UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 25, 2024

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

202 East Center Street, Warsaw , Indiana (Address of principal executive offices)

0-11487 (Commission File Number)

35-1559596 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

46580 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (574) 267-6144

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered	
Common Stock, no par value	LKFN	NASDAQ	

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (s230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (s240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the Registrant has elected not to use extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

The executive officers of Lakeland Financial Corporation intend to use the material filed herewith, in whole or in part, in one or more meetings with investors and analysts. A copy of the investor presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Lakeland Financial Corporation does not intend for this Item 7.01 or Exhibit 99.1 to be treated as "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or incorporated into its filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibit shall not be deemed as "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 2023 4Q Investor Presentation

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded with the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: January 25, 2024

By:

/s/ Lisa M. O'Neill Lisa M. O'Neill Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



Lakeland Financial Corporation

A Proven History of Shareholder Value Creation And Commitment to Our Communities

4th Quarter 2023





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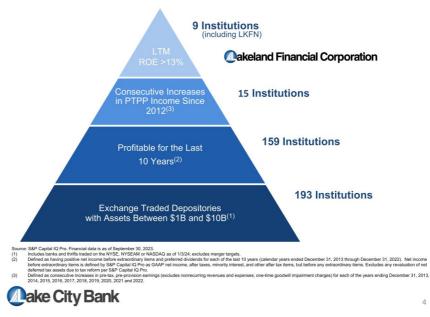
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Forward-Looking Information

This presentation contains, and future oral and written statements of the Company and its management may contain, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are not historical facts and are generally identifiable by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "continue," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should," or other similar expressions. All statements in this presentation, including forward-looking statements in light of new information or future events.

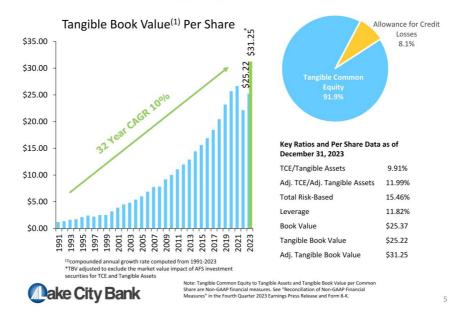
The Company's ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain and, accordingly, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement. Actual results could differ materially from those addressed in the forward-looking statements as a result of numerous factors, including, without limitation: (i) the effects of future economic, business and market conditions and changes, including the effects of governmental monetary and fiscal policies, (ii) the risks of changes in interest rates on the levels, composition and costs of deposits, loan demand, and the values and liquidity of loan collateral, securities and other interest sensitive assets and liabilities, (iii) changes in borrowers' credit risks and payment behaviors, (iv) the timing and scope of any legislative and regulatory changes, including changes in tax and banking laws and regulations and their application by the Company's regulators, (v) the failure of assumptions and estimates used in the Company's reviews of its loan portfolio, underlying the establishment of reserves for possible credit losses, the Company's analysis of its capital position and other estimates; and (vi) the risks noted in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, as well as other risks and uncertainties set forth from time to time in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Long Term Success for Shareholders



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Lake City Bank Today

- A long-term and consistent organic growth story
- Headquartered in Warsaw, Indiana
- 53 branch offices \$6.5 billion banking assets \$3.2 billion trust, retirement and investment brokerage assets

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- Focused on execution "blocking and tackling"
- Continued growth potential

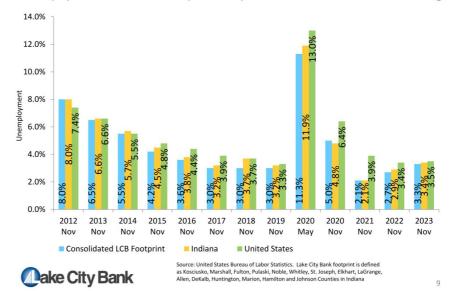


Established Market Presence Organic Growth Potential in Mature and Expanding Markets Lake City Bank Market Growth Warsaw - est. 1872 LaGra 2 St. Joseph 4 Elkhart 11 Noble 3 DeKall 3 Elkhart - est. 1990 Allen 5 1 South Bend - est. 1997 Fort Wayne - est. 1999 Hamilte 3 Indianapolis - est. 2011

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Strong Regional and Statewide Economy

