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First Midwest: Chicago's Premier Independent Company

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I. Who We Are

Chicago's Premier Independent Company

Premier Franchise	Premier Bank For Commercial	Premier Bank For Retail
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ \$8.2 billion assets➤ \$5.7 billion deposits<ul style="list-style-type: none">-61% core-90% Suburban Chicago➤ \$5.2 billion loans➤ \$3.8 billion trust/investment aum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Seven product lines➤ 25,000 commercial➤ 1,600 trust relationships➤ 180 relationship managers➤ Tenured sales force and market presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 238,000 retail relationships➤ 1,000 bankers➤ 102 offices➤ 6th largest distribution network in MSA

A Suburban Chicago Franchise



Mission

People

Business Lines

Commercial

Retail

And Market Opportunity

Organizational Control

- Credit Quality
- Efficiency

Created A Strong Financial Foundation

- Sustained Profitability
- Solid Capital
- Stable Liquidity

2008 Third Quarter Highlights

	3Q08	2Q08	% Change
Net Interest Income	\$62.8	\$60.3	4%
Fee Based Revenues	\$24.8	\$24.0	3%
Noninterest Expenses	\$48.4	\$49.9	-3%
Operating Income ⁽¹⁾	\$39.8	\$37.4	6%
Net Income	\$24.2	\$27.0	-10%
ROAA ⁽²⁾	1.16%	1.33%	-13%
Loans	\$5,224	\$5,182	1%; 4% Ann
Net Interest Margin	3.63%	3.58%	1%

Dollars are in millions except earnings per share amount.

(1) Excluding provision for loan losses and securities losses, net.

(2) Annualized

Profitability - Well Above Peer Third Quarter 2008

	First Midwest	Metro Peers ⁽¹⁾	Chicago Peers ⁽²⁾
ROAA ⁽³⁾	1.16%	0.23%	-0.10%
ROAE ⁽³⁾	13.09%	1.93%	-1.28%
Net Interest Margin	3.63%	3.63%	2.76%
Efficiency	50%	63%	72%

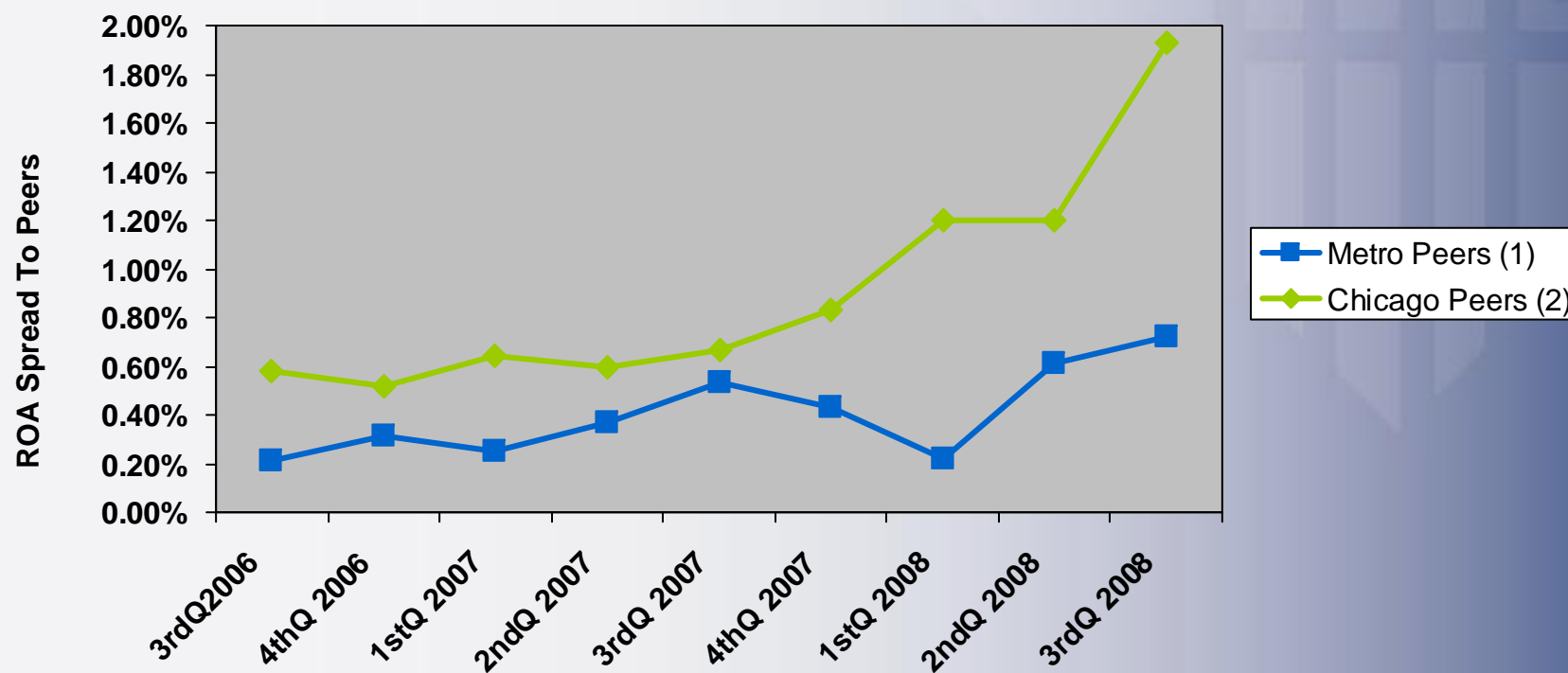
Data represents the best available peer median core performance for third quarter 2008 as obtained from SNL Financial.

