UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

> October 20, 2020 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-36560 (Commission File Number) 51-0483352 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

777 Long Ridge Road Stamford, Connecticut (Address of principal executive offices)

06902 (Zip Code)

(203) 585-2400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) N/A

(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)

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

□ Pre-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 Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share Depositary Shares Each Representing a 1/40th Interest in a Share of 5.625% Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A Trading Symbol(s) SYF SYFPrA Name of each exchange on which registered New York Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 20, 2020, Synchrony Financial (the "Company") issued a press release setting forth the Company's third quarter 2020 earnings. A copy of the Company's press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated by reference. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibits, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished as part of this report:

| <u>Number</u> | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release, dated October 20, 2020, issued by Synchrony Financial |
| 99.2 | Financial Data Supplement of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 |
| 99.3 | Financial Results Presentation of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 |
| 99.4 | Explanation of Non-GAAP Measures |
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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.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL

Date: October 20, 2020

By: /s/ Jonathan Mothner Name: Jonathan Mothner Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Title: Secretary

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For Immediate Release: October 20, 2020

Synchrony Reports Third Quarter Net Earnings of \$313 Million or \$0.52 Per Diluted Share

Included Restructuring Charge of \$89 million, or \$0.11 Per Diluted Share, and Provision for Credit Losses Included CECL Impact of \$66 Million, or \$0.09 Per Diluted Share

STAMFORD, Conn. – Synchrony Financial (NYSE: SYF) today announced third quarter 2020 earnings results amid the continuing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Synchrony reported third quarter 2020 net earnings of \$313 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share; this included a restructuring charge of \$89 million, or \$67 million after tax, which equates to an EPS reduction of \$0.11, and an increase in the provision for credit losses as a result of CECL implementation earlier this year of \$66 million, or \$50 million after tax, which equates to an EPS reduction of \$0.09.

Results included*:

- Loan receivables decreased 6% to \$78.5 billion, or 5% on a Core** basis
- Interest and fees on loans decreased 22% to \$3.8 billion, or 12% on a Core basis
- Purchase volume decreased 6% to \$36.0 billion, or flat on a Core basis
- · Average active accounts decreased 16% to 64.3 million, or 8% on a Core basis
- Deposits decreased \$2.5 billion, or 4%, to \$63.5 billion
- · Renewed and extended a key relationship with Sam's Club
- · Successfully launched the new Venmo program
- Added and extended Payment Solutions relationships with 4 Wheel Parts, Kane's Furniture, Levin Furniture and Mattress, SVP Sewing Brands LLC, and System Pavers
- CareCredit successfully launched healthcare system partnerships with Lehigh Valley Health Network, St. Luke's University Health Network, and Cox Health and added and extended relationships with Blue River Pet Care and NVA
- Returned \$129 million in capital through common stock dividends

"During times of crisis and uncertainty, it is imperative to lead with the fundamental values and principles upon which an organization is built. At Synchrony, we continue to put our employees, partners, customers, shareholders and communities at the forefront of our decision making. Moving in an agile fashion, we quickly reallocated our resources to focus on the most critical priorities to sustain and drive business growth," said Margaret Keane, Chief Executive Officer, Synchrony Financial.

"In the third quarter, we successfully launched an innovative, digital-first program with Venmo, renewed and extended our relationship with Sam's Club, while also extending several programs and adding new partnerships. We've also deployed an array of enhanced digital solutions for our partners and cardholders, further strengthening our market position and meeting the evolving demands of the new environment," she added.

Business and Financial Results for the Third Quarter of 2020*

Earnings

- Net interest income decreased \$932 million, or 21%, to \$3.5 billion, mainly due to the impact of COVID-19 and the Walmart consumer portfolio sale.
- Retailer share arrangements decreased \$117 million, or 12%, to \$899 million, reflecting the impact of COVID-19 on program performance.
- Provision for credit losses increased \$191 million, or 19%, to \$1.2 billion, mainly driven by the reserve increase for the projected impact of COVID-19 related losses and the prior year reserve reduction related to Walmart, partially offset by lower net charge-offs.
- Other income increased \$46 million, or 54%, to \$131 million, largely driven by lower loyalty program costs which included the effects of the sale of the Walmart consumer portfolio.
- Other expense was flat; the restructuring charge and expenses related to the COVID-19 response were offset by cost reductions from Walmart, lower purchase volume and accounts, and reductions in certain discretionary spend.
- Net earnings totaled \$313 million compared to \$1.1 billion last year.

