$62.7 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share.

In view of the weakening economy and the increase in non-performing assets, we also recorded a \$7.7 million provision for loan losses in 2008. Reflecting the loan loss provision and net charge-offs of \$6.1 million, the allowance for loan losses rose to \$94.4 million at the end of the year.

While our 2008 earnings were highlighted by the increase in net interest income and the expansion of our net interest margin, the benefits of these increases were exceeded by the combined after-tax impact of the debt repositioning and OTTI losses, which together reduced our earnings by \$261.9 million, or \$0.79 per basic and diluted share. Reflecting the impact of the latter amount on our performance, we recorded earnings of \$77.9 million, or \$0.23 per basic and diluted share in 2008. Our results for 2008 include an income tax benefit of \$24.1 million.

In 2007, we recorded earnings of \$279.1 million, equivalent to \$0.90 per basic and diluted share. Our 2007 earnings reflected the nine-month benefit of the PennFed transaction, the five-month benefit of the Doral transaction, and the three-month benefit of the transaction with Synergy. In addition, our 2007 earnings reflected the following after-tax gains and charges:

A \$44.8 million gain on the sale of our Atlantic Bank headquarters in Manhattan;

A \$2.6 million benefit from certain tax audit developments;

A \$1.2 million net gain on the sale of securities;

A \$38.7 million loss on the OTTI of securities recorded in connection with the post-PennFed repositioning of our balance sheet;

A \$2.2 million charge for the prepayment of wholesale borrowings in connection with the repositioning of our balance sheet following the acquisition of PennFed;

A \$2.1 million charge for the merger-related allocation of ESOP shares in connection with our PennFed and Synergy transactions;

A \$1.2 million loss on debt redemption, in connection with the early redemption of certain trust preferred securities; and

A \$650,000 charge relating to our membership interest in Visa U.S.A.

The net effect of these after-tax gains and charges was a \$3.8 million, or \$0.01 per share, contribution to our 2007 earnings and our basic and diluted earnings per share.

Net Interest Income

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In 2008, our net interest income rose \$59.0 million, or 9.6% to \$675.5 million, and our net interest margin rose ten basis points to 2.48%. The increases were the result of the year-long decline in the federal funds rate, the related steepening of the yield curve, increased loan production, and the specific actions we took during the year to reduce our funding costs.

The target federal funds rate was maintained at 5.25% through September 18, 2007, and reduced to 4.25% by the end of that year. As a result of the steady economic decline that followed, the target federal funds rate was lowered seven times in 2008 in an effort to re-energize the economy. As home sales continued to fall and unemployment continued to increase, the FOMC reduced the target federal funds rate to an historically low range of zero to 0.25% on December 16, 2008.

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As a result of the decline in short-term interest rates, we substantially reduced our cost of deposits, as well as our cost of borrowed funds over the course of the year. With a number of competitors offering excessive rates to attract deposits, we chose to utilize lower-cost funds to fuel our loan and asset growth. Consistent with our practice of using wholesale funds when they present an attractively priced alternative to retail funding, we increased our use of lower-cost brokered deposits in 2008.

To further reduce our funding costs, we also decided to reposition our borrowed funds in the second quarter of the year. While the debt repositioning charge added \$39.6 million to the year's interest expense and 31 basis points to our average cost of funds (thus reducing our net interest income and net interest margin by the same figures), the benefits of the debt repositioning were reflected in our measures for the third and fourth quarters of 2008.

Although the disparity between short- and long-term rates resulted in an inverted yield curve in 2006 and the first half of 2007, the yield curve flattened out midway through that year and then began to grow steeper as short-term rates began to decline at a faster pace than long-term interest rates. As this disparity between short- and long-term rates continued, the yield curve grew even steeper, benefiting our net interest income and our margin in 2008.

In the face of mounting uncertainty about the financial and real estate markets, many of the property owners we lend to chose to postpone the refinancing of their multi-family and CRE loans in the past year. As a result, prepayment penalty income declined by 56.8% from \$57.6 million in 2007 to \$24.9 million in 2008. While the decline in prepayment penalty income reduced the average yields on our loans and assets, the impact of these reductions was significantly exceeded by the benefit of the increase in the average balances.

The benefits of our actions during the year were more fully reflected in our fourth quarter 2008 measures. In the last three months of 2008, and despite a \$2.1 million decline in prepayment penalty income to \$2.4 million, our net interest income rose \$47.2 million, or 30.6%, year-over-year to \$201.6 million, and our net interest margin rose 51 basis points year-over-year, to 2.87%.

Interest Income

In 2008, interest income rose \$38.4 million year-over-year to \$1.6 billion. The increase was driven by a \$1.3 billion rise in the average balance of interest-earning assets to \$27.2 billion and tempered by a 15-basis point decline in the average yield to 5.90%. Loans generated \$1.3 billion of the interest income recorded in 2008, representing a \$42.9 million increase from the year-earlier level. The latter increase was the result of a \$1.4 billion rise in the average balance of loans to \$20.8 billion, which exceeded the impact of a 22-basis point decline in the average yield to 6.05%. Significantly, the increase in our interest income was achieved despite the aforementioned decline in prepayment penalty income, as refinancing activity declined.

The interest income produced by securities and money market accounts declined \$4.6 million year-over-year to \$344.8 million, the net effect of a \$113.4 million decline in the average balance to \$6.4 billion and a three-basis point increase in the average yield to 5.43%.

Interest Expense

Interest expense declined \$20.6 million year-over-year, to \$929.6 million, the net effect of a 29-basis point decline in the average cost of funds to 3.65% and a \$1.3 billion increase in the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities to \$25.5 billion.

The level of interest expense recorded in 2008 was increased by the debt repositioning charge recorded in the second quarter. In addition to adding \$39.6 million to the interest expense produced in 2008 by borrowed funds and interest-bearing liabilities, the debt repositioning charge added 31 and 15 basis points to the respective average costs of such funds. The interest expense produced by borrowed funds rose \$56.9 million year-over-year, to \$581.2 million, as the average balance of such funds rose \$899.3 million to \$12.9 billion, offsetting a 29-basis point decrease in the average cost to 3.65%.

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Interest-bearing deposits produced interest expense of \$348.4 million in 2008, reflecting a year-over-year reduction of \$77.4 million, as a \$420.0 million increase in the average balance to \$12.6 billion was more than offset by a 74-basis point decline in the average cost to 2.77%. CDs accounted for \$271.6 million of the interest expense produced in 2008, reflecting a year-over-year reduction of \$36.1 million. The decrease was the net effect of a \$127.9 million rise in the average balance of CDs to \$6.8 billion, and a 62-basis point drop in the average cost of such funds to 3.99%.

The interest expense produced by savings accounts also declined in 2008, to \$22.2 million, from \$27.7 million in the year-earlier twelve months. The decrease stemmed from a 24-basis point decline in the average cost of such funds to 0.85%, which more than offset the impact of an \$86.6 million rise in the average balance to \$2.6 billion. NOW and money market accounts produced 2008 interest expense of \$54.6 million, representing a year-over-year reduction of \$35.7 million. The decline was the net effect of a \$205.5 million increase in the average balance to \$3.1 billion and a 135-basis point decline in the average cost to 1.74%. The higher average balance reflects our increased use of brokered deposits, while the decline in the average cost reflects the year-long reduction in short-term interest rates.

Non-interest-bearing deposits averaged \$1.3 billion in 2008, down \$21.4 million from the average balance recorded in the year-earlier twelve months.

Interest Rate Spread and Net Interest Margin

The same factors that contributed to the growth of our net interest income contributed to the expansion of our interest rate spread and net interest margin in 2008. At 2.25%, our spread was 14 basis points higher than the year-earlier measure; at 2.48%, our margin was up 10 basis points year-over-year. The extent to which these measures expanded in 2008 was constrained by the 15 basis points that were added by the aforementioned debt repositioning charge to our average cost of funds.

In addition, the average yields we recorded on our average balances of loans and interest-earning assets were reduced by the aforementioned decline in prepayment penalty income stemming primarily from multi-family and CRE loans. Prepayment penalty income added 22 basis points to each of our spread and margin in 2007; in contrast, prepayment penalty income added nine basis points to each of our spread and margin in 2008.

Provision for Loan Losses

Although net charge-offs represented 0.03% of average loans for the year, and non-performing loans represented 0.51% of total loans at the end of December, we recorded a provision for loan losses of \$7.7 million in 2008. No loan loss provision was recorded in the prior year. The decision to record a loan loss provision in 2008 was prompted by the weakening of the economy, as well as an increase in net charge-offs and non-performing assets during this time.

The net effect of the \$7.7 million loan loss provision and net charge-offs of \$6.1 million was a \$1.6 million increase in the allowance for loan losses to \$94.4 million at December 31, 2008.

Non-interest Income

In 2008, our three ongoing sources of non-interest income totaled \$102.3 million, \$820,000 less than the amount recorded in the prior year. While BOLI income rose \$2.5 million year-over-year to \$28.6 million, the increase was offset by a \$979,000 decline in fee income to \$41.2 million, coupled with a \$2.3 million reduction in other income to \$32.5 million. The decline in other income was limited by a \$2.6 million increase in the revenues produced through the sale of third-party investment products, as the merger-related expansion of our branch network in 2007 resulted in an increase in our customer base. Also included in other income in 2008 was a Visa-related gain of \$1.6 million, which included \$1.1 million resulting from the mandatory redemption of shares received in connection with Visa, Inc.'s initial public offering in the first quarter of 2008, and \$500,000 which served to reduce a portion of the \$1.0 million Visa-related charge recorded in fourth quarter 2007 operating expenses.

Among the reasons for the decline in other income was a \$1.7 million reduction in the revenues produced by PBC, given the broad decline in the capital markets in 2008. In addition, the decline in other income reflects the decision to discontinue the outsourcing of payment services relating to teller checks and money orders, and to assume this function in house.

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While these ongoing revenue sources contributed to our non-interest income in 2008 and 2007, certain other factors exceeded their impact in each of these years. In 2008, our non-interest income was substantially reduced by the aforementioned OTTI losses on securities of \$104.3 million, a reflection of the decline in the capital markets over the course of the year. The impact of the OTTI losses on our 2008 non-interest income was only partly offset by a \$17.0 million gain on debt repurchase and by a \$573,000 net gain on the sale of securities, both occurring in the fourth quarter of the year.

In the second quarter of 2007, we recorded an OTTI loss on securities of \$57.0 million, in anticipation of selling the impaired securities later in the year. The sale of securities was consistent with our practice of repositioning our balance sheet following a merger transaction; in April 2007, we had completed our acquisition of PennFed. The impact of the OTTI loss on our 2007 non-interest income, and of a \$1.8 million pre-tax loss on debt repurchase, was exceeded by the benefit of a \$64.9 million gain on the sale of our Atlantic Bank headquarters in Manhattan, together with a \$1.9 million net gain on the sale of securities in the same year.

Largely reflecting the OTTI losses in 2008 and the gain on the sale of our Atlantic Bank headquarters in 2007, non-interest income totaled \$15.5 million in 2008, as compared to \$111.1 million in the prior year.

Non-interest Expense

Operating expenses totaled \$320.8 million in 2008, as compared to \$299.6 million in 2007, as compensation and benefits expense rose \$10.8 million to \$170.0 million, occupancy and equipment expense rose \$2.1 million to \$70.7 million, and G&A expense rose \$8.4 million to \$80.2 million. While each of these increases reflects the full-year impact of our 2007 business combinations, a number of other factors contributed to the year-over-year increase.

For example, the higher level of compensation and benefits expense reflects normal salary increases, together with the distribution of stock awards under the terms of our shareholder-approved management and stock incentive plans. The increase in G&A expense largely reflects an increase in professional fees, higher advertising costs, and an increase in FDIC insurance premiums.

In 2007, our compensation and benefits expense was increased by a \$2.2 million charge relating to the allocation of ESOP shares in connection with our PennFed and Synergy acquisitions. No comparable charge was recorded in 2008. In addition, our 2007 G&A expense was increased by a \$1.0 million pre-tax charge relating to our membership interest in Visa, U.S.A., a subsidiary of Visa, Inc. (Visa). Of the latter amount, \$500,000 was reversed through non-interest income in the first quarter of 2008.

In October 2007, Visa completed a reorganization in contemplation of its initial public offering, which subsequently occurred in the first quarter of 2008. As part of that reorganization, the Community Bank and the former Synergy Bank, along with many other banks across the nation, received shares of common stock of Visa. In accordance with GAAP, we did not recognize any value for this common stock ownership interest.

Visa claimed that all Visa, U.S.A. member banks were obligated to share with it in losses stemming from certain litigation against it and certain other named member banks (the Covered Litigation). Visa set aside a portion of the proceeds from its initial public offering in an escrow account to fund any judgments or settlements that might arise from the Covered Litigation, and planned to reduce the amount of shares to be allocated to the Visa U.S.A. member banks by amounts necessary to cover such liability. Nevertheless, Visa U.S.A. member banks were required to record a liability for the fair value of their related contingent obligation to Visa U.S.A., based on the percentage of their membership interest. The Visa litigation charge was established based on our best estimate of the combined membership interests of the Community Bank and the former Synergy Bank with regard to both settled and pending litigation in which Visa is involved.

The amortization of CDI rose \$585,000 to \$23.3 million in 2008, reflecting the full-year impact of our acquisitions of PennFed, Synergy, and Doral's New York City-based branch network in 2007.

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Operating expenses and CDI totaled \$344.2 million in 2008, as compared to \$322.3 million in 2007. Nonetheless, non-interest expense rose to \$629.5 million from \$325.5 million in the prior year. In 2008, our non-interest expense was increased by the pre-tax debt repositioning charge of \$285.4 million, which significantly exceeded the \$3.2 million debt repositioning charge recorded in the year-earlier twelve months.

Income Tax (Benefit) Expense

In 2008, we recorded an income tax benefit of \$24.1 million, as compared to income tax expense of \$123.0 million in the prior year.

The income tax benefit recorded in 2008 reflects the combined impact of the debt repositioning charge of \$325.0 million and OTTI losses of \$104.3 million on our pre-tax income. Reflecting these factors, income before income tax expense totaled \$53.8 million and the effective tax rate equaled a negative 44.8% in 2008. This anomaly was the result of the relatively constant level of certain favorable permanent differences and tax credits in a year when pre-tax income was reduced by the factors described above. In addition, the tax benefits recognized in 2008 include the release of a valuation allowance for the utilization of net operating losses to offset future New York State taxes, and the tax-free redemption of securities issued by subsidiaries of the Community Bank. While the pre-tax income we recorded in 2007 was reduced by a pre-tax OTTI loss of \$57.0 million, the impact was largely offset by the \$64.9 million gain on the sale of our Atlantic Bank headquarters in New York. Accordingly, income before income tax expense was \$402.1 million in 2007, and the effective tax rate was 30.6%.

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The following table sets forth selected unaudited quarterly financial data for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i> | 2009 | | | | 2008 | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | 4th ⁽¹⁾ | 3rd ⁽²⁾ | 2nd ⁽³⁾ | 1st | 4th ⁽⁴⁾ | 3rd ⁽⁵⁾ | 2nd ⁽⁶⁾ | 1st |
| Net interest income | \$ 254,465 | \$ 226,360 | \$ 217,585 | \$ 206,915 | \$ 201,607 | \$ 181,879 | \$ 130,550 | \$ 161,459 |
| Provision for loan losses | 30,000 | 15,000 | 12,000 | 6,000 | 5,600 | 400 | 1,700 | |
| Non-interest income (loss) | 138,102 | 15,072 | (17,711) | 22,176 | 29,023 | (19,332) | (22,659) | 28,497 |
| Non-interest expense | 114,335 | 95,479 | 107,403 | 89,598 | 86,655 | 84,335 | 373,690 | 84,850 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 248,232 | 130,953 | 80,471 | 133,493 | 138,375 | 77,812 | (267,499) | 105,106 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 93,296 | 32,380 | 24,023 | 44,804 | 36,143 | 19,748 | (112,716) | 32,735 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 154,936 | \$ 98,573 | \$ 56,448 | \$ 88,689 | \$ 102,232 | \$ 58,064 | \$ (154,783) | \$ 72,371 |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share | \$ 0.41 | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.17 | \$ (0.47) | \$ 0.22 |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share | \$ 0.41 | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.17 | \$ (0.47) | \$ 0.22 |

- (1) Includes a pre-tax bargain purchase gain of \$139.6 million on the AmTrust acquisition, a pre-tax gain on debt repurchase of \$4.3 million, and a pre-tax gain of \$3.1 million on the termination of a servicing hedge. Also includes a pre-tax OTTI loss of \$96.5 million. On an after-tax basis, the net effect of these items, all of which were recorded in non-interest income, was to increase our net income in the quarter by \$57.2 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share.
- (2) Includes a \$13.3 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, adjustment to income tax expense from the resolution of certain tax audits, together with a \$5.7 million pre-tax gain on the exchange of BONUS units for common stock and a pre-tax OTTI loss of \$13.3 million, both of which were recorded in non-interest income. On an after-tax basis, the net effect of these items was to increase our net income in the third quarter of 2009 by \$8.4 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share.
- (3) Includes a pre-tax OTTI loss of \$39.7 million, recorded in non-interest income, and a pre-tax FDIC special assessment of \$14.0 million, recorded in non-interest expense. On an after-tax basis, the combined charges reduced our second quarter 2009 earnings by \$32.6 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share.
- (4) Includes a pre-tax OTTI loss of \$10.6 million and a non-taxable \$16.0 million gain on debt repurchase, both of which were recorded in non-interest income. On an after-tax basis, the net effect of these factors was to increase our net income in the quarter by \$9.8 million, or \$0.03 per diluted share, after-tax.
- (5) Includes a pre-tax OTTI loss of \$44.2 million which was recorded in non-interest income. On an after-tax basis, the loss reduced our net income in the quarter by \$26.7 million, or \$0.08 per diluted share.
- (6) Includes a pre-tax debt repositioning charge of \$325.0 million and a pre-tax litigation settlement charge of \$3.4 million, both of which were recorded in non-interest expense. Also includes a pre-tax OTTI loss of \$49.6 million which was recorded in non-interest income. On an after-tax basis, the collective charges reduced our net income in the quarter by \$231.3 million, or \$0.70 per diluted share.

IMPACT OF INFLATION

The Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto presented in this report have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, which require that we measure our financial condition and operating results in terms of historical dollars, without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. The impact of inflation is reflected in the increased cost of our operations. Unlike industrial companies, nearly all of a bank's assets and liabilities are monetary in nature. As a result, the impact of interest rates on our performance is greater than the impact of general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction, or to the same extent, as the prices of goods and services.

IMPACT OF ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

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Please refer to Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, for a discussion of the impact of recent accounting pronouncements on our financial condition and results of operations.

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Although tangible stockholders' equity, adjusted tangible stockholders' equity, tangible assets, and adjusted tangible assets are not measures that are calculated in accordance with GAAP, management uses these non-GAAP measures in their analysis of our performance. We believe that these non-GAAP measures are important indications of our ability to grow both organically and through business combinations and, with respect to tangible stockholders' equity and adjusted tangible stockholders' equity, our ability to pay dividends and to engage in various capital management strategies.

We calculate tangible stockholders' equity by subtracting from stockholders' equity the sum of our goodwill and CDI, and calculate tangible assets by subtracting the same sum from our total assets. To calculate our ratio of tangible stockholders' equity to tangible assets, we divide our tangible stockholders' equity by our tangible assets, both of which include AOCL. AOCL consists of after-tax net unrealized losses on securities and pension and post-retirement obligations, and is recorded in our Consolidated Statements of Condition. We also calculate our ratio of tangible stockholders' equity to tangible assets excluding AOCL, as its components are impacted by changes in market conditions, including interest rates, which fluctuate. This ratio is referred to below and earlier in this report as the ratio of adjusted tangible stockholders' equity to adjusted tangible assets.

Neither tangible stockholders' equity, adjusted tangible stockholders' equity, tangible assets, adjusted tangible assets, nor the related tangible capital measures should be considered in isolation or as a substitute for stockholders' equity or any other capital measure prepared in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, the manner in which we calculate these non-GAAP capital measures may differ from that of other companies reporting measures of capital with similar names.

Reconciliations of our stockholders' equity, tangible stockholders' equity, and adjusted tangible stockholders' equity; our total assets, tangible assets, and adjusted tangible assets; and the related measures at December 31, 2009 and 2008 follow:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | December 31, | |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Total stockholders' equity | \$ 5,366,902 | \$ 4,219,246 |
| Less: Goodwill | (2,436,401) | (2,436,401) |
| Core deposit intangibles | (105,764) | (87,780) |
| Tangible stockholders' equity | \$ 2,824,737 | \$ 1,695,065 |
| Total assets | \$ 42,153,869 | \$ 32,466,906 |
| Less: Goodwill | (2,436,401) | (2,436,401) |
| Core deposit intangibles | (105,764) | (87,780) |
| Tangible assets | \$ 39,611,704 | \$ 29,942,725 |
| Stockholders' equity to total assets | 12.73% | 13.00% |
| Tangible stockholders' equity to tangible assets | 7.13% | 5.66% |
| Tangible stockholders' equity | \$ 2,824,737 | \$ 1,695,065 |
| Add back: AOCL | 49,903 | 87,319 |
| Adjusted tangible stockholders' equity | \$ 2,874,640 | \$ 1,782,384 |
| Tangible assets | \$ 39,611,704 | \$ 29,942,725 |
| Add back: AOCL | 49,903 | 87,319 |

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|---|---------------|---------------|
| Adjusted tangible assets | \$ 39,661,607 | \$ 30,030,044 |
| Adjusted tangible stockholders equity to adjusted tangible assets | 7.25% | 5.94% |

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We manage our assets and liabilities to reduce our exposure to changes in market interest rates. The asset and liability management process has three primary objectives: to evaluate the interest rate risk inherent in certain balance sheet accounts; to determine the appropriate level of risk, given our business strategy, operating environment, capital and liquidity requirements, and performance objectives; and to manage that risk in a manner consistent with guidelines approved by the Boards of Directors of the Company, the Community Bank, and the Commercial Bank.

Market Risk

As a financial institution, we are focused on reducing our exposure to interest rate volatility, which represents our primary market risk. Changes in market interest rates represent the greatest challenge to our financial performance, as such changes can have a significant impact on the level of income and expense recorded on a large portion of our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, and on the market value of all interest-earning assets, other than those possessing a short term to maturity. To reduce our exposure to changing rates, the Board of Directors and management monitor interest rate sensitivity on a regular or as needed basis so that adjustments in the asset and liability mix can be made when deemed appropriate.

The actual duration of mortgage loans and mortgage-related securities can be significantly impacted by changes in prepayment levels and market interest rates. The level of prepayments may be impacted by a variety of factors, including the economy in the region where the underlying mortgages were originated; seasonal factors; demographic variables; and the assumability of the underlying mortgages. However, the largest determinants of prepayments are market interest rates and the availability of refinancing opportunities.

To manage our interest rate risk in 2009, we continued to pursue the core components of our business model and engaged in a number of specific strategies to reduce our interest rate risk: (1) We continued to place an emphasis on the origination and retention of intermediate-term assets, primarily in the form of multi-family and CRE loans; (2) We utilized the cash flows from loan and securities repayments to fund our loan production, as well as our more limited investments in GSE securities; (3) We capitalized on the historically low level of the federal funds target rate to reduce our retail funding costs; (4) We utilized wholesale funding sources, including brokered deposits, to support our loan production when such funding presented an attractively priced alternative to retail funds; (5) We exchanged 1.4 million of our BONUSSES units for shares of our common stock and repurchased certain REIT- and trust preferred securities to reduce our cost of borrowed funds; (6) We improved our funding model by assuming AmTrust's deposits, resulting in a higher concentration of retail funds; and (7) We utilized a portion of the cash received in the AmTrust acquisition to pay off certain wholesale borrowings.

In connection with the AmTrust acquisition, we acquired a mortgage banking unit that originates agency-conforming one- to four-family loans for sale to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. As a result, we now have certain interest rate lock commitments to fund residential mortgage loans at specified rates and for a specific period of time. These commitments are considered derivative financial instruments, and are carried at fair value. Gains and losses due to changes in the fair value of the derivatives are recognized currently in earnings.

We enter into forward commitments to sell fixed rate mortgage-backed securities to protect against changes in the prices of conforming fixed rate loans held for sale. Most forward commitments to sell are entered into with primary dealers. Entering into commitments to fund loans or mortgage-backed securities can pose a risk if we are not able to deliver the loans or securities on the appropriate delivery date. If this occurs, we may be required to pay a fee to the buyer.

We may retain the servicing on loans that we sell, in which case we would recognize an MSR asset. We estimate prepayment rates based on current interest rate levels, other economic conditions, and market forecasts, as well as relevant characteristics of the servicing portfolio. Generally, when market interest rates decline, prepayments increase as customers refinance their existing mortgages under more favorable interest rate terms. When a mortgage prepays, or when loans are expected to prepay earlier than originally expected, the anticipated cash flows associated with servicing these loans are terminated or reduced, resulting in a reduction to the fair value of the capitalized MSRs. To mitigate the prepayment risk inherent in MSRs, we could sell the servicing of the loans we originate, and thus minimize the potential for earnings volatility.

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We also invest in exchange-traded derivative financial instruments which are expected to experience opposite and offsetting changes in fair value as related to the value of the MSRs. MSRs are recorded at fair value, with changes in fair value recorded currently in earnings.

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The matching of assets and liabilities may be analyzed by examining the extent to which such assets and liabilities are interest rate sensitive and by monitoring a bank's interest rate sensitivity gap. An asset or liability is said to be interest rate sensitive within a specific time frame if it will mature or reprice within that period of time. The interest rate sensitivity gap is defined as the difference between the amount of interest-earning assets maturing or repricing within a specific time frame and the amount of interest-bearing liabilities maturing or repricing within that same period of time. In a rising interest rate environment, an institution with a negative gap would generally be expected, absent the effects of other factors, to experience a greater increase in the cost of its interest-bearing liabilities than it would in the yield on its interest-earning assets, thus producing a decline in its net interest income. Conversely, in a declining rate environment, an institution with a negative gap would generally be expected to experience a lesser reduction in the yield on its interest-earning assets than it would in the cost of its interest-bearing liabilities, thus producing an increase in its net interest income.

In a rising interest rate environment, an institution with a positive gap would generally be expected to experience a greater increase in the yield on its interest-earning assets than it would in the cost of its interest-bearing liabilities, thus producing an increase in its net interest income. Conversely, in a declining rate environment, an institution with a positive gap would generally be expected to experience a lesser reduction in the cost of its interest-bearing liabilities than it would in the yield on its interest-earning assets, thus producing a decline in its net interest income.

At December 31, 2009, our one-year gap was a negative 1.63%, as compared to a positive 0.16% at December 31, 2008. Despite the addition of AmTrust's loans to our portfolio on December 4th, the movement in our one-year gap was nominal as a result of the extension of our multi-family and CRE loans due to a decline in expected prepayments.

The following table sets forth the amounts of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2009 which, based on certain assumptions stemming from our historical experience, are expected to reprice or mature in each of the future time periods shown. Except as stated below, the amounts of assets and liabilities shown as repricing or maturing during a particular time period were determined in accordance with the earlier of (1) the term to repricing, or (2) the contractual terms of the asset or liability. The table provides an approximation of the projected repricing of assets and liabilities at December 31, 2009 on the basis of contractual maturities, anticipated prepayments (including anticipated calls on wholesale borrowings), and scheduled rate adjustments within a three-month period and subsequent selected time intervals. For loans and mortgage-related securities, prepayment rates were assumed to range up to 23% annually. Savings accounts, Super NOW accounts, and NOW accounts were assumed to decay at an annual rate of 5% for the first five years and 15% for the years thereafter. With the exception of those accounts having specified repricing dates, money market accounts were assumed to decay at an annual rate of 20% for the first five years and 50% in the years thereafter.

Prepayment and deposit decay rates can have a significant impact on our estimated gap. While we believe our assumptions to be reasonable, there can be no assurance that the assumed prepayment and decay rates noted above will approximate actual future loan prepayments and deposit withdrawal activity.