Unemployment Rate In The Lake City Bank Footprint Is Consistent With The National Average

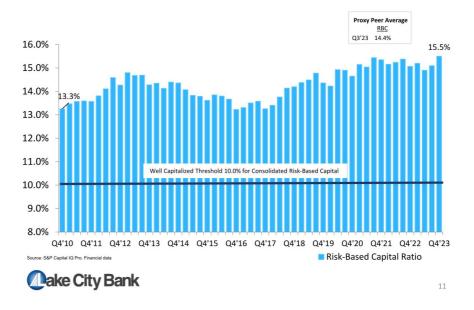


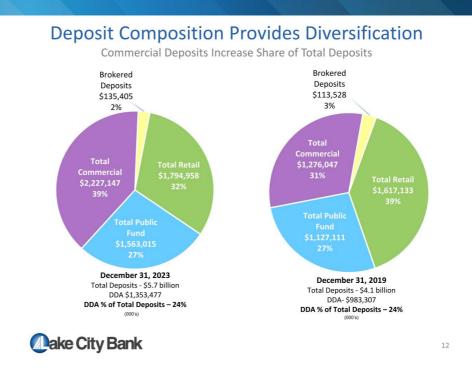
Lake City Bank Balance Sheet Dynamics

- 1. Capital Strength
- 2. Diversified Deposit Composition
- 3. Liquidity Availability
- 4. Investment Securities Portfolio
- 5. Asset Liability Management

Fortress Balance Sheet in Excess of Regulatory Capital Requirements

LKFN Above Peer Long-Term Profitability has Contributed to a Strong Capital Foundation





Diversified Deposit Base

Deposits Are Not Concentrated to Any Industry or Client

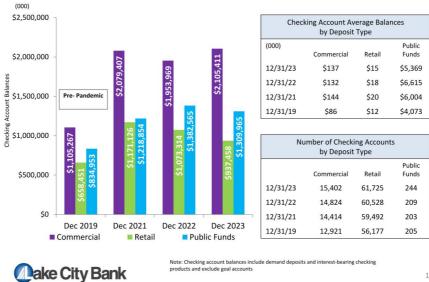
- Deposit composition has remained stable with commercial deposits increasing as a percent of total deposits
- Lake City Bank had 119,278 deposit accounts at December 31, 2023. 116,845, or 98%, of those accounts are less than \$250,000
- Public Funds in Indiana are covered by the Public Deposit Insurance Fund (PDIF). Collateral is not pledged to public funds.

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Checking Accounting Trends by Deposit Sector

Commercial Accounts Grow by 19% since December 2019



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Liquidity Overview

- Available liquidity is stable at \$3.4 billion, up from \$3.0 billion at December 31, 2022
- Sources of liquidity are varied and represent wholesale funding and brokered deposits
- Brokered deposits represent 2% of total deposits
- Noncore funding represented 3% of total deposits and purchased funds as of December 31, 2023 vs. 5% as of December 31, 2022

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Projected Impact of Rising/Falling Rates Asset Sensitive Balance Sheet Shifts More Neutral 10.00% 5.00% 1.74% 1.20% 0.68% 0.40% 0.22% 0.00% -0.26% -0.58% -1.34% -3.32% -5.00% -6.07% -10.00%
 NII - Rates
 Up 200 Graph presents 12 month projected net interest income simulation results as of December 31, 2023 using parallel shocks Ake City Bank 16

Evolution of Deposit and Loan Betas

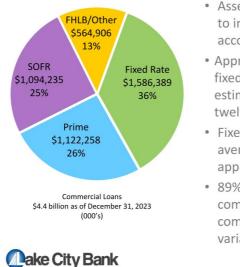
Deposit Mix Shift Has Stabilized

- NIM expanded 102 basis points from 4Q21 through 4Q22 due to asset sensitive balance sheet and lagged deposit rate increases
- NIM compressed by 66 basis points from 4Q22 to 4Q23 resulting primarily from a deposit mix shift to interestbearing deposits
- Total cumulative deposit beta of 50% from March 2022 to December 2023 is higher than past FED tightening cycle (2016-2018) of 45%
- Total cumulative loan beta of 54% has lagged past FED tightening cycle (2016-2018) of 61%