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Sustained Profitability Premium



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Capital Metrics Third Quarter 2008

	First Midwest	Metro Peers ⁽¹⁾	Chicago Peers ⁽²⁾
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	9.4%	10.1%	7.8%
Total Capital Ratio	12.0%	12.4%	10.8%
Tangible Equity w/o OCI ⁽³⁾	6.1%	6.5%	5.2%
Dividend Yield	5.1%	3.3%	1.7%
Dividend Payout	62%	88%	50%

Investment grade ratings for First Midwest: S&P and Fitch – BBB+; Moody's – A3.

Investment Grade Ratings Reaffirmed by Standard & Poor's on 10/2/08.

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- (3) Represents ratio of tangible equity to tangible assets excluding other comprehensive income

Stable Liquidity

- Strong Core Deposit Base
 - Transactional Deposits Represent 66% of Total Loans
 - 19% Demand Deposits as a % of Total Deposits
 - Nominal Brokered Deposits
- \$2.1 Billion Securities Portfolio Provides Availability
- Diversified Wholesale Sources

II. Our Loan Portfolio and Credit Quality

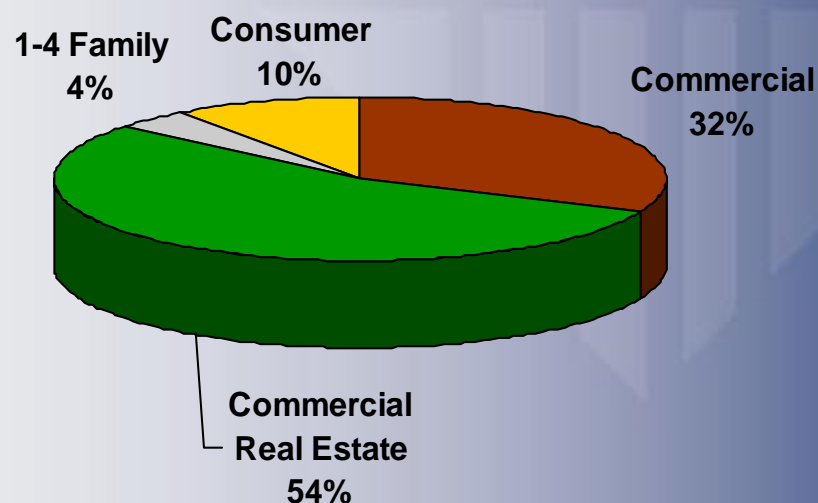
Portfolio Distribution⁽¹⁾

Consumer

- Home Equity Dominated
- Conservative
- Minimal 1-4; No Subprime
- No Retail Credit Card