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| | At December 31, 2009 | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Three Months or Less | Four to Twelve Months | More Than One Year to Three Years | More Than Three Years to Five Years | More Than Five Years to 10 Years | More Than 10 Years | Total |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | | |
| INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS: | | | | | | | |
| Mortgage and other loans ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 2,819,255 | \$ 4,859,321 | \$ 10,199,568 | \$ 6,799,883 | \$ 1,635,972 | \$ 1,444,467 | \$ 27,758,466 |
| Mortgage-related securities ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 202,035 | 608,854 | 1,069,905 | 682,370 | 556,474 | 120,523 | 3,240,161 |
| Other securities and money market investments ⁽²⁾ | 3,409,619 | 276,980 | 115,500 | 238,012 | 1,359,067 | 51,674 | 5,450,852 |
| Total interest-earning assets | 6,430,909 | 5,745,155 | 11,384,973 | 7,720,265 | 3,551,513 | 1,616,664 | 36,449,479 |
| INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES: | | | | | | | |
| NOW and Super NOW accounts | 22,283 | 66,850 | 165,118 | 149,019 | 767,344 | 612,040 | 1,782,654 |
| Money market accounts | 2,681,562 | 511,906 | 982,860 | 629,030 | 1,083,330 | 34,946 | 5,923,634 |
| Savings accounts | 537,330 | 123,454 | 304,932 | 275,201 | 1,417,092 | 1,130,285 | 3,788,294 |
| Certificates of deposit | 2,128,959 | 5,081,799 | 1,694,703 | 141,305 | 7,125 | | 9,053,891 |
| Borrowed funds | 584,458 | 1,125,602 | 1,220,188 | 988,244 | 9,889,474 | 356,720 | 14,164,686 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 5,954,592 | 6,909,611 | 4,367,801 | 2,182,799 | 13,164,365 | 2,133,991 | 34,713,159 |
| Interest rate sensitivity gap per period⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 476,317 | \$ (1,164,456) | \$ 7,017,172 | \$ 5,537,466 | \$ (9,612,852) | \$ (517,327) | \$ 1,736,320 |
| Cumulative interest sensitivity gap | \$ 476,317 | \$ (688,139) | \$ 6,329,033 | \$ 11,866,499 | \$ 2,253,647 | \$ 1,736,320 | |
| Cumulative interest sensitivity gap as a percentage of total assets | 1.13% | (1.63)% | 15.01% | 28.15% | 5.35% | 4.12% | |
| Cumulative net interest-earning assets as a percentage of net interest-bearing liabilities | 108.00% | 94.65 % | 136.73% | 161.12% | 106.92% | 105.00% | |

(1) For the purpose of the gap analysis, non-performing loans and the allowance for loan losses have been excluded.

(2) Mortgage-related and other securities, including FHLB stock, are shown at their respective carrying amounts.

(3) Expected amount based, in part, on historical experience.

(4) The interest rate sensitivity gap per period represents the difference between interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

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Certain shortcomings are inherent in the method of analysis presented in the preceding Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis. For example, although certain assets and liabilities may have similar maturities or periods to repricing, they may react in varying degrees to changes in market interest rates. The interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate in advance of the market, while interest rates on other types may lag behind changes in market interest rates. Additionally, certain assets, such as adjustable-rate loans, have features that restrict changes in interest rates both on a short-term basis and over the life of the asset. Furthermore, in the event of a change in interest rates, prepayment and early withdrawal levels would likely deviate from those assumed in calculating the table. Finally, the ability of some borrowers to repay their adjustable-rate loans may be adversely impacted by an increase in market interest rates.

Net Portfolio Value

Interest rate sensitivity is also monitored through the use of a model that generates estimates of the change in our net portfolio value (NPV) over a range of interest rate scenarios. NPV is defined as the net present value of expected cash flows from assets, liabilities, and off-balance-sheet contracts. The NPV ratio, under any interest rate scenario, is defined as the NPV in that scenario divided by the market value of assets in the same scenario. The model assumes estimated loan prepayment rates, reinvestment rates, and deposit decay rates similar to those utilized in formulating the preceding Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis.

The following table sets forth our NPV as of December 31, 2009:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Change in | | | | | |
| Interest Rates (in basis points) ⁽¹⁾ | Market Value of Assets | Market Value of Liabilities | Net Portfolio Value | Net Change | Portfolio Market Value Projected % Change to Base |
| | \$ 42,526,092 | \$ 37,951,196 | \$ 4,574,896 | \$ | % |
| +100 | 41,648,021 | 37,460,757 | 4,187,264 | (387,632) | (8.47) |
| +200 | 40,844,224 | 37,066,940 | 3,777,284 | (797,612) | (17.43) |

(1) The impact of 100- and 200-basis point reductions in interest rates is not presented in view of the current level of the federal funds rate and other short-term interest rates.

The net changes in NPV presented in the preceding table are within the parameters approved by the Boards of Directors of the Company and the Banks.

As with the Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis, certain shortcomings are inherent in the methodology used in the preceding interest rate risk measurements. Modeling changes in NPV requires that certain assumptions be made which may or may not reflect the manner in which actual yields and costs respond to changes in market interest rates. In this regard, the NPV Analysis presented above assumes that the composition of our interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities existing at the beginning of a period remains constant over the period being measured, and also assumes that a particular change in interest rates is reflected uniformly across the yield curve, regardless of the duration to maturity or repricing of specific assets and liabilities. Furthermore, the model does not take into account the benefit of any strategic actions we may take to further reduce our exposure to interest rate risk. Accordingly, while the NPV Analysis provides an indication of our interest rate risk exposure at a particular point in time, such measurements are not intended to, and do not, provide a precise forecast of the effect of changes in market interest rates on our net interest income, and may very well differ from actual results.

Net Interest Income Simulation

In addition to the analyses of gap and NPV, we utilize an internal net interest income simulation to manage our sensitivity to interest rate risk. The simulation incorporates various market-based assumptions regarding the impact of changing interest rates on our future levels of financial assets and liabilities. The assumptions used in this simulation are inherently uncertain. Actual results may differ significantly from those presented in the table that follows, due to several factors, including the frequency, timing, and magnitude of changes in interest rates; changes in spreads between maturity and repricing categories, and prepayments, coupled with any actions taken to counter the effects of any such changes.

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Based on the information and assumptions in effect at December 31, 2009, the following table sets forth the estimated percentage change in future net interest income for the next twelve months, assuming a gradual increase or decrease in interest rates during such time:

| Change in Interest Rates | Estimated Percentage Change in |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (in basis points) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Future Net Interest Income |
| +200 over one year | (0.53)% |
| +100 over one year | (0.06) |

- (1) In general, short- and long-term rates are assumed to increase or decrease in parallel fashion across all four quarters and then remain unchanged.
- (2) The impact of 100- and 200-basis point reductions in interest rates is not presented in view of the current level of the federal funds rate and other short-term interest rates.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Our Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto and other supplementary data begin on page 91.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

New York Community Bancorp, Inc:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of condition of New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009. 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 audits.

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 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of evaluating other-than-temporary impairments of debt securities due to the adoption of new accounting requirements issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, as of April 1, 2009.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated March 1, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

New York, New York
March 1, 2010

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

New York Community Bancorp, Inc.:

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting 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 effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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 unauthorized 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.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

The Company acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AmTrust Bank on December 4, 2009, and management excluded from its assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, the internal control over financial reporting associated with acquired assets of approximately \$11.0 billion and net interest income associated with the acquired assets and assumed liabilities of approximately \$22.8 million included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of the Company also excluded an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting associated with the acquired assets and assumed liabilities, and the associated net interest income.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated statements of condition of the Company as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, and our report dated March 1, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

/s/ KPMG LLP
New York, New York
March 1, 2010

Table of Contents**NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION**

| <i>(in thousands, except share data)</i> | December 31, | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,670,857 | \$ 203,216 |
| Securities available for sale: | | |
| Mortgage-related securities (\$602,233 and \$811,152 pledged, respectively) | 774,205 | 833,684 |
| Other securities (\$302,022 and \$78,847 pledged, respectively) | 744,441 | 176,818 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | 1,518,646 | 1,010,502 |
| Securities held to maturity: | | |
| Mortgage-related securities (\$2,459,161 and \$3,131,098 pledged, respectively) (fair value of \$2,551,608 and \$3,199,414, respectively) | 2,465,956 | 3,164,856 |
| Other securities (\$1,564,585 and \$1,359,912 pledged, respectively) (fair value of \$1,698,054 and \$1,628,387, respectively) | 1,757,641 | 1,726,135 |
| Total held-to-maturity securities | 4,223,597 | 4,890,991 |
| Total securities | 5,742,243 | 5,901,493 |
| Non-covered loans, net of deferred loan fees and costs | 23,376,599 | 22,192,212 |
| Less: Allowance for loan losses | (127,491) | (94,368) |
| Non-covered loans, net | 23,249,108 | 22,097,844 |
| Covered loans | 4,664,778 | |
| Covered loans held for sale | 351,322 | |
| Total loans, net | 28,265,208 | 22,097,844 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost | 496,742 | 400,979 |
| Premises and equipment, net | 205,165 | 217,762 |
| FDIC loss share receivable | 743,276 | |
| Goodwill | 2,436,401 | 2,436,401 |
| Core deposit intangibles, net | 105,764 | 87,780 |
| Bank-owned life insurance | 715,962 | 691,429 |
| Other assets | 772,251 | 430,002 |
| Total assets | \$ 42,153,869 | \$ 32,466,906 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Deposits: | | |
| NOW and money market accounts | \$ 7,706,288 | \$ 3,818,952 |
| Savings accounts | 3,788,294 | 2,632,078 |
| Certificates of deposit | 9,053,891 | 6,796,971 |
| Non-interest-bearing accounts | 1,767,938 | 1,127,647 |
| Total deposits | 22,316,411 | 14,375,648 |
| Borrowed funds: | | |
| Wholesale borrowings: | | |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 8,955,769 | 7,708,064 |
| Repurchase agreements | 4,125,000 | 4,485,000 |
| Federal funds purchased | | 150,000 |

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|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total wholesale borrowings | 13,080,769 | 12,343,064 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 427,371 | 484,216 |
| Other borrowings | 656,546 | 669,430 |
| Total borrowed funds | 14,164,686 | 13,496,710 |
| Other liabilities | 305,870 | 375,302 |
| Total liabilities | 36,786,967 | 28,247,660 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock at par \$0.01 (5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued) | | |
| Common stock at par \$0.01 (600,000,000 shares authorized; 433,197,332 and 344,985,111 shares issued, respectively; 433,197,332 and 344,985,111 shares outstanding, respectively) | 4,332 | 3,450 |
| Paid-in capital in excess of par | 5,238,231 | 4,181,599 |
| Retained earnings | 175,193 | 123,511 |
| Unallocated common stock held by Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) | (951) | (1,995) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax: | | |
| Net unrealized loss on available for sale securities and the non-credit portion of other-than-temporary impairment losses, net of tax | (6,274) | (32,506) |
| Net unrealized loss on securities transferred from available for sale to held to maturity, net of tax | (3,927) | (4,706) |
| Net unrealized loss on pension and post-retirement obligations, net of tax | (39,702) | (50,107) |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax | (49,903) | (87,319) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 5,366,902 | 4,219,246 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 42,153,869 | \$ 32,466,906 |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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| <i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i> | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| INTEREST INCOME: | | | |
| Mortgage and other loans | \$ 1,325,601 | \$ 1,260,291 | \$ 1,217,348 |
| Securities and money market investments | 309,011 | 344,838 | 349,397 |
| Total interest income | 1,634,612 | 1,605,129 | 1,566,745 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE: | | | |
| NOW and money market accounts | 33,788 | 54,599 | 90,346 |
| Savings accounts | 15,859 | 22,179 | 27,714 |
| Certificates of deposit | 163,168 | 271,615 | 307,764 |
| Borrowed funds | 516,472 | 581,241 | 524,391 |
| Total interest expense | 729,287 | 929,634 | 950,215 |
| Net interest income | 905,325 | 675,495 | 616,530 |
| Provision for loan losses | 63,000 | 7,700 | |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 842,325 | 667,795 | 616,530 |
| NON-INTEREST INCOME: | | | |
| Total other-than-temporary impairment losses on securities | (106,248) | (104,317) | (56,958) |
| Less: Non-credit portion of other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) losses recorded in other comprehensive income (before taxes) | 9,715 | | |
| Net other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in earnings | (96,533) | (104,317) | (56,958) |
| Fee income | 40,074 | 41,191 | 42,170 |
| Bank-owned life insurance | 27,406 | 28,644 | 26,142 |
| Net gain on sale of securities | 338 | 573 | 1,888 |
| Gain (loss) on debt repurchases/exchange | 10,054 | 16,962 | (1,848) |
| Gain on AmTrust acquisition | 139,607 | | |
| Gain on sale of bank-owned property | | | 64,879 |
| Other | 36,693 | 32,476 | 34,819 |
| Total non-interest income | 157,639 | 15,529 | 111,092 |
| NON-INTEREST EXPENSE: | | | |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Compensation and benefits | 184,692 | 169,970 | 159,217 |
| Occupancy and equipment | 73,724 | 70,654 | 68,543 |
| General and administrative | 125,587 | 80,194 | 71,815 |
| Total operating expenses | 384,003 | 320,818 | 299,575 |
| Debt repositioning charges | | 285,369 | 3,190 |
| Amortization of core deposit intangibles | 22,812 | 23,343 | 22,758 |

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|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| Total non-interest expense | 406,815 | 629,530 | 325,523 |
| Income before income taxes | 593,149 | 53,794 | 402,099 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 194,503 | (24,090) | 123,017 |
| Net income | \$ 398,646 | \$ 77,884 | \$ 279,082 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: | | | |
| Change in net unrealized gain (loss) on securities and non-credit portion of other-than-temporary impairment for the period | 27,601 | (22,376) | 37,289 |
| Change in pension and post-retirement obligations | 10,405 | (43,628) | 9,449 |
| Total comprehensive income, net of tax | \$ 436,652 | \$ 11,880 | \$ 325,820 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 1.13 | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.90 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 1.13 | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.90 |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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| <i>(in thousands, except share data)</i> | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| COMMON STOCK (Par Value: \$0.01): | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ 3,450 | \$ 3,238 | \$ 2,954 |
| Shares issued for exercise of stock options (38,093; 1,415,990; and 3,081,431, respectively) | | 14 | 30 |
| Shares issued for restricted stock awards (1,184,166; 1,881,850; and 725,491, respectively) | 12 | 19 | 7 |
| Shares issued in stock offerings (69,000,000; 17,871,000; and 0, respectively) | 690 | 179 | |
| Shares issued for business combinations (24,654,781 in 2007) | | | 247 |
| Shares issued for debt exchange (4,756,444 in 2009) | 48 | | |
| Shares issued in connection with the direct stock purchase feature of the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (DRP) (13,233,518 in 2009) | 132 | | |
| Balance at end of year | 4,332 | 3,450 | 3,238 |
| PAID-IN CAPITAL IN EXCESS OF PAR: | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 4,181,599 | 3,812,718 | 3,338,227 |
| Allocation of ESOP stock | 2,718 | 4,702 | 7,082 |
| Exercise of stock options | 414 | 15,714 | 62,837 |
| Shares issued for restricted stock awards, net of forfeitures | (1,245) | (18) | (7) |
| Compensation expense related to restricted stock awards | 9,490 | 7,887 | 3,651 |
| Shares issued for debt exchange | 39,105 | | |
| Shares issued in connection with the direct stock purchase feature of the DRP | 147,118 | | |
| Shares issued in common stock offerings | 864,208 | 338,974 | |
| Net effect of issuance and exercise of FDIC equity appreciation instrument, net of tax effects | (9,186) | | |
| Tax effect of stock plans | 4,010 | 1,574 | (2,139) |
| Exercise of warrants related to BONUSSES Units | | 48 | |
| Common shares issued for business combinations | | | 403,074 |
| Cash-in-lieu of fractional shares | | | (7) |
| Balance at end of year | 5,238,231 | 4,181,599 | 3,812,718 |
| RETAINED EARNINGS: | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 123,511 | 390,757 | 421,313 |
| Net income | 398,646 | 77,884 | 279,082 |
| Dividends paid on common stock (\$1.00 per share in each year) | (347,554) | (333,509) | (310,205) |
| Effect of accounting change regarding bank-owned life insurance | | (12,709) | |
| Effect of accounting change regarding pension and post-retirement benefits measurement date | | 1,088 | |
| Effect of accounting change regarding income taxes | | | 567 |
| Adjustment for the cumulative effect of a change in accounting for OTTI, net of tax | 590 | | |
| Balance at end of year | 175,193 | 123,511 | 390,757 |
| TREASURY STOCK: | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | | | |
| Purchase of common stock (114,302; 115,416; and 9,424 shares, respectively) | (1,311) | (2,208) | (168) |
| Exercise of stock options (6,867; 115,416; and 9,424 shares, respectively) | 78 | 2,208 | 168 |
| Shares issued for restricted stock awards (107,435 in 2009) | 1,233 | | |

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Balance at end of year

| UNALLOCATED COMMON STOCK HELD BY ESOP: | | | |
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| Balance at beginning of year | (1,995) | (3,085) | (4,604) |
| Earned portion of ESOP | 1,044 | 1,090 | 1,519 |
| Balance at end of year | (951) | (1,995) | (3,085) |
| ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS, NET OF TAX: | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | (87,319) | (21,315) | (68,053) |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax: | | | |
| Change in net unrealized loss on securities available for sale, net of tax of \$16,648; \$55,795; and \$(1,164), respectively | (25,659) | (87,269) | 1,786 |
| Adjustment for the cumulative effect of a change in accounting for OTTI, net of tax of \$377 | (590) | | |
| Non-credit portion of OTTI losses recognized in other comprehensive income, net of tax of \$3,886 | (5,829) | | |
| Amortization of net unrealized loss on securities transferred from available for sale to held to maturity, net of tax of \$(513); \$(1,606); and \$(1,403), respectively | 779 | 2,505 | 2,160 |
| Change in pension and post-retirement obligations, net of tax of \$(6,981); \$27,891; and \$(6,148), respectively | 10,405 | (43,628) | 9,449 |
| Less: Reclassification adjustment for net gain on sale of securities and loss on OTTI of securities, net of tax of \$(37,885); \$(41,356); and \$(21,727), respectively | 58,310 | 62,388 | 33,343 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 37,416 | (66,004) | 46,738 |
| Balance at end of year | (49,903) | (87,319) | (21,315) |
| Total stockholders' equity | \$ 5,366,902 | \$ 4,219,246 | \$ 4,182,313 |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 398,646 | \$ 77,884 | \$ 279,082 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Provision for loan losses | 63,000 | 7,700 | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 19,982 | 19,731 | 18,989 |
| Accretion of discounts, net | (4,109) | (19,946) | (3,477) |
| Net change in net deferred loan origination costs and fees | (3,781) | 5,448 | 1,585 |
| Amortization of core deposit intangibles | 22,812 | 23,343 | 22,758 |
| Net gain on sale of securities | (338) | (573) | (1,888) |
| Net gain on sale of loans | (10,470) | (326) | (705) |
| Gain on sale of bank-owned property | | | (64,879) |
| Gain on AmTrust acquisition | (139,607) | | |
| Stock plan-related compensation | 13,252 | 13,680 | 12,252 |
| Loss on other-than-temporary impairment of securities | 96,533 | 104,317 | 56,958 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| (Increase) decrease in deferred tax asset, net | (14,916) | (31,095) | 32,904 |
| Increase in other assets | (97,805) | (75,596) | (38,698) |
| (Decrease) increase in other liabilities | (89,146) | 120,193 | (15,272) |
| Origination of loans held for sale | (888,527) | (47,385) | (66,181) |
| Proceeds from sale of loans originated for sale | 846,120 | 47,375 | 62,792 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 211,646 | 244,750 | 296,220 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Proceeds from repayment of securities held to maturity | 2,469,068 | 2,295,852 | 637,596 |
| Proceeds from repayment of securities available for sale | 201,245 | 230,016 | 296,345 |
| Proceeds from sale of securities available for sale | 10,338 | 11,543 | 2,115,530 |
| Purchase of securities held to maturity | (1,808,546) | (2,735,893) | (2,010,035) |
| Purchase of securities available for sale | | (12,320) | (517,954) |
| Net redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 14,829 | 22,090 | 18,692 |
| Net (increase) decrease in loans | (1,157,703) | (1,886,497) | 582,909 |
| Purchase of loans | | (45,500) | (180,465) |
| Proceeds from sale of loans | | 25,035 | 823,065 |
| Net proceeds from sale of bank-owned property | | | 99,608 |
| Purchase of premises and equipment, net | (7,385) | (22,587) | (8,803) |
| Net cash acquired in business combinations | 4,029,729 | | 159,172 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 3,751,575 | (2,118,261) | 2,015,660 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Net (decrease) increase in deposits | (266,380) | 1,139,847 | (2,030,940) |
| Net (decrease) increase in short-term borrowings | (1,012,900) | 1,012,900 | (308,200) |
| Net (decrease) increase in long-term borrowings | (860,783) | (431,887) | 400,699 |
| Tax effect of stock plans | 4,010 | 1,574 | (2,139) |
| Cash dividends paid on common stock | (347,554) | (333,509) | (310,205) |
| Treasury stock purchases | (1,311) | (2,208) | (168) |
| Net cash received from stock option exercises | 465 | 15,041 | 44,064 |
| Cash used for exercise of FDIC equity appreciation instrument | (23,275) | | |
| Net cash received from warrant exercises | | 73 | |

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| Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net | 1,012,148 | 339,153 | |
| Cash-in-lieu of fractional shares | | | (7) |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (1,495,580) | 1,740,984 | (2,206,896) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 2,467,641 | (132,527) | 104,984 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 203,216 | 335,743 | 230,759 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | \$ 2,670,857 | \$ 203,216 | \$ 335,743 |
| Supplemental information: | | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 715,619 | \$ 950,637 | \$ 984,340 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | 182,767 | 13,121 | 98,100 |
| Non-cash investing activities: | | | |
| Exchange of debt for common stock | \$ 39,153 | \$ | \$ |
| Mortgage loans securitized and transferred to mortgage-related securities available for sale | | 71,307 | 593,816 |
| Transfers to other real estate owned from loans | 14,372 | 982 | 706 |

Note: The fair values of non-cash assets acquired, excluding the CDI and the FDIC loss share receivable, and of liabilities assumed in the acquisition of AmTrust Bank on December 4, 2009, were \$6.2 billion and \$10.9 billion, respectively. The fair values of non-cash assets acquired, excluding goodwill and CDI, and of liabilities assumed in the acquisitions of PennFed Financial Services, Inc. (PennFed) on April 2, 2007, Synergy Financial Group, Inc. (Synergy) on October 1, 2007, and in the Doral Bank, FSB (Doral) transaction on July 26, 2007, were as follows: PennFed - \$2.2 billion and \$2.2 billion, respectively; Synergy - \$868.2 million and \$821.0 million, respectively; and Doral - \$375.3 million and \$504.4 million, respectively.

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Organization

Formerly known as Queens County Bancorp, Inc., New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (on a stand-alone basis, the Parent Company or, collectively with its subsidiaries, the Company) was organized under Delaware law on July 20, 1993 and is the holding company for New York Community Bank and New York Commercial Bank (hereinafter referred to as the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank, respectively, and collectively as the Banks). In addition, for the purpose of these Consolidated Financial Statements, the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank refer not only to the respective banks but also to their respective subsidiaries.

The Community Bank is the primary banking subsidiary of the Company. Founded on April 14, 1859 and formerly known as Queens County Savings Bank, the Community Bank converted from a state-chartered mutual savings bank to the capital stock form of ownership on November 23, 1993, at which date the Company issued its initial offering of common stock (par value: \$0.01 per share) at a price of \$25.00 per share. The Commercial Bank was established on December 30, 2005.

Reflecting nine stock splits, the Company's initial offering price adjusts to \$0.93 per share. All share and per share data presented in this report have been adjusted to reflect the impact of the stock splits.

The Company changed its name to New York Community Bancorp, Inc. on November 21, 2000 in anticipation of completing the first of eight business combinations that expanded its footprint well beyond Queens County to encompass all five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County in New York, and seven counties in the northern and central parts of New Jersey. In 2009, the Company expanded beyond this region to south Florida, northeast Ohio, and central Arizona through its Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)-assisted acquisition of certain assets and its assumption of certain liabilities of AmTrust Bank.

Reflecting this strategy of growth through acquisitions, the Community Bank currently operates 241 branches, four of which operate directly under the Community Bank name. The remaining 237 branches operate through seven divisional banks - Queens County Savings Bank, Roslyn Savings Bank, Richmond County Savings Bank, and Roosevelt Savings Bank (in New York), Garden State Community Bank in New Jersey, AmTrust Bank in Florida and Arizona, and Ohio Savings Bank in Ohio.

The Commercial Bank currently operates 35 branches in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Westchester County, and Long Island, including 18 branches that operate under the name Atlantic Bank.

Basis of Presentation

The following is a description of the significant accounting and reporting policies that the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries follow in preparing and presenting their consolidated financial statements, which conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and to general practices within the banking industry. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates that are particularly susceptible to change in the near term are used in connection with the determination of the allowance for loan losses; the evaluation of goodwill for impairment; the evaluation of other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) on securities; and the evaluation of the need for a valuation allowance on the Company's deferred tax assets. The current economic environment has increased the degree of uncertainty inherent in these material estimates.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All inter-company accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation. The Company currently has unconsolidated subsidiaries in the form of nine wholly-owned statutory business trusts, which were formed to issue guaranteed capital debentures (capital securities). Please see Note 8, Borrowed Funds, for additional information regarding these trusts.

When necessary, certain reclassifications have been made to prior-year amounts to conform to the current-year presentation.

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For cash flow reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, amounts due from banks, and money market investments, which include federal funds sold with original maturities of less than 90 days. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company's cash equivalents included \$2.5 billion (including \$2.3 billion at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York) and \$8.3 million, respectively, of interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions, as well as federal funds sold of \$3.1 million and \$4.2 million, respectively.

In accordance with the monetary policy of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Company was required to maintain reserves with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York of \$93.4 million and \$84.2 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, in the form of vault cash and deposits. The Company was in compliance with this requirement at both dates.

Securities Held to Maturity and Available for Sale

The Company's securities portfolio consists of mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations (together, mortgage-related securities) and debt and equity securities (together, other securities). Securities that are classified as available for sale are carried at estimated fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, reported as accumulated other comprehensive income or loss in stockholders' equity. Securities that the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held to maturity and are carried at amortized cost.

The fair values of the Company's securities are affected by changes in interest rates, credit spreads, and market illiquidity. In general, as interest rates rise, the fair value of fixed-rate securities will decline; as interest rates fall, the fair value of fixed-rate securities will increase. The Company conducts a periodic review and evaluation of the securities portfolio to determine if the decline in the fair value of any security below its carrying value is other than temporary.

Prior to April 1, 2009, when the decline in fair value below an investment's carrying amount was deemed to be other than temporary, the investment was written down to fair value and the full amount of the write-down was charged to the income statement. A decline in fair value of an investment was deemed to be other than temporary if we did not expect to recover the carrying amount of the investment or we did not have the intent and ability to hold the investment to the anticipated recovery of its amortized cost. Effective April 1, 2009, with the adoption of revised OTTI accounting requirements issued by the FASB, unless we have the intent to sell, or it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell a security, an OTTI is recognized as a realized loss on the income statement to the extent that the decline in fair value is credit-related. The decline in value attributable to factors other than credit is charged to accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax (AOCL). If there is a decline in fair value of a security below its carrying amount and we have the intent to sell it, or it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security, the entire amount of the decline in fair value will be charged to the income statement.

Premiums and discounts on securities are amortized to expense and accreted to income using a method that approximates the interest method over the remaining period to contractual maturity, and are adjusted for anticipated prepayments. Dividend and interest income are recognized when earned. The cost of securities sold is based on the specific identification method.

Federal Home Loan Bank Stock

As a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (FHLB-NY), the Company is required to hold shares of FHLB stock. The Company's holding requirement varies based on its activities, primarily its outstanding borrowings, with the FHLB-NY. In addition, pursuant to the FDIC-assisted acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of AmTrust, the Company acquired stock in the FHLB of Cincinnati. The Company's investment in FHLB stock is carried at cost. The Company conducts a periodic review and evaluation of its FHLB stock to determine if any impairment exists. The factors considered include, among other things, significant deterioration in earnings performance, credit rating, asset quality; significant adverse change in the regulatory or economic environment; and other factors that raise significant concerns about the ability for a FHLB to continue as a going concern.

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Loans

Loans, net, are carried at unpaid principal balances, including unearned discounts, purchase accounting (i.e., acquisition-date fair value) adjustments, net deferred loan origination costs or fees, and the allowance for loan losses. One- to four-family loans held for sale are either (1) originated on a pass-through basis, with applications being taken and processed by a third-party conduit, after which the loans are sold to the conduit or its affiliates, servicing-released and without recourse; or (2) originated by the mortgage banking unit acquired in the AmTrust acquisition for sale to the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), servicing released. The conduit loans are carried at the lower of aggregate cost or aggregate fair value. The loans originated by the mortgage banking unit are carried at fair value.