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Interest Rate Sensitivity

Asset Sensitivity Decreased Due to Current Deposit and Lending Environment



- Asset sensitivity impacted by shift to interest-bearing transaction accounts
- Approximately \$676.7 million of fixed rate commercial loans are estimated to reprice in the next twelve months
- Fixed rate loans have shorter, average original terms of approximately 5 years
- 89% of loan portfolio consists of commercial loans and 64% of commercial loans are tied to variable interest rates

Shareholder Value Strategy

- 1. Commercial Banking Focus
- 2. High Quality Team Members
- 3. Proven Organic Growth Experience
- 4. Focus on Core Deposit Funding
- 5. Commitment to Technology

Commercial Banking Focus

Experienced Relationship Driven Team

- 41 credit "smart" commercial bankers
- Average 24 years in banking & 13 years at Lake City Bank
- We live where we lend
- Face to face calling matters and is a team effort
- We understand our clients' needs
- Deep organizational structure provides credit and administrative support
- We cross sell aggressively by leveraging technology
- Capital capacity supports organic loan growth

Credit Process

Commercial Banking Focus

- Our credit discipline has never changed
- We have a centralized committee structure
- We are in-market lender to in-market clients
- Character matters we lend to people first
- We focus on management/cash flow
- Structure is important and is disciplined
- Orientation towards owner occupied and well structured nonowner occupied real estate

Corporate Social Responsibility

Over 150 Years of Focusing on Our Customers, Employees and Our Communities

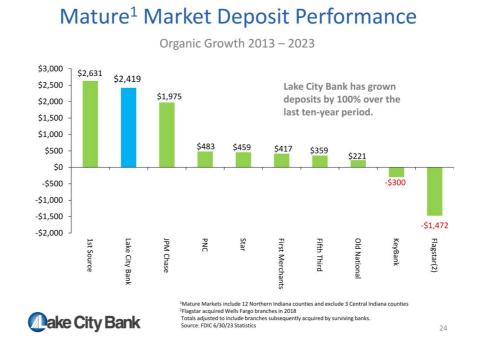
- Supporting our communities since 1872
- Caring for and building a diverse and inclusive team
- Delivering customer-focused loan and deposit products to our communities
- Developing strong cybersecurity controls to protect our customers' data
- Supporting financial literacy in our footprint
- Caring for the environment
- Focusing on continued, positive corporate stewardship

Lake City Bank Culture

High Quality Team Members

- Our culture is our greatest asset and we will preserve it
- Lake City University drives our culture
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are ongoing initiatives that create a culture of belonging
- Our community involvement is real and critical to our strategy
- Our culture has not been diluted by acquisition





A Strong Environment for Growth and Expansion

- Indiana #1 manufacturing state in the country⁽¹⁾
- Manufacturing jobs decreased by 1.1% from 544,800 to 538,700 from November '22 to November '23(2)
- Indiana seasonally adjusted unemployment at 3.7% as of November 2023⁽³⁾
- · Indiana received three tech hub designations from the federal government in microelectronics, hydrogen energy and biotechnology for tech-focused ventures.⁽⁴⁾
- Electric Vehicle battery plant planned in St. Joseph County (South Bend) will add approximately 1,700 jobs in the area
- General Motors is making a \$632 million investment in its Allen County (Fort Wayne) facility to support the production of the next-generation internal combustion engine full-size light-duty trucks
- Stellantis and Samsung SDI make \$3.2 billion investment in Electric Vehicle battery manufacturing facility in Kokomo, IN⁽⁵⁾



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Commitment to Technology

Innovation and Competitive Technology is a Focus

- Fintech partnerships play a significant role in our technology stack and enable delivery of innovative solutions to our customers
- Investments in Lake City Bank Digital, a Q2 product implemented in 2021 with ongoing functionality added since initial adoption
- Technology partnership with FIS is strong User Planning Council and Strategic Planning Advisory Council
- Retail and Commercial platforms ensure competitive positioning
- AI and data gathering and analysis is playing an increasingly important role
- Branch of the future proof of concept implemented in 2021 and used in three new offices

Acceleration and the contract of the contract

Channel Utilization over Three-year Horizon Mobile Adoption Outpacing All Other Delivery Channels