Corporate

- Diversified
- Granular
- ~ 95% in Market
- No National Syndications



Consumer Real Estate⁽¹⁾

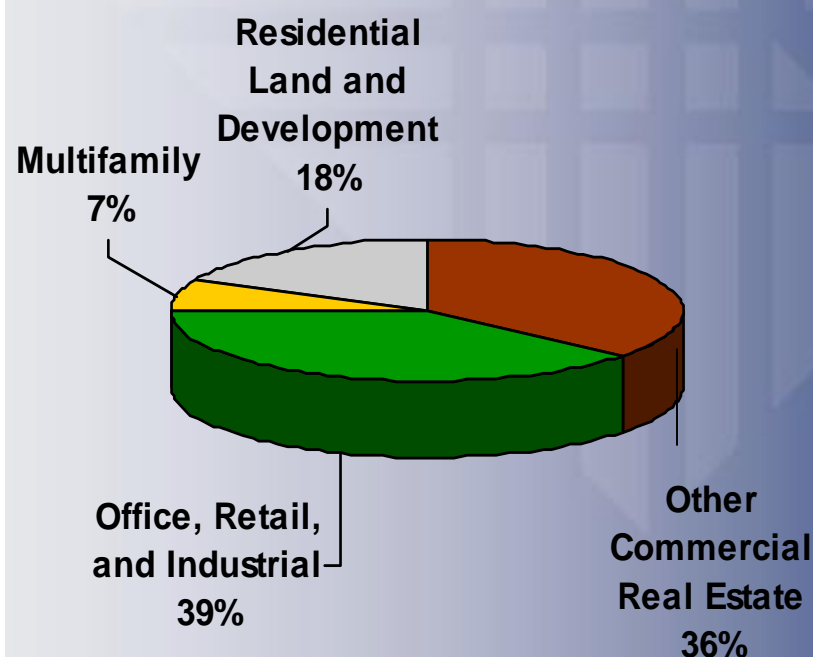
	Home Equity	1-4 Family Loans
Balances	\$469 million	\$206 million
Delinquency	2.77%	2.97%
Loss Rate	0.55%	0.32%
Balances > 90% LTV	\$23 million, 5%	\$26 million, 13%

Commercial Real Estate⁽¹⁾

- Centrally Underwritten > \$1MM
- Tenured Business Line
- ~ 25% = Owner Occupied
- Granular Exposure

Residential Land and Development

- ~ 60% Land / 40% Structures
 - On Land (75% Improved)
 - 65% LTV on Vacant Land ⁽²⁾
 - 75% LTV on Improved Land ⁽²⁾



Credit Quality⁽¹⁾

	First Midwest	Metro Peers ⁽²⁾	Chicago Peers ⁽³⁾
Loan Loss Reserve/Loans	1.34%	1.36%	1.52%
LLR/ (NPL + 90 day)	.75X	.80X	.60X
(NPL + 90)/Total Loans	1.78%	1.51%	2.66%
Reserve/NPA's	.88X	.84X	.59X