We recognize interest income on loans using the interest method over the life of the loan. Using this method, we defer certain loan origination and commitment fees, and certain loan origination costs, and amortize the net fee or cost as an adjustment to the loan yield over the term of the related loan. When a loan is sold or repaid, the remaining net unamortized fee or cost is recognized in interest income.

A loan generally is classified as a non-accrual loan when it is over 90 days past due. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, the Company ceases the accrual of interest owed, and previously accrued interest is charged against interest income. A loan is generally returned to accrual status when the loan is no longer past due and/or the Company has reasonable assurance that the loan will be fully collectible. Interest income on non-accrual loans is recorded when received in cash.

The allowance for loan losses is increased by provisions for loan losses that are charged against earnings, and is reduced by net charge-offs and/or reversals, if any, that are credited to earnings. Loans are held by either the Community Bank or the Commercial Bank, and a separate loan loss allowance is established for each. In addition, except as otherwise noted below, the process for establishing the allowance for loan losses is the same for each of the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank. In determining the respective allowances for loan losses, management considers the Community Bank's and the Commercial Bank's current business strategies and credit processes, including compliance with conservative guidelines established by the respective Boards of Directors with regard to credit limitations, loan approvals, underwriting criteria, and loan workout procedures.

The allowances for loan losses are established based on the Company's evaluation of the probable inherent losses in its portfolio in accordance with GAAP. The allowances for loan losses are comprised of both specific valuation allowances and general valuation allowances that are determined in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) accounting standards.

Specific valuation allowances are established based on the Company's analyses of individual loans that are considered impaired. If a loan is deemed to be impaired, management measures the extent of the impairment and establishes a specific valuation allowance for that amount. A loan is classified as impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect both the principal and interest due under the contractual terms of the loan agreement. The Company applies this classification as necessary to loans individually evaluated for impairment in its portfolios of multi-family, commercial real estate, acquisition, development, and construction, and commercial and industrial loans. Smaller balance homogenous loans and loans carried at the lower of cost or fair value are evaluated for impairment on a collective rather than an individual basis. The Company generally measures impairment on an individual loan, and the extent to which a specific valuation allowance is necessary, by comparing the loan's outstanding balance to either the fair value of the collateral, less the estimated cost to sell, or the present value of expected cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. A specific valuation allowance is established when the fair value of the collateral, net of estimated costs, or the present value of the expected cash flows, is less than the recorded investment in the loan.

The Company also follows a process to assign general valuation allowances to loan categories. General valuation allowances are established by applying its loan loss provisioning methodology, and reflect the inherent risk in loans outstanding. The Company's loan loss provisioning methodology considers various factors in determining the appropriate quantified risk factors to use to determine the general valuation allowances. The factors assessed begin with the historical loan loss experience for each of the major loan categories maintained by the

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Company. The historical loan loss experience of the Company is then adjusted by considering qualitative or environmental factors that are likely to cause estimated credit losses associated with the existing portfolio to differ from historical loss experience, including, but not limited to, the following:

Changes in lending policies and procedures, including changes in underwriting standards and collection, charge-off, and recovery practices;

Changes in international, national, regional, and local economic and business conditions and developments that affect the collectability of the portfolio, including the condition of various market segments;

Changes in the nature and volume of the portfolio and in the terms of loans;

Changes in the volume and severity of past due loans, the volume of non-accrual loans, and the volume and severity of adversely classified or graded loans;

Changes in the quality of the Company's loan review system;

Changes in the value of the underlying collateral for collateral-dependent loans;

The existence and effect of any concentrations of credit, and changes in the level of such concentrations;

Changes in the experience, ability, and depth of lending management and other relevant staff; and

The effect of other external factors such as competition and legal and regulatory requirements on the level of estimated credit losses in the existing portfolio.

By considering the factors discussed above, the Company determines quantified risk factors that are applied to each non-impaired loan or loan type in the loan portfolio to determine the general valuation allowances.

In recognition of recent macroeconomic and real estate market conditions, the time periods considered for historical loss experience are the last three years and the current period. The Company also evaluates the sufficiency of the overall allocations used for the loan loss allowance by considering the loss experience in the current calendar year.

The process of establishing the loan loss allowances also involves:

Periodic inspections of the loan collateral by qualified in-house property appraisers/inspectors, as applicable;

Regular meetings of executive management with the pertinent Board committee, during which observable trends in the local economy and/or the real estate market are discussed;

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Assessment by the pertinent Board of Directors of the aforementioned factors when making a business judgment regarding the impact of anticipated changes on the future level of loan losses; and

Analysis of the portfolio in the aggregate, as well as on an individual loan basis, taking into consideration payment history, underwriting analyses, and internal risk ratings.

In order to determine their overall adequacy, each of the respective loan loss allowances is reviewed quarterly by management and by the Mortgage and Real Estate Committee of the Community Bank's Board of Directors or the Credit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Commercial Bank, as applicable.

The Company charges off loans, or portions of loans, in the period that such loans, or portions thereof, are deemed uncollectible. The collectability of individual loans is determined through an estimate of the fair value of the underlying collateral and/or an assessment of the financial condition and repayment capacity of the borrower.

The level of future additions to the respective loan loss allowances is based on many factors, including certain factors that are beyond management's control such as changes in economic and local market conditions, including declines in real estate values, and increases in vacancy rates and unemployment. Management uses the best available information to recognize losses on loans or to make additions to the loan loss allowances; however, the Community Bank and/or the Commercial Bank may be required to take certain charge-offs and/or recognize further additions to their loan loss allowances, based on the judgment of regulatory agencies with regard to information provided to them during their examinations of the Banks.

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The Company has elected to account for the loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition based on expected cash flows (Please see Note 3, Business Combinations, for further information regarding this acquisition). This election is in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification (the Codification) Topic 310-30. Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality. In accordance with Codification Topic 310-30, the Company will maintain the integrity of a pool of multiple loans accounted for as a single asset.

FDIC Loss Share Receivable

The FDIC loss share receivable is measured separately from the covered loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition as it is not contractually embedded in any of the covered loans. The loss share receivable related to estimated future loan losses is not transferable should we sell a loan prior to foreclosure or maturity. The fair value of the loss share receivable represents the present value of the estimated cash payments expected to be received from the FDIC for future losses on covered assets, based on the credit adjustment estimated for each covered asset and the loss sharing percentages. These cash flows were then discounted at a market-based rate to reflect the uncertainty of the timing and receipt of the loss sharing reimbursements from the FDIC. The amount ultimately collected for this asset is dependent upon the performance of the underlying covered assets, the passage of time, and claims submitted to the FDIC.

The FDIC loss share receivable will be reduced as losses are recognized on covered loans and loss sharing payments are received from the FDIC. Realized losses in excess of acquisition-date estimates will result in an increase in the FDIC loss share receivable. Conversely, if realized losses are less than acquisition-date estimates, the FDIC loss share receivable will be reduced.

Goodwill

Goodwill is presumed to have an indefinite useful life and is tested for impairment, rather than amortized, at the reporting unit level, at least once a year. The goodwill impairment analysis is a two-step test. The first step (Step 1) is used to identify potential impairment, and involves comparing each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the estimated fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill is not considered to be impaired. If the carrying amount exceeds the estimated fair value, there is an indication of potential impairment and the second step (Step 2) is performed to measure the amount.

Step 2 involves calculating an implied fair value of goodwill for each reporting unit for which impairment was indicated in Step 1. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in a manner similar to the amount of goodwill calculated in a business combination, i.e., by measuring the excess of the estimated fair value of the reporting unit, as determined in Step 1, over the aggregate estimated fair values of the individual assets, liabilities, and identifiable intangibles, as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination at the impairment test date. If the implied fair value of goodwill exceeds the carrying amount of goodwill assigned to the reporting unit, there is no impairment. If the carrying amount of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess. An impairment loss cannot exceed the carrying amount of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit, and the loss establishes a new basis in the goodwill. Subsequent reversal of goodwill impairment losses is not permitted.

Quoted market prices in active markets are the best evidence of fair value and are used as the basis for measurement, when available. Other acceptable valuation methods include present-value measurements based on multiples of earnings or revenues, or similar performance measures. Differences in the identification of reporting units and in valuation techniques could result in materially different evaluations of impairment.

For the purpose of goodwill impairment testing, management has determined that the Company has one reporting unit. The Company performed its annual goodwill impairment test as of January 1, 2009, and determined that the fair value of the reporting unit was in excess of its carrying amount. Accordingly, as of the annual impairment testing date, there was no indication of goodwill impairment.

Historically, the Company has used the quoted market price of its common stock on the impairment testing date as the basis for determining fair value. As of January 1, 2009, the quoted market price of its common stock was \$11.96 per share, resulting in a market capitalization of \$4.1 billion, as compared to a net book value (i.e., common stockholders' equity) of \$4.2 billion at December 31, 2008. Given the negative variance of 2.4% in the Company's

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market capitalization, management enhanced the valuation methodology by using a discounted cash flow analysis (DCFA). The DCFA utilized observable market data to the extent available. The discount rates utilized in the DCFA reflected market-based estimates of capital costs and discount rates adjusted for management's assessment of a market participant's view with respect to execution, concentration, and other risks associated with the projected cash flows. The results of the DCFA yielded a net book value in excess of fair value. In addition to the DCFA, the Company also reviewed its average market price for the one-month period subsequent to December 31, 2008 and found that the average market price resulted in a market capitalization greater than the Company's book value per share.

Furthermore, management utilized a market premium approach to analyze if there was any indication of goodwill impairment at January 1, 2009. This approach looks at the market value of the Company's common stock, and estimates the fair value of the Company based on the market value of the stock plus a control premium, and compares that value to the carrying amount of the Company's stockholders' equity. Under this method, management determined that there was no indication of goodwill impairment as of January 1, 2009. In determining the appropriate control premium, management took into consideration, among other factors, certain facts and circumstances unique to the Company, as well as recent trends in market capitalization and control premiums used in comparable transactions.

The Company also performed its annual goodwill impairment test as of January 1, 2010 and found no indication of goodwill impairment at that date.

Core Deposit Intangible

Core deposit intangible (CDI) is a measure of the value of checking and savings deposits acquired in a business combination. The fair value of the CDI stemming from any given business combination is based on the present value of the expected cost savings attributable to the core deposit funding, relative to an alternative source of funding. CDI is amortized over the estimated useful lives of the existing deposit relationships acquired, but do not exceed 10 years. The Company evaluates such identifiable intangibles for impairment when an indication of impairment exists. No impairment charges were required to be recorded in 2009, 2008, or 2007. If an impairment loss is determined to exist in the future, the loss will be reflected as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income for the period in which such impairment is identified.

Premises and Equipment, Net

Premises, furniture, fixtures, and equipment are carried at cost less the accumulated depreciation computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets (generally 20 years for premises and three to ten years for furniture, fixtures, and equipment). Leasehold improvements are carried at cost less the accumulated amortization computed on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the related lease term or the estimated useful life of the improvement.

Depreciation and amortization are included in occupancy and equipment expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income, and amounted to \$20.0 million, \$19.7 million, and \$19.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively.

Other Real Estate Owned

Real estate properties acquired through, or in lieu of, foreclosure are to be sold or rented, and are reported at the lower of cost or fair value at the date of acquisition. Cost represents the unpaid balance of the loan at the acquisition date plus the expenses incurred to bring the property to a saleable condition, when appropriate. Following foreclosure, management periodically performs a valuation of the property and the real estate is carried at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value, less the estimated selling costs. Revenues and expenses from operations and changes in the valuation allowance, if any, are included in other operating expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company had other real estate owned of \$15.2 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. These amounts are included in other assets in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. There were no valuation allowances for other real estate owned at December 31, 2009, 2008, or 2007, and no provisions for the years ended at those dates.

Table of Contents***Income Taxes***

Income tax expense (benefit) consists of income taxes that are currently payable and deferred income taxes. Deferred income tax expense (benefit) is determined by recognizing deferred tax assets and liabilities for future tax consequences, attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates that are expected to apply to taxable income in years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Company assesses the deferred tax assets and establishes a valuation allowance when realization of a deferred asset is not considered to be more likely than not. The Company considers its expectation of future taxable income in evaluating the need for a valuation allowance.

The Company estimates income taxes payable based on the amount it expects to owe the various tax authorities (i.e., federal, state, and local). Income taxes represent the net estimated amount due to, or to be received from, such tax authorities. In estimating income taxes, management assesses the relative merits and risks of the appropriate tax treatment of transactions, taking into account statutory, judicial, and regulatory guidance in the context of the Company's tax position. In this process, management also relies on tax opinions, recent audits, and historical experience. Although the Company uses the best available information to record income taxes, underlying estimates and assumptions can change over time as a result of unanticipated events or circumstances such as changes in tax laws and judicial guidance influencing its overall tax position.

In July 2006, the FASB issued guidance which prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for use in connection with the obligation of a company to recognize, measure, present, and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that the company has taken or expects to take on a tax return. Only tax positions that meet a more likely than not threshold may be recognized. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2007. For a more detailed discussion of income taxes, please see Note 9, Federal, State, and Local Taxes.

Stock Options and Incentives

The Company is using the modified prospective approach to account for stock options and incentives. Accordingly, the Company recognizes compensation costs related to share-based payments at fair value on the date of grant, and recognizes such costs in its consolidated financial statements over the vesting period during which the employee provides service in exchange for the award.

The Company did not grant any stock options during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, or 2007; accordingly, there were no unvested stock options outstanding at any time during those years; accordingly, no compensation and benefits expense relating to stock options was recorded.

Under the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2006 Stock Incentive Plan"), which was approved by the Company's shareholders at its Annual Meeting on June 7, 2006, shares are available for grant as stock options, restricted stock, or other forms of related rights. At December 31, 2009, the Company had 5,053,058 shares available for grant under the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan. Compensation cost related to restricted stock grants is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. For a more detailed discussion of the Company's stock-based compensation, please see Note 13, Stock-Related Benefit Plans.

Retirement Plans

The Company's pension benefit obligations and post-retirement health and welfare benefit obligations, and the related costs, are calculated using actuarial concepts, in accordance with GAAP. The measurement of such obligations and expenses requires that certain assumptions be made regarding several factors, most notably including the discount rate and the expected return on plan assets. The Company evaluates these critical assumptions on an annual basis. Other factors considered by the Company in its evaluation include retirement patterns, mortality, turnover, and the rate of compensation increase.

Under GAAP, actuarial gains and losses, prior service costs or credits, and any remaining transition assets or obligations that have not been recognized under previous accounting standards must be recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss, net of tax effects, until they are amortized as a component of net periodic benefit cost. In addition, the measurement date (i.e., the date at which plan assets and the benefit obligation are measured for financial reporting purposes) is required to be the Company's fiscal year-end, December 31st.

Table of Contents**Earnings per Share (Basic and Diluted)**

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Weighted-average common shares are adjusted to exclude unallocated Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) shares. Diluted EPS is computed using the same method as basic EPS, however, the computation reflects the potential dilution that would occur if outstanding in-the-money stock options were exercised and converted into common stock.

In June 2008, the FASB issued accounting guidance, which the Company adopted on January 1, 2009, relating to participating securities, that clarified the treatment of such securities for EPS computation purposes. Unvested stock-based compensation awards containing non-forfeitable rights to dividends are considered participating securities and therefore are included in the two-class method for calculating EPS. Under the two-class method, all earnings (distributed and undistributed) are allocated to common shares and participating securities based on their respective rights to receive dividends. The Company grants restricted stock to certain employees under its stock-based compensation plans. Recipients receive cash dividends during the vesting periods of these awards (i.e., including on the unvested portion of such awards). Since these dividends are non-forfeitable, the unvested awards are considered participating securities and will have earnings allocated to them.

The following table presents the Company's computation of basic and diluted EPS for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007:

| <i>(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)</i> | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Net income | \$ 398,646 | \$ 77,884 | \$ 279,082 |
| Less: Dividends paid on and earnings allocated to participating securities | (2,251) | (1,266) | (475) |
| Earnings applicable to common stock | \$ 396,395 | \$ 76,618 | \$ 278,607 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 351,869,427 | 334,657,211 | 309,535,954 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 1.13 | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.90 |
| Earnings applicable to common stock | \$ 396,395 | \$ 76,618 | \$ 278,607 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 351,869,427 | 334,657,211 | 309,535,954 |
| Potential dilutive common shares ⁽¹⁾ | 69,626 | 713,854 | 1,567,038 |
| Total shares for diluted earnings per share computation | 351,939,053 | 335,371,065 | 311,102,992 |
| Diluted earnings per common share and common share equivalents | \$ 1.13 | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.90 |

(1) Options to purchase 12,742,326 shares, 2,848,931 shares, and 3,069,474 shares of the Company's common stock that were outstanding as of December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, at respective weighted average exercise prices of \$15.76, \$19.21, and \$19.07 were not included in the respective computation of diluted EPS because their inclusion would have had an antidilutive effect.

Segment Reporting

The Company has determined that all of its activities constitute one reportable operating segment.

Bank-Owned Life Insurance

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The Company has purchased life insurance policies on certain employees. These Bank-Owned Life Insurance (BOLI) policies are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Condition at their cash surrender value. Income from these policies and changes in the cash surrender value are recorded in non-interest income in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company s

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investment in BOLI was \$716.0 million and \$691.4 million, respectively. The Company's investment in BOLI generated income of \$27.4 million, \$28.6 million, and \$26.1 million, respectively, during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2009, the FASB released the Codification as the single source of authoritative non-governmental GAAP. The Codification is effective for interim and annual periods ended after September 15, 2009. All previously existing accounting standards documents are superseded. All other accounting literature not included in the Codification is non-authoritative.

Rules and interpretive releases of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The Codification supersedes all existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. All other non-grandfathered, non-SEC accounting literature not included in the Codification has become non-authoritative.

Following the Codification, the FASB will not issue new standards in the form of Statements of Financial Accounting Standards, FASB Staff Positions, Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts, or other types of pronouncements previously used. Instead, it will issue Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs), which will serve to update the Codification, provide background information about the guidance, and provide the basis for conclusions on changes to the Codification.

GAAP is not intended to be changed as a result of the Codification, but it will change the way the guidance is organized and presented. As a result, these changes will have a significant impact on how companies reference GAAP in their financial statements and in their accounting policies for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ended after September 15, 2009.

In April 2009, the FASB issued new requirements regarding disclosure of fair value measurements and accounting for the impairment of securities. The requirements address fair value measurements in inactive markets consistent with the principles presented in previously issued standards; increase the frequency of fair value disclosures; and establish new principles with respect to accounting for, and presenting, impairment losses on securities.

The new requirements address the determination of fair values when there is no active market or where the price inputs being used represent distressed sales, and reaffirm that the objective of fair value measurement, as set forth in previously issued guidance, is to reflect how much an asset would be sold for in an orderly transaction (the exit price, as opposed to a distressed or forced transaction) at the date of the financial statements and under current market conditions. Furthermore, the FASB specifically reaffirmed the need to use judgment in ascertaining if a formerly active market has become inactive and in determining fair values when markets have become inactive.

Prior to issuing the new requirements, fair values for financial instruments held by public companies were disclosed once a year. Quarterly disclosures that provide qualitative and quantitative information about fair value estimates are now required.

New requirements relating to other-than-temporary impairment were issued by the FASB to bring greater consistency to the timing of impairment recognition, and to provide greater clarity to investors about the credit and non-credit components of impaired debt securities that are not intended or expected to be sold. The measure of impairment in comprehensive income remains fair value. The guidance also requires increased and timelier disclosure regarding expected cash flows, credit losses, and the aging of securities with unrealized losses. In accordance with these requirements, the Company recorded a cumulative-effect adjustment at the adoption date of April 1, 2009 with respect to certain previously recognized OTTI.

The FASB requirements issued in April 2009 were effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009 and were adopted by the Company on April 1, 2009. The Company's adoption of the new requirements did not have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued a standard that, among other things, affects the accounting for transfers of financial assets, including securitization transactions, and requires more information regarding when companies

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have continuing exposure to the risks related to transferred financial assets. The standard eliminated the concept of a qualifying special-purpose entity, changed the requirements for derecognizing financial assets, and required additional disclosures.

Another standard issued by FASB in June 2009 changes how a company determines when an entity that is insufficiently capitalized or is not controlled through voting (or similar rights) should be consolidated. The determination of whether a company is required to consolidate an entity is based on, among other things, an entity's purpose and design, and a company's ability to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance.

Both of these standards were effective as of the beginning of the first annual reporting period that began after November 15, 2009, for interim periods within that first annual reporting period, and for interim and annual reporting periods thereafter. The Company does not expect the adoption of these standards to have a material impact on its consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

In June 2009, the FASB also issued a standard regarding subsequent events. This ASU establishes general standards of accounting for, and disclosing, events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. It requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date, i.e., whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or were available to be issued. Such disclosures are provided in Note 19, Subsequent Events.

In June 2008, the FASB issued guidance to clarify that unvested stock-based compensation awards containing non-forfeitable rights to dividends are considered participating securities and therefore are included in the two-class method calculation of EPS. Under the two-class method, all earnings (distributed and undistributed) are allocated to common shares and participating securities based on their respective rights to receive dividends. The Company grants restricted stock to certain employees under its stock-based compensation plans. Recipients receive cash dividends during the vesting periods of these awards. Since certain of these dividends are non-forfeitable, the unvested awards are considered participating securities and will have earnings allocated to them. The Company's adoption of this guidance in 2009 had an immaterial effect on its EPS for each of the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

In December 2007, the FASB issued a new standard on accounting for business combinations that requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize all (and only) the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the transaction; establishes the acquisition-date fair value as the measurement objective for all assets acquired and liabilities assumed; and requires the acquirer to disclose the information necessary to evaluate and understand the nature and financial effect of the business combination. This standard applied prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date was on or after the beginning of the first fiscal year that commenced after December 15, 2008. The Company adopted this guidance in connection with its acquisition of certain assets and its assumption of certain liabilities of AmTrust Bank on December 4, 2009.

In January 2010, the FASB issued a standard that requires more robust disclosures about (1) the different classes of assets and liabilities measured at fair value, (2) the valuation techniques and inputs used, (3) the activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, and (4) the transfers between Levels 1, 2, and 3. The new disclosures and clarifications of existing disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the rollforward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company expects that these requirements will have an immaterial effect on its consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3: BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

On December 4, 2009, the Community Bank acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AmTrust Bank (AmTrust) from the FDIC in an FDIC-assisted transaction (the AmTrust acquisition). Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, AmTrust was a savings bank that operated 29 branch locations in Ohio, 25 locations in Florida, and 12 locations in Arizona.

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The purpose of the AmTrust acquisition was to expand the Company's footprint into new markets, and to enhance its funding mix with the acquisition of low-cost core deposits.

As part of the Purchase and Assumption Agreement entered into by the Community Bank with the FDIC, the Community Bank entered into loss sharing agreements, whereby the FDIC will cover a substantial portion of any future losses on loans. The acquired loans that are subject to the loss sharing agreements are collectively referred to as covered loans. Under the terms of the loss sharing agreements, the FDIC is obligated to reimburse the Community Bank for 80% of losses of up to \$907 million with respect to the covered loans, and 95% of losses in excess of \$907 million with respect to the covered loans.

In addition, the Community Bank will reimburse the FDIC for 80% of recoveries with respect to losses for which the FDIC paid the Community Bank 80% reimbursement, and for 95% of recoveries with respect to losses for which the FDIC paid the Community Bank 95% reimbursement under the loss sharing agreements. The expected reimbursements under the loss sharing agreements were recorded as an indemnification asset (the aforementioned FDIC loss share receivable) at an estimated fair value of \$740.0 million on the acquisition date. The loss sharing agreements are subject to the Company following certain servicing procedures, as specified in the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC.

Furthermore, the Community Bank has agreed to pay to the FDIC, on January 18, 2020 (the True-Up Measurement Date), half of the amount, if positive, calculated as (1) \$181,400,000 minus (2) the sum of (a) 25% of the asset discount bid made in connection with the AmTrust acquisition; (b) 25% of the Cumulative Shared-Loss Payments (as defined below); and (c) the sum of the period servicing amounts for every consecutive twelve-month period prior to, and ending on, the True-Up Measurement Date in respect of each of the shared loss agreements during which the applicable shared loss agreement is in effect (with such period servicing amounts to equal, for any twelve-month period with respect to which each of the shared loss agreements during which such shared loss agreement is in effect, the product of the simple average of the principal amount of shared loss loans and shared loss assets at the beginning and end of such period and 1%). For the purposes of the above calculation, Cumulative Shared-Loss Payments means (i) the aggregate of all of the payments made or payable to the Community Bank under the shared-loss agreements minus (ii) the aggregate of all of the payments made or payable to the FDIC under the shared-loss agreements.

The above reimbursable losses and recoveries are based on the book value of the relevant loans as determined by the FDIC as of the effective date of the AmTrust acquisition. The amount that the Community Bank realizes on these loans could differ materially from the carrying value that will be reflected in any financial statements, based upon the timing and amount of collections and recoveries on the covered loans in future periods. Based on the closing with the FDIC as of December 4, 2009, the Community Bank (a) acquired \$5.0 billion in loans, \$760.0 million in investments, \$4.0 billion in cash and cash equivalents (including \$3.2 billion due from, and subsequently paid by, the FDIC), and \$1.2 billion in other assets; and (b) assumed \$8.2 billion in deposits, \$2.6 billion in borrowings, and \$92.5 million in other liabilities.

The Company has determined that the AmTrust acquisition constitutes a business combination as defined by Codification Topic 805, Business Combinations. Codification Topic 805 establishes principles and requirements as to how the acquirer of a business recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. Accordingly, the acquired assets, including the FDIC loss share receivable (which is accounted for as an indemnification asset under Topic 805) and identifiable intangible assets, and the assumed liabilities in the AmTrust acquisition, were measured and recorded at estimated fair value as of the December 4, 2009 acquisition date.

The application of the acquisition method of accounting resulted in a bargain purchase gain of \$139.6 million, which is included in non-interest income in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income for the year ended December 31, 2009. This gain amounted to \$84.2 million after-tax.

Although the Community Bank did not immediately acquire or lease the real estate, banking facilities, furniture, fixtures, or equipment of AmTrust as part of the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, it has the option to purchase or lease these items from the FDIC. The terms of these options expire 170 days after December 4, 2009, unless extended by the FDIC. Acquisition costs will be based on current appraisals and determined at a later date.

Because of the short time period between the December 4, 2009 closing of the transaction and the end of the Company's fiscal year on December 31, 2009, the Company continues to analyze its estimates of the fair values of the loans acquired and the indemnification asset recorded. As the Company finalizes its analysis of these assets, there may be adjustments to the recorded carrying values.

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A summary of the net assets acquired and the estimated fair value adjustments resulting in the net gain follows:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 4, 2009 |
|--|-------------------------|
| AmTrust's cost basis liabilities in excess of assets | \$ (2,799,630) |
| Cash payments received from the FDIC | 3,220,650 |
| Net assets acquired before fair value adjustments | 421,020 |
| Fair value adjustments: | |
| Loans | (946,083) |
| FDIC loss share receivable | 740,000 |
| Core deposit intangible | 40,797 |
| FHLB borrowings | (69,814) |
| Repurchase agreements | (11,180) |
| Certificates of deposit | (26,858) |
| FDIC equity appreciation instrument | (8,275) |
| Pre-tax gain on the AmTrust acquisition | \$ 139,607 |
| Deferred income tax liability | (55,410) |
| Net after-tax gain on the AmTrust acquisition | \$ 84,197 |

The net after-tax gain represents the excess of the estimated fair value of the assets acquired (including cash payments received from the FDIC) over the estimated fair value of the liabilities assumed and is influenced significantly by the FDIC-assisted transaction process. Under the FDIC-assisted transaction process, only certain assets and liabilities are transferred to the acquirer and, depending on the nature and amount of the acquirer's bid, the FDIC may be required to make a cash payment to the acquirer. As indicated in the preceding table, net liabilities of \$2.8 billion (i.e., the cost basis) were transferred to the Company in the AmTrust acquisition, and the FDIC made a cash payment to the Company of \$3.2 billion.

In many cases, the determination of the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed required management to make estimates about discount rates, future expected cash flows, market conditions, and other future events that are highly subjective in nature and subject to change. These fair value estimates are considered preliminary, 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 Community Bank and the FDIC are engaged in ongoing discussions that may impact which assets and liabilities are ultimately acquired or assumed by the Community Bank and/or the purchase price.