Channel Type	Total Transactions 2020 ⁽¹⁾	% of Total	Total Transactions 2023 ⁽¹⁾	% of Total	Three Year Change
Branch Transactions	2,005,429	15%	2,058,771	15%	3%
ATM/ITM	877,768	7%	800,015	6%	(9)%
Online Logins	4,937,849	38%	3,187,750	23%	(35)%
Mobile Logins ⁽²⁾	4,936,889	38%	7,577,732	55%	53%
Telephone Banking	246,565	2%	206,832	1%	(16)%
Total	13,004,500	100%	13,831,100	100%	6%

⁽¹⁾ Measurement period includes twelve months of data ending December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2023 ⁽²⁾ Includes mobile phone, Apple watch and iPad app use

Customer Composition and Digital Adoption

Digital Platform Upgrade with Fintech Partner in 2021 Positively Impacting Digital Adoption Across All Generations

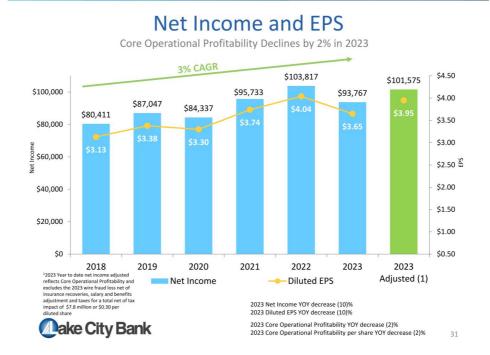
Ge	neration	Customer Breakdown	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
Gen Z	(1996 - Current)	18%	54%	48%	43%
Millennial	(1977 - 1995)	26%	59%	56%	53%
Gen X	(1965 - 1976)	19%	51%	47%	44%
Baby Boon	ner (1946 - 1964)	29%	44%	42%	39%
Mature	(1945 or before)	8%	30%	27%	26%
Digital Adopt	tion		50%	46%	43%

Customer Composition and Digital Adoption Over Three Years



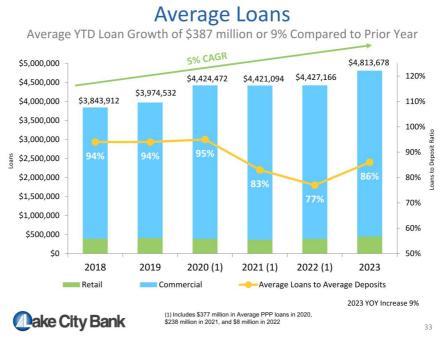
Income Performance Metrics LKFN Performance Exceeds National Peers and Contributes to Strong Capital Levels

