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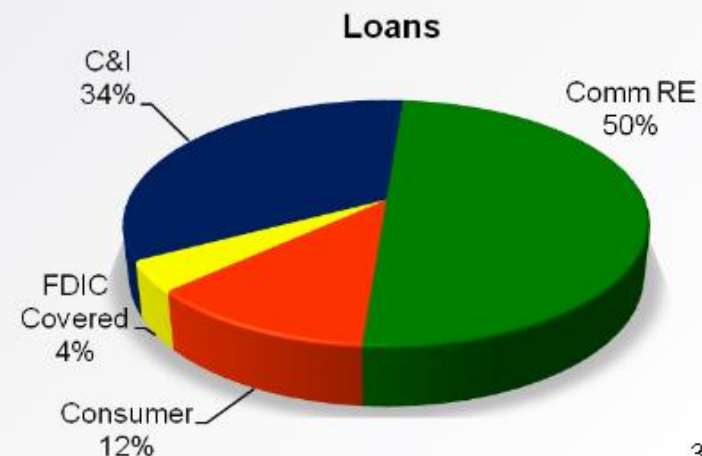
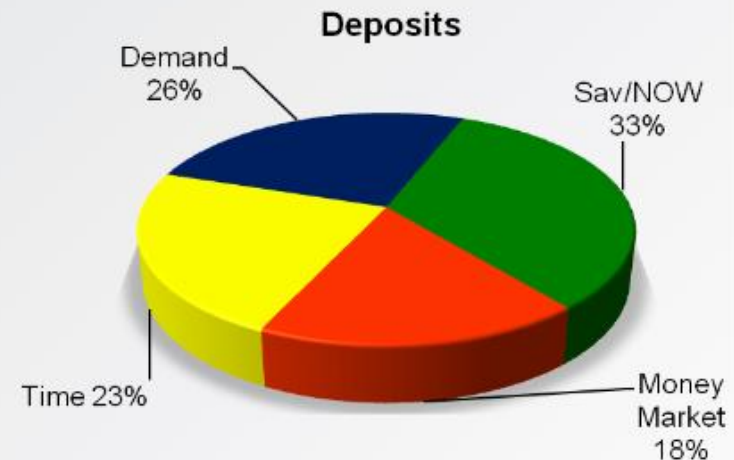
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California Marketing Meetings
August 2012

Agenda

- First Midwest Overview
- Operating Performance
- Loan Portfolio and Credit Quality
- Strategy Execution and Priorities
- Why Invest in FMBI?

A Premier Community Bank¹

- **\$8.1 Billion Assets**
 - \$6.6 Billion Deposits
 - Strong, Low Cost Core Deposits
 - 77% Transactional
 - \$5.5 Billion Loans
 - IL's Largest Ag Lender
 - \$5.3 Billion Trust Assets
 - IL's 4th Largest Bank Asset Manager
- **Full Retail And Commercial Product Line**
 - Organized Around Clients And Markets
 - 240,000 Retail And 26,000 Commercial Relationships