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The followings table sets forth the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, at fair value, in the AmTrust acquisition:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 4, 2009 |
|---|-------------------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 4,021,454 |
| Securities available for sale: | |
| Mortgage-related securities | 121,846 |
| Other securities | 638,170 |
| Total securities | 760,016 |
| Loans covered by loss sharing agreements: | |
| One- to four-family mortgage loans | 4,701,591 |
| Home equity lines of credit (HELOCs) and consumer loans | 314,412 |
| Total loans covered by loss sharing agreements | 5,016,003 |
| FDIC loss share receivable | 740,000 |
| FHLB of Cincinnati stock | 110,592 |
| Core deposit intangible | 40,797 |
| Other assets | 275,827 |
| Total assets acquired | \$ 10,964,689 |
| Liabilities | |
| Deposits: | |
| NOW and money market accounts | \$ 2,861,172 |
| Savings accounts | 878,365 |
| Certificates of deposit | 3,853,929 |
| Non-interest-bearing accounts | 613,678 |
| Total deposits | 8,207,144 |
| Borrowed funds: | |
| FHLB advances | 2,119,632 |
| Repurchase agreements | 461,180 |
| Total borrowed funds | 2,580,812 |
| Other liabilities | 92,536 |
| Total liabilities assumed | \$ 10,880,492 |
| Net assets acquired | \$ 84,197 |

In addition, as part of the consideration for the transaction, the Company issued an equity appreciation instrument to the FDIC. Under the terms of the equity appreciation instrument, the FDIC had the opportunity to obtain, at the sole option of the Company, a cash payment or shares of its common stock with a value equal to the product of (a) 25 million and (b) the amount by which the average of the volume weighted average price of its common stock for each of the two New York Stock Exchange trading days immediately prior to the exercise of the equity appreciation instrument exceeded \$12.33. The equity appreciation instrument was exercisable by the FDIC from December 9, 2009 through December 23, 2009. The FDIC exercised the equity appreciation instrument and such exercise was settled in cash for \$23.3 million by the Company. This instrument was valued at \$8.3 million when issued.

In December 2009, the Company extinguished the repurchase agreements acquired with a cash payment of \$461.2 million.

Fair Value of Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed

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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, reflecting assumptions that a market participant would use when pricing an asset or liability. In some cases, the estimation of fair values requires management to make estimates about discount rates, future expected cash flows, market conditions, and other future events that are highly subjective in nature and subject to change. Described below are the methods used to determine the fair values of the significant assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the AmTrust acquisition.

Table of Contents*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Included in cash and cash equivalents are cash and due from banks of \$394.1 million, federal funds sold of \$415.0 million, and \$3.2 billion due from the FDIC. Cash payments of \$3.0 billion and \$186.0 million were made by the FDIC to the Community Bank on December 7 and December 30, 2009, respectively, to consummate the AmTrust acquisition. The estimated fair values of cash and cash equivalents approximate their stated face amounts, as these financial instruments are either due on demand or have short-term maturities.

Investment Securities and FHLB Stock

Quoted market prices for the securities were used to determine their fair values. If quoted market prices were not available for a specific security, then quoted prices for similar securities in active markets were used to estimate the fair value.

The fair value of FHLB stock approximates the redemption amount.

Loans

The acquired loan portfolio is segregated into various components for valuation purposes in order to group loans based on their significant financial characteristics, such as loan type (mortgages, HELOCs, or consumer), borrower type, and payment status (performing or non-performing). The estimated fair values of mortgage and other loans were computed by discounting the anticipated cash flows from the respective portfolios. We estimated the cash flows expected to be collected at the acquisition date by using interest rate risk and prepayment risk models that incorporated our best estimate of current key assumptions, such as default rates, loss severity rates, and prepayment speeds. Prepayment assumptions use swap rates and various relevant reference rates (e.g., U.S. Treasury obligations) as benchmarks. Prepayment assumptions are developed by reference to historical prepayment speeds of loans with similar characteristics and by developing base curves for loans with particular reset and prepayment penalty periods. Once the base curves are determined, other factors that will influence constant prepayment rates in the future include, but are not limited to, current loan-to-value ratios, loan balances, home price appreciation, documentation type, and forward rates. Loss severity rates are based on, or developed by using, historical loss rates of loans in a loan performance database. The major inputs include, but are not limited to, current loan-to-value ratios, home price appreciation, payment history, original FICO scores, original debt-to-income ratios, property type, and loan balances.

The expected cash flows from the acquired loan portfolio were discounted at market rates. The discount rates assumed a risk-free rate plus an additional spread to compensate for the uncertainty inherent in the acquired loans. The methods used to estimate fair value are extremely sensitive to the assumptions and estimates used. While management attempted to use assumptions and estimates that best reflected the acquired loan portfolio and current market conditions, a greater degree of subjectivity is inherent in these values than in those determined in active markets. Accordingly, readers are cautioned in using this information for purposes of evaluating the financial condition and/or value of the Company in and of itself or in comparison with any other company.

The Company refers to the loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition as *covered loans* because the Company will be reimbursed for a substantial portion of any future losses on these loans under the terms of the FDIC loss sharing agreements. Covered loans are accounted for under Topic 310-30 and initially measured at fair value, which includes estimated future credit losses expected to be incurred over the lives of the loans. At the December 4, 2009 acquisition date, the Company estimated the fair value of the AmTrust loan portfolio, excluding loans held for sale, at \$4.7 billion, which represents the expected cash flows from the portfolio discounted at market-based rates. In estimating such fair value, the Company (a) calculated the contractual amount and timing of undiscounted principal and interest payments (the *undiscounted contractual cash flows*); and (b) estimated the amount and timing of undiscounted expected principal and interest payments (the *undiscounted expected cash flows*). The amount by which the undiscounted expected cash flows exceed the estimated fair value (the *accretable yield*) is accreted into interest income over the life of the loans. The difference between the undiscounted contractual cash flows and the undiscounted expected cash flows is referred to as the *non-accretable difference*. The non-accretable difference represents an estimate of the credit risk in the AmTrust loan portfolio at the acquisition date. At December 4, 2009, the accretable yield was \$2.1 billion and the non-accretable difference was \$1.2 billion. Under Topic 310-30, purchasers are permitted to aggregate acquired loans into one or more pools, provided that the loans have common risk characteristics. A pool is then accounted for as a single asset with a single composite interest rate and an aggregate expectation of cash flows.

FDIC Loss Share Receivable

The FDIC loss share receivable was measured separately from the covered loans as it is not contractually embedded in any of the covered loans. For example, the loss share receivable related to estimated future loan losses

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is not transferable should the Company sell a loan prior to foreclosure or maturity. The fair value of the loss share receivable represents the present value of the estimated cash payments expected to be received from the FDIC for future losses on covered loans, based on the credit adjustment estimated for each covered loan and the loss sharing percentages. The estimated gross cash flows associated with this receivable are approximately \$889 million. These cash flows were then discounted at a market-based rate to reflect the uncertainty of the timing and receipt of the loss sharing reimbursements from the FDIC. The amount ultimately collected for this asset is dependent upon the performance of the underlying covered loans, the passage of time, and claims submitted to the FDIC.

Core Deposit Intangible

CDI is a measure of the value of non-interest checking, savings, and NOW and money market deposits that are acquired in a business combination. The fair value of the CDI stemming from any given business combination is based on the present value of the expected cost savings attributable to the core deposit funding, relative to an alternative source of funding. The CDI related to the AmTrust acquisition will be amortized over an estimated useful life of seven years to approximate the existing deposit relationships acquired. The Company evaluates such identifiable intangibles for impairment when an indication of impairment exists.

Deposit Liabilities

The fair values of deposit liabilities with no stated maturity (i.e., NOW and money market accounts, savings accounts, and non-interest-bearing accounts) are equal to the carrying amounts payable on demand. The fair values of certificates of deposit (CDs) represent contractual cash flows, discounted using interest rates currently offered on deposits with similar characteristics and remaining maturities.

Borrowed Funds

The estimated fair value of borrowed funds is based on either bid quotations received from securities dealers or on the discounted value of contractual cash flows with interest rates currently in effect for borrowed funds with similar maturities.

Deferred Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes relate to the differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the AmTrust acquisition. The Company's deferred income taxes were measured using a combined federal and state tax rate of approximately 40%.

Derivative Financial Instruments

For exchange-traded futures and exchange-traded options, fair value is based on observable quoted market prices in an active market. For forward commitments to buy and sell loans and mortgage-backed securities, fair value is based on observable market prices for similar securities in an active market. For interest rate lock commitments for residential mortgage loans that the Company intends to sell, the fair value is based on internally developed models. The key model inputs primarily include the sum of the value of the forward commitment based on the loan's expected settlement date, the value of mortgage servicing rights (MSRs) arrived at by an independent mortgage servicing rights broker, government agency price adjustment factors, and historical interest rate lock commitment fall-out factors.

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The following tables summarize the Company's portfolio of securities available for sale at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Amortized Cost | December 31, 2009 | | Fair Value |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Gross Unrealized Gain | Gross Unrealized Loss | |
| Mortgage-related Securities: | | | | |
| GSE ⁽¹⁾ certificates | \$ 264,769 | \$ 7,741 | \$ 702 | \$ 271,808 |
| GSE CMOs ⁽²⁾ | 400,770 | 16,013 | | 416,783 |
| Private label CMOs | 91,612 | | 5,998 | 85,614 |
| Total mortgage-related securities | \$ 757,151 | \$ 23,754 | \$ 6,700 | \$ 774,205 |
| Other Securities: | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury obligations | \$ 607,022 | \$ 21 | \$ 592 | \$ 606,451 |
| GSE debentures | 30,179 | 11 | | 30,190 |
| Corporate bonds | 5,811 | 9 | 919 | 4,901 |
| State, county, and municipal | 6,402 | 38 | 281 | 6,159 |
| Capital trust notes | 39,151 | 5,125 | 5,438 | 38,838 |
| Preferred stock | 31,400 | 1,117 | 11,283 | 21,234 |
| Common stock | 42,693 | 1,606 | 7,631 | 36,668 |
| Total other securities | \$ 762,658 | \$ 7,927 | \$ 26,144 | \$ 744,441 |
| Total securities available for sale⁽³⁾ | \$ 1,519,809 | \$ 31,681 | \$ 32,844 | \$ 1,518,646 |

(1) Government-sponsored enterprises

(2) Collateralized mortgage obligations

(3) As of December 31, 2009, the non-credit portion of OTTI recorded in AOCL was \$506,000 (before taxes).

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Amortized Cost | December 31, 2008 | | Fair Value |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Gross Unrealized Gain | Gross Unrealized Loss | |
| Mortgage-related Securities: | | | | |
| GSE certificates | \$ 180,132 | \$ 5,160 | \$ | \$ 185,292 |
| GSE CMOs | 519,389 | 9,727 | 154 | 528,962 |
| Private label CMOs | 139,332 | | 19,902 | 119,430 |
| Total mortgage-related securities | \$ 838,853 | \$ 14,887 | \$ 20,056 | \$ 833,684 |
| Other Securities: | | | | |
| GSE debentures | \$ 59,478 | \$ 2,481 | \$ | \$ 61,959 |
| Corporate bonds | 30,814 | | 12,064 | 18,750 |
| State, county, and municipal | 6,528 | | 387 | 6,141 |
| Capital trust notes | 44,337 | | 14,471 | 29,866 |
| Preferred stock | 31,400 | 150 | 14,010 | 17,540 |
| Common stock | 53,343 | 151 | 10,932 | 42,562 |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Total other securities | \$ 225,900 | \$ 2,782 | \$ 51,864 | \$ 176,818 |
| Total securities available for sale | \$ 1,064,753 | \$ 17,669 | \$ 71,920 | \$ 1,010,502 |

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The following tables summarize the Company's portfolio of securities held to maturity at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, 2009 | | | | Fair Value |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Carrying Amount | Gross Unrealized Gain | Gross Unrealized Loss | |
| Mortgage-related Securities: | | | | | |
| GSE certificates | \$ 234,290 | \$ 234,290 | \$ 16,031 | \$ | \$ 250,321 |
| GSE CMOs | 2,224,873 | 2,224,873 | 75,948 | 6,327 | 2,294,494 |
| Other mortgage-related securities | 6,793 | 6,793 | | | 6,793 |
| Total mortgage-related securities | \$ 2,465,956 | \$ 2,465,956 | \$ 91,979 | \$ 6,327 | \$ 2,551,608 |
| Other Securities: | | | | | |
| GSE debentures | \$ 1,489,488 | \$ 1,489,488 | \$ 564 | \$ 24,505 | \$ 1,465,547 |
| Corporate bonds | 101,084 | 101,084 | 4,363 | 1,578 | 103,869 |
| Capital trust notes | 176,784 | 167,069 | 2,054 | 40,485 | 128,638 |
| Total other securities | \$ 1,767,356 | \$ 1,757,641 | \$ 6,981 | \$ 66,568 | \$ 1,698,054 |
| Total securities held to maturity⁽¹⁾ | \$ 4,233,312 | \$ 4,223,597 | \$ 98,960 | \$ 72,895 | \$ 4,249,662 |

(1) Held-to-maturity securities are reported at a carrying amount equal to amortized cost less the non-credit portion of OTTI recorded in AOCL. As of December 31, 2009, the non-credit portion recorded in AOCL was \$9.2 million (before taxes).

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, 2008 | | | | Fair Value |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gain | Gross Unrealized Loss | | |
| Mortgage-related Securities: | | | | | |
| GSE certificates | \$ 282,441 | \$ 12,515 | \$ | | \$ 294,956 |
| GSE CMOs | 2,875,878 | 40,944 | 18,901 | | 2,897,921 |
| Other mortgage-related securities | 6,537 | | | | 6,537 |
| Total mortgage-related securities | \$ 3,164,856 | \$ 53,459 | \$ 18,901 | | \$ 3,199,414 |
| Other Securities: | | | | | |
| GSE debentures | \$ 1,372,593 | \$ 3,574 | \$ | | \$ 1,376,167 |
| Corporate bonds | 133,165 | 153 | 26,561 | | 106,757 |
| Capital trust notes | 220,377 | | 74,914 | | 145,463 |
| Total other securities | \$ 1,726,135 | \$ 3,727 | \$ 101,475 | | \$ 1,628,387 |
| Total securities held to maturity | \$ 4,890,991 | \$ 57,186 | \$ 120,376 | | \$ 4,827,801 |

The Company had \$496.7 million and \$401.0 million of FHLB stock, at cost, at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The Company is required to maintain this investment in order to have access to funding resources provided by the FHLB.

The following table summarizes the gross proceeds, gross realized gains, and gross realized losses from the sale of available-for-sale securities during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007:

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| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Gross proceeds | \$ 10,338 | \$ 11,543 | \$ 2,115,530 |
| Gross realized gains | 338 | 573 | 9,195 |
| Gross realized losses | | | 7,307 |

In connection with the second quarter 2007 repositioning of the balance sheet following the Company's acquisition of PennFed, the Company securitized \$593.8 million of the one- to four-family loans that had been acquired in that transaction. The resultant securities were recorded in the available-for-sale securities portfolio at an initial cost basis of \$588.4 million and were subsequently sold in the third quarter of 2007.

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The following table presents a rollforward of the credit loss component of OTTI on debt securities for which a non-credit component of OTTI was recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income. The beginning balance represents the credit loss component for debt securities for which OTTI occurred prior to April 1, 2009, the date on which the Company adopted new FASB requirements for the recognition of OTTI. OTTI recognized in earnings after that date for credit-impaired debt securities is presented as an addition in two components, based upon whether the current period is the first time a debt security was credit-impaired (initial credit impairment) or is not the first time a debt security was credit impaired (subsequent credit impairment). Changes in the credit loss component of credit-impaired debt securities were as follows:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | For the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2009 | |
|--|--|----------------|
| Beginning credit loss amount as of April 1, 2009 | \$ | 103,350 |
| Add: Initial OTTI credit losses | | 73,650 |
| Subsequent OTTI credit losses | | 22,883 |
| Less: Realized losses for securities sold | | |
| Securities intended or required to be sold | | |
| Increases in expected cash flows on debt securities | | |
| Ending credit loss amount as of December 31, 2009 | \$ | 199,883 |

OTTI losses on securities totaled \$106.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2009. The OTTI losses that were related to credit and, therefore, were recognized in earnings totaled \$96.5 million during this period, and were determined through a present-value analysis of expected cash flows on the securities. The significant inputs that the Company used to determine these expected cash flows were the anticipated magnitude and timing of interest payment deferrals, if any, and the underlying creditworthiness of the individual issuers whose debt acts as collateral for these single-issue and pooled trust preferred securities. The discount rate used to estimate the fair value was determined by considering the weighted average of certain market credit spreads, as well as credit spreads interpolated using other market factors. The discount rate used in determining the credit portion of OTTI, if any, is the yield on the position at the time of purchase.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, the total OTTI loss on securities consisted of \$96.3 million on trust preferred securities (\$86.6 million of which was recognized in earnings) and \$10.0 million related to corporate debt (all of which was recognized in earnings).

In 2008, the Company recorded a \$104.3 million loss on the OTTI of certain securities (all of which was recognized in earnings), including \$42.4 million of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. perpetual preferred stock and corporate bonds; \$5.0 million of Freddie Mac preferred stock; \$40.5 million of capital trust notes, including income notes; \$5.4 million of other equity securities; and \$11.0 million of corporate bond issues.

In the second quarter of 2007, the Company recorded in earnings a \$57.0 million loss on the OTTI of certain available-for-sale mortgage-related securities. The OTTI was recorded in connection with the repositioning of the balance sheet that followed the acquisition of PennFed. In July 2007, the Company sold the impaired securities at a pre-tax loss of \$7.3 million, which was recognized in non-interest income in the three months ended September 30, 2007.

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The following table summarizes the carrying amount and estimated fair value of held-to-maturity debt securities and the amortized cost and estimated fair value of available-for-sale debt securities at December 31, 2009 by contractual maturity. Mortgage-related securities held to maturity and available for sale, all of which have prepayment provisions, are distributed to a maturity category based on the end of the estimated average life of such securities. Principal and amortization prepayments are not shown in maturity categories as they occur, but are considered in the determination of estimated average life.

| (dollars in thousands) | Carrying Amount at December 31, 2009 | | | | | | | | Fair Value | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Mortgage-related Securities | Average Yield | U.S. Treasury and GSE Obligations | Average Yield | State, County, and Municipal | Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Other Debt Securities ⁽²⁾ | Average Yield | | |
| Held-to-Maturity Securities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Due within one year | \$ | | % \$ | | % \$ | | % \$ | 4,014 | 8.04% | \$ 3,988 |
| Due from one to five years | | | | | | | | 32,759 | 6.34 | 31,913 |
| Due from five to ten years | 5,268 | 5.79 | 1,489,488 | 4.38 | | | | 23,028 | 5.20 | 1,496,471 |
| Due after ten years | 2,460,688 | 5.16 | | | | | | 208,352 | 7.26 | 2,717,290 |
| Total debt securities held to maturity | \$ 2,465,956 | 5.16% | \$ 1,489,488 | 4.38% | \$ | | % \$ 268,153 | | 6.98% | \$ 4,249,662 |
| Available-for-Sale Securities:⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Due within one year | \$ | | % \$ 577,842 | 0.21% | \$ 125 | 5.12% | \$ 1,036 | 5.60% | \$ 579,042 | |
| Due from one to five years | 2,244 | 5.04 | 59,359 | 1.20 | 491 | 5.75 | 4,775 | 1.79 | 65,465 | |
| Due from five to ten years | 14,758 | 6.84 | | | 2,315 | 6.50 | | | 17,318 | |
| Due after ten years | 740,149 | 5.07 | | | 3,471 | 6.67 | 39,151 | 5.01 | 798,919 | |
| Total debt securities available for sale | \$ 757,151 | 5.11% | \$ 637,201 | 0.30% | \$ 6,402 | 6.51% | \$ 44,962 | 4.68% | \$ 1,460,744 | |

(1) Not presented on a tax-equivalent basis.

(2) Includes corporate bonds and capital trust notes. Included in capital trust notes are \$16.4 million and \$624,000 of pooled trust preferred securities available for sale and held to maturity, respectively, all of which are due after ten years. The remaining capital trust notes consist of single-issue trust preferred securities.

(3) As equity securities have no contractual maturity, they have been excluded from this table.

The Company had no commitments to purchase securities at December 31, 2009.

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The following tables present held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities having a continuous unrealized loss position for less than twelve months or for twelve months or longer as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| At December 31, 2009 <i>(in thousands)</i> | Less than Twelve Months | | Twelve Months or Longer | | Total | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss |
| Temporarily Impaired Held-to-Maturity Debt Securities: | | | | | | |
| GSE debentures | \$ 1,403,687 | \$ 24,505 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,403,687 | \$ 24,505 |
| GSE CMOs | 59,147 | 1,115 | 102,067 | 5,212 | 161,214 | 6,327 |
| Corporate bonds | 27,710 | 1,256 | 14,317 | 322 | 42,027 | 1,578 |
| Capital trust notes | 34,830 | 429 | 71,016 | 40,056 | 105,846 | 40,485 |
| Total temporarily impaired held-to-maturity debt securities | \$ 1,525,374 | \$ 27,305 | \$ 187,400 | \$ 45,590 | \$ 1,712,774 | \$ 72,895 |
| Temporarily Impaired Available-for-Sale Securities: | | | | | | |
| Debt Securities: | | | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury obligations | \$ 185,928 | \$ 592 | \$ | \$ | \$ 185,928 | \$ 592 |
| GSE certificates | 81,981 | 702 | | | 81,981 | 702 |
| Private-label CMOs | 43,849 | 5,452 | 41,765 | 546 | 85,614 | 5,998 |
| Corporate bonds | | | 3,855 | 919 | 3,855 | 919 |
| State, county, and municipal | 524 | 22 | 4,723 | 259 | 5,247 | 281 |
| Capital trust notes | 3,983 | 44 | 9,224 | 5,394 | 13,207 | 5,438 |
| Total temporarily impaired available-for-sale debt securities | \$ 316,265 | \$ 6,812 | \$ 59,567 | \$ 7,118 | \$ 375,832 | \$ 13,930 |
| Equity securities | | | 30,498 | 18,914 | 30,498 | 18,914 |
| Total temporarily impaired available-for-sale securities | \$ 316,265 | \$ 6,812 | \$ 90,065 | \$ 26,032 | \$ 406,330 | \$ 32,844 |

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| At December 31, 2008 <i>(in thousands)</i> | Less than Twelve Months | | Twelve Months or Longer | | Total | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss |
| Temporarily Impaired Held-to-Maturity Debt Securities: | | | | | | |
| GSE CMOs | \$ 10,223 | \$ 279 | \$ 637,364 | \$ 18,622 | \$ 647,587 | \$ 18,901 |
| Corporate bonds | 71,224 | 20,080 | 5,350 | 6,481 | 76,574 | 26,561 |
| Capital trust notes | 69,478 | 15,405 | 75,985 | 59,509 | 145,463 | 74,914 |
| Total temporarily impaired held-to-maturity debt securities | \$ 150,925 | \$ 35,764 | \$ 718,699 | \$ 84,612 | \$ 869,624 | \$ 120,376 |
| Temporarily Impaired Available-for-Sale Securities: | | | | | | |
| Debt Securities: | | | | | | |
| GSE CMOs | \$ | \$ | \$ 39,603 | \$ 154 | \$ 39,603 | \$ 154 |
| Private-label CMOs | | | 119,430 | 19,902 | 119,430 | 19,902 |
| Corporate bonds | 9,500 | 1,575 | 9,250 | 10,489 | 18,750 | 12,064 |
| State, county, and municipal | 1,137 | 276 | 5,004 | 111 | 6,141 | 387 |
| Capital trust notes | 19,781 | 12,015 | 6,885 | 2,456 | 26,666 | 14,471 |
| Total temporarily impaired available-for-sale debt securities | \$ 30,418 | \$ 13,866 | \$ 180,172 | \$ 33,112 | \$ 210,590 | \$ 46,978 |
| Equity securities | 15,950 | 11,850 | 20,376 | 13,092 | 36,326 | 24,942 |
| Total temporarily impaired available-for-sale securities | \$ 46,368 | \$ 25,716 | \$ 200,548 | \$ 46,204 | \$ 246,916 | \$ 71,920 |

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In April 2009, the FASB amended the OTTI accounting model for debt securities. The OTTI accounting model for equity securities was not affected. Under the new guidance, an OTTI loss on impaired securities must be fully recognized in earnings if an investor has the intent to sell the debt security or if it is more likely than not that the investor will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized cost. However, even if an investor does not expect to sell a debt security, it must evaluate the expected cash flows to be received and determine if a credit loss has occurred. In the event that a credit loss has occurred, only the amount of impairment associated with the credit loss is recognized in earnings. Amounts relating to factors other than credit losses are recorded in AOCL. The guidance also requires additional disclosures regarding the calculation of credit losses as well as factors considered by the investor in reaching a conclusion that an investment is not other-than-temporarily impaired. The Company adopted the new guidance effective April 1, 2009 and recorded a \$967,000 pre-tax transition adjustment for the non-credit portion of the OTTI on securities held at April 1, 2009 that were previously considered other-than-temporarily impaired.

Available-for-sale securities in unrealized loss positions are analyzed as part of the Company's ongoing assessment of OTTI. When the Company intends to sell such available-for-sale securities, the Company recognizes an impairment loss equal to the full difference between the amortized cost basis and the fair value of those securities. When the Company does not intend to sell available-for-sale equity or debt securities in an unrealized loss position, potential OTTI is considered based on a variety of factors, including the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than cost; adverse conditions specifically related to the industry, the geographic area, or financial condition of the issuer or the underlying collateral of a security; the payment structure of the security; changes to the rating of the security by a rating agency; the volatility of the fair value changes; and changes in fair value of the security after the balance sheet date. For debt securities, the Company estimates cash flows over the remaining lives of the underlying collateral to assess whether credit losses exist and, where applicable, to determine if any adverse changes in cash flows have occurred. The Company's cash flow estimates take into account expectations of relevant market and economic data as of the end of the reporting period. As of December 31, 2009, the Company did not intend to sell the securities with an unrealized loss position in AOCL, and it was more likely than not that the Company would be required to sell these securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis. The Company believes that the securities with an unrealized loss in AOCL were not other-than-temporarily impaired as of December 31, 2009.

Other factors considered in determining whether a loss is temporary include the length of time and the extent to which fair value has been below cost; the severity of the impairment; the cause of the impairment; the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer; activity in the market of the issuer that may indicate adverse credit conditions; and the forecasted recovery period using current estimates of volatility in market interest rates (including liquidity and risk premiums).

Management's assertion regarding its intent not to sell, or that it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security before its anticipated recovery, considers a number of factors, including a quantitative estimate of the expected recovery period (which may extend to maturity) and management's intended strategy with respect to the identified security or portfolio. If management does have the intent to sell, or believes it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security before its anticipated recovery, the unrealized loss is charged directly to earnings in the Consolidated Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income.

The unrealized losses on the Company's GSE debentures and GSE CMOs at December 31, 2009 were primarily caused by movements in market interest rates and spread volatility, rather than credit risk. The Company purchased these investments either at par or at a discount relative to their face amount, and the contractual cash flows of these investments are guaranteed by the GSEs. Accordingly, it is expected that these securities would not be settled at a price that is less than the amortized cost of the Company's investment. Because the Company does not have the intent to sell the investments and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the investments before anticipated recovery of fair value, which may be at maturity, the Company did not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at December 31, 2009.

The Company's unrealized losses on corporate bonds and capital trust notes at December 31, 2009 relate to investments in various financial institutions. The unrealized losses were primarily caused by market interest rate volatility and a significant widening of interest rate spreads across market sectors relating to credit concerns, continued illiquidity, and uncertainty in the financial markets. Each of these securities was purchased on the basis of an individual assessment of the financial institutions issuing such securities. This assessment included, but was not limited to, a review of credit ratings (if any), as well as an underwriting process designed to determine the financial institution's creditworthiness.