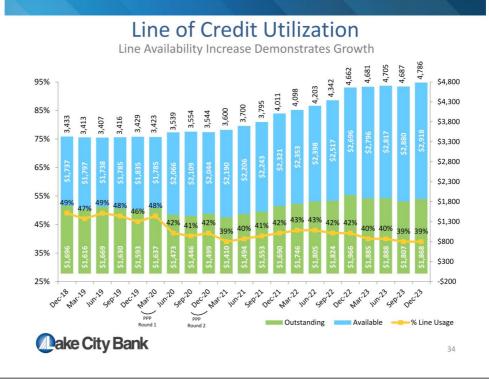




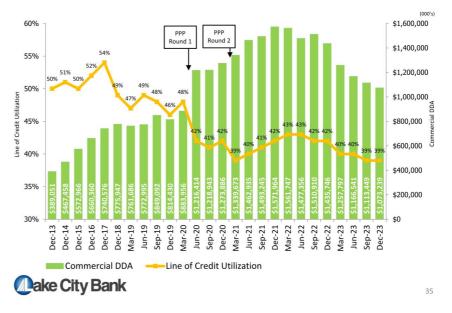


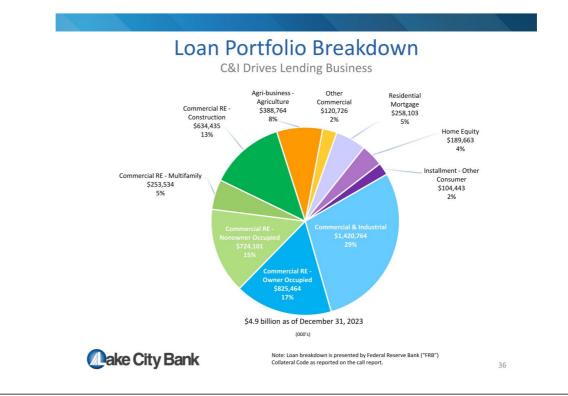
Pretax Pre-Provision Earnings

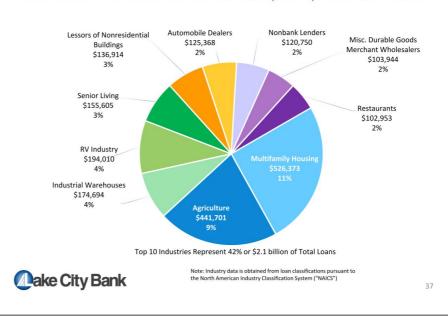




Line of Credit Utilization vs. Commercial DDA Commercial DDA Deposit Balances Normalize in 2023

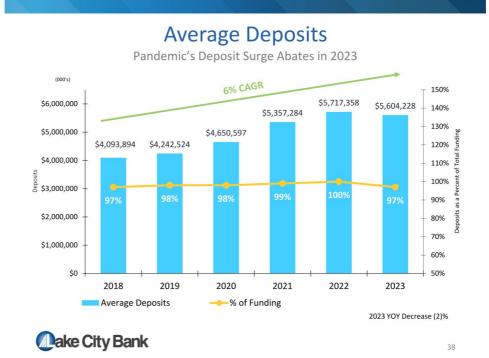






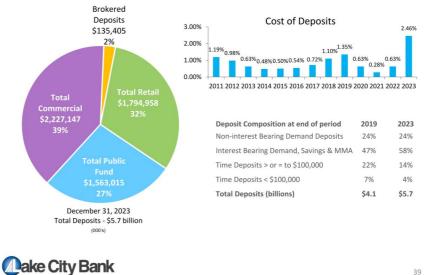
Top 10 Industry Concentrations

Loan Portfolio is Diversified- Commercial Office Space Represents 1.5% of Loans

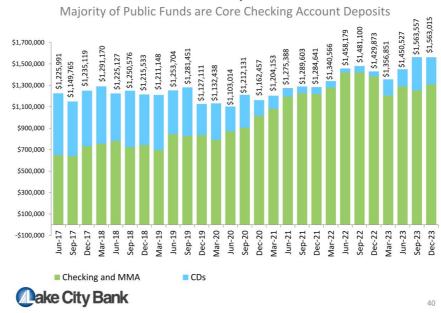


Deposit Breakdown

Deposit Costs Rise in Response to Interest Rate Environment and Increased Competition



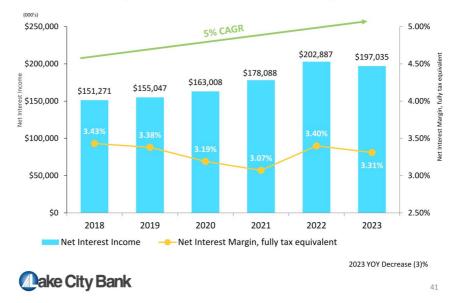
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Public Fund Deposit Trends

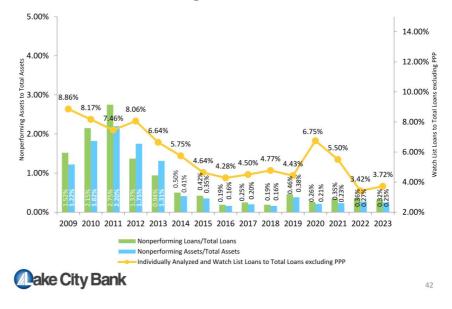
Net Interest Income

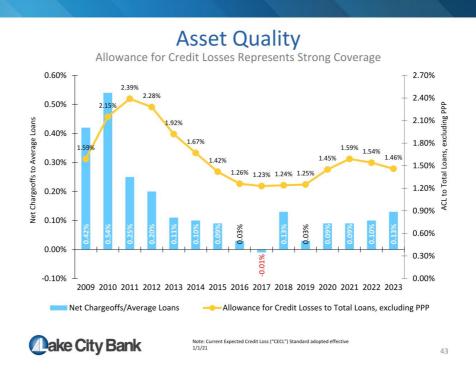
Deposit Mix Shift Reduces Net Interest Margin