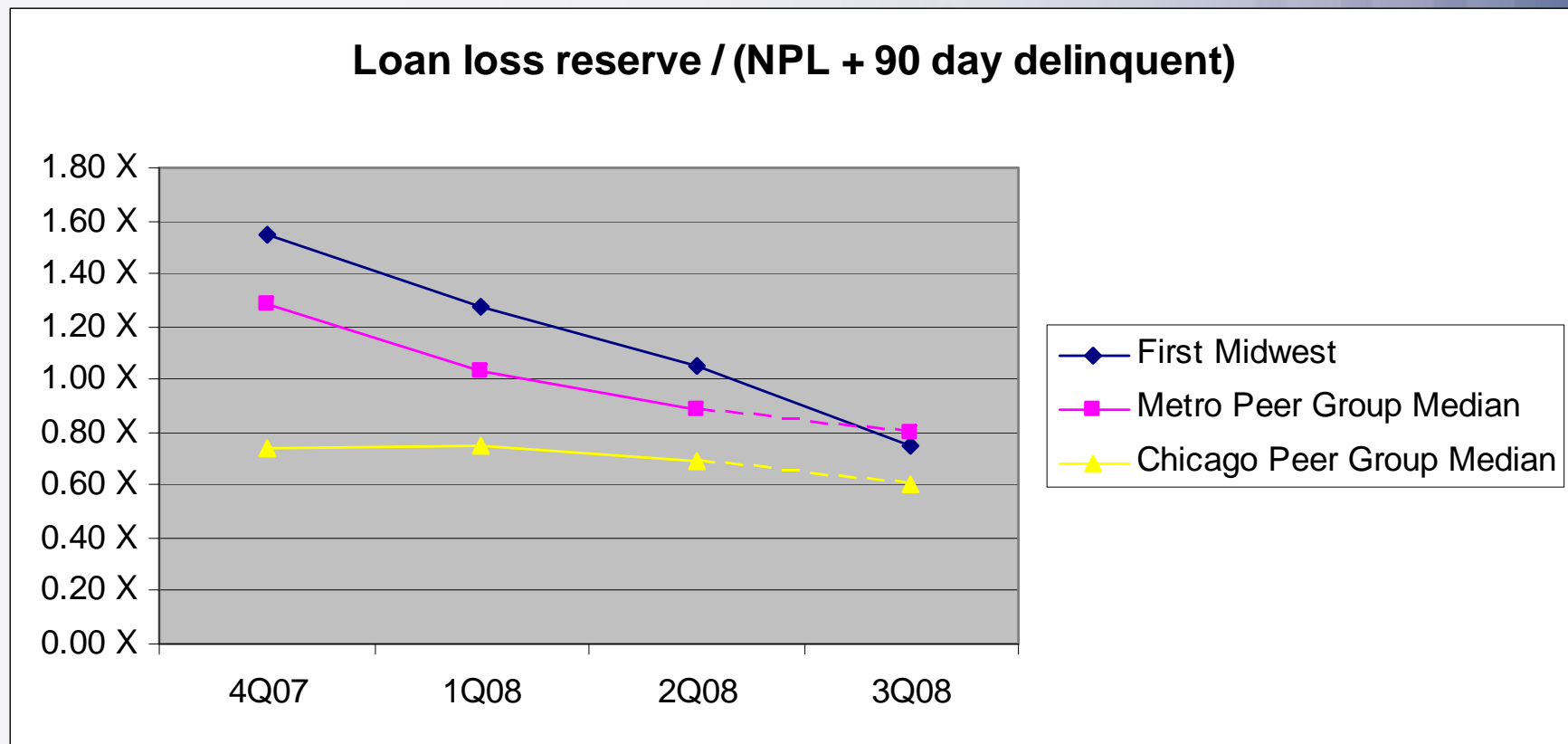
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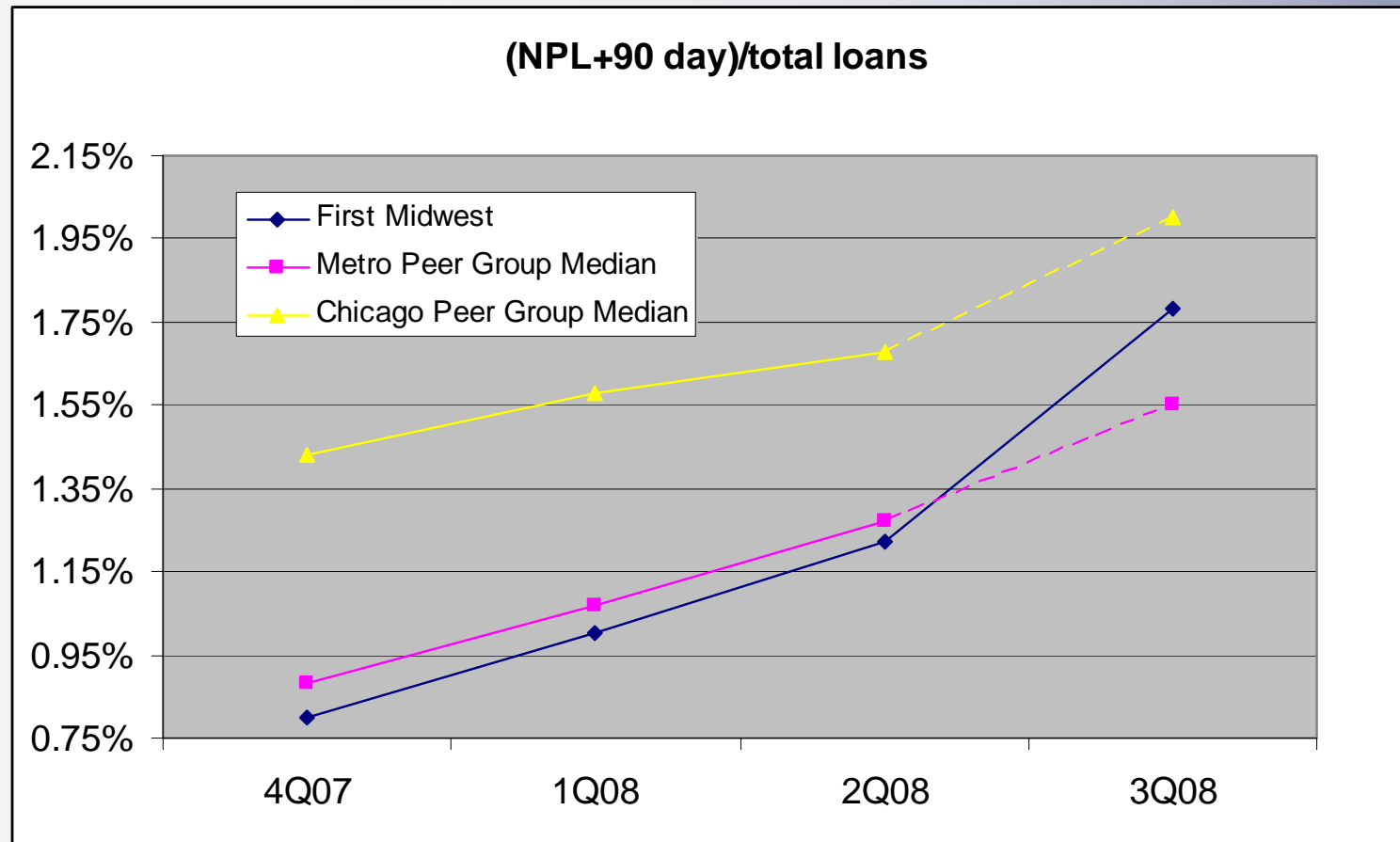
Loss reserve trends:

Coverage of nonperforming and past due loans



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Nonperforming and Past Due Trends



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Environmental Challenges and Approach

- Economic Challenges
 - Housing Deflation
 - Slowing Job Growth
 - Trends Lessened Locally vs. National and Midwest
- Continued Pressure On Residential Construction and Development

Environmental Challenges and Approach

- ◆ Be Proactive
 - ◆ Accelerated Review Cycle
 - ◆ Lever Market Knowledge
- ◆ Requires Assessment Of Holding vs. Liquidation Costs
 - ◆ Manage Relationship By Relationship
 - ◆ Retention of Owner/Agent

III. Opportunities and Advantages

Lever Our Strengths

- Solid Capital and Earnings Generation
- Mission and Relationship Based Sales Process
- Market Opportunities Exist
 - Competitor Limitations

Mission: A Strategic Client Approach

- Value Added Relationship Banking Framework
- Needs Driven Product Solutions
- Long Term Process Of Creating Financial Independence

Our People

- Tenured and Experienced
- Community Based
- Motivated
 - Compensation Alignment
- Organizational Development
 - Ingrained Culture
 - Integrated Succession Focus

Premier Bank For Commercial

- Robust Relationship Driven Sales Force
 - ~ 180 Relationship Managers
 - Community Based w/ Strong Referral Networks
 - ~ 800 Relationship Plans
- All Executed In Attractive Markets
 - Majority Of Business Activity Is In Our Footprint
- Market Disruption Creates Opportunities
- Trust AUM: mild asset erosion, better than peer group

Chicagoland's Premier Bank For Retail

- Focused Sales
 - 84 Offices, 6th Largest Suburban Branch Presence
 - 1,000 Retail Bankers
- Strong Core Deposit Base
 - #12 Market Share
 - 62% Core Transactional, 18% Demand
- Competitive Advantage
 - Local, Tenured In Markets
 - Stable and Trusted
 - Targeted Promotion