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The Company reviews quarterly financial information as well as other information that is released by each financial institution to determine the continued creditworthiness of the securities they issued. The contractual terms of these investments do not permit settling the securities at prices that are less than the amortized costs of the investments; therefore, the Company expects that these investments would not be settled at prices that are less than their amortized costs. The Company continues to monitor these investments and currently estimates that the present value of expected cash flows is not less than the amortized cost of the securities. Because the Company does not have the intent to sell the investments and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the investments before anticipated recovery of fair value, which may be at maturity, it did not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at December 31, 2009. It is possible that these securities will perform worse than is currently expected, which could lead to adverse changes in cash flows on these securities and potential OTTI losses in the future. Events that may occur in the future at the financial institutions that issued these securities could trigger material unrecoverable declines in fair values for the Company's investments and therefore could result in future potential OTTI losses. Such events include, but are not limited to, government intervention, deteriorating asset quality and credit metrics, significantly higher levels of default and loan loss provisions, losses in value on the underlying collateral, deteriorating credit enhancement, net operating losses, and further illiquidity in the financial markets.

The unrealized losses on the Company's private label CMOs at December 31, 2009 were primarily attributable to market interest rate volatility and a significant widening of interest rate spreads across market sectors relating to the continued illiquidity and uncertainty in the financial markets, rather than to credit risk. Current characteristics of each security owned, such as delinquency and foreclosure levels, credit enhancement, and projected losses and coverage, are reviewed periodically by management. Accordingly, it is expected that the securities would not be settled at a price less than the amortized cost of the Company's investment. Because the Company does not have the intent to sell the investments and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the investments before anticipated recovery of fair value, which may be at maturity, the Company did not consider these investments to be other than temporarily impaired at December 31, 2009. It is possible that the underlying loan collateral of these securities will perform worse than is currently expected, which could lead to adverse changes in cash flows on these securities and future OTTI losses. Events that could trigger material unrecoverable declines in fair values, and therefore potential OTTI losses for these securities in the future include, but are not limited to, deterioration of credit metrics, significantly higher levels of default, loss in value on the underlying collateral, deteriorating credit enhancement, and further illiquidity in the financial markets.

At December 31, 2009, the Company's equity securities portfolio consisted of perpetual preferred and common stock, and mutual funds. In analyzing its investments in perpetual preferred stock for OTTI, the Company uses an impairment model that is applied to debt securities, consistent with guidance provided by the SEC, provided that there has been no evidence of deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer. If deterioration occurs, an equity security impairment model is used. The unrealized losses on the Company's equity securities were primarily caused by market volatility. In addition, perpetual preferred stock was impacted by widening interest rate spreads across market sectors related to the continued illiquidity and uncertainty in the marketplace. The Company evaluated the near-term prospects of a recovery of fair value for each security in the portfolio, together with the severity and duration of impairment to date. Based on this evaluation, and the Company's ability and intent to hold these investments for a reasonable period of time sufficient to realize a near-term forecasted recovery of fair value, the Company did not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at December 31, 2009. Nonetheless, it is possible that these equity securities will perform worse than currently expected, which could lead to adverse changes in their fair values or the failure of the securities to fully recover in value as presently forecasted by management, causing the Company to record OTTI losses in future periods. Events that could trigger material declines in the fair values of these securities include, but are not limited to, deterioration in the equity markets; a decline in the quality of the loan portfolios of the issuers in which the Company has invested; and the recording of higher loan loss provisions and net operating losses by such issuers. The Company considers a decline in fair value of available-for-sale equity securities to be other than temporary if the Company does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security.

The investment securities designated as having a continuous loss position for twelve months or more at December 31, 2009 consisted of two mortgage-related securities, two municipal bonds, three corporate debt obligations, 13 capital trust notes, and six equity securities. At December 31, 2008, the investment securities

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designated as having a continuous loss position for twelve months or more consisted of 14 mortgage-related securities, two municipal bonds, three corporate debt obligations, 16 capital trust notes, and five equity securities. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the combined market value of these securities represented unrealized losses of \$71.6 million and \$130.8 million, respectively. At December 31, 2009, the fair value of securities having a continuous loss position for twelve months or more was 20.5% below their collective amortized cost of \$349.1 million. At December 31, 2008, the fair value of such securities was 12.5% below their collective amortized cost of \$1.1 billion.

NOTE 5: LOANS

The following table sets forth the composition of the loan portfolio at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Non-covered Loans: | | |
| Mortgage Loans: | | |
| Multi-family | \$ 16,737,721 | \$ 15,728,264 |
| Commercial real estate | 4,988,649 | 4,553,550 |
| Acquisition, development, and construction | 666,440 | 778,364 |
| One- to four-family | 216,078 | 266,307 |
| Total mortgage loans | 22,608,888 | 21,326,485 |
| Net deferred loan origination fees | (3,805) | (6,940) |
| Total non-covered mortgage loans, net | \$ 22,605,083 | \$ 21,319,545 |
| Other Loans: | | |
| Commercial and industrial | 653,159 | 713,099 |
| Consumer | 117,780 | 158,907 |
| Lease financing, net | 665 | 1,433 |
| Total other loans | 771,604 | \$ 873,439 |
| Net deferred loan origination fees | (88) | (772) |
| Total non-covered other loans, net | 771,516 | 872,667 |
| Less: Allowance for loan losses | 127,491 | 94,368 |
| Total non-covered loans, net | \$ 23,249,108 | \$ 22,097,844 |
| Covered loans (principally one- to four-family loans, of which \$351.3 million are held for sale) | 5,016,100 | |
| Loans, net | \$ 28,265,208 | \$ 22,097,844 |

Covered loans refers to the loans acquired from the FDIC in the AmTrust acquisition and that are subject to the previously mentioned loss sharing agreements. Non-covered loans refers to all loans in the Company's loan portfolio excluding covered loans.

Non-covered Loans

The Company is primarily a multi-family mortgage lender, with a significant portion of its loan portfolio collateralized by non-luxury apartment buildings in New York City that are largely rent-controlled and/or rent-stabilized. At December 31, 2009, approximately 75% of the multi-family loan portfolio was secured by properties in New York City, with Manhattan accounting for approximately 32% of New York City's share.

The Company also originates commercial real estate (CRE) loans, primarily in New York City, Long Island, and New Jersey, and, to a lesser extent, acquisition, development, and construction (ADC) loans and commercial and industrial (C&I) loans. ADC loans are primarily originated

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for multi-family and residential tract projects in New York City and Long Island, while C&I loans are made to small and mid-size businesses, on both a secured and unsecured basis, for working capital, business expansion, and the purchase of machinery and equipment.

Payments on multi-family and CRE loans generally depend on the income produced by the underlying properties which, in turn, depends on their successful operation and management. Accordingly, the ability of the Company's borrowers to repay these loans may be impacted by adverse conditions in the local real estate market and the local economy. While the Company generally requires that such loans be qualified on the basis of the collateral property's current cash flows, appraised value, and debt service coverage ratio, among other factors, there can be no assurance that its underwriting policies will protect the Company from credit-related losses or delinquencies.

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ADC financing typically involves a greater degree of credit risk than longer-term financing on improved, owner-occupied real estate. The risk of loss on an ADC loan largely depends upon the accuracy of the initial estimate of the property's value at completion of construction or development, compared to the estimated costs (including interest) of construction. If the estimate of value proves to be inaccurate, the loan may be under-secured. While the Company seeks to minimize these risks by maintaining consistent lending policies and rigorous underwriting standards, an error in such estimates or a downturn in the local economy or real estate market could have a material adverse effect on the quality of the ADC loan portfolio, thereby resulting in material losses or delinquencies.

The Company seeks to minimize the risks involved in C&I lending by underwriting such loans on the basis of the cash flows produced by the business; by requiring that such loans be collateralized by various business assets, including inventory, equipment, and accounts receivable, among others; and by requiring personal guarantees. However, the capacity of a borrower to repay a C&I loan is substantially dependent on the degree to which his or her business is successful. In addition, the collateral underlying such loans may depreciate over time, may not be conducive to appraisal, or may fluctuate in value, based upon the results of operations of the business.

During 2009, the markets served by the Company were impacted by widespread economic decline and rising unemployment, which contributed to a rise in charge-offs and non-performing assets. The ability of the Company's borrowers to repay their loans, and the value of the collateral securing such loans, could be further adversely impacted by continued or more significant economic weakness in its local markets as a result of increased unemployment, declining real estate values, or increased residential and office vacancies. This could not only result in the Company experiencing a further increase in charge-offs and/or non-performing assets, but also could necessitate an increase in the provision for loan losses. These events would have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations and capital, if they were to occur.

The Company also originates one- to four-family mortgage loans on a pass-through basis throughout its branch network for sale to a third-party conduit. Under this conduit program, the Company sold one- to four-family loans totaling \$99.9 million, \$47.0 million, and \$62.1 million in 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively, and recorded aggregate net gains of \$717,000, \$326,000, and \$705,000, respectively, on such sales. Loans originated and held for sale through the conduit program are included in consumer loans in the table on the preceding page.

The Company services mortgage loans for various third parties, including, but not limited to, Savings Bank Life Insurance, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the State of New York Mortgage Agency. At December 31, 2009, the unpaid principal balance of serviced loans amounted to \$1.4 billion; at December 31, 2008 and 2007, the unpaid principal balance of serviced loans amounted to \$884.1 million and \$933.7 million, respectively. The custodial escrow balances maintained in connection with such loans amounted to \$12.8 million, \$11.7 million, and \$5.5 million, respectively, at the corresponding dates. In accordance with the Purchase and Assumption Agreement between the Community Bank and the FDIC, effective December 4, 2009, the Community Bank has agreed to continue to service the loans that were being serviced by AmTrust for a period of up to one year.

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company had \$578.1 million and \$113.7 million, respectively, of non-accrual non-covered loans. Covered loans are considered to be performing due to the application of the accretion method under Codification Topic 310-30, as further discussed in Note 3, Business Combinations.

The following table presents information regarding the Company's non-performing loans at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Non-performing Loans: | | |
| Non-accrual mortgage loans: | | |
| Multi-family | \$ 393,113 | \$ 53,153 |
| Commercial real estate | 70,618 | 12,785 |
| Acquisition, development, and construction | 79,228 | 24,839 |
| One- to four-family | 14,171 | 11,155 |
| Total non-accrual mortgage loans | 557,130 | 101,932 |
| Other non-accrual loans | 20,938 | 11,765 |
| Loans 90 days or more delinquent and still accruing interest | | |
| Total non-performing loans | \$ 578,068 | \$ 113,697 |

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In accordance with GAAP, the Company is required to account for certain loan modifications or restructurings as troubled debt restructurings. In general, a modification or restructuring of a loan constitutes a troubled debt restructuring if the Company grants a concession to a borrower experiencing financial difficulty. Loans modified in a troubled debt restructuring are placed on non-accrual status until the Company determines that future collection of principal and interest is reasonably assured, which generally requires that the borrower demonstrate performance according to the restructured terms for a period of at least six months. Loans modified in a troubled debt restructuring totaled \$184.8 million; of this amount, \$167.3 million was included in non-accrual loans and \$17.5 million was under 90 days past due, at December 31, 2009. There were no troubled debt restructurings at December 31, 2008.

Covered Loans

The following table presents the balances of the loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition, excluding loans held for sale, as of December 31, 2009:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Amount | Percent of Covered Loans |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Loan Category: | | |
| One- to four-family | \$ 5,215,553 | 92.83% |
| HELOCs | 399,705 | 7.11 |
| Consumer | 3,162 | 0.06 |
| Total loans | \$ 5,618,420 | 100.0% |
| Total discount resulting from acquisition date fair value adjustment | (953,642) | |
| Net loans acquired | \$ 4,664,778 | |

The Company refers to the loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition as covered loans because the Company will be reimbursed for a substantial portion of any future losses on these loans under the terms of the FDIC loss sharing agreements. Covered loans are accounted for under Codification Topic 310-30, and initially measured at fair value, which includes estimated future credit losses expected to be incurred over the lives of the loans.

At the December 4, 2009 acquisition date, we estimated the fair value of the AmTrust loan portfolio, excluding loans held for sale, at \$4.7 billion, which represents the expected cash flows from the portfolio discounted at market-based rates. In estimating such fair value, we (a) calculated the contractual amount and timing of undiscounted principal and interest payments (the undiscounted contractual cash flows); and (b) estimated the amount and timing of undiscounted expected principal and interest payments (the undiscounted expected cash flows). The amount by which the undiscounted expected cash flows exceed the estimated fair value (the accretable yield) is accreted into interest income over the lives of the loans. The difference between the undiscounted contractual cash flows and the undiscounted expected cash flows is referred to as the non-accretable difference. The non-accretable difference represents an estimate of the credit risk in the AmTrust loan portfolio at the acquisition date. On the acquisition date, the preliminary estimate of the contractual principal and interest payments for covered loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition was \$8.0 billion. At December 4, 2009, the accretable yield was \$2.1 billion and the non-accretable difference was \$1.2 billion.

Under FASB ASC Topic 310-30, purchasers are permitted to aggregate acquired loans into one or more pools, provided that the loans have common risk characteristics. A pool is then accounted for as a single asset with a single composite interest rate and an aggregate expectation of cash flows. There were \$56.2 million in covered loans that were over 90 days past due, and \$110.1 million of loans that were past due under 90 days at December 31, 2009.

Changes in the accretable yield for acquired loans were as follows for the twelve months ended December 31, 2009:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Accretable Yield |
|---|------------------|
| Balance at beginning of period ⁽¹⁾ | \$ |
| Additions | 2,103,213 |

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Accretion | (21,448) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 2,081,765 |

(1) *Excludes loans held for sale*

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Covered loans under the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC are reported exclusive of the FDIC loss share receivable. The covered loans acquired in the AmTrust acquisition are, and will continue to be, reviewed for collectability, based on the expectations of cash flows on these loans. As a result, if there is a decrease in expected cash flows due to an increase in estimated credit losses compared to the estimate made at the December 4, 2009 acquisition date, the decrease in the present value of expected cash flows will be recorded as a provision for covered loan losses charged to earnings, and an allowance for covered loan losses will be established. A related credit to income and an increase in the FDIC loss share receivable will be recognized at the same time, measured based on the loss share percentages described earlier in this report.

The FDIC loss share receivable represents the present value of the estimated losses on covered loans to be reimbursed by the FDIC. The estimated losses were based on the same cash flow estimates used in determining the fair value of the covered loans. The FDIC loss share receivable will be reduced as losses are recognized on covered loans and loss sharing payments are received from the FDIC. Realized losses in excess of acquisition date estimates will result in an increase in the FDIC loss share receivable. Conversely, if realized losses are less than acquisition date estimates, the FDIC loss share receivable will be reduced.

At December 31, 2009, covered loans included \$351.3 million of loans held for sale. In connection with the AmTrust acquisition, we assumed AmTrust's mortgage banking unit, which originates agency-conforming one- to four-family loans nationwide for sale to the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In 2009, the Company recorded aggregate net gains of \$9.8 million in connection with the sale of loans totaling \$735.0 million.

NOTE 6: ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The following table summarizes activity in the allowance for loan losses for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | 2009 | December 31, 2008 | 2007 |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 94,368 | \$ 92,794 | \$ 85,389 |
| Provision for loan losses | 63,000 | 7,700 | |
| Charge-offs | (29,931) | (6,168) | (431) |
| Recoveries | 54 | 42 | |
| Allowance acquired in merger transactions | | | 7,836 |
| Balance, end of year | \$ 127,491 | \$ 94,368 | \$ 92,794 |

The Company recorded provisions for loan losses of \$63.0 million and \$7.7 million, respectively, in 2009 and 2008; no provision was recorded in 2007. Non-accrual loans amounted to \$578.1 million, \$113.7 million, and \$22.2 million, respectively, at December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007. There were no loans over 90 days past due and still accruing interest at any of these dates.

The interest income that would have been recorded under the original terms of non-accrual loans at the respective year-ends, and the interest income actually recorded on these loans in the respective years are summarized below:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | 2009 | December 31, 2008 | 2007 |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Interest income that would have been recorded | \$ 35,805 | \$ 7,841 | \$ 1,832 |
| Interest income actually recorded | (13,929) | (4,065) | (844) |
| Interest income foregone | \$ 21,876 | \$ 3,776 | \$ 988 |

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company had \$632.1 million and \$63.4 million of non-covered impaired loans, respectively. There were no impaired loans at December 31, 2007. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, there were valuation allowances of \$13.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, relating to non-covered impaired loans.

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The average balances of impaired loans in 2009, 2008, and 2007 were \$469.5 million, \$21.4 million, and \$8.0 million, respectively, and the interest income recorded on these loans, which was not materially different from cash-basis interest income, amounted to \$18.3 million, \$3.6 million, and \$2.0 million, in the respective years.

NOTE 7: DEPOSITS

The following table sets forth a summary of the weighted average interest rates for each type of deposit at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| | December 31, | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2009 | | | 2008 | | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Amount | Percent of Total | Weighted Average Rate ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Percent of Total | Weighted Average Rate ⁽¹⁾ |
| NOW and money market accounts | \$ 7,706,288 | 34.53% | 0.86% | \$ 3,818,952 | 26.57% | 1.03% |
| Savings accounts | 3,788,294 | 16.98 | 0.62 | 2,632,078 | 18.31 | 0.63 |
| Certificates of deposit | 9,053,891 | 40.57 | 2.07 | 6,796,971 | 47.28 | 3.46 |
| Non-interest-bearing accounts | 1,767,938 | 7.92 | | 1,127,647 | 7.84 | |
| Total deposits | \$ 22,316,411 | 100.00% | 1.24% | \$ 14,375,648 | 100.00% | 2.04% |

(1) Excludes the effect of purchase accounting adjustments for CDs.

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the aggregate amounts of deposits that had been reclassified as loan balances (i.e., overdrafts) were \$5.7 million and \$3.2 million, respectively.

The scheduled maturities of CDs at December 31, 2009 were as follows:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 year or less | \$ 7,210,758 |
| More than 1 year through 2 years | 1,359,639 |
| More than 2 years through 3 years | 335,064 |
| More than 3 years through 4 years | 89,327 |
| More than 4 years through 5 years | 51,978 |
| Over 5 years | 7,125 |
| Total certificates of deposit | \$ 9,053,891 |

The following table presents a summary of CDs in amounts of \$100,000 or more, by remaining term to maturity, at December 31, 2009:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | CDs of \$100,000 or More Maturing Within | | | | Total |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | 0 3 Months | Over 3 to 6 Months | Over 6 to 12 Months | Over 12 Months | |
| Total | \$ 1,126,345 | \$ 736,387 | \$ 1,028,866 | \$ 637,118 | \$ 3,528,716 |

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the aggregate amounts of CDs of \$100,000 or more were \$3.5 billion and \$3.2 billion, respectively.

Included in total deposits at December 31, 2009 and 2008 were brokered deposits of \$3.0 billion and \$3.1 billion, respectively. Brokered deposits had weighted average interest rates of 0.72% and 2.25% at the respective year-ends. Brokered money market accounts represented \$2.6

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billion and \$1.5 million, respectively, of the year-end 2009 and 2008 totals. Brokered CDs represented \$358.5 million and \$1.6 billion of brokered deposits at the respective year-ends. All of the brokered CDs at December 31, 2009 are expected to mature in less than one year from that date.

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The following table summarizes the Company's borrowed funds at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| FHLB advances | \$ 8,955,769 | \$ 7,708,064 |
| Repurchase agreements | 4,125,000 | 4,485,000 |
| Federal funds purchased | | 150,000 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 427,371 | 484,216 |
| Senior notes | 601,746 | 601,630 |
| Preferred stock of subsidiaries | 54,800 | 67,800 |
| Total borrowed funds | \$ 14,164,686 | \$ 13,496,710 |

FHLB advances and junior subordinated debentures at December 31, 2009 are reported net of acquisition accounting adjustments of \$66.4 million and \$770,000, respectively.

Accrued interest on borrowed funds is included in other liabilities in the Consolidated Statements of Condition, and amounted to \$51.4 million and \$47.8 million, respectively, at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

In the second quarter of 2008, the Company recorded a pre-tax charge of \$325.0 million (the debt repositioning charge) for the prepayment of \$4.0 billion of higher-cost wholesale and other borrowings that were replaced with \$3.8 billion of lower-cost wholesale borrowings. Charges of \$39.6 million that were incurred in connection with the prepayment and replacement of wholesale borrowings transacted with the same counterparty were amortized over the term of the new borrowings and recorded in 2008 interest expense. Charges of \$285.4 million that were incurred in connection with the prepayment of wholesale borrowings that were replaced by funds obtained through different counterparties were immediately recorded in non-interest expense.

In 2007, the Company recorded a loss of \$1.8 million in non-interest income in connection with the write-off of the unamortized issuance costs stemming from the redemption of certain trust preferred securities. In addition, the Company recorded a charge of \$3.2 million in 2007 for the prepayment of wholesale borrowings in connection with the repositioning of the balance sheet following the acquisition of PennFed.

FHLB Advances

FHLB advances totaled \$9.0 billion and \$7.7 billion at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The contractual maturities and the next call dates of the outstanding FHLB advances at December 31, 2009 were as follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Contractual Maturity | | Earlier of Contractual Maturity or Next Call Date | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| | Amount | Weighted Average Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Weighted Average Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾ |
| Year of Maturity | | | | |
| 2010 | \$ 1,069,663 | 0.27% | \$ 8,171,050 | 3.52% |
| 2011 | 114,941 | 4.41 | 775,870 | 3.64 |
| 2012 | 257,469 | 3.37 | 3,324 | 3.00 |
| 2013 | 87,907 | 3.25 | 2,907 | 3.26 |
| 2014 | 108,956 | 1.96 | 552 | 0.67 |
| 2015 | 400,895 | 3.79 | 896 | 0.69 |
| 2016 | 2,115,000 | 4.35 | | |
| 2017 | 3,861,206 | 4.12 | | |
| 2018 | 939,458 | 3.02 | 896 | 3.83 |
| 2025 | 274 | 7.82 | 274 | 7.82 |

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| | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Total FHLB advances | \$ 8,955,769 | 3.53% | \$ 8,955,769 | 3.53% |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|

(1) *Excludes the effect of acquisition accounting adjustments.*

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FHLB advances include both straight fixed-rate advances and advances under the FHLB convertible advance program, which gives the FHLB the option of either calling the advance after an initial lock-out period of up to five years and quarterly thereafter until maturity, or a one-time call at the initial call date.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding FHLB advances at or for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007:

| <i>(dollars in millions)</i> | At or For the Years Ended | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| | December 31, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Average balance during the year | \$ 7,982 | \$ 7,763 | \$ 7,119 |
| Maximum balance at any month-end during the year | 8,956 | 8,223 | 7,782 |
| Balance outstanding at end of year | 8,956 | 7,708 | 7,782 |
| Weighted average interest rate during the year ⁽¹⁾ | 3.92% | 4.72% | 4.46% |
| Weighted average interest rate at end of year ⁽¹⁾ | 3.53 | 3.92 | 4.39 |

(1) Excludes the effect of acquisition accounting adjustments.

The Company had no short-term FHLB advances at December 31, 2009 and \$502.9 million of short-term FHLB advances at December 31, 2008.

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Banks had a combined overnight line of credit of \$500.0 million with the FHLB. There were no borrowings under this line of credit at December 31, 2009. At December 31, 2008, borrowings under this line of credit amounted to \$152.9 million. At December 31, 2008, the Company also had access to funds through a \$200.0 million one-month facility with the FHLB. There were no borrowings outstanding under this facility at December 31, 2009 or 2008. FHLB advances and overnight line-of-credit borrowings are secured by a pledge of certain eligible collateral, which may consist of eligible loans or mortgage-related securities.

The interest expense on FHLB advances was \$309.0 million, \$364.2 million, and \$304.4 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

Repurchase Agreements

Repurchase agreements totaled \$4.1 billion and \$4.5 billion at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The following table provides the contractual maturities and weighted average interest rates of repurchase agreements, and the amortized cost and fair value, including accrued interest, of the securities collateralizing the repurchase agreements, at December 31, 2009:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Amount | Weighted Average Interest Rate | Mortgage-related Securities | | GSE Debentures and U.S. Treasury Obligations | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| | | | Amortized Cost | Fair Value | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| Contractual Maturity | | | | | | |
| Over 90 days ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 4,125,000 | 3.56% | \$ 3,001,125 | \$ 3,107,798 | \$ 1,623,770 | \$ 1,599,610 |

(1) Contractual maturities range from five to ten years.

The Company had no short-term repurchase agreements at December 31, 2009 and \$360.0 million of short-term repurchase agreements at December 31, 2008.

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A more detailed analysis of the contractual maturities and the next call dates of the outstanding repurchase agreements at December 31, 2009 follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Contractual Maturity | | Earlier of Contractual Maturity or Next Call Date | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| | Amount | Weighted Average Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Weighted Average Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾ |
| Year of Maturity | | | | |
| 2010 | \$ | % | \$ 2,575,000 | 3.66% |
| 2011 | | | 1,550,000 | 3.39 |
| 2012 | 200,000 | 3.75 | | |
| 2013 | 800,000 | 3.08 | | |
| 2014 | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | |
| 2016 | 345,000 | 4.14 | | |
| 2017 | 1,080,000 | 4.08 | | |
| 2018 | 1,700,000 | 3.31 | | |
| | \$ 4,125,000 | 3.56% | \$ 4,125,000 | 3.56% |

(1) Excludes the effect of acquisition accounting adjustments.

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the accrued interest on repurchase agreements amounted to \$13.8 million and \$14.2 million, respectively. The interest expense on repurchase agreements was \$149.5 million, \$166.5 million, and \$153.7 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

Federal Funds Purchased

The Company had no federal funds purchased at December 31, 2009 and \$150.0 million of such wholesale borrowings at December 31, 2008. Federal funds purchased at December 31, 2008 had a contractual maturity of less than 90 days.

In 2009, 2008, and 2007, the average balance of federal funds purchased amounted to \$577.8 million, \$24.6 million, and \$20.8 million, respectively, and had weighted average interest rates of 0.37%, 1.04%, and 3.30%, respectively. The interest expense produced by federal funds purchased was \$2.1 million, \$257,000, and \$687,000, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

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Junior subordinated debentures totaled \$427.4 million and \$484.2 million, respectively, at December 31, 2009 and 2008. The following junior subordinated debentures were outstanding at December 31, 2009:

(dollars in thousands)

| Issuer | Interest Rate of Capital Securities and Debentures ⁽¹⁾ | Junior Subordinated Debentures Amount Outstanding | Capital Securities Amount Outstanding | Date of Original Issue | Stated Maturity | First Optional Redemption Date |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Haven Capital Trust II | 10.250% | \$ 23,333 | \$ 22,550 | May 26, 1999 | June 30, 2029 | June 30, 2009 ⁽²⁾ |
| Queens County Capital Trust I | 11.045 | 10,309 | 10,000 | July 26, 2000 | July 19, 2030 | July 19, 2010 |
| Queens Statutory Trust I | 10.600 | 15,464 | 15,000 | September 7, 2000 | September 7, 2030 | September 7, 2010 |
| New York Community Capital Trust V (BONUSES SM Units) | 6.000 | 143,466 | 137,115 | November 4, 2002 | November 1, 2051 | November 4, 2007 ⁽³⁾ |
| New York Community Capital Trust X | 1.854 | 123,712 | 120,000 | December 14, 2006 | December 15, 2036 | December 15, 2011 |
| LIF Statutory Trust I | 10.600 | 7,767 | 7,535 | September 7, 2000 | September 7, 2030 | September 7, 2010 |
| PennFed Capital Trust II | 10.180 | 13,106 | 12,734 | March 28, 2001 | June 8, 2031 | June 8, 2011 |
| PennFed Capital Trust III | 3.504 | 30,928 | 30,000 | June 2, 2003 | June 15, 2033 | June 15, 2008 ⁽³⁾ |
| New York Community Capital Trust XI | 1.901 | 59,286 | 57,500 | April 16, 2007 | June 30, 2037 | June 30, 2012 |
| Total junior subordinated debentures | | \$ 427,371 | \$ 412,434 | | | |

(1) Excludes the effect of acquisition accounting adjustments.

(2) Callable at any time subsequent to this date.

(3) Callable subject to certain conditions as described in the prospectus filed with the SEC on November 4, 2002.

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On November 4, 2002, the Company completed a public offering of 5,500,000 Bifurcated Option Note Unit SecuritiesSM (BONUSES units), including 700,000 that were sold pursuant to the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, at a public offering price of \$50.00 per share. The Company realized net proceeds from the offering of approximately \$267.3 million. Each BONUSES unit consists of a capital security issued by New York Community Capital Trust V, a trust formed by the Company, and a warrant to purchase 2.4953 shares of the common stock of the Company (for a total of approximately 13.7 million common shares) at an effective exercise price of \$20.04 per share. Each capital security has a maturity of 49 years, with a coupon, or distribution rate, of 6.00% on the \$50.00 per share liquidation amount. The warrants and capital securities were non-callable for five years from the date of issuance and were not called by the Company when the five-year period passed on November 4, 2007. During 2008, 1,456 warrants were exercised and, accordingly, the Company issued 3,632 shares of common stock.