Asset Quality

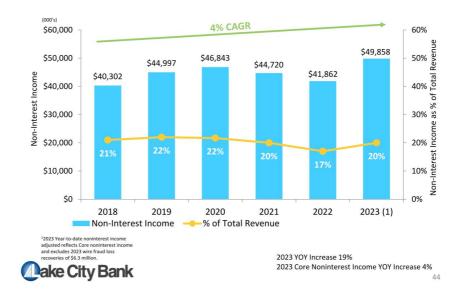
Watchlist Loans as a Percentage of Total Loans Remain at Historic Lows



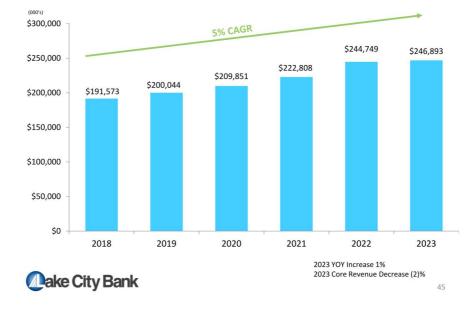


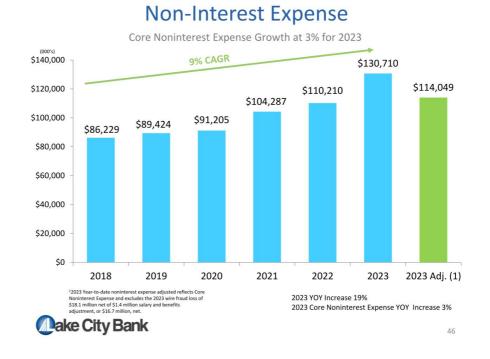
Noninterest Income

Noninterest Income Includes \$6.3 million in Insurance and Wire Fraud Loss Recoveries in 2023



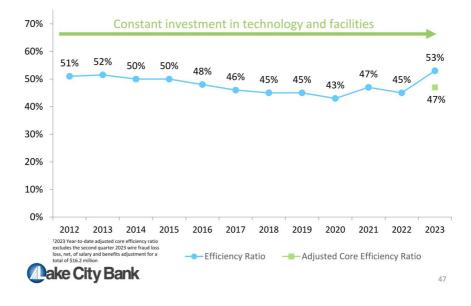
Total Revenue Revenue Growth Benefited by Loan Growth and Improvement in Noninterest Income





Efficiency Ratio

Adjusted Core Efficiency Ratio of 47% Excludes Impact of Wire Fraud Loss



Stable Healthy Dividend Growth in Dividend Reflects Strength of Capital 13% CAGR 5.00% \$1.84 \$1.90 4.50% \$1.70 \$1.60 4.00% \$1.50 \$1.36 धु \$1.30 \$1.20 3.50% field \$1.16 nd pe \$1.10 \$1.00 Dividen 3.00% ¹¹ \$0.90 2.50% \$0.70 2.00% \$0.50 1.50% \$0.30 \$0.10 1.00% 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 Dividend Per Share - split adjusted ---- Dividend Yield 2023 YOY Increase 15% Ake City Bank 48



Investment Highlights

- Proven History of Organic Growth
- Disciplined and Focused Strategy
- Strong Internal Culture
- Consistent Execution
- Service Excellence Drives Shareholder Value





Lake City Bank Capital Adequacy Capital Strength Continues in December 2023

Regulatory Ratio Description *	December 31, 2023 Actual	Well- Capitalized Threshold	Capital Cushion (in 000's)	Non-GAAP AOCI and HTM Losses- after tax	Non-GAAP Excess Capital after AOCI and HTM	Non-GAAP Adjusted Capital Ratios with AOCI and HTM Losses
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio	11.58%	5.00%	\$444,422	\$(162,915)	\$281,507	9.17%
Common Tier 1 (CET)	13.90%	6.50%	\$416,259	\$(162,915)	\$253,344	11.00%
Tier 1 Risk Based Capital	13.90%	8.00%	\$331,858	\$(162,915)	\$168,943	11.00%
Tier 2 Risk Based Capital	15.15%	10.00%	\$289,767	\$(162,915)	\$126,852	12.25%

* Regulatory Ratios are preliminary pending the finalization of regulatory filings