Our Strengths

First Midwest Is In The Premier Portions Of Chicago MSA

	FMB Footprint ⁽¹⁾	Chicago MSA ⁽²⁾
Total Businesses	239,000	364,000
Total Businesses with 20+ Employees	33,100	48,000
Total Employees	3,577,000	5,402,000
Total Sales <i>(in millions)</i>	\$400,500	\$601,000

Source: Claritas 2007 Estimates

(1) FMB Footprint represents every county in the Chicago area where a FMB branch is present: DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, and suburban Cook counties in Illinois and Lake County in Indiana.

(2) MSA as defined by US Census Bureau.

IV. Our Priorities

Our Priorities

- Stay Focused
- Concentrate On Weakening Credit Sectors
- Sustain Our Sales
- Communicate Our Superior Relative Value

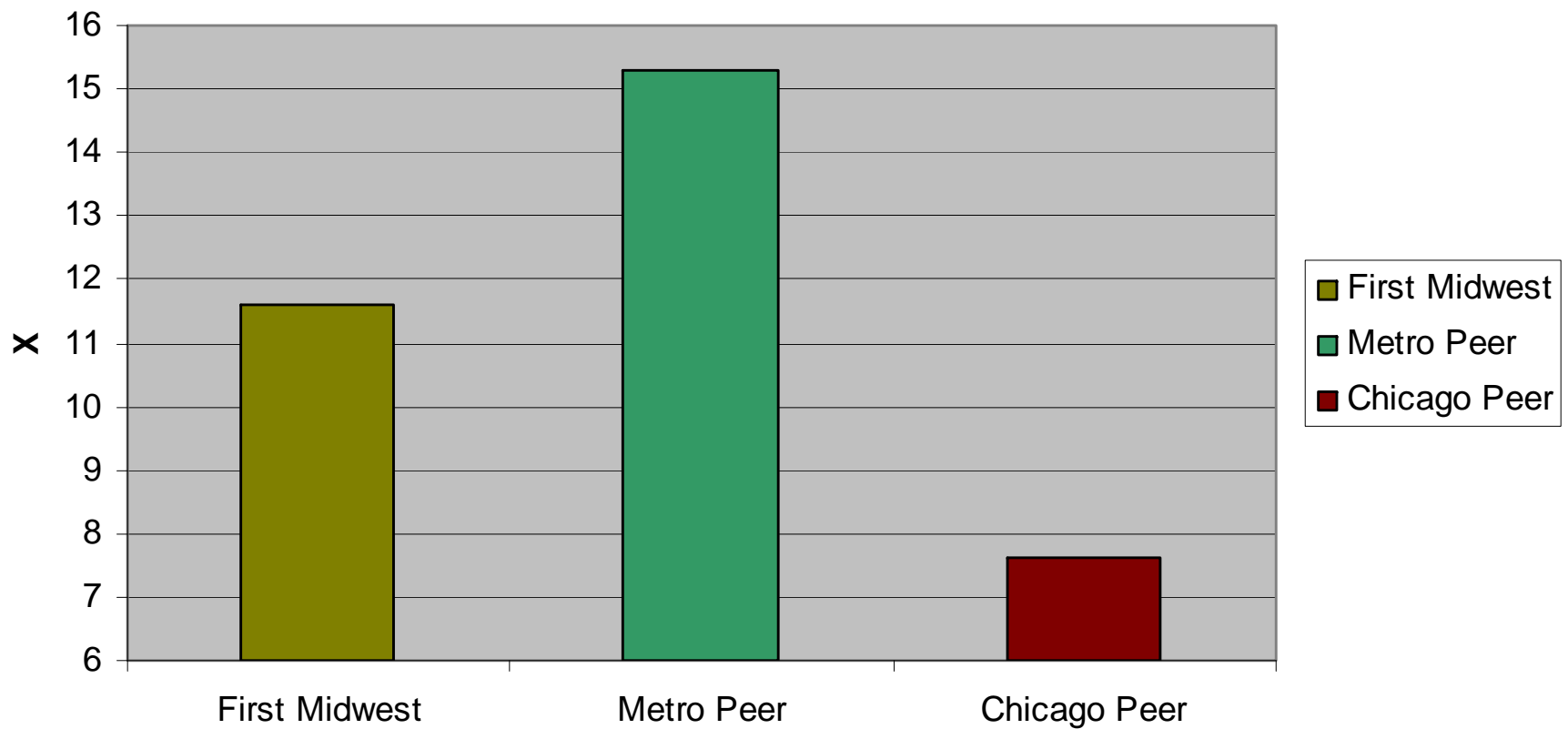
Our Plan

- Funding Base Expansion
 - Focus on Core Deposit Growth
 - Liquidation of Securities to Support Loan Growth
 - Diversified Wholesale Sources
- Asset Quality Management
 - Loan Loss Reserves Expanded
 - Identified Credit Risks
- Capital Formation
 - Superior Profitability
 - Increase Tangible Capital
 - Control Expense
- Concentrate on Sales

VI. Why Invest?

Valuation

Price to '09 Thomson First Call Consensus Earnings



As of 11/3/08

We Are Positioned To Outperform

- Cycle Will Turn and We Have the Foundation
 - Fewer Distractions
 - Financial Strength
- We Can Pursue Opportunities and Growth
 - Invest in Ourselves
 - Organically and Through Acquisition, as Opportunities Arise

Questions?

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Appendix

<i>Unaudited</i>			As of		9/30/08 % Change From	