The gross proceeds of the BONUSES units totaled \$275.0 million and were allocated between the capital security and the warrant comprising such units in proportion to their relative values at the time of issuance. The value assigned to the warrants was \$92.4 million, and was recorded as a component of additional paid-in capital in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The value assigned to the capital security component was \$182.6 million. The \$92.4 million difference between the assigned value and the stated liquidation amount of the capital securities is treated as an original issue discount and amortized to interest expense over the 49-year life of the capital securities on a level-yield basis. At December 31, 2009, this discount totaled \$68.2 million, reflecting the exchange offer described below.

Issuance costs related to the BONUSES units totaled \$7.7 million (with \$5.1 million allocated to the capital security) and were reflected in other assets in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. As of December 31, 2007, all such costs had been fully amortized. The portion of issuance costs allocated to the warrants totaled \$2.6 million and was treated as a reduction in paid-in capital.

On July 29, 2009, the Company announced the commencement of an offer to exchange shares of its common stock for any and all of the 5,498,544 outstanding BONUSES units (the Offer to Exchange). All holders of BONUSES units were eligible to participate in the exchange offer. A total of 1,393,063 BONUSES units were validly tendered, not withdrawn, and accepted in the exchange offer, representing 25.3% of the 5,498,544 BONUSES units outstanding at the exchange offer's expiration date. As a result, trust preferred securities totaling \$48.6 million were extinguished in August 2009. In accordance with the terms of the Offer to Exchange, the Company issued 3.4144 shares (the Exchange Ratio) of its common stock for each BONUSES unit that was tendered, not withdrawn, and accepted. The Exchange Ratio was determined by adding (i) 2.4953 common shares to (ii) 0.9191 common shares. The latter number was determined by dividing \$10.00 by \$10.88, the average of the daily volume-weighted average price of the Company's common stock during the five consecutive trading days ending on August 21, 2009.

The Company issued 4.8 million shares of its common stock as a result of the Offer to Exchange, which added \$39.1 million to stockholders equity at September 30, 2009. In addition, a \$5.7 million gain on debt exchange was recorded in non-interest income in the third quarter of 2009.

In addition to the trust established in connection with the issuance of the BONUSES units, the Company has eight business trusts of which it owns all of the common securities: Haven Capital Trust II, Queens County Capital Trust I, Queens Statutory Trust I, New York Community Capital Trust X, LIF Statutory Trust I, PennFed Capital Trust II, PennFed Capital Trust III, and New York Community Capital Trust XI (the Trusts). The Trusts were formed for the purpose of issuing Company Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Capital Securities of Subsidiary Trusts Holding Solely Junior Subordinated Debentures (collectively, the Capital Securities), and are described in the table on the preceding page. Dividends on the Capital Securities are payable either quarterly or semi-annually and are deferrable, at the Company's option, for up to five years. As of December 31, 2009, all dividends were current. As each of the Capital Securities was issued, the Trusts used the offering proceeds to purchase a like amount of Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures (the Debentures) of the Company. The Debentures bear the same terms and interest rates as the related Capital Securities. The Company has fully and unconditionally guaranteed all of the obligations of the Trusts. Under current applicable regulatory guidelines, a portion of the Capital Securities qualifies as Tier I capital, and the remainder qualifies as Tier II capital. In the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company repurchased \$7.5 million of New York Community Capital Trust XI, resulting in a \$3.1 million pre-tax gain that was recorded in non-interest income.

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Interest expense on junior subordinated debentures was \$28.7 million, \$35.1 million, and \$40.3 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

Senior Notes

On December 22, 2008, the Company (on a stand-alone basis) completed an offering of \$90.0 million of 2.55% Fixed Rate Senior Notes, due June 22, 2012, at a price of 99.875%. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 22nd and December 22nd of each year, commencing on June 22, 2009. These notes are guaranteed by the FDIC (for an annual assessment rate of 100 basis points, which is included in interest expense over the life of the debt) under the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (the TLGP) and are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. These notes may not be redeemed prior to their stated maturity. The senior notes issued by the Company are its direct, unconditional, unsecured, and general obligation, and rank equally with all other senior unsecured indebtedness of the Company.

On December 17, 2008, the Community Bank completed an offering of \$512.0 million of 3.00% Fixed Rate Senior Notes due December 16, 2011, at a price of 99.949%. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 16th and December 16th of each year, commencing on June 16, 2009. These notes are also FDIC-guaranteed (for an annual assessment rate of 100 basis points) under the TLGP, and are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. These notes may not be redeemed prior to their stated maturity, except if the Company becomes obligated to pay additional amounts because of changes in certain U.S. withholding tax requirements. In addition, the senior notes issued by the Community Bank are its direct, unconditional, unsecured, and general obligation, and rank equally with all other senior unsecured indebtedness of the Community Bank.

Interest expense on senior notes amounted to \$24.1 million, \$6.1 million, and \$10.1 million in the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively.

Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries

On April 7, 2003, the Company, through its then second-tier subsidiary, CFS Investments New Jersey, Inc., completed the sale of \$60.0 million of capital securities of Richmond County Capital Corporation (RCCC), a wholly-owned real estate investment trust (REIT) of the Company, in a private placement transaction. The private placement was made to Qualified Institutional Buyers, as defined in Rule 144A of the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the 33 Act). The capital securities consisted of \$10.0 million, or 100 shares, of Richmond County Capital Corporation Series B Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Fixed-Rate Preferred Stock, stated value of \$100,000 per share (the Series B Preferred Stock) and \$50.0 million, or 500 shares, of Richmond County Capital Corporation Series C Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Floating-Rate Preferred Stock, stated value of \$100,000 per share (the Series C Preferred Stock). Dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are payable quarterly at an annual rate of 8.25% of its stated value. The Series B Preferred Stock may be redeemed by the Company on or after July 15, 2024. Dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock are payable quarterly at an annual rate equal to LIBOR plus 3.25% of its stated value. The Series C Preferred Stock may be redeemed by the Company on or after July 15, 2008. The dividend rate on the Series C Preferred Stock resets quarterly.

In the fourth quarter of 2009, RCCC repurchased 30 shares, or \$3.0 million, of its previously issued Series C Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Floating-Rate Preferred Stock, resulting in the Company recording a pre-tax gain of \$300,000 in non-interest income. In the fourth quarter of 2008, RCCC repurchased 155 shares, or \$15.5 million, of its previously issued Series C Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Floating-Rate Preferred Stock. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$5.9 million in non-interest income for the three months ended December 31, 2008. In the first quarter of 2008, RCCC repurchased \$8.0 million of its previously issued Series B Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Fixed-Rate Preferred Stock. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$926,000 in non-interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

On October 27, 2003, Roslyn Real Estate Asset Corp. (RREA), a wholly-owned REIT of the Company that was acquired by the Company in its merger with Roslyn Bancorp, Inc. (Roslyn), completed the sale of \$102.0 million of capital securities in a private placement transaction. The private placement was made to Qualified Institutional Buyers, as defined in Rule 144A of the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the 33 Act. The capital securities consisted of \$12.5 million, or 125 shares, of RREA Series C Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Fixed-Rate Preferred Stock, liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share (the RREA Series C

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Preferred Stock) and \$89.5 million, or 895 shares, of RREA Series D Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Floating-Rate Preferred Stock, liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share (the RREA Series D Preferred Stock). Dividends on the RREA Series C Preferred Stock are payable quarterly at an annual rate of 8.95% of its stated value. The RREA Series C Preferred Stock may be redeemed by the Company on or after September 30, 2023. Dividends on the RREA Series D Preferred Stock were payable quarterly at an annual rate equal to 4.79% for the period from September 30, 2003 to, but excluding, December 31, 2003, and payable thereafter at an annual rate equal to LIBOR plus 3.65% of its stated value. The RREA Series D Preferred Stock may be redeemed by the Company on or after September 30, 2008. The dividend rate on the RREA Series D Preferred Stock resets quarterly.

In the fourth quarter of 2009, RREA repurchased 100 shares, or \$10.0 million, of its previously issued RREA Series D Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Floating-Rate Preferred Stock, resulting in the Company recording a pre-tax gain of \$963,000 in non-interest income. In the fourth quarter of 2008, RREA repurchased 267 shares, or \$26.7 million, of its previously issued RREA Series D Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Floating-Rate Preferred Stock. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$10.1 million in non-interest income for the three months ended December 31, 2008. In the second quarter of 2008, RREA repurchased \$11.5 million of its previously issued Series C Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Fixed-Rate Preferred Stock, and \$32.5 million of its previously issued RREA Series D Non-Cumulative Exchangeable Floating-Rate Preferred Stock. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$1.4 million in non-interest income in the second quarter of 2008.

Dividends on preferred stock of subsidiaries are reported as interest expense and amounted to \$2.9 million, \$9.2 million, and \$15.1 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

Shelf Registration Statement

On July 3, 2008, the Company filed a Shelf Registration Statement with the SEC (the Shelf Registration Statement). Under the Shelf Registration Statement, the Company may periodically offer and sell an indeterminate number of the following securities, individually or in any combination, at indeterminate prices, aggregate initial offering prices, or principal amounts, as the case may be: debt securities, trust preferred securities, warrants to purchase other securities, depository shares, stock purchase contracts, stock purchase units, preferred stock, common stock, and units.

Under the Shelf Registration Statement, on November 12, 2008, the Company registered for issuance up to 13,720,518 shares of its common stock that are issuable upon the exercise of warrants constituting a part of the Company s BONUSSES units issued on November 4, 2002. On August 28, 2009, the Company completed a tender offer to BONUSSES unit holders pursuant to which the number of outstanding BONUSSES units was reduced, in turn reducing the number of shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants to 10,244,408 shares. Additionally, on December 11, 2009, the Company issued 60,000,000 shares of its common stock under the Shelf Registration Statement at an offering price of \$13.00 per share, generating gross proceeds of \$780,000,000, and on December 17, 2009, issued 9,000,000 shares of its common stock under the Shelf Registration Statement at an offering price of \$13.00 per share, generating gross proceeds of \$117,000,000.

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The following table summarizes the components of the Company's net deferred tax asset at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Deferred Tax Assets: | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | \$ 49,758 | \$ 37,373 |
| Compensation and related benefit obligations | 22,068 | 24,082 |
| Acquisition accounting and fair value adjustments on securities (including OTTI) | 34,342 | 68,431 |
| Acquisition accounting and fair value adjustments on loans (including the FDIC loss share receivable) | | 16,454 |
| Net operating loss and tax credit carry forwards | 821 | 15,808 |
| Acquisition accounting adjustments on borrowed funds | 35,125 | 1,107 |
| Restructuring and retirement of borrowed funds | 50,781 | |
| Acquisition-related costs | 1,771 | 2,293 |
| Other | 15,538 | 8,581 |
| Gross deferred tax assets | 210,204 | 174,129 |
| Valuation allowance | | (1,367) |
| Deferred tax asset after valuation allowance | 210,204 | 172,762 |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities: | | |
| Amortizable intangibles | (31,552) | (23,664) |
| Acquisition accounting and fair value adjustments on loans (including the FDIC loss share receivable) | (17,689) | |
| Premises and equipment | (12,923) | (9,644) |
| Prepaid pension cost | (6,578) | (1,970) |
| Other | (13,692) | (2,738) |
| Gross deferred tax liabilities | (82,434) | (38,016) |
| Net deferred tax asset | \$ 127,770 | \$ 134,746 |

The net deferred tax asset, which is included in other assets in the Consolidated Statements of Condition at December 31, 2009 and 2008, represents the anticipated federal, state, and local tax benefits that are expected to be realized in future years upon the utilization of the underlying tax attributes comprising this balance.

A \$1.4 million valuation allowance at December 31, 2008 that related to the potential utilization of New Jersey net operating losses and deductible temporary differences was no longer necessary at December 31, 2009. The recognition of taxable income subject to New Jersey tax in 2009 and the anticipated growth resulting from the AmTrust acquisition were factors in this determination. The Company has determined that at December 31, 2009, all deductible temporary differences are more likely than not to provide a benefit in reducing future federal, state and local tax liabilities, as applicable.

The following table summarizes the Company's income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Federal - current | \$ 193,108 | \$ 4,108 | \$ 94,784 |

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| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| State and local | current | 16,028 | 3,987 | 9,985 |
| Total current | | 209,136 | 8,095 | 104,769 |
| Federal | deferred | (30,482) | (8,981) | 26,757 |
| State and local | deferred | 15,849 | (23,204) | (8,509) |
| Total deferred | | (14,633) | (32,185) | 18,248 |
| Total income tax expense (benefit) | | \$ 194,503 | \$ (24,090) | \$ 123,017 |

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The following table presents a reconciliation of statutory federal income tax expense (benefit) to combined actual income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Statutory federal income tax expense at 35% | \$ 207,602 | \$ 18,828 | \$ 140,735 |
| State and local income taxes, net of federal income tax effect | 20,719 | (12,490) | 959 |
| Effect of tax deductibility of ESOP | (5,666) | (4,942) | (3,778) |
| Non-taxable income and expense of BOLI | (9,592) | (12,371) | (9,150) |
| Federal tax credits | (6,048) | (6,015) | (5,766) |
| Repurchase of shares issued by subsidiaries | (442) | (6,756) | |
| Adjustments relating to prior tax years | (13,160) | 116 | 1,114 |
| Other, net | 1,090 | (460) | (1,097) |
| Total income tax expense (benefit) | \$ 194,503 | \$ (24,090) | \$ 123,017 |

FASB guidance prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for use in connection with the obligation of a company to recognize, measure, present, and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that the company has taken or expects to take on a tax return. Upon adoption of this guidance, only tax positions that meet a more likely than not threshold at the effective date may be recognized or may continue to be recognized. The Company's adoption of this guidance on January 1, 2007 decreased its income tax liability for unrecognized tax benefits by \$4.1 million through a \$3.5 million reduction in goodwill and a \$567,000 increase in retained earnings. After its adoption, the Company had \$26.8 million of unrecognized gross tax benefits on January 1, 2007. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had \$9.3 million of unrecognized gross tax benefits. Gross tax benefits do not reflect the federal tax effect associated with state tax amounts.

The total amount of net unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2009 that would affect the effective tax rate, if recognized, was \$8.2 million. Effective January 1, 2009, any change to the balance of unrecognized tax benefits relating to the tax liabilities of pre-acquisition tax years of an acquired company is recognized as an adjustment to income tax expense rather than as an adjustment to goodwill attributed to the purchase.

Interest and penalties (if any) related to the underpayment of income taxes are classified as a component of income tax expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. During the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized income tax (benefit) expense attributed to interest and penalties of (\$1.4 million), \$200,000, and \$1.0 million, respectively. Accrued interest and penalties on tax liabilities was \$2.1 million at December 31, 2009 and \$2.2 million at December 31, 2008.

The following table summarizes changes in the liability for unrecognized gross tax benefits:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | For the Years Ended December 31, | |
|---|---|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Uncertain tax positions at beginning of year | \$ 24,153 | \$ 24,704 |
| Additions for tax positions relating to current-year operations | 762 | |
| Additions for tax positions relating to prior tax years | 778 | 518 |
| Subtractions for tax positions relating to prior tax years | (13,509) | |
| Reductions in balance due to settlements | (2,857) | (1,069) |
| Uncertain tax positions at end of year | \$ 9,327 | \$ 24,153 |

The change in the balance of liabilities for uncertain tax positions primarily relates to the settlement of income tax audits during 2009.

The Company and its acquired companies have filed tax returns in many states. The following are the more significant tax filings that are open for examination:

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Federal tax filings of the Company and certain acquired companies for the tax years 2006 through the present;

New York State tax filings of the Company for the tax years 2007 through the present;

New York City tax filings of the Company for the tax years 2005 through the present;

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New Jersey tax filings of the Company and certain acquired companies for tax years 2006 through the present; and

Federal tax filings of the Company and certain acquired companies for tax years 1996, 2000, and 2001, which are otherwise closed to an assessment of tax, and remain subject to examination, with any tax adjustment limited to the denial of some or all of the amounts of tax refunds filed by the Company relating to such years.

It is reasonably possible that there will be developments within the next twelve months that will necessitate an adjustment to the balance of unrecognized tax benefits. The Company believes that the range of possible adjustments for each federal, state, and local tax position is not material.

As a savings institution, the Community Bank is subject to special provisions in the federal and New York tax laws regarding its tax bad debt reserves and, for New York purposes, its allowable tax bad debt deduction. At December 31, 2009, the Community Bank's federal, New York State, and New York City tax bad debt base-year reserves were \$61.5 million, \$109.5 million, and \$132.4 million, respectively. Related net deferred tax liabilities of \$21.5 million, \$4.9 million, and \$1.7 million, respectively, have not been recognized since the Community Bank does not expect that these reserves will become taxable in the foreseeable future. At December 31, 2008, the Community Bank's federal, New York State, and New York City tax bad debt base-year reserves were \$61.5 million, \$109.5 million, and \$119.3 million, respectively. The related net deferred tax liabilities of \$21.5 million, \$4.9 million, and \$1.6 million, respectively, were not recognized. Under the tax laws, events that would result in taxation of certain of these reserves include (1) redemptions of the Community Bank's stock or certain excess distributions by the Community Bank to the Company; and (2) failure of the Community Bank to maintain a specified qualifying assets ratio or to meet other thrift definition tests for New York tax purposes.

NOTE 10: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES*Pledged Assets*

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, the Company had pledged mortgage-related securities held to maturity with carrying values of \$2.5 billion and \$3.1 billion. The Company also had pledged other securities held to maturity with carrying values of \$1.6 billion and \$1.4 billion at the corresponding dates. In addition, the Company had pledged available-for-sale mortgage-related securities and other securities with respective carrying values of \$602.2 million and \$302.0 million at December 31, 2009, and \$811.2 million and \$78.8 million at December 31, 2008. The pledged securities primarily serve as collateral for the Company's repurchase agreements.

Loan Commitments and Letters of Credit

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company had commitments to originate loans, including unadvanced lines of credit, of approximately \$1.4 billion and \$1.0 billion, respectively. The majority of the outstanding loan commitments at December 31, 2009 and 2008 had adjustable interest rates, and were expected to close within 90 days of the respective dates.

The following table sets forth the Company's off-balance-sheet commitments relating to outstanding loan commitments and letters of credit at December 31, 2009:

(in thousands)

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Mortgage Loan Commitments: | |
| Multi-family | \$ 232,093 |
| Commercial real estate | 50,311 |
| Acquisition, development, and construction | 173,091 |
| One- to four-family held for sale | 474,411 |
| | |
| Total mortgage loan commitments | \$ 929,906 |
| Other loan commitments | 517,601 |
| | |
| Total loan commitments | \$ 1,447,507 |
| Commercial, performance, and financial stand-by letters of credit | 47,976 |

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Total commitments

\$ 1,495,483

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At December 31, 2009, the Company was obligated under various non-cancelable operating lease and license agreements with renewal options on properties used primarily for branch operations. The Company currently expects to renew such agreements upon their expiration in the normal course of business. The agreements contain periodic escalation clauses that provide for increases in the annual rent, commencing at various times during the lives of the agreements, which are primarily based on increases in real estate taxes and cost-of-living indices.

The projected minimum annual rental commitments under these agreements, exclusive of taxes and other charges, are summarized as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
| 2010 | \$ 27,889 |
| 2011 | 25,847 |
| 2012 | 23,902 |
| 2013 | 20,775 |
| 2014 | 18,061 |
| 2015 and thereafter | 71,654 |
| Total minimum future rentals | \$ 188,128 |

The Company did not immediately acquire or lease the real estate, banking facilities, furniture, fixtures, or equipment of AmTrust as part of the Purchase and Assumption Agreement. However, the Community Bank has the option to purchase or lease these items from the FDIC. The terms of these options expire 170 days after December 4, 2009, unless extended by the FDIC. The minimum annual rental commitments for the AmTrust leases are included in the above table.

The rental expense under these leases is included in occupancy and equipment expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income, and amounted to approximately \$26.3 million, \$26.1 million, and \$22.9 million in the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively. Rental income on bank-owned properties, netted in occupancy and equipment expense, was approximately \$2.6 million, \$2.4 million, and \$2.7 million in the corresponding periods. Minimum future rental income under non-cancelable sublease agreements aggregated \$604,000 at December 31, 2009.

Financial Guarantees

The Company provides guarantees and indemnifications to its customers to enable them to complete a wide variety of business transactions and to enhance their credit standings. These guarantees are recorded at their respective fair values in other liabilities in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. The Company deems the fair value of the guarantees to equal the consideration received.

The following table summarizes the Company's guarantees and indemnifications at December 31, 2009:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Expires Within One Year | Expires After One Year | Total Outstanding Amount | Maximum Potential Amount of Future Payments |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Financial stand-by letters of credit | \$ 22,884 | \$ 336 | \$ 23,220 | \$ 23,220 |
| Performance stand-by letters of credit | 5,788 | 6,768 | 12,556 | 12,556 |
| Commercial letters of credit | 12,200 | | 12,200 | 12,200 |
| Loans with recourse | | 160 | 160 | 160 |
| | \$ 40,872 | \$ 7,264 | \$ 48,136 | \$ 48,136 |

The maximum potential amount of future payments represents the notional amounts that could be funded and lost under the guarantees and indemnifications if there were a total default by the guaranteed parties or indemnification provisions were triggered as applicable, without

consideration of possible recoveries under recourse provisions or from collateral held or pledged.

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The Company collects a fee upon the issuance of letters of credit. These fees are initially recorded by the Company as a liability and are recognized as income at the expiration date of the respective guarantees. In addition, the Company requires adequate collateral, typically in the form of real property or personal guarantees, upon its issuance of performance, financial stand-by, and commercial letters of credit. In the event that a borrower defaults, loans with recourse or indemnification obligate the Company to purchase loans that the Company has sold or otherwise transferred to a third party. Also outstanding at December 31, 2009 were \$194,000 of bankers' acceptances.

In October 2007, Visa, U.S.A., a subsidiary of Visa, Inc. ("Visa") completed a reorganization in contemplation of its initial public offering, which was subsequently completed in March 2008. As part of that reorganization, the Community Bank and the former Synergy Bank, along with many other banks across the nation, received shares of common stock of Visa. In accordance with GAAP, the Company did not recognize any value for this common stock ownership interest.

Visa claims that all Visa, U.S.A. member banks are obligated to share with it in losses stemming from certain litigation against it and certain other named member banks (the "Covered Litigation"). Visa set aside a portion of the proceeds from its initial public offering in an escrow account to fund any judgments or settlements that may arise from the Covered Litigation, and reduced the amount of shares allocated to the Visa U.S.A. member banks by amounts necessary to cover such liability. Nevertheless, Visa U.S.A. member banks were required to record a liability for the fair value of their related contingent obligation to Visa U.S.A., based on the percentage of their membership interest. The Company established a \$1.0 million liability in 2007 based on its best estimate of the combined membership interest of the Community Bank and the former Synergy Bank with regard to both settled and pending litigation in which Visa is involved.

In connection with its initial public offering, Visa required the mandatory redemption of shares received by the member banks. Accordingly, the Company recorded a \$1.1 million Visa-related gain in the first quarter of 2008. In addition, the Company reversed \$500,000 of the \$1.0 million Visa litigation charge that was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2007. The remaining \$500,000 will be used to fund any future litigation relating to Visa. Depending on the outcome of the Covered Litigation, the Company could incur an increase or a reduction in the value of its membership interest in Visa, the amount of which is not expected to be material.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses various financial instruments, including derivatives, in connection with strategies to reduce price risk resulting from changes in interest rates. The Company's derivative financial instruments consist of financial forward and futures contracts, interest rate lock commitments, swaps, and options, and relate to mortgage banking operations, MSR, and other risk management activities. These derivatives seek to mitigate or reduce the Company's exposure to losses from adverse changes in interest rates. These activities will vary in scope based on the level and volatility of interest rates, the type of assets held, and other changing market conditions. The Company held derivative financial instruments with notional values of \$1.4 billion at December 31, 2009.

Legal Proceedings

The Company is involved in various legal actions arising in the ordinary course of its business. All such actions, in the aggregate, involve amounts that are believed by management to be immaterial to the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Table of Contents**NOTE 11: INTANGIBLE ASSETS****Goodwill**

Goodwill is presumed to have an indefinite useful life and is tested for impairment, rather than amortized, at the reporting unit level, at least once a year. The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ 2,436,401 | \$ 2,437,404 |
| Acquisition accounting adjustments | | (1,003) |
| Balance at end of year | \$ 2,436,401 | \$ 2,436,401 |

CDI and Other Intangible Assets

As previously noted, the Company has CDI stemming from its various business combinations with other banks and thrifts. CDI is a measure of the value of checking and savings deposits acquired in a business combination. The fair value of the CDI stemming from any given business combination is based on the present value of the expected cost savings attributable to the core deposit funding, relative to an alternative source of funding. CDI is amortized over the estimated useful lives of the existing deposit relationships acquired, but does not exceed 10 years. The Company evaluates such identifiable intangibles for impairment when an indication of impairment exists. No impairment charges were required to be recorded in 2009, 2008, or 2007. If an impairment loss is determined to exist in the future, the loss will be reflected as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income for the period in which such impairment is identified.

The Company also had MSR of \$10.6 million at December 31, 2009. MSRs are included, together with other identifiable intangible assets, in other assets in the Consolidated Statements of Condition at December 31, 2009 and 2008. The Company has two classes of MSRs for which it separately manages the economic risk: residential and securitized. Residential MSRs are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recorded as a component of non-interest income each period. The Company uses various derivative instruments to mitigate the income statement-effect of changes in fair value, due to changes in valuation inputs and assumptions, of its residential MSRs. MSRs do not trade in an active, open market with readily observable prices. Accordingly, the Company utilizes a valuation model that calculates the present value of estimated future cash flows. The model incorporates various assumptions including estimates of prepayment speeds, discount rates, refinance rates, servicing costs, and ancillary income. The Company reassesses and periodically adjusts the underlying inputs and assumptions in the model to reflect market conditions and assumptions that a market participant would consider in valuing the MSR asset. The value of MSRs is significantly affected by mortgage interest rates available in the marketplace, which influence mortgage loan prepayment speeds. In general, during periods of declining interest rates, the value of MSRs declines due to increasing prepayments attributable to increased mortgage-refinance activity. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the value of MSRs generally increases due to reduced mortgage refinance activity.

Securitized MSRs are carried at the lower of the initial carrying value, adjusted for amortization, or fair value, and are amortized in proportion to, and over the period of, estimated net servicing income. MSRs are periodically evaluated for impairment based on the difference between the carrying amount and current fair value. If it is determined that impairment exists, the resultant loss is charged against earnings.

The following table sets forth the changes in residential and securitized MSRs for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Carrying value, beginning of year | \$ 3,568 | \$ 5,438 |
| Additions recorded in loan securitizations | | 502 |
| Additions recorded at fair value in the AmTrust acquisition | 8,617 | |
| Impairment losses | | (463) |
| Amortization | (1,603) | (1,909) |
| Carrying value, end of year | \$ 10,582 | \$ 3,568 |

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The following table summarizes the gross carrying and accumulated amortization amounts of the Company's CDI and other intangible assets as of December 31, 2009:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net Carrying Amount |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Core deposit intangibles | \$ 231,128 | \$ (125,364) | \$ 105,764 |
| Mortgage servicing rights | 19,795 | (9,213) | 10,582 |
| Other identifiable intangible assets | 1,325 | (1,288) | 37 |
| Total | \$ 252,248 | \$ (135,865) | \$ 116,383 |

For the year ended December 31, 2009, amortization expenses related to CDI and to other identifiable intangibles totaled \$22.8 million and \$88,000, respectively. The Company assessed the useful lives of its intangible assets at December 31, 2009 and deemed them to be appropriate. There were no impairment losses recorded for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, or 2007.