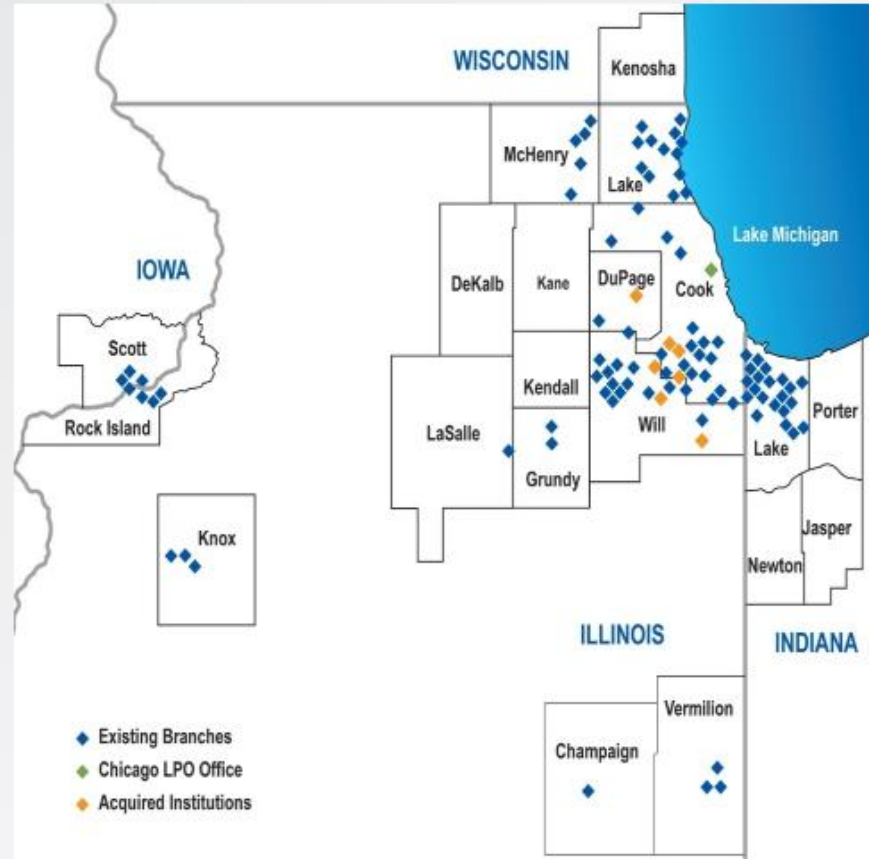


¹ Information as of 6/30/12

In Premier Markets

- 70 Plus Years Of Community Banking
- Headquartered In Suburban Chicago
 - #8 Suburban Market Share ¹
 - Over 1,700 employees ²
- Retail Banking Platform 2
 - Approximately 100 Locations
 - \$68 Million Average Deposits/Branch

¹ As of 6/30/11
² As of 6/30/12



Successful Acquisition Growth ⁽¹⁾

	Date	Deposits	Core	Loans ⁽²⁾
First DuPage	4Q09	\$ 232	26%	\$ 212
Peotone Bank And Trust	2Q10	84	73%	53
Palos Bank And Trust	3Q10	462	47%	297
Integra/ONB	4Q11	107	65%	-
Waukegan Savings	3Q12	74	56%	63
Total		\$ 959		\$ 625

In Total, Added 8 Locations, Over 25,000 Households, Generated Pre-Tax Gain of \$17 Million, Retained Over 90% of Core Deposits

Note: Does Not Reflect Any Gain or Loss Related to Waukegan

Strategically and Financially Accretive

(1) Information as of acquisition date

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Companies

2012

**TOP
100**
WORKPLACES
2011

Chicago Tribune

**TOP
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2010**



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Performance Highlights

- **Organizational Realignment (4Q11, 1Q12)**
 - Elimination Of 140 Positions
 - Severance-Related Costs Of \$2.5 Million
 - Annualized Savings of \$7 Million
- **Redeemed \$193 Million Of TARP Preferred (4Q11)**
 - One-time Charge \$1.5 Million
 - Eliminates Preferred Dividends Of \$10.3 Million Annually
- **Acquired \$181 Million In Deposits (4Q11 - 3Q12)**
 - \$101 Million Of Core Deposits
 - Gain Of \$1.1 Million

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Operating Results, 2Q 2012

<u>Key Operating Metrics</u>	Quarter to Date			Change	
	<u>Q2</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Q1</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Q2</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>QoQ</u>	<u>YoY</u>
Core Operating Earnings	\$32.0	\$28.6	\$34.0	12%	(6%)
Net Income	\$6.4	\$7.9	\$10.7	(19%)	(40%)
Loan Loss Provision	\$22.5	\$18.2	\$18.8	24%	20%
Net Interest Margin	3.88%	3.88%	4.10%	0%	(5%)
Efficiency Ratio	61%	65%	61%	(6%)	0%

**Linked Quarter Core Operating Earnings Up,
Margin Stable and Surplus Liquidity**

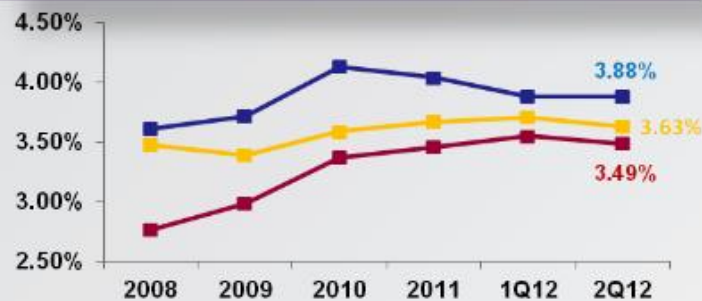
Operating Results, 2Q 2012

	Quarter Ended			Change	
	Q2 2012	Q1 2012	Q2 2011	QoQ	YoY
<u>Other Key Metrics</u>					
Loans, Period End	\$5,528	\$5,389	\$5,428	3%	2%
Average Earning Assets	\$7,245	\$7,088	\$7,321	2%	(1%)
Cash and Equivalents	\$478	\$486	\$711	(2%)	(33%)
Transactional Deposits, Average	\$5,081	\$4,823	\$4,743	5%	7%
Tier 1 Common Capital	10.21%	10.38%	10.19%	(2%)	0%