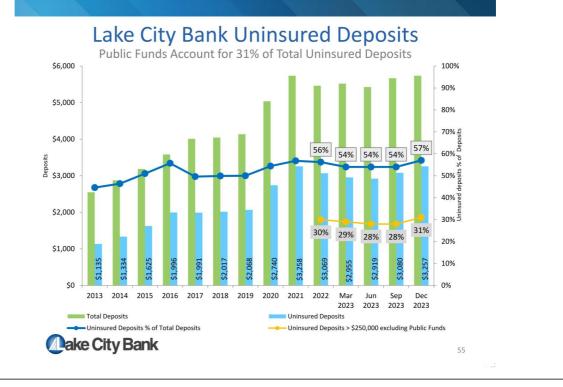


Liquidity Preparedness December 31, 2023

		December			1000			ditional
(000)	Liquidity Availability		Used		Unused/ Available		Loan Collateral Available for Pledge	
Secured/Committed Borrowings:	_							
Federal Home Loan Bank-Indianapolis ⁽¹⁾	\$	624,910	\$	50,000	\$	574,910	\$	
Federal Reserve Bank Discount Window		1,259,474				1,259,474		117,401
FRB Bank Term Funding Program (BTFP)		150,535				150,535		-
Total Secured/Committed	\$	2,034,919	\$	50,000	\$	1,984,919	\$	117,401
Unsecured/Uncommitted Borrowings:								
Brokered Certificates of Deposit ⁽²⁾	\$	577,053	\$	100,000	\$	477,053	\$	
Brokered Money Market Deposit ⁽³⁾		195,721		25,366		170,355		
Insured Cash Sweep-One Way Buy ⁽⁴⁾		100,000		10,039		89,961		
Fed Fund Lines		325,000				325,000		
Total Unsecured/uncommitted borrowings	\$	1,197,774	\$	135,405	\$	1,062,369	\$	
Investment Securities available for pledge:								
Treasuries, Agencies, MBS, CMO ⁽⁵⁾		8,005				8,005		
Municipals ⁽⁶⁾		352,033				352,033		
Total Investment Securities Available		360,038				360,038		
Total Lake City Bank Liquidity Preparedness	\$	3,592,731	\$	185,405	\$	3,407,326	\$	117,401
Dake City Bank	 (2) Brokered depo (3) Brokered mon (4) Insured cash s (5) Investment se 	uthorized borrowing capa sit capacity is equal to 10 ey market capacity is equ weep one way by capacit curities are eligible collate rities are eligible collater	% of total dep al to 3% of tot r is approved ral at the Fed	osits plus purchased fu al assets, per bank polis under program by Intra eral Reserve Bank – Dis	nds, per bank polic v Fi Network (former	y ly Promontory)		53

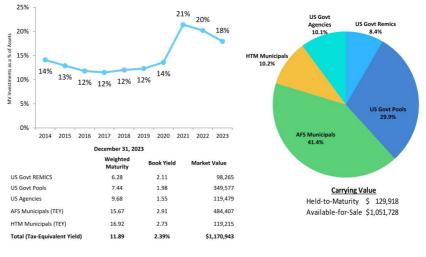
Stable Deposit Base

- Continued monitoring of liquidity position, large depositor fluctuation report, uninsured deposit balances, and significant daily balance fluctuations
- Depositors greater than \$10 million grew by \$259 million or 14% to \$2.1 billion during 2023 from \$1.88 billion at year-end 2022
- Daily fluctuation reports show some nominal retail runoff to the brokerage firms and largest banks
- Deposit rate increases have attracted new depositors



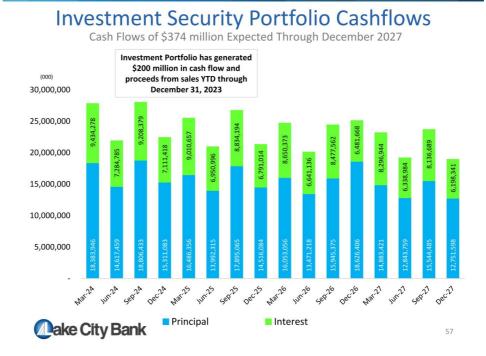
Investment Portfolio

Recurring Cash Flows Used to Fund Organic Loan Growth



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Note: Ratio of total securities to total assets excludes PPP loans of \$412 million in 2020, \$26 million in 2021 and \$2 million in 2022 from total assets