The following table summarizes the estimated future expense stemming from the amortization of the Company's CDI, MSRs, and other identifiable intangible assets:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Core Deposit Intangibles | Mortgage Servicing Rights | Other Identifiable Intangible Assets | Total |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 2010 | \$ 30,658 | \$ 773 | \$ 37 | \$ 31,468 |
| 2011 | 25,344 | 596 | | 25,940 |
| 2012 | 19,038 | 403 | | 19,441 |
| 2013 | 15,291 | 161 | | 15,452 |
| 2014 | 7,922 | 32 | | 7,954 |
| 2015 and thereafter | 7,511 | | | 7,511 |
| Total remaining intangible assets | \$ 105,764 | \$ 1,965 | \$ 37 | \$ 107,766 |

NOTE 12: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**Retirement Plans**

On April 1, 2002, three separate pension plans for employees of the former Queens County Savings Bank, the former CFS Bank, and the former Richmond County Savings Bank were merged together and renamed the New York Community Bancorp Retirement Plan (the New York Community Plan). The pension plan for employees of the former Roslyn Savings Bank was merged into the New York Community Plan on September 30, 2004. The pension plan for employees of the former Atlantic Bank of New York (Atlantic Bank) was merged into the New York Community Plan on March 31, 2008. The New York Community Plan and the former Atlantic Bank Retirement Plan (collectively, the Plans) are presented on a consolidated basis for 2007 in the disclosures that follow, unless otherwise noted. The New York Community Plan covers substantially all employees who had attained minimum age, service, and employment status requirements prior to the date when the individual plans were frozen by the banks of origin. Once frozen, the plans ceased to accrue additional benefits, service, and compensation factors, and became closed to employees who would otherwise have met eligibility requirements after the freeze date. In connection with the acquisition of Atlantic Bank, the Company froze the Atlantic Bank Retirement Plan (the Atlantic Plan) on April 28, 2006. All plans are subject to the provisions of ERISA.

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The following tables set forth certain information regarding the New York Community Plan, based on the measurement date indicated:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Change in Benefit Obligation: | | |
| Benefit obligation at beginning of year | \$ 109,705 | \$ 106,000 |
| Adjustment for measurement date change | | 1,604 |
| Interest cost | 6,444 | 6,414 |
| Actuarial gain | 1,365 | 4,158 |
| Annuity payments | (5,743) | (7,088) |
| Settlements | (3,072) | (1,383) |
| | | |
| Benefit obligation at end of year | \$ 108,699 | \$ 109,705 |
| Change in Plan Assets: | | |
| Fair value of assets at beginning of year | \$ 117,847 | \$ 134,439 |
| Actual return (loss) on plan assets | 21,881 | (47,281) |
| Contributions | | 39,160 |
| Annuity payments | (5,743) | (7,088) |
| Settlements | (3,072) | (1,383) |
| | | |
| Fair value of assets at end of year | \$ 130,913 | \$ 117,847 |
| | | |
| Funded status (included in other assets) | \$ 22,214 | \$ 8,142 |
| Changes recognized in other comprehensive income for the year ended December 31: | | |
| Adjustment for measurement date change | \$ | \$ (100) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | (202) | (202) |
| Amortization of actuarial gain | (6,983) | (196) |
| Net actuarial (gain) loss arising during the year | (10,213) | 69,357 |
| | | |
| Total recognized in other comprehensive loss (income) for the year (pre-tax) | \$ (17,398) | \$ 68,859 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss (pre-tax) not yet recognized in net periodic benefit cost at December 31: | | |
| Prior service cost | \$ 196 | \$ 398 |
| Actuarial loss, net | 61,970 | 79,166 |
| | | |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive loss (pre-tax) | \$ 62,166 | \$ 79,564 |

In 2010, an estimated \$5.1 million of unrecognized net actuarial loss and \$196,000 of prior service cost for the defined benefit pension plan will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic benefit cost. The comparable amounts recognized as net periodic benefit cost in 2009 were \$7.0 million and \$202,000, respectively. The discount rates used to determine the benefit obligation at December 31, 2009 and 2008 were 5.8% and 6.1%, respectively.

The discount rate reflects rates at which the benefit obligation could be effectively settled. To determine this rate, the Company considers rates of return on high-quality fixed-income investments that are currently available and are expected to be available during the period until payment of the pension benefits. The expected future payments are discounted based on a portfolio of high-quality rated bonds (AA or better) for which the Company relies on the Citigroup Pension Liability Index, which is developed from the Citigroup Pension Discount Curve published as of the measurement date.

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The components of net periodic pension expense (credit) were as follows for the years indicated:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Components of Net Periodic Pension Expense (Credit): | | | |
| Interest cost | \$ 6,444 | \$ 6,414 | \$ 6,340 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (10,303) | (14,845) | (10,323) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 202 | 202 | 202 |
| Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss | 6,983 | 196 | 1,011 |
| Net periodic pension expense (credit) | \$ 3,326 | \$ (8,033) | \$ (2,770) |

The following table indicates the weighted average assumptions used in determining the net periodic benefit cost for the years indicated:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|------|------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Discount rate | 6.1% | 6.3% | 5.9% |
| Expected rate of return on plan assets | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.6 |

New York Community Plan assets are invested in diversified investment funds of the RSI Retirement Trust (the Trust), a private placement fund, and in the Company's common stock. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the amounts of New York Community Plan assets invested in the Company's common stock were \$17.1 million and \$11.5 million, respectively. The Trust has been given discretion by the Plan Sponsor to determine the appropriate strategic asset allocation versus plan liabilities, as governed by the Trust's Statement of Investment Objectives and Guidelines (the Guidelines). The investment funds include a series of equity and bond mutual funds or commingled trust funds, each with its own investment objectives, strategies, and risks, as detailed in the Guidelines.

The long-term investment objectives are to maintain plan assets at a level that will sufficiently cover long-term obligations and to generate a return on plan assets that will meet or exceed the rate at which long-term obligations will grow. A broadly diversified combination of equity and fixed income portfolios and various risk management techniques are used to help achieve these objectives. At December 31, 2009, 66% of the Plan assets were invested in equity securities (equity mutual funds) and 34% in debt securities (bond mutual funds).

In addition, significant consideration is paid to the Plan's funding levels when determining the overall asset allocation. If the New York Community Plan is considered to be well funded, approximately 65% of its assets is allocated to equities and approximately 35% is allocated to fixed income. If the New York Community Plan does not satisfy the criteria for a well funded plan, approximately 50% of the Plan's assets is allocated to equities and approximately 50% is allocated to fixed income. Asset rebalancing is scheduled when the investment mix varies more than 10% in either direction from the target (i.e., within a 20% range).

The investment goal of the New York Community Plan is to achieve investment results that will contribute to the proper funding of the pension plan by exceeding the rate of inflation over the long-term. In addition, investment managers for the Trust are expected to provide above-average performance when compared to their peers. Performance volatility is monitored, and risk and volatility are further managed by the distinct investment objectives of each of the Trust funds and by the diversification within each fund.

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The following table presents information regarding investments held by the New York Community Plan as of December 31, 2009:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|--|------------|---|--|--|
| Mutual Funds Equity: | | | | |
| Large-cap core ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 9,694 | \$ 9,694 | \$ | \$ |
| Small-cap core ⁽²⁾ | 10,900 | 10,900 | | |
| Common/Collective Trusts Equity: | | | | |
| Large-cap core ⁽³⁾ | 10,602 | | 10,602 | |
| Large-cap value ⁽⁴⁾ | 5,416 | | 5,416 | |
| Large-cap growth ⁽⁵⁾ | 15,513 | | 15,513 | |
| International core ⁽⁶⁾ | 16,566 | | 16,566 | |
| Common/Collective Trusts Fixed Income: | | | | |
| Market duration fixed ⁽⁷⁾ | 44,848 | | 44,848 | |
| Equity Securities: | | | | |
| Company common stock | 17,374 | 17,374 | | |
| | \$ 130,913 | \$ 37,968 | \$ 92,945 | \$ |

- (1) This category contains large-cap stocks with above-average yields. The portfolio typically holds between 60 and 70 stocks.
- (2) This category contains stocks whose sector weightings are maintained within a narrow band around those of the Russell 2000 Index. The portfolio will typically hold more than 150 stocks.
- (3) This fund tracks the performance of the S&P 500 Index by purchasing the securities represented in the Index in approximately the same weightings as the Index.
- (4) This category consists of investments whose sector and industry exposures are maintained within a narrow band around the Russell 1000 Index. The portfolio holds approximately 150 stocks.
- (5) This category consists of a portfolio of between 45 and 65 stocks that typically overweight technology and health care.
- (6) This category consists of a broadly diversified portfolio of non-U.S. domiciled stocks. The portfolio will typically hold more than 200 stocks, with 0%-35% invested in emerging markets securities.
- (7) This category consists of an index fund that tracks the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The fund invests in Treasury, agency, corporate, mortgage-backed, and asset-backed securities.

Current Asset Allocation

The weighted average asset allocations for the New York Community Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, were as follows:

| | At December 31, | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Equity securities | 66% | 60% |
| Debt securities | 34 | 40 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |

Determination of Long-term Rate of Return

The long-term rate of return on assets assumption was set based on historical returns earned by equities and fixed income securities, and adjusted to reflect expectations of future returns as applied to the New York Community Plan's target allocation of asset classes. Equities and fixed income securities were assumed to earn real rates of return in the ranges of 5% to 9% and 2% to 6%, respectively. The long-term inflation rate was estimated to be 3%. When these overall return expectations are applied to the New York Community Plan's target allocation, the result is an

expected rate of return of 7% to 11%.

Expected Contributions

The Company currently does not expect to contribute to the New York Community Plan in 2010.

Table of Contents*Expected Future Annuity Payments*

The following annuity payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid by the New York Community Plan during the years indicated:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 2010 | \$ 7,076 |
| 2011 | 7,953 |
| 2012 | 7,212 |
| 2013 | 7,236 |
| 2014 | 7,313 |
| 2015-2019 | 35,651 |
| Total | \$ 72,441 |

Qualified Savings Plan

The Company maintains a defined contribution qualified savings plan (the New York Community Bank Employee Savings Plan) in which all full-time employees are able to participate after one year of service and having attained age 21. No matching contributions have been made by the Company to this plan since 1993.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The Company maintains an unfunded deferred compensation plan for former directors of the Company. The unfunded balances are reflected in other liabilities in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Condition and amounted to \$213,000 and \$209,000 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Post-Retirement Health and Welfare Benefits

The Company offers certain post-retirement benefits, including medical, dental, and life insurance, to retired employees, depending on age and years of service at the time of retirement (the Health & Welfare Plan). The costs of such benefits are accrued during the years that an employee renders the necessary service.

The following tables set forth certain information regarding the Health & Welfare Plan based on the measurement dates indicated:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Change in Benefit Obligation: | | |
| Benefit obligation at beginning of year | \$ 16,501 | \$ 16,151 |
| Service cost | 4 | 8 |
| Interest cost | 910 | 936 |
| Adjustment for measurement date change | | 235 |
| Actuarial loss | 139 | 2,367 |
| Premiums/claims paid | (1,788) | (3,196) |
| Benefit obligation at end of year | \$ 15,766 | \$ 16,501 |
| Change in Plan Assets: | | |
| Fair value of assets at beginning of year | \$ | \$ |
| Employer contribution | 1,788 | 3,196 |
| Premiums/claims paid | (1,788) | (3,196) |

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| | | | | |
|---|----|----------|----|----------|
| Fair value of assets at end of year | \$ | | \$ | |
| Funded status (included in other liabilities) | \$ | (15,766) | \$ | (16,501) |

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| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Changes recognized in other comprehensive income for the year ended December 31: | | |
| Adjustment for measurement date change | \$ | \$ 28 |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 249 | 249 |
| Amortization of actuarial gain | (303) | (137) |
| Net loss arising during the year | 139 | 2,367 |
| | | |
| Total recognized in other comprehensive loss (income) for the year (pre-tax) | \$ 85 | \$ 2,507 |
| | | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss (pre-tax) not yet recognized in net periodic benefit cost at December 31: | | |
| Prior service cost | \$ (3,027) | \$ (3,277) |
| Actuarial loss (net) | 5,626 | 5,791 |
| | | |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive loss (pre-tax) | \$ 2,599 | \$ 2,514 |

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the discount rates were 5.3% and 5.9%, respectively.

The estimated net actuarial loss (gain) and the prior service liability that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year amount to \$313,000 and \$249,000, respectively.

The following table indicates the components of net periodic benefit cost for the years indicated:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost: | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 4 | \$ 8 | \$ 9 |
| Interest cost | 910 | 936 | 1,139 |
| Amortization of prior service cost | (249) | (249) | 42 |
| Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss | 303 | 137 | 117 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$ 968 | \$ 832 | \$ 1,307 |

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The following table indicates the weighted average assumptions used in determining the net periodic benefit cost for the years indicated:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Discount rate | 5.9% | 6.1% | 5.9% |
| Current medical trend rate | 9.0 | 7.8 | 9.0 |
| Ultimate trend rate | 5.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Year when rate will reach ultimate | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 |

Had the assumed medical trend rate at December 31, 2009 increased by 1% in each future year, the accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation at that date would have increased by \$31,000; the aggregate of the benefits earned and the interest components of 2009 net post-retirement benefit cost would have increased by \$1,000. Had the assumed medical trend rate decreased by 1% in each future year, the accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation at December 31, 2009 would have declined by \$35,000; the aggregate of the benefits earned and the interest components of 2009 net post-retirement benefit cost would have declined by \$1,000.

Investment Policies and Strategies

The Health & Welfare Plan is an unfunded non-qualified pension plan and is not expected to hold assets for investment at any time. Any contributions made to the Health & Welfare Plan will be used to immediately pay plan premiums and claims as they come due.

Expected Contributions

The Company expects to contribute \$1.7 million to the Health & Welfare Plan to pay premiums and claims for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.

Expected Future Payments for Premiums and Claims

The following amounts are expected to be paid for premiums and claims during the years indicated under the Health & Welfare Plan:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 2010 | \$ 1,715 |
| 2011 | 1,726 |
| 2012 | 1,613 |
| 2013 | 1,411 |
| 2014 | 1,352 |
| 2015-2019 | 5,773 |
| Total | \$ 13,590 |

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NOTE 13: STOCK-RELATED BENEFIT PLANS

New York Community Bank Employee Stock Ownership Plan

At the time of the Community Bank's conversion to stock form, the Company loaned \$19.4 million to the New York Community Bank Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP") to purchase 18,583,440 shares of the Company's common stock. In the second quarter of 2002, the Company loaned an additional \$14.8 million to the ESOP for the purchase of 906,667 shares of the common stock that were sold in a secondary offering on May 14, 2002. In 2002, the two loans were consolidated into a single loan which is being repaid at a fixed interest rate of 4.75% over a period of time not to exceed 30 years.

The Community Bank is obligated to repay the loan by making periodic contributions. The obligation to make such contributions is reduced to the extent of any investment earnings realized on such contributions and any dividends paid on shares held in the unallocated ESOP share account. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the loan had outstanding balances of \$886,000 and \$1.8 million, respectively.

As the loan is repaid, shares are released from a suspense account and allocated among participants on the basis of compensation, as described in the ESOP, in the year of allocation. The Community Bank made no contributions to the ESOP during 2009, 2008, or 2007. The dividends and investment income on ESOP shares that were used for debt service in 2009, 2008, and 2007 amounted to approximately \$632,000, \$1.0 million, and \$1.5 million, respectively.

All full-time employees who have attained 21 years of age and who have completed twelve consecutive months of credited service are eligible to participate in the ESOP, with benefits vesting on a seven-year basis, starting with 20% in the third year of employment and continuing in 20% increments in each successive year. Benefits are payable upon death, retirement, disability, or separation from service, and may be paid in stock. However, in the event of a change in control, as defined in the ESOP, any unvested portion of benefits shall vest immediately.

In 2009, 2008, and 2007, the Company allocated 332,055; 346,497; and 482,764 shares, respectively, to participants in the ESOP. At December 31, 2009, a total of 14,612,053 shares were held in the ESOP, including 299,248 shares with a market value of \$4.3 million that were still available for future allocation. The Community Bank recognizes compensation expense for the ESOP based on the average market price of the Company's common stock during the year in which the allocation is made. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, the Company recorded ESOP-related compensation expense of \$3.8 million, \$5.8 million, and \$8.6 million, respectively. Included in the 2007 amount was a special merger-related ESOP allocation expense of \$2.2 million.

Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan

In 1993, the Community Bank also established a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP"), which provided additional unfunded, non-qualified benefits to certain participants in the ESOP in the form of Company common stock. The SERP was frozen in 1999. At both December 31, 2009 and 2008, the SERP maintained \$3.1 million of trust-held assets, based upon the cost of said assets. Trust-held assets, consisting entirely of Company common stock, amounted to 1,114,983 and 1,018,939 shares at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The cost of these shares is reflected as a reduction of paid-in capital in excess of par in the Consolidated Statements of Condition. The Company recorded no SERP-related compensation expense in 2009, 2008, or 2007.

Stock Incentive and Stock Option Plans

At December 31, 2009, the Company had 5,053,058 shares available for grant as options, restricted stock, or other forms of related rights under the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2006 Stock Incentive Plan"), which was approved by the Company's shareholders at its Annual Meeting on June 7, 2006. During 2009, 2008, and 2007, 1,352,000; 1,945,400; and 732,991 shares of restricted stock were granted under the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, with average fair values of \$13.05, \$14.32, and \$17.69 per share on the respective grant dates. The shares of restricted stock that were granted in 2009 vest over a period of five years. Compensation cost related to the restricted stock grants is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, and totaled \$9.5 million, \$7.9 million, and \$3.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively.

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A summary of activity with regard to restricted stock awards in the year ended December 31, 2009 is presented in the following table:

| | For the Year Ended December 31, 2009 | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
| Unvested at beginning of year | 2,346,345 | \$ 14.95 |
| Granted | 1,352,000 | 13.05 |
| Vested | (647,122) | 15.73 |
| Cancelled | (50,399) | 13.48 |
| Unvested at end of year | 3,000,824 | 13.95 |

As of December 31, 2009, unrecognized compensation cost relating to unvested restricted stock totaled \$36.2 million. This amount will be recognized over a remaining weighted average period of 3.9 years.

In addition, the Company had eleven stock option plans at December 31, 2008: the 1993 and 1997 New York Community Bancorp, Inc. Stock Option Plans; the 1993 and 1996 Haven Bancorp, Inc. Stock Option Plans; the 1998 Richmond County Financial Corp. Stock Compensation Plan; the T R Financial Corp. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan; the Roslyn Bancorp, Inc. 1997 and 2001 Stock-based Incentive Plans; the 1998 Long Island Financial Corp. Stock Option Plan; and the 2003 and 2004 Synergy Financial Group Stock Option Plans (all eleven plans collectively referred to as the Stock Option Plans). All stock options granted under the Stock Option Plans expire ten years from the date of grant.

The Company uses the modified prospective approach to recognize compensation costs related to share-based payments at fair value on the date of grant, and recognizes such costs in the financial statements over the vesting period during which the employee provides service in exchange for the award. As there were no unvested options at any time during 2009, 2008, or 2007, the Company did not record any compensation and benefits expense relating to stock options during these years.

Currently, the Company issues new shares of common stock to satisfy the exercise of options. The Company may also use common stock held in Treasury to satisfy the exercise of options. In such event, the difference between the average cost of Treasury shares and the exercise price is recorded as an adjustment to retained earnings or paid-in capital on the date of exercise. At December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively, there were 13,037,564; 13,702,712; and 15,763,696 stock options outstanding. The number of shares available for future issuance under the Stock Option Plans was 11,151 at December 31, 2009.

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The status of the Stock Option Plans at December 31, 2009 and changes that occurred during the year ended at that date are summarized below:

| | For the Year Ended December 31, 2009 | |
|--|---|--|
| | Number of Stock Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| Stock options outstanding, beginning of year | 13,702,712 | \$ 15.50 |
| Exercised | (44,960) | 6.54 |
| Forfeited | (620,188) | 14.95 |
| Stock options outstanding, end of year | 13,037,564 | 15.56 |
| Options exercisable at year-end | 13,037,564 | 15.56 |

The intrinsic value of stock options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2009 was \$6.7 million. The intrinsic values of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007 were \$309,000, \$14.1 million, and \$9.1 million, respectively.

NOTE 14: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

In 2008, the FASB issued a standard that, among other things, defined fair value, established a consistent framework for measuring fair value, and expanded disclosure for each major asset and liability category measured at fair value on either a recurring or nonrecurring basis. The standard clarified that fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received when selling an asset, or paid when transferring a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants. Fair value is thus a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. As a basis for considering such assumptions, the standard established a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants use in pricing an asset or liability.

A financial instrument's categorization within this valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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The following tables present assets and liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and that were included in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Condition at that date:

| (in thousands) | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009 Using | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Netting Adjustments ⁽¹⁾ | Total Fair Value |
| Mortgage-related Securities Available for Sale: | | | | | |
| GSE certificates | \$ | \$ 271,808 | \$ | \$ | \$ 271,808 |
| GSE CMOs | | 416,783 | | | 416,783 |
| Private label CMOs | | 85,614 | | | 85,614 |
| Total mortgage-related securities | | 774,205 | | | 774,205 |
| Other Securities Available for Sale: | | | | | |
| GSE debentures | | 30,190 | | | 30,190 |
| Corporate bonds | | 4,901 | | | 4,901 |
| U. S. Treasury obligations | 606,451 | | | | 606,451 |
| State, county, and municipal | | 6,159 | | | 6,159 |
| Capital trust notes | | 15,273 | 23,565 | | 38,838 |
| Preferred stock | | 13,567 | 7,667 | | 21,234 |
| Common stock | 36,668 | | | | 36,668 |
| Total other securities | 643,119 | 70,090 | 31,232 | | 744,441 |
| Total securities available for sale | \$ 643,119 | \$ 844,295 | \$ 31,232 | \$ | \$ 1,518,646 |
| Other Assets: | | | | | |
| Loans held for sale | \$ | \$ 351,322 | \$ | \$ | \$ 351,322 |
| Mortgage servicing rights | | | 8,617 | | 8,617 |
| Derivative assets | 48 | 20,416 | 32 | (2,243) | 18,253 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities | \$ (344) | \$ | \$ | \$ 83 | \$ (261) |

(1) Amounts represent the impact of legally enforceable master netting agreements that allow the Company to settle positive and negative positions with the same counterparties.

| (in thousands) | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2008 Using | | | |
|--|--|---|---|------------------|
| | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Total Fair Value |
| Mortgage-related Securities Available for Sale: | | | | |
| GSE certificates | \$ | \$ 185,292 | \$ | \$ 185,292 |
| GSE CMOs | | 528,962 | | 528,962 |
| Private label CMOs | | 119,430 | | 119,430 |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Total mortgage-related securities | | 833,684 | | 833,684 |
| Other Securities Available for Sale: | | | | |
| GSE debentures | | 61,959 | | 61,959 |
| Corporate bonds | | 9,298 | 9,452 | 18,750 |
| State, county, and municipal | | 6,141 | | 6,141 |
| Capital trust notes | | 24,728 | 5,138 | 29,866 |
| Preferred stock | | 17,540 | | 17,540 |
| Common stock | 42,562 | | | 42,562 |
| Total other securities | 42,562 | 119,666 | 14,590 | 176,818 |
| Total securities available for sale | \$ 42,562 | \$ 953,350 | \$ 14,590 | \$ 1,010,502 |

The Company reviews and updates the fair value hierarchy classifications for its assets on a quarterly basis. Changes from one quarter to the next that are related to the observability of inputs to a fair value measurement may result in a reclassification from one hierarchy level to another.

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A description of the methods and significant assumptions utilized in estimating the fair value of available-for-sale securities follows:

Where quoted prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities include highly liquid government securities and exchange-traded securities.

If quoted market prices are not available for the specific security, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows. These pricing models primarily use market-based or independently sourced market parameters as inputs, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, equity or debt prices, and credit spreads. In addition to observable market information, models incorporate transaction details such as maturity and cash flow assumptions. Securities valued in this manner would generally be classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy and primarily include such instruments as mortgage-related securities and corporate debt.

In certain cases where there is limited activity or less transparency around inputs to the valuation, securities are classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. In valuing collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) (which include pooled trust preferred securities and income notes) and certain single-issue capital trust notes, both of which are classified within Level 3, the determination of fair value may require benchmarking to similar instruments or analyzing default and recovery rates. Therefore, CDOs and certain single-issue capital trust notes are valued using a model based on the specific collateral composition and cash flow structure of the securities. Key inputs to the model consist of market spread data for each credit rating, collateral type, and other relevant contractual features. In instances where quoted price information is available, that price is considered when arriving at the security's fair value. Where there is limited activity or less transparency around the inputs to the valuation of preferred stock, the valuation is based on a discounted cash flow model.

MSRs do not trade in an active market with readily observable prices. Accordingly, the Company utilizes a valuation model that calculates the present value of estimated future cash flows. The model incorporates various assumptions including estimates of prepayment speeds, discount rates, refinance rates, servicing costs, and ancillary income. The Company reassesses and periodically adjusts the underlying inputs and assumptions in the model to reflect market conditions and assumptions that a market participant would consider in valuing the MSR asset. MSR fair value measurements use significant unobservable inputs and, accordingly, are classified as Level 3.

For interest rate lock commitments for residential mortgage loans that the Company intends to sell, the fair value is based on internally developed models. The key model inputs primarily include the sum of the value of the forward commitment based on the loan's expected settlement date, the value of MSRs arrived at by an independent mortgage servicing rights broker, government agency price adjustment factors, and historical interest rate lock commitment fall-out factors. Accordingly, such derivatives are classified as Level 3.

While the Company believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with those of other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair values of certain financial instruments could result in different estimates of fair values at the reporting date.

Table of Contents**Changes in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements**

The tables below include a rollforward of the balance sheet amounts for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (including the change in fair value) for financial instruments classified in Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Total Realized/Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Recorded in | | | | | Fair Value Dec. 31, 2009 | Change in Unrealized Gains and (Losses) Related to Instruments Held at Dec. 31, 2009 |
|--|--|------------|----------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | Fair Value January 1, 2009 | Income | Comprehensive Income | Purchases, Issuances, and Settlements, Net | Transfers into Level 3 | | |
| Available-for-Sale Debt Securities: | | | | | | | |
| Capital securities and preferred stock | \$ 14,590 | \$ (4,420) | \$ 11,792 | \$ (766) | \$ 10,036 | \$ 31,232 | \$ 12,790 |
| Mortgage servicing rights | | | | 8,617 | | 8,617 | |
| Derivatives, net | | | | 32 | | 32 | 32 |

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Total Realized/Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Recorded in | | | | | Fair Value Dec. 31, 2008 | Change in Unrealized Gains and (Losses) Related to Instruments Held at Dec. 31, 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | Fair Value January 1, 2008 | Income | Comprehensive Income | Purchases, Issuances, and Settlements, Net | Transfers in/out of Level 3 | | |
| Available-for-Sale Debt Securities: | | | | | | | |
| Capital securities | \$ 65,952 | \$ (51,500) | \$ 726 | \$ (588) | \$ | \$ 14,590 | \$ 50,774 |

Table of Contents**Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-recurring Basis**

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. Such instruments are subject to fair value adjustments under certain circumstances (e.g., when there is evidence of impairment). The following tables present assets and liabilities that were measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and that were included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Condition at these dates:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009 Using | | | Total Fair Value |
|------------------------|--|---|---|------------------|
| | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | |
| Loans held for sale | \$ | \$ 4,729 | \$ | \$ 4,729 |
| Certain impaired loans | | | 139,848 | 139,848 |
| | \$ | \$ 4,729 | \$ 139,848 | \$ 144,577 |

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2008 Using | | | Total Fair Value |
|------------------------|--|---|---|------------------|
| | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | |
| Loans held for sale | \$ | \$ 336 | \$ | \$ 336 |
| Certain impaired loans | | | 16,050 | 16,050 |
| | \$ | \$ 336 | \$ 16,050 | \$ 16,386 |

The fair values of collateral-dependent impaired loans are determined using various valuation techniques, including consideration of appraised values and other pertinent real estate market data.

Other Fair Value Disclosures

Certain FASB guidance requires the disclosure of fair value information about the Company's on- and off-balance-sheet financial instruments. Quoted market prices, when available, are used as the measure of fair value. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on present-value estimates or other valuation techniques. Such fair values are significantly affected by the assumptions used, the timing of future cash flows, and the discount rate.

Because assumptions are inherently subjective in nature, estimated fair values cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent market quotes. Furthermore, in many cases, the estimated fair values provided would not necessarily be realized in an immediate sale or settlement of such instruments.