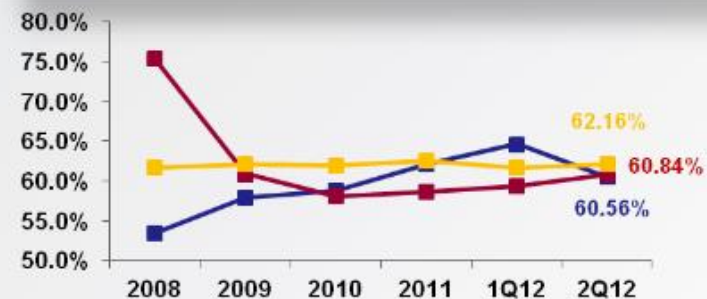
**Surplus Liquidity And Capital,
Ability to Benefit from Momentum**

Core Business Is Strong

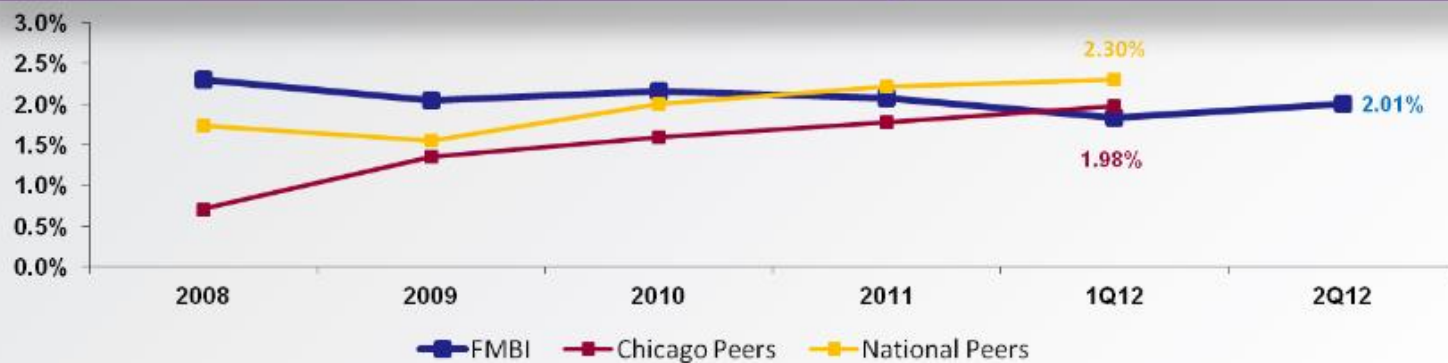
Net Interest Margin



Efficiency Ratio



Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Earnings/ RWA



Changing Loan Trajectory

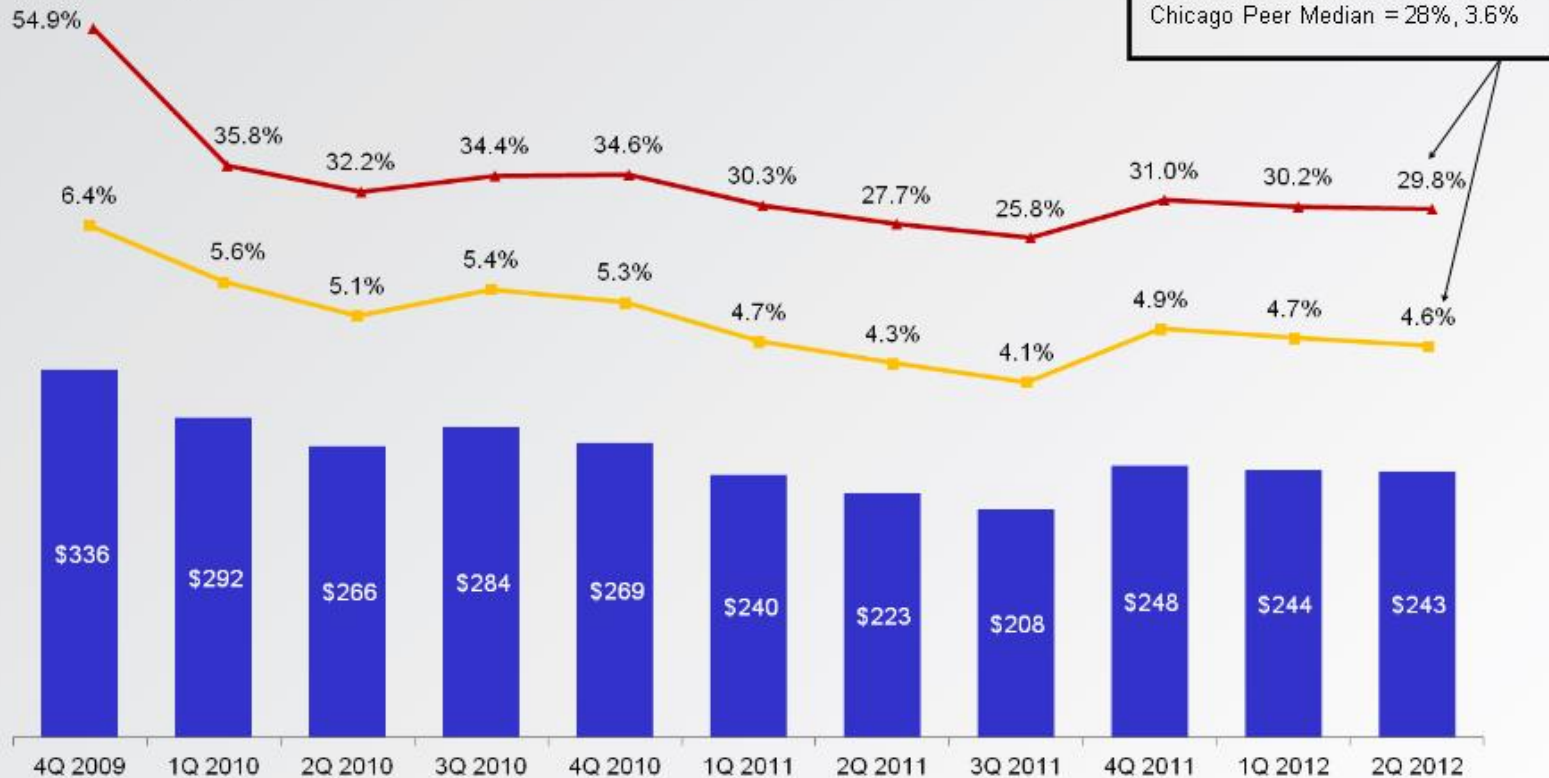
Expanding Our Sales and Footprint:

- Enhancing Existing Teams
- Mortgage Platform
- Chicago Loop, Du Page Markets
- Asset Based and Other Niches