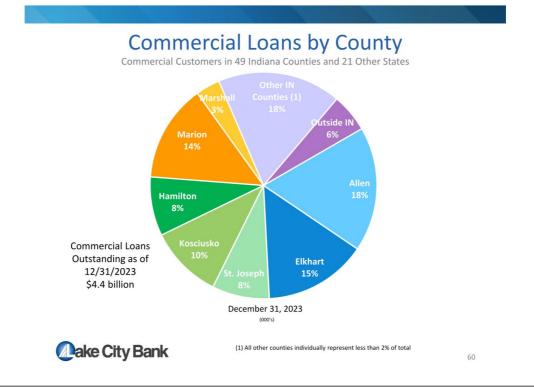
Investment Portfolio Analysis Investment Portfolio Declines as a Percentage of Total Assets in 2023

	:	12/31/2023		12/31/2022			
	Weighted Maturity	Market Value	% of Total	Weighted Maturity	Market Value	% of Total	
US Govt REMICS	6.28	98,265	8%	5.97	114,355	9%	
US Govt Pools	7.44	349,577	30%	7.34	377,953	29%	
US Agencies	9.68	119,479	10%	8.82	126,961	10%	
US Treasury Notes/Bills	-	-	-	0.92	3,034	0%	
AFS Municipals (Exempt)	15.67	484,407	41%	15.87	563,225	43%	
HTM Municipals	16.92	119,215	10%	17.92	111,029	9%	
Total	11.89	\$1,170,943	100%	11.99	\$1,296,557	100%	
Unrealized losses AFS		(\$174,591)			(\$215,255)		
Unrealized losses HTM		(\$10,703)			(\$17,213)		
Total market value losses		(\$185,294)			(\$232,468)		
Portfolio effective duration		6.5			6.5		
Investment securities as a % of assets		18%			20%		
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Investment Securities Overview

Excess Liquidity Deployed to Investment Security Portfolio

- Excess liquidity of \$1 billion deployed to investment portfolio during 2020-2022
- Investment portfolio longer duration offsets shorter duration of loan portfolio for interest rate risk management
- The investment portfolio balances the asset sensitive commercial loan portfolio
- Deployment to the investment portfolio provided an earnings asset shift from balances earning 10 basis points at the Federal Reserve to a tax equivalent yield of 2.69%
- All taxable bonds are 100% backed by the full faith of the U.S. Government
- Municipal Securities are high quality bonds with strong credit quality. 92% of the municipal bonds are rated AA/AAA



Larger Market Organic Expansion

Organic Growth

State Rank	County	Primary City	Population*	LCB Entry	LCB Deposit Market Share**	# of Branches
21.	Kosciusko	Warsaw	80,826	1872	64%	12
6.	Elkhart	Elkhart	206,890	1990	23%	11
5.	St. Joseph	South Bend	272,234	1997	8%	4
3.	Allen	Fort Wayne	391,449	1999	12%	5
1.	Hamilton, Johnson, Marion	Indianapolis	1,500,169	2011	1%	7

* Source: STATS Indiana ** Source: FDIC 6/30/23 Statistics



Mature Market Strength and Growth

(millions) ¹						
	2023		20	13		2023 # of
	Deposits	Share	Deposits	Share	Increase	Offices
1. 1 st Source	\$5,258	19.69%	\$2,627	14.33%	100.15%	53
2. Lake City Bank	\$4,828	18.08%	\$2,409	13.14%	100.42%	53
3. JPM Chase	\$3,651	13.68%	\$1,676	9.14%	117.84%	20
4. PNC	\$1,694	6.34%	\$1,211	6.60%	39.88%	17
5. First Merchants	\$1,071	4.01%	\$654	3.57%	63.76%	9
6. Flagstar/Wells Fargo ⁽²⁾	\$994	3.72%	\$2,466	13.46%	(59.69)%	23
7. Star	\$903	3.38%	\$444	2.42%	103.38%	10
8. Old National	\$803	3.01%	\$582	3.18%	37.97%	9
9. Fifth Third	\$729	2.73%	\$370	2.02%	97.03%	8
10. KeyBank	\$674	2.52%	\$974	5.32%	(30.80)%	14
Market Total	\$26,701		\$18,331		45.66%	

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¹Mature Markets includes 12 Northern Indiana counties and excludes 3 Central Indiana counties ²Flagstar purchased Wells Fargo Indiana branches in 2018 Adjusted to include branches subsequently acquired by surviving banks. Data based on June 30th regulatory reporting for each year presented.

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