(Amounts in thousands except per share data)	9/30/08	% of Total	6/30/08	03/31/08	6/30/08	3/31/08
<i>Loan Portfolio Composition</i>						
Loan portfolio composition:						
Commercial, industrial, and agricultural	\$ 1,644,758	31.5%	\$ 1,656,161	\$ 1,597,279	-2.8%	5.9%
Commercial real estate:						
Office, retail, and industrial	1,092,268	20.9%	1,048,547	1,020,403	16.7%	14.1%
Residential land and development	509,974	9.8%	510,818	515,052	-0.7%	-2.0%
Multifamily	204,029	3.9%	195,815	188,474	16.8%	16.5%
Other commercial real estate	1,021,662	19.5%	1,014,759	952,622	2.7%	14.5%
Total commercial real estate ⁽¹⁾	2,827,933	54.1%	2,769,939	2,676,551	8.4%	11.3%
Consumer:						
Home equity	468,703	9.0%	460,581	459,068	7.1%	4.2%
Real estate 1-4 family	205,851	3.9%	213,295	224,895	-14.0%	-16.9%
Other consumer	76,337	1.5%	82,379	87,972	-29.3%	-26.5%
Total consumer	750,891	14.4%	756,255	771,935	-2.8%	-5.5%
Total loans ⁽²⁾	\$ 5,223,582	100.0%	\$ 5,182,355	\$ 5,045,765	3.2%	7.0%

Commercial Real Estate Detail***Office, Retail, and Industrial***Loans by product type ⁽²⁾ :

Office	\$ 352,200	32.3%	\$ 337,424	\$ 326,107	17.5%	16.0%
Retail	300,570	27.5%	281,942	279,612	26.4%	15.0%
Industrial	439,498	40.2%	429,181	414,684	9.6%	12.0%
Total office, retail, and industrial	\$ 1,092,268	100.0%	\$ 1,048,547	\$ 1,020,403	16.7%	14.1%

Residential Land and Development Composition

Loans by product type:

Structures	\$ 190,741	37.4%	\$ 217,161	\$ 209,146	-48.7%	-17.6%
Land	319,233	62.6%	293,657	305,906	34.8%	8.7%
Total residential land and development	\$ 509,974	100.0%	\$ 510,818	\$ 515,052	-0.7%	-2.0%

Other Commercial Real Estate Composition

Loan by product type:

Commercial land	\$ 263,030	25.7%	\$ 285,411	\$ 260,502	-31.4%	1.9%
1-5 family investors	178,540	17.5%	168,259	169,768	24.4%	10.3%
Service stations and truck stops	134,677	13.2%	120,670	117,592	46.4%	29.1%
Warehouses and storage	80,889	7.9%	79,580	71,921	6.6%	24.9%
Hotels	67,217	6.6%	67,574	59,199	-2.1%	27.1%
Restaurants	44,872	4.4%	47,313	48,147	-20.6%	-13.6%
Medical	42,253	4.1%	43,347	42,912	-10.1%	-3.1%
Automobile dealers	38,866	3.8%	37,562	30,934	13.9%	51.3%
Mobile home parks	29,670	2.9%	25,217	23,481	70.6%	52.7%
Recreational	14,760	1.5%	15,106	16,348	-9.2%	-19.4%
Religious	10,317	1.0%	11,362	11,291	-36.8%	-17.3%
Other	116,571	11.4%	113,358	100,527	11.3%	31.9%
Total other commercial real estate	\$ 1,021,662	100.0%	\$ 1,014,759	\$ 952,622	2.7%	14.5%

⁽¹⁾ 24% of total commercial real estate loans are owner occupied as of September 30, 2008.⁽²⁾ Substantially all loans that are over \$1 million are to customers within our markets as of September 30, 2008.

Unaudited

As of

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	9/30/08	% of Category	% of Total	6/30/08	03/31/08
Asset Quality					
Nonaccrual loans:					
Commercial, industrial, and agricultural	\$ 13,961	0.85%	12.0%	\$ 5,222	\$ 6,770
Office, retail, and industrial	1,195	0.11%	1.0%	1,125	730
Residential land and development	28,335	5.56%	24.3%	11,664	4,081
Multifamily	2,827	1.39%	2.4%	3,016	1,361
Other commercial real estate	1,845	0.18%	1.6%	885	255
Consumer	5,154	0.69%	4.4%	3,324	3,876
Total nonaccrual loans	53,317		45.7%	25,236	17,073
Restructured loans	2,258		2.0%	259	140
Total nonperforming loans	55,575		47.7%	25,495	17,213
Other real estate owned	23,697		20.3%	7,042	8,607
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 79,272		68.0%	\$ 32,537	\$ 25,820
90 days past due loans (still accruing interest):					
Commercial, industrial, and agricultural	\$ 5,757	0.35%	5.0%	\$ 4,530	\$ 3,926
Office, retail, and industrial	4,838	0.44%	4.1%	2,855	2,182
Residential land and development	17,615	3.45%	15.1%	17,181	17,438
Multifamily	1,216	0.60%	1.1%	2,071	2,332
Other commercial real estate	2,469	0.24%	2.1%	2,925	2,451
Consumer	5,421	0.72%	4.6%	7,948	5,150
Total 90 days past due loans	\$ 37,316		32.0%	\$ 37,510	\$ 33,479
Total nonperforming assets plus					
90 days past due loans	\$ 116,588			\$ 70,047	\$ 59,299
Total 30-89 days past due loans	\$ 104,769			\$ 185,186	\$ 116,431

Asset Quality Ratios

Nonperforming loans to loans	1.06%		0.49%	0.34%
Nonperforming assets to loans				
plus foreclosed real estate	1.52%		0.63%	0.51%
Nonperforming assets plus loans past due 90				
days to loans plus foreclosed real estate	2.22%		1.35%	1.17%
Reserve for loan losses	69,811		66,104	64,780
Reserve for loan losses to loans	1.34%		1.28%	1.28%
Reserve for loan losses to nonperforming loans	126%		259%	376%

Quarters Ended

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Charge-off Data

Net loans charged-off:

Commercial, industrial, and agricultural	\$ 1,895	0.12%	20.3%	\$ 2,380	\$ 3,188
Office, retail, and industrial	2	0.00%	0.0%	31	-
Residential land and development	5,856	1.15%	62.8%	138	559
Multifamily	(40)	-0.02%	-0.4%	830	842
Other commercial real estate	62	0.01%	0.7%	116	673
Consumer	1,547	0.21%	16.6%	961	818
Total net loans charged-off	\$ 9,322		100.0%	\$ 4,456	\$ 6,080
QTD net loan charge-offs to average loans (annualized) . .	0.71%			0.35%	0.49%
YTD net loan charge-offs to average loans (annualized) . .	0.52%			0.42%	0.49%