Improving Credit Trends

Non-Performing Assets + 90s Since 2009



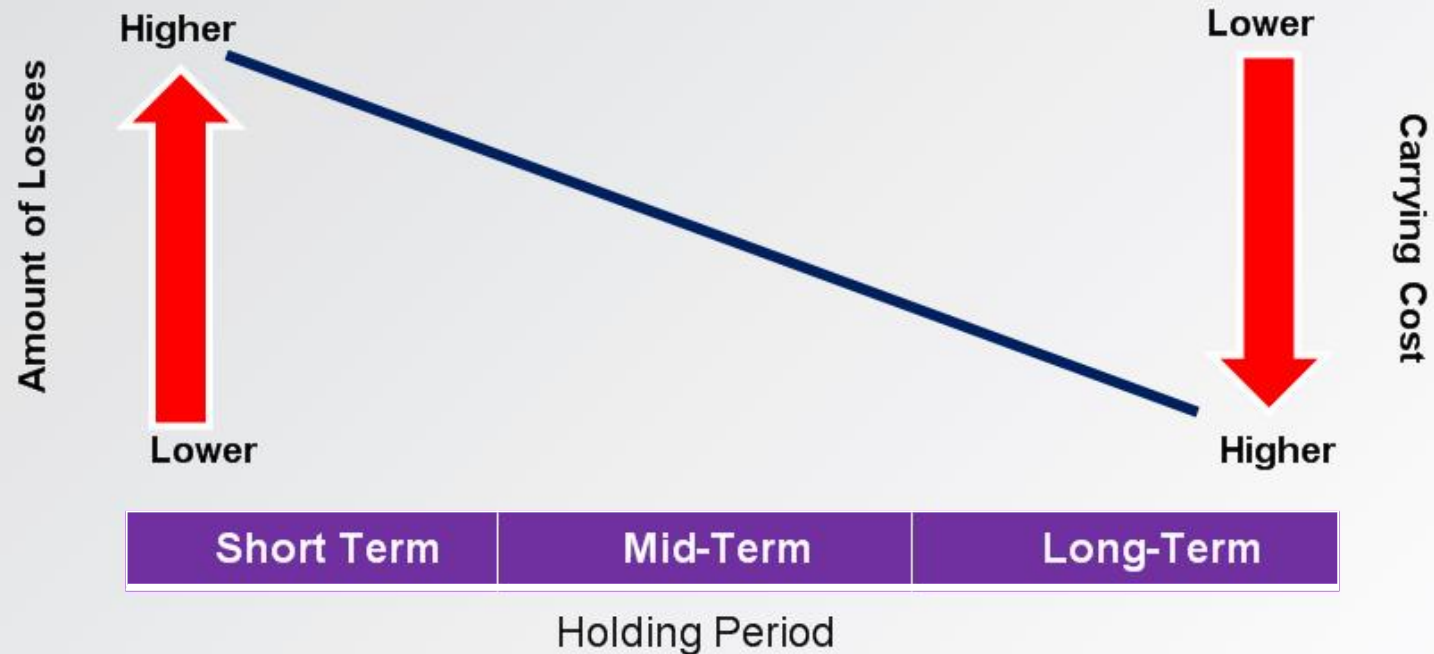
**Improved Metrics, Pace Impacted By
Slow Recovery, Softened Real Estate Market**

Loan Portfolio

	December 31, 2008		June 30, 2012		
	\$	%	\$	%	Change
Commercial and Industrial	\$ 1,707	32%	\$ 1,870	34%	10%
Construction	866	16%	237	4%	(73%)
Multifamily	287	5%	308	6%	7%
Commercial Real Estate	1,754	33%	2,208	40%	26%
Consumer	746	14%	675	12%	(10%)
Covered	--	--	230	4%	NM
Total Loans	\$ 5,360	100%	\$ 5,528	100%	3%

Serving Markets, Diversifying Mix
47% Owner Occupied of All CRE

Focus Remains on Disposition of Problem Assets



- Actively Driving Problem Assets Lower
- Market Impacted by Illiquidity and Inventory
- Cycle to Date Losses in Line with Peers

Our Priorities

2012 and Beyond

Credit Remediation & Liquidation

- Lower Nonperforming Assets
- Proactive, Responsible Liquidation

Strengthen Core Business

- Diversify and Strengthen Lending
- Grow Core Deposits and Revenue Sources
- Maximize Efficiency

Prudent Capital Management

- Returned TARP
- Strengthen Earnings, Dividend Capacity
- Assess Alternative Capital Uses, M&A

Strengthening Our Business

1. Asset Formation

- Focused and Enhanced Sales
- New Mortgage Platform
- Asset-Based and Other Niches