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The following table summarizes the carrying values and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2009 | | 2008 | |
| | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value |
| Financial Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,670,857 | \$ 2,670,857 | \$ 203,216 | \$ 203,216 |
| Securities held to maturity | 4,223,597 | 4,249,662 | 4,890,991 | 4,827,801 |
| Securities available for sale | 1,518,646 | 1,518,646 | 1,010,502 | 1,010,502 |
| FHLB stock | 496,742 | 496,742 | 400,979 | 400,979 |
| Loans, net | 28,265,208 | 28,302,882 | 22,097,844 | 22,891,568 |
| Mortgage servicing rights | 10,582 | 10,582 | 3,568 | 3,568 |
| Derivatives | 18,253 | 18,253 | | |
| Financial Liabilities: | | | | |
| Deposits | \$ 22,316,411 | \$ 22,373,559 | \$ 14,375,648 | \$ 14,445,003 |
| Borrowed funds | 14,164,686 | 15,271,668 | 13,496,710 | 15,165,647 |
| Derivatives | 261 | 261 | | |

The methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair values for the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and due from banks and federal funds sold. The estimated fair values of cash and cash equivalents are assumed to equal their carrying values, as these financial instruments are either due on demand or have short-term maturities.

Securities Held to Maturity and Available for Sale

If quoted market prices are not available for the specific security, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows. These pricing models primarily use market-based or independently sourced market parameters as inputs, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, equity or debt prices, and credit spreads. In addition to observable market information, pricing models also incorporate transaction details such as maturity and cash flow assumptions.

Federal Home Loan Bank Stock

The fair value of FHLB stock approximates the carrying amount, which is at cost.

Loans

The loan portfolio is segregated into various components for valuation purposes in order to group loans based on their significant financial characteristics, such as loan type (mortgages or other) and payment status (performing or non-performing). The estimated fair values of mortgage and other loans are computed by discounting the anticipated cash flows from the respective portfolios. The discount rates reflect current market rates for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. The estimated fair values of non-performing mortgage and other loans are based on recent collateral appraisals.

The methods used to estimate the fair value of loans are extremely sensitive to the assumptions and estimates used. While management has attempted to use assumptions and estimates that best reflect the Company's loan portfolio and current market conditions, a greater degree of subjectivity is inherent in these values than in those determined in active markets. Accordingly, readers are cautioned in using this information for purposes of evaluating the financial condition and/or value of the Company in and of itself or in comparison with any other company.

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Loans Held for Sale

Fair value is based on independent quoted market prices, where available, and adjusted as necessary for such items as servicing value, guaranty fee premiums, and credit spread adjustments.

Mortgage Servicing Rights

MSRs do not trade in an active market with readily observable prices. Accordingly, the Company utilizes a valuation model that calculates the present value of estimated future cash flows. The model incorporates various assumptions including estimates of prepayment speeds, discount rate, refinance rates, servicing costs, and ancillary income. The Company reassesses and periodically adjusts the underlying inputs and assumptions in the model to reflect market conditions and assumptions that a market participant would consider in valuing the MSR asset.

Derivative Financial Instruments

For exchange-traded futures and exchange-traded options, the fair value is based on observable quoted market prices in an active market. For forward commitments to buy and sell loans and mortgage-backed securities, the fair value is based on observable market prices for similar securities in an active market. For interest rate lock commitments for residential mortgage loans that the Company intends to sell, the fair value is based on internally developed models. The key model inputs primarily include the sum of the value of the forward commitment based on the loans' expected settlement dates, the value of MSRs arrived at by an independent MSR broker, government agency price adjustment factors, and historical interest rate lock commitment fall-out factors.

Deposits

The fair values of deposit liabilities with no stated maturity (i.e., NOW and money market accounts, savings accounts, and non-interest-bearing accounts) are equal to the carrying amounts payable on demand. The fair values of CDs represent contractual cash flows, discounted using interest rates currently offered on deposits with similar characteristics and remaining maturities. These estimated fair values do not include the intangible value of core deposit relationships, which comprise a significant portion of the Company's deposit base.

Borrowed Funds

The estimated fair value of borrowed funds is based either on bid quotations received from securities dealers or the discounted value of contractual cash flows with interest rates currently in effect for borrowed funds with similar maturities and structure.

Off-Balance-Sheet Financial Instruments

The fair values of commitments to extend credit and unadvanced lines of credit are estimated based on an analysis of the interest rates and fees currently charged to enter into similar transactions, considering the remaining terms of the commitments and the creditworthiness of the potential borrowers. The estimated fair values of such off-balance-sheet financial instruments were insignificant at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

NOTE 15: DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company's derivative financial instruments consist of financial forward and futures contracts, interest rate lock commitments, swaps, and options. These derivatives relate to mortgage banking operations, MSRs, and other risk management activities, and seek to mitigate or reduce the Company's exposure to losses from adverse changes in interest rates. These activities will vary in scope based on the level and volatility of interest rates, the type of assets held, and other changing market conditions.

The Company held derivatives with a notional amount of \$1.4 billion not designated as hedges at December 31, 2009. Changes in the fair value of these derivatives are reflected in current-period earnings.

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The following table sets forth information concerning the Company's derivative financial instruments at December 31, 2009:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, 2009 | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| | Notional Amount | Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ | |
| | | Gain | Loss |
| Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges: | | | |
| Mortgage banking: | | | |
| Treasury options | \$ 115,000 | \$ 48 | \$ |
| Eurodollar futures | 300,000 | | 261 |
| Forward commitments to sell loans/mortgage-backed securities | 552,000 | 15,741 | |
| Forward commitments to buy loans/mortgage-backed securities | 50,000 | 1,831 | |
| Interest rate lock commitments | 430,293 | 32 | |
| Total derivatives | \$ 1,447,293 | \$ 17,652 | \$ 261 |

(1) Derivatives in a net gain position are recorded as other assets and derivatives in a net loss position are recorded as other liabilities in the Consolidated Statements of Condition.

The Company uses various financial instruments, including derivatives, in connection with strategies to reduce price risk resulting from changes in interest rates. Derivative instruments may include interest rate lock commitments entered into with borrowers or correspondents/brokers to acquire conforming fixed and adjustable rate residential mortgage loans that will be held for sale. Other derivative instruments include Treasury options and Eurodollar futures. Gains or losses due to changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognized currently in earnings.

The Company enters into forward contracts to sell fixed rate mortgage-backed securities to protect against changes in the prices of conforming fixed rate loans held for sale. Forward contracts are entered into with securities dealers in an amount related to the portion of interest rate lock commitments that are expected to close. The value of these forward sales contracts moves inversely with the value of the loans in response to changes in interest rates.

To manage the price risk associated with fixed rate non-conforming mortgage loans, the Company generally enters into forward contracts on mortgage-backed securities or forward commitments to sell loans to approved investors. Short positions in Eurodollar futures contracts are used to manage price risk on adjustable rate mortgage loans held for sale.

The Company also purchases put and call options to manage the risk associated with variations in the amount of interest rate lock commitments that ultimately close.

In addition, the Company manages a portion of the risk associated with changes in the value of MSR's intended for sale. The general strategy for hedging the value of servicing assets is to purchase hedge instruments that gain value when interest rates fall, thereby offsetting the corresponding decline in the value of the MSR's. The Company purchases call options on Treasury futures and enters into forward contracts to purchase fixed rate mortgage-backed securities to offset the risk of declines in the value of MSR's.

The following table sets forth the effect of derivative instruments on the Consolidated Statement of Income for the period from December 4, 2009 (the date of the AmTrust acquisition) through December 31, 2009:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Gain (Loss) Recognized in Non-Interest Income |
|--|---|
| Mortgage Banking: | |
| Treasury options | \$ (77) |
| Eurodollar futures | 186 |
| Forward commitments to buy/sell loans/mortgage-backed securities | 16,224 |

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Other Management Activities:

Interest rate swaps 1,221

Total \$ 17,554

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NOTE 16: RESTRICTIONS ON SUBSIDIARY BANKS

Various legal restrictions limit the extent to which the Company's subsidiary banks can supply funds to the Parent Company and its non-bank subsidiaries. The Company's subsidiary banks would require the approval of the Superintendent of the New York State Banking Department if the dividends they declared in any calendar year were to exceed the total of their respective net profits for that year combined with their respective retained net profits for the preceding two calendar years, less any required transfer to paid-in capital. The term "net profits" is defined as the remainder of all earnings from current operations plus actual recoveries on loans, investments, and other assets, after deducting from the total thereof all current operating expenses, actual losses, if any, and all federal, state, and local taxes. In 2009, the Banks together paid dividends of \$300.0 million to the Parent Company; at December 31, 2009, the Banks together could have paid additional dividends of \$258.9 million to the Parent Company without regulatory approval.

Table of Contents**NOTE 17: PARENT COMPANY ONLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Following are the condensed financial statements for New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (parent company only):

Condensed Statements of Condition

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | December 31, | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 167,828 | \$ 129,306 |
| Securities held to maturity | | 10,000 |
| Securities available for sale | 6,901 | 9,568 |
| Investments in subsidiaries | 5,674,751 | 4,581,446 |
| Receivable from subsidiaries | 3,619 | 2,848 |
| Other assets | 55,518 | 86,618 |
| Total assets | \$ 5,908,617 | \$ 4,819,786 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY: | | |
| Senior notes | \$ 89,919 | \$ 89,888 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 427,371 | 484,216 |
| Other liabilities | 24,425 | 26,436 |
| Total liabilities | 541,715 | 600,540 |
| Stockholders equity | 5,366,902 | 4,219,246 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders equity | \$ 5,908,617 | \$ 4,819,786 |

Condensed Statements of Income

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Interest income | \$ 1,837 | \$ 4,566 | \$ 6,911 |
| Dividends received from subsidiaries | 300,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 |
| Loss on OTTI of securities | (13,200) | (35,332) | |
| Gain on sale of securities | | | 1,220 |
| Gain (loss) on debt repurchases | 8,792 | | (1,848) |
| Other income | 881 | 1,104 | 1,415 |
| Gross income | 298,310 | 70,338 | 207,698 |
| Operating expenses | 41,134 | 53,297 | 60,633 |
| Income before income tax benefit and equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries | 257,176 | 17,041 | 147,065 |
| Income tax benefit | (20,511) | (47,607) | (22,373) |
| Income before equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries | 277,687 | 64,648 | 169,438 |
| Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries | 120,959 | 13,236 | 109,644 |
| Net income | \$ 398,646 | \$ 77,884 | \$ 279,082 |

Table of Contents**Condensed Statements of Cash Flows**

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 398,646 | \$ 77,884 | \$ 279,082 |
| Change in other assets | 30,567 | (61,386) | 20,423 |
| Change in other liabilities | (2,038) | 19,725 | (47,087) |
| Net gain on sale of securities | | | (1,220) |
| Gain on debt repurchases | (8,792) | | |
| Loss on OTTI of securities | 13,200 | 35,332 | |
| Other, net | 8,640 | 6,998 | 1,350 |
| Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries | (120,959) | (13,236) | (109,644) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 319,264 | 65,317 | 142,904 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Purchase of securities available for sale | | | (29,158) |
| Proceeds from sale and repayment of securities | 781 | 3,106 | 12,556 |
| (Investments in) payments from subsidiaries, net | (937,771) | (76,971) | 44,551 |
| Net cash acquired in business combinations | | | 2,698 |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities | (936,990) | (73,865) | 30,647 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net | 1,012,148 | 339,153 | |
| Treasury stock purchases | (1,311) | (2,208) | (168) |
| Cash dividends paid on common stock | (347,554) | (333,509) | (310,205) |
| Net cash received from exercise of stock options | 465 | 15,041 | 44,064 |
| Net cash received from exercise of warrants | | 73 | |
| Repurchase of junior subordinated debentures | (7,500) | | (83,123) |
| Issuance of junior subordinated debentures | | | 82,475 |
| Issuance of senior notes | | 89,888 | |
| Repayment of senior notes | | (75,000) | (115,000) |
| Cash-in-lieu of fractional shares | | | (7) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 656,248 | 33,438 | (381,964) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 38,522 | 24,890 | (208,413) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 129,306 | 104,416 | 312,829 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | \$ 167,828 | \$ 129,306 | \$ 104,416 |

NOTE 18: REGULATORY MATTERS

The Company is subject to examination, regulation, and periodic reporting under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, which is administered by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors (the FRB). The FRB has adopted capital adequacy guidelines for bank holding companies (on a consolidated basis) that are substantially similar to those of the FDIC.

The following tables present the regulatory capital ratios for the Company at December 31, 2009 and 2008, in comparison with the minimum amounts and ratios required by the FRB for capital adequacy purposes:

| At December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands) | Leverage Capital | | Tier 1 | | Risk-Based Capital | | Total | |
|--|------------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| Total regulatory capital | \$ 3,373,258 | 10.03% | \$ 3,373,258 | 14.48% | \$ 3,500,748 | 15.03% | | |
| Minimum for capital adequacy purposes | 1,345,346 | 4.00 | 931,900 | 4.00 | 1,863,801 | 8.00 | | |
| Excess | \$ 2,027,912 | 6.03% | \$ 2,441,358 | 10.48% | \$ 1,636,947 | 7.03% | | |

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| At December 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands) | Leverage Capital | | Tier 1 | | Risk-Based Capital | | Total | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| | Total regulatory capital | \$ 2,336,142 | 7.84% | \$ 2,336,142 | 11.49% | \$ 2,430,510 | 11.96% | |
| Minimum for capital adequacy purposes | 1,192,108 | 4.00 | 813,069 | 4.00 | 1,626,138 | 8.00 | | |
| Excess | \$ 1,144,034 | 3.84% | \$ 1,523,073 | 7.49% | \$ 804,372 | 3.96% | | |

In December 2009, the Company issued 69,000,000 shares of common stock in an offering that generated gross proceeds of \$897.0 million and net proceeds (i.e., after issuance costs) of \$864.9 million. These shares were issued in connection with the AmTrust acquisition on December 4, 2009 and the proceeds were used for general corporate purposes.

On May 23, 2008, the Company issued 17,871,000 shares of common stock in an offering that generated gross proceeds of \$345.8 million and net proceeds (i.e., after issuance costs) of \$339.2 million. Of the latter amount, \$199.2 million served to offset the after-tax impact on stockholders' equity of prepaying \$4.0 billion of wholesale and other borrowings in the second quarter of 2008; the remaining proceeds were used for general corporate purposes.

The Banks are subject to regulation, examination, and supervision by the New York State Banking Department and the FDIC (the Regulators). The Banks are also governed by numerous federal and state laws and regulations, including the FDIC Improvement Act of 1991, which established five categories of capital adequacy ranging from well capitalized to critically undercapitalized. Such classifications are used by the FDIC to determine various matters, including prompt corrective action and each institution's FDIC deposit insurance premium assessments. Capital amounts and classification are also subject to the Regulators' qualitative judgments about components of capital and risk weightings, among other factors.

The quantitative measures established to ensure capital adequacy require that banks maintain minimum amounts and ratios of leverage capital to average assets, and of Tier 1 and total capital to risk-weighted assets (as such measures are defined in the regulations). At December 31, 2009, the Banks exceeded all the capital adequacy requirements to which they were subject.

As of December 31, 2009, the most recent notifications from the FDIC categorized the Community Bank and the Commercial Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, a bank must maintain a minimum leverage capital ratio of 5.00%; a minimum Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.00%; and a minimum total risk-based capital ratio of 10.00%. In the opinion of management, no conditions or events have transpired since said notification to change these capital adequacy classifications.

The following tables present the actual capital amounts and ratios for the Community Bank at December 31, 2009 and 2008 in comparison to the minimum amounts and ratios required for capital adequacy purposes:

| At December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands) | Leverage Capital | | Tier 1 | | Risk-Based Capital | | Total | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| | Total regulatory capital | \$ 2,998,757 | 9.47% | \$ 2,998,757 | 13.77% | \$ 3,113,792 | 14.29% | |
| Minimum for capital adequacy purposes | 1,266,987 | 4.00 | 871,308 | 4.00 | 1,742,615 | 8.00 | | |
| Excess | \$ 1,731,770 | 5.47% | \$ 2,127,449 | 9.77% | \$ 1,371,177 | 6.29% | | |

| At December 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands) | Leverage Capital | | Tier 1 | | Risk-Based Capital | | Total | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| | Total regulatory capital | \$ 1,982,876 | 7.13% | \$ 1,982,876 | 10.65% | \$ 2,067,985 | 11.10% | |
| Minimum for capital adequacy purposes | 1,112,965 | 4.00 | 744,902 | 4.00 | 1,489,804 | 8.00 | | |
| Excess | \$ 869,911 | 3.13% | \$ 1,237,974 | 6.65% | \$ 578,181 | 3.10% | | |

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The following tables present the actual capital amounts and ratios for the Commercial Bank at December 31, 2009 and 2008 in comparison to the minimum amounts and ratios required for capital adequacy purposes:

| At December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands) | Leverage Capital | | Risk-Based Capital | | | |
|--|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Tier 1 | | Total | |
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| Total regulatory capital | \$ 275,432 | 11.39% | \$ 275,432 | 13.82% | \$ 288,504 | 14.48% |
| Minimum for capital adequacy purposes | 96,743 | 4.00 | 79,712 | 4.00 | 159,423 | 8.00 |
| Excess | \$ 178,689 | 7.39% | \$ 195,720 | 9.82% | \$ 129,081 | 6.48% |

| At December 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands) | Leverage Capital | | Risk-Based Capital | | | |
|--|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Amount | Ratio | Tier 1 | | Total | |
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio |
| Total regulatory capital | \$ 253,797 | 10.33% | \$ 253,797 | 12.77% | \$ 263,083 | 13.23% |
| Minimum for capital adequacy purposes | 98,298 | 4.00 | 79,521 | 4.00 | 159,042 | 8.00 |
| Excess | \$ 155,499 | 6.33% | \$ 174,276 | 8.77% | \$ 104,041 | 5.23% |

NOTE 19: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated whether any subsequent events that require recognition or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements and notes thereto have taken place through the date these financial statements were issued (March 1, 2010). The Company has determined that there are no such subsequent events.

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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

Under the supervision, and with the participation, of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, our management evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b), as adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this annual report.

Disclosure controls and procedures are the controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our system of internal control is designed under the supervision of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

Our internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect transactions and dispositions of assets; provide reasonable assurances that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures are made only in accordance with the authorization of management and the Boards of Directors of the Company and the Banks; and provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

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

The Company acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AmTrust Bank on December 4, 2009. The scope of management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, excludes the internal control over financial reporting associated with total acquired assets of approximately \$11.0 billion and net interest income associated with the acquired assets and assumed liabilities of approximately \$22.8 million included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009.

As of December 31, 2009, management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based upon the framework established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). Based upon its assessment, management believes that the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009 is effective using these criteria.

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Management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009 has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm that audited the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, as stated in their report, included in Item 8 on page 91, which expresses an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009.

(c) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have not been any changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter to which this report relates that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

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Information regarding our directors, executive officers, and corporate governance appears in our Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 3, 2010 (hereafter referred to as our 2010 Proxy Statement), under the captions Information with Respect to Nominees, Continuing Directors, and Executive Officers, Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance, Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors, and Corporate Governance, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

A copy of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which applies to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Accounting Officer, as officers of the Company, and all other senior financial officers of the Company designated by the Chief Executive Officer from time to time, is available at our web sites, www.myNYCB.com, www.NewYorkCommercialBank.com, and www.NYCBfamily.com, and will be provided, without charge, upon written request to the Corporate Secretary at 615 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information regarding executive compensation appears in our 2010 Proxy Statement under the captions Compensation Committee Report, Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation, Compensation Discussion and Analysis, Executive Compensation and Related Information, and Director Compensation, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The following table provides information regarding the Company's equity compensation plans at December 31, 2009:

| Plan category | Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (a) | Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (b) | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c) |
|--|---|---|--|
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders | 13,037,564 | \$15.56 | 5,064,209 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | | | |
| Total | 13,037,564 | \$15.56 | 5,064,209 |

Information regarding security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management appears in our 2010 Proxy Statement, under the captions Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Information with Respect to Nominees, Continuing Directors, and Executive Officers, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information regarding certain relationships and related transactions appears in our 2010 Proxy Statement, under the captions Transactions with Certain Related Persons and Corporate Governance, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

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ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

Information regarding principal accounting fees and services appears in our 2010 Proxy Statement, under the caption Audit and Non-audit Fees, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) Documents Filed as Part of this Report

1. Financial Statements

The following are incorporated by reference from Item 8 hereof:

Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm;

Consolidated Statements of Condition at December 31, 2009 and 2008;

Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009;

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009;

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009; and

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following are incorporated by reference from Item 9A hereof:

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting; and

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

2. Financial Statement Schedules

Financial statement schedules have been omitted because they are not applicable or because the required information is provided in the Consolidated Financial Statements or Notes thereto.

3. Exhibits Required by Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Form 10-K and this list includes the Exhibit Index.

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Exhibit

| Exhibit No. | |
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| 2.1 | Stock Purchase Agreement between New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and NBG International Holdings B.V., dated as of October 10, 2005 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2.2 | Unconditional Guaranty Agreement between New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and the National Bank of Greece, dated as of October 10, 2005 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2.3 | Purchase and Assumption Agreement - Whole Bank; All Deposits, among the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, receiver of AmTrust Bank, Cleveland, Ohio, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and New York Community Bank, dated as of December 4, 2009 ⁽¹⁹⁾ |
| 3.1 | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation ⁽²⁾ |
| 3.2 | Certificates of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation ⁽³⁾ |
| 3.3 | Amended and Restated Bylaws ⁽⁴⁾ |
| 4.1 | Specimen Stock Certificate ⁽⁵⁾ |

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| 4.2 | Registrant will furnish, upon request, copies of all instruments defining the rights of holders of long-term debt instruments of the registrant and its consolidated subsidiaries. |
| 4.3 | Equity Appreciation Instrument, dated December 4, 2009 ⁽¹⁹⁾ |
| 10.1 | Form of Employment Agreement between New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and Joseph R. Ficalora, Robert Wann, Thomas R. Cangemi, James J. Carpenter, and John J. Pinto ⁽⁶⁾ |
| 10.2 | Retirement Agreement between New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and Michael F. Manzulli ⁽⁷⁾ |
| 10.3 | Retirement Agreement between New York Community Bancorp, Inc. and James J. O. Donovani ⁽⁷⁾ |
| 10.4 | Synergy Financial Group, Inc. 2003 Stock Option Plan (as assumed by New York Community Bancorp, Inc. effective October 1, 2007) ⁽⁸⁾ |
| 10.5 | Synergy Financial Group, Inc. 2004 Stock Option Plan (as assumed by New York Community Bancorp, Inc. effective October 1, 2007) ⁽⁸⁾ |
| 10.6 | Form of Change in Control Agreements among the Company, the Bank, and Certain Officers ⁽⁹⁾ |
| 10.7 | Form of Queens County Bancorp, Inc. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan ⁽¹⁰⁾ |
| 10.8 | Form of Queens County Bancorp, Inc. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan for Outside Directors ⁽¹⁰⁾ |
| 10.9 | Form of Queens County Savings Bank Employee Severance Compensation Plan ⁽⁹⁾ |
| 10.10 | Form of Queens County Savings Bank Outside Directors Consultation and Retirement Plan ⁽⁹⁾ |
| 10.11 | Form of Queens County Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust ⁽⁹⁾ |
| 10.12 | Incentive Savings Plan of Queens County Savings Bank ⁽¹¹⁾ |
| 10.13 | Retirement Plan of Queens County Savings Bank ⁽⁹⁾ |
| 10.14 | Supplemental Benefit Plan of Queens County Savings Bank ⁽¹²⁾ |
| 10.15 | Excess Retirement Benefits Plan of Queens County Savings Bank ⁽⁹⁾ |
| 10.16 | Queens County Savings Bank Directors Deferred Fee Stock Unit Plan ⁽⁹⁾ |
| 10.17 | New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan ⁽¹³⁾ |
| 10.18 | Richmond County Financial Corp. 1998 Stock-Based Incentive Plan ⁽¹⁴⁾ |
| 10.19 | Amended and Restated Roslyn Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock-Based Incentive Plan ⁽¹⁵⁾ |
| 10.20 | Roslyn Bancorp, Inc. 2001 Stock-Based Incentive Plan ⁽¹⁵⁾ |
| 10.21 | Long Island Financial Corp. 1998 Stock Option Plan, as amended ⁽¹⁶⁾ |
| 10.22 | TR Financial Corp. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended and restated ⁽¹⁵⁾ |
| 10.23 | Haven Bancorp, Inc. Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended and restated ⁽¹⁷⁾ |
| 10.24 | Haven Bancorp, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan, as amended and restated ⁽¹⁷⁾ |
| 10.25 | Haven Bancorp, Inc. Stock Option Plan for Outside Directors, as amended and restated ⁽¹⁷⁾ |
| 10.26 | Amended and Restated Bayonne Bancshares 1995 Stock Option Plan (as assumed by Richmond County Financial Corp.) ⁽¹⁴⁾ |
| 10.27 | Richmond County Financial Corp. Stock Compensation Plan ⁽¹⁴⁾ |
| 10.28 | New York Community Bancorp, Inc. Management Incentive Compensation Plan ⁽¹⁸⁾ |
| 10.29 | New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan ⁽¹⁸⁾ |
| 11.0 | Statement Re: Computation of Per Share Earnings (See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.) |
| 12.0 | Statement Re: Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (attached hereto) |
| 21.0 | Subsidiaries information incorporated herein by reference to Part I, Subsidiaries |

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- 23.0 Consent of KPMG LLP, dated March 2, 2009 (attached hereto)
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer of the Company in accordance with Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (attached hereto)
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer of the Company in accordance with Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (attached hereto)
- 32.0 Section 1350 Certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company in accordance with Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (attached hereto)
- 101* The following materials from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Statements of Condition, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (v) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text.

* Furnished, not filed.

- (1) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 14, 2005
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001 (File No. 0-22278)
- (3) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 (File No. 1-31565)
- (4) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2007
- (5) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, Registration No. 33-66852
- (6) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with the Company's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2006
- (7) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2007 (File No. 001-31565)
- (8) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form S-8, Registration Statement filed on June 23, 2007, Registration No. 333-135279
- (9) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with the Registration Statement on Form S-1, Registration No. 33-66852
- (10) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form S-8, Registration Statement filed on October 27, 1994, Registration No. 33-85684
- (11) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form S-8, Registration Statement filed on October 27, 1994, Registration No. 33-85682
- (12) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits filed with the 1995 Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on April 19, 1995
- (13) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits filed with the 1997 Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on April 16, 1997, as amended as reflected in the Company's Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 15, 2002
- (14) Incorporated herein by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form S-8, Registration Statement filed on July 31, 2001, Registration No. 333-66366
- (15) Incorporated by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form S-8, Registration Statement filed on November 10, 2003, Registration No. 333-110361
- (16) Incorporated by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form S-8, Registration Statement filed on January 9, 2006, Registration No. 333-130908
- (17) Incorporated by reference into this document from the Exhibits to Form S-8, Registration Statement filed on December 15, 2000, Registration No. 333-51998
- (18) Incorporated by reference into this document from the Exhibits filed with the 2006 Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on June 7, 2006
- (19) Incorporated by reference into this document from Exhibits filed with the Company's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 7, 2009

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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.

March 1, 2010

New York Community Bancorp, Inc.
(Registrant)

/s/ JOSEPH R. FICALORA
Joseph R. Ficalora
Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

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.

| | | | |
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| /s/ JOSEPH R. FICALORA Joseph R. Ficalora Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) | 3/1/10 | /s/ THOMAS R. CANGEMI Thomas R. Cangemi Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) | 3/1/10 |
| /s/ JOHN J. PINTO John J. Pinto Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) | 3/1/10 | /s/ DONALD M. BLAKE Donald M. Blake Director | 3/1/10 |
| /s/ DOMINICK CIAMPA Dominick Ciampa Director | 3/1/10 | /s/ MAUREEN E. CLANCY Maureen E. Clancy Director | 3/1/10 |
| /s/ HANIF W. DAHYA Hanif W. Dahya Director | 3/1/10 | /s/ ROBERT S. FARRELL Robert S. Farrell Director | 3/1/10 |
| /s/ WILLIAM C. FREDERICK, M.D. William C. Frederick, M.D. Director | 3/1/10 | /s/ MAX L. KUPFERBERG Max L. Kupferberg Director | 3/1/10 |
| /s/ MICHAEL J. LEVINE Michael J. Levine Director | 3/1/10 | /s/ HON. GUY V. MOLINARI Hon. Guy V. Molinari Director | 3/1/10 |
| /s/ JAMES J. O DONOVAN James J. O Donovan Director | 3/1/10 | /s/ JOHN M. TSIMBINOS John M. Tsimbinos Director | 3/1/10 |
| /s/ SPIROS J. VOUTSINAS | 3/1/10 | /s/ ROBERT WANN | 3/1/10 |

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Senior Executive Vice President,
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