2. Fee Income/Deposits

- Wealth and Treasury Management
- Core Deposit Growth

3. Efficiency

- Reduction in Costs
- Performance Management

4. Investment In Core

- Strategic Distribution
- Internet And ATM Platform
- Strengthen Brand

Delivering On Multiple Fronts

2012, A Year of Transition



2012 Is A Year Of Transition

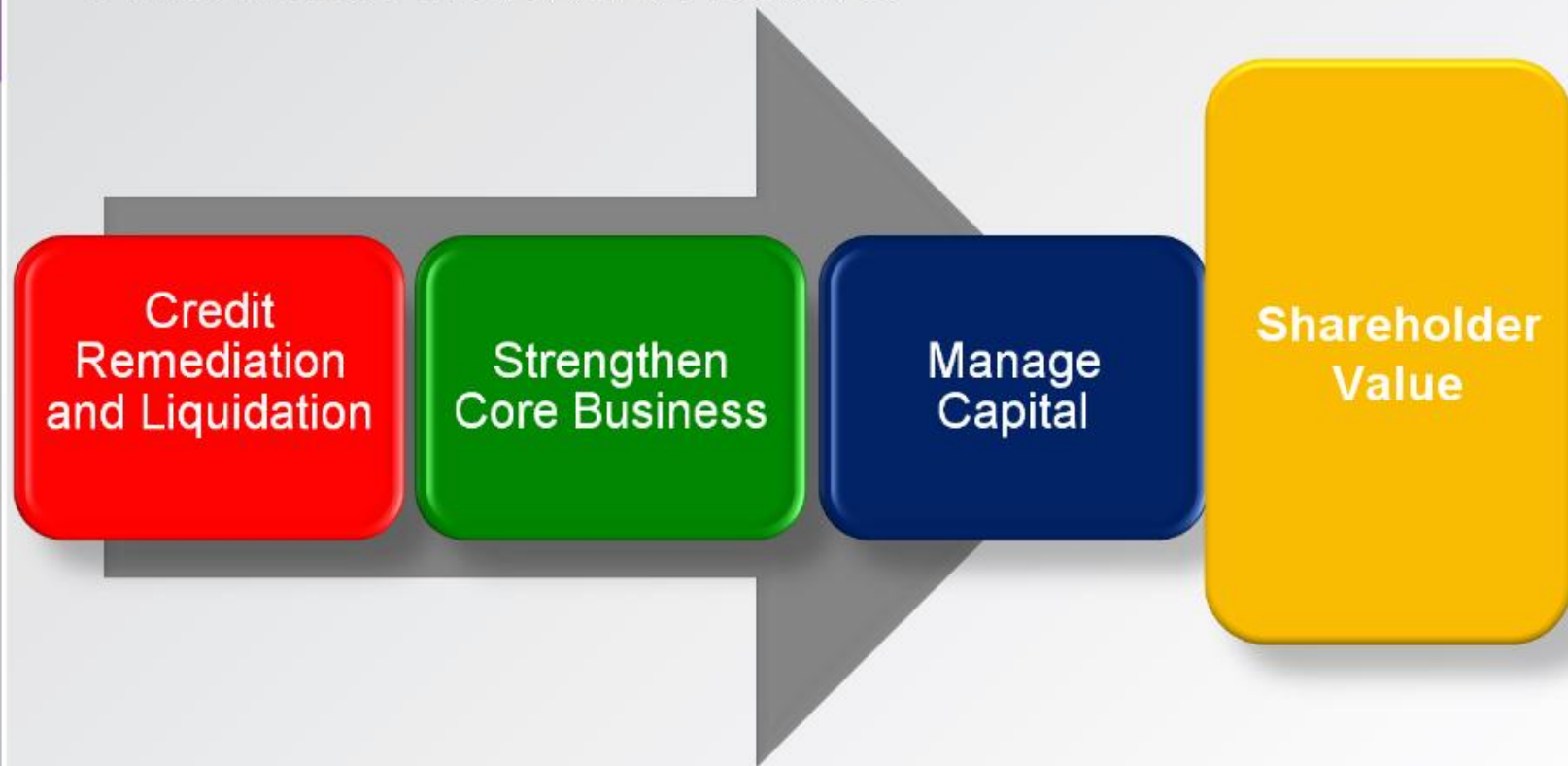
- Economic Conditions Improving, but Fragile
- Regulatory and Capital Requirements Evolving
- Credit Improving, Remediation Uneven
- Aligning Resources With Growth and Opportunity

Positioning For Long Term Success

Market Opportunities

- **Environment Creates Opportunities**
 - Expansion
 - Efficiency
- **Within Chicago Market**
 - 40 Failures Since Start Of 2009
 - 39 Institutions (\$12 Billion) With Texas Ratio > 100%
- **Consolidation Expected**
- **Well Positioned To Benefit**
 - Strong Capital, Solid Reputation
 - Experienced Team
 - 5 Transactions, Approx \$1 Billion in Deposits Since 2008

Priorities Remain Same



As We Evolve to “New” Normal

Capital Management Priority

Requirements	Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stronger Earnings• Reduced Credit Risk• Regulatory Clarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth• Dividend• Repurchase• M & A

**Emphasis on Return to
"Normalized" Capital**

Why Invest in FMBI?

- Premier Metro Chicago Banking Franchise
- We Have Advantages That Create Opportunities
 - Strong Core Deposit
 - Engaged and Enhanced Workforce
 - Good Markets, Growing Opportunities
 - Significant Capital and Liquidity
- Execution on Our Priorities Enhances Value
- Aligned with Shareholder Interest

Appendix

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