Balance Sheet

- Period-end loan receivables decreased 6%, or 5% on a Core basis; purchase volume decreased 6%, or flat on a Core basis; and average active accounts decreased 16%, or 8% on a Core basis.
- Deposits decreased \$2.5 billion, or 4%, to \$63.5 billion and comprised 80% of funding.
- The Company's balance sheet remained strong with total liquidity (liquid assets and undrawn credit facilities) of \$26.8 billion, or 28.0% of total assets.
- The Company has elected to defer the regulatory capital effects of CECL for two years; the estimated Common Equity Tier 1 ratio was 15.8% compared to 14.5%, and the estimated Tier 1 Capital ratio was 16.7% compared to 14.5%, reflecting the Company's strong capital generation capabilities. The estimated Tier 1 Capital ratio also reflects the \$750 million preferred stock issuance in November 2019.

Key Financial Metrics

- Return on assets was 1.3% and return on equity was 10.3%.
- Net interest margin was 13.80%.
- Efficiency ratio was 39.7%.

Credit Quality

- Loans 30+ days past due as a percentage of total period-end loan receivables were 2.67% compared to 4.47% last year; excluding the Walmart consumer portfolio, the rate was down approximately 175 basis points compared to last year.
- Through September 30th, we had granted minimum payment forbearance to a cumulative total of approximately 2 million accounts, or \$3.8 billion in account balances at the time of forbearance. As of September 30th, only 119,000 accounts or \$227 million in account balances remained in forbearance.
- Net charge-offs as a percentage of total average loan receivables were 4.42% compared to 5.35% last year; excluding the Walmart consumer portfolio, the rate decreased approximately 45 basis points compared to last year.
- The allowance for credit losses as a percentage of total period-end loan receivables was 12.92%.

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Sales Platforms

- Retail Card period-end loan receivables decreased 6%, driven primarily by the impact from COVID-19, partially offset by growth in digital
 partners. Interest and fees on loans decreased 27%, purchase volume decreased 7%, and average active accounts decreased 19%,
 driven primarily by the sale of the Walmart consumer portfolio and the decline in loan receivables.
- Payment Solutions period-end loan receivables decreased 5%; period-end loan receivables decreased 1% on a Core basis primarily due to the impact from COVID-19, partially offset by growth in Power. Interest and fees on loans decreased 10%, driven primarily by lower late fees. Purchase volume decreased 6% and average active accounts decreased 7%.
- CareCredit period-end loan receivables decreased 7%, driven primarily by the impact from COVID-19. Interest and fees on loans decreased 8%, driven primarily by lower merchant discount as a result of the decline in purchase volume, which decreased 3%. Average active accounts decreased 8%.

* All comparisons are for the third quarter of 2020 compared to the third quarter of 2019, unless otherwise noted.

** Financial measures shown above on a Core basis are non-GAAP measures and exclude from both the prior year and the current year amounts related to the Walmart and Yamaha portfolios, sold in October 2019 and January 2020, respectively. See non-GAAP reconciliation in the financial tables.

Corresponding Financial Tables and Information

No representation is made that the information in this news release is complete. Investors are encouraged to review the foregoing summary and discussion of Synchrony Financial's earnings and financial condition in conjunction with the detailed financial tables and information that follow and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, as filed February 13, 2020, and the Company's forthcoming Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020. The detailed financial tables and other information are also available on the Investor Relations page of the Company's website at www.investors.synchronyfinancial.com. This information is also furnished in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC today.

Conference Call and Webcast Information

On Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time, Margaret Keane, Chief Executive Officer, Brian Doubles, President, and Brian Wenzel Sr., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will host a conference call to review the financial results and outlook for certain business drivers. The conference call can be accessed via an audio webcast through the Investor Relations page on the Synchrony Financial corporate website, www.investors.synchronyfinancial.com, under Events and Presentations. A replay will also be available on the website.

About Synchrony Financial

Synchrony (NYSE: SYF) is a premier consumer financial services company. We deliver a wide range of specialized financing programs, as well as innovative consumer banking products, across key industries including digital, retail, home, auto, travel, health and pet. Synchrony enables our partners to grow sales and loyalty with consumers. We are one of the largest issuers of private label credit cards in the United States; we also offer co-branded products, installment loans and consumer financing products for small- and medium-sized businesses, as well as healthcare providers.

Synchrony is changing what's possible through our digital capabilities, deep industry expertise, actionable data insights, frictionless customer experience and customized financing solutions.



Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are subject to the "safe harbor" created by those sections. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "targets," "outlook," "estimates," "will," "should," "may" or words of similar meaning, but these words are not the exclusive means of identifying forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions, and are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. As a result, actual results could differ materially from those indicated in these forwardlooking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include global political, economic, business, competitive, market, regulatory and other factors and risks, such as: the impact of macroeconomic conditions and whether industry trends we have identified develop as anticipated, including the future impacts of the novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") outbreak and measures taken in response thereto for which future developments are highly uncertain and difficult to predict; retaining existing partners and attracting new partners, concentration of our revenue in a small number of Retail Card partners, and promotion and support of our products by our partners; cyber-attacks or other security breaches; disruptions in the operations of our computer systems and data centers; the financial performance of our partners; the sufficiency of our allowance for credit losses and the accuracy of the assumptions or estimates used in preparing our financial statements. including those related to the new CECL accounting guidance; higher borrowing costs and adverse financial market conditions impacting our funding and liquidity, and any reduction in our credit ratings; our ability to grow our deposits in the future; damage to our reputation; our ability to securitize our loan receivables, occurrence of an early amortization of our securitization facilities, loss of the right to service or subservice our securitized loan receivables, and lower payment rates on our securitized loan receivables; changes in market interest rates and the impact of any margin compression; effectiveness of our risk management processes and procedures, reliance on models which may be inaccurate or misinterpreted, our ability to manage our credit risk; our ability to offset increases in our costs in retailer share arrangements; competition in the consumer finance industry; our concentration in the U.S. consumer credit market; our ability to successfully develop and commercialize new or enhanced products and services; our ability to realize the value of acquisitions and strategic investments; reductions in interchange fees; fraudulent activity; failure of third parties to provide various services that are important to our operations; international risks and compliance and regulatory risks and costs associated with international operations; alleged infringement of intellectual property rights of others and our ability to protect our intellectual property; litigation and regulatory actions; our ability to attract, retain and motivate key officers and employees; tax legislation initiatives or challenges to our tax positions and/or interpretations, and state sales tax rules and regulations; a material indemnification obligation to GE under the Tax Sharing and Separation Agreement with GE if we cause the split-off from GE or certain preliminary transactions to fail to qualify for tax-free treatment or in the case of certain significant transfers of our stock following the split-off; regulation, supervision, examination and enforcement of our business by governmental authorities, the impact of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and other legislative and regulatory developments and the impact of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's regulation of our business; impact of capital adequacy rules and liquidity requirements; restrictions that limit our ability to pay dividends and repurchase our common stock, and restrictions that limit the Synchrony Bank's ability to pay dividends to us; regulations relating to privacy, information security and data protection; use of third-party vendors and ongoing third-party business relationships; and failure to comply with anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing laws.

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For the reasons described above, we caution you against relying on any forward-looking statements, which should also be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included elsewhere in this news release and in our public filings, including under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, as filed on February 13, 2020, and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2020, as filed on July 23, 2020. You should not consider any list of such factors to be an exhaustive statement of all the risks, uncertainties, or potentially inaccurate assumptions that could cause our current expectations or beliefs to change. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as otherwise may be required by law.

Non-GAAP Measures

The information provided herein includes measures we refer to as "tangible common equity" and certain "Core" financial measures that have been adjusted to exclude amounts related to the Walmart and Yamaha portfolios, sold in October 2019 and January 2020, respectively, which are not prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). For a reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, please see the detailed financial tables and information that follow. For a statement regarding the usefulness of these measures to investors, please see the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC today.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(unaudited, in millions, except per share statistics)

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|---|-----------------|---------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|----|-----------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|---------|
| | iep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | | Mar 31, 2020 | 1 | Dec 31, 2019 | Sep 30, 2019 | 3Q'20 vs. 3 | Q'19 | 1 | Sep 30, 2020 | | Sep 30, 2019 | YTD'20 vs. Y | 'TD'19 |
| EARNINGS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net interest income | \$ 3,457 | \$ 3,396 | \$ | 3,890 | \$ | 4,029 | \$ 4,389 | \$ (932) | (21.2)% | \$ | 10,743 | \$ | 12,770 | \$ (2,027) | (15.9)% |
| Retailer share arrangements | (899) | (773) | | (926) | | (1,029) | (1,016) | 117 | (11.5)% | | (2,598) | | (2,829) | 231 | (8.2)% |
| Provision for credit losses | 1,210 | 1,673 | | 1,677 | | 1,104 | 1,019 | 191 | 18.7 % | | 4,560 | | 3,076 | 1,484 | 48.2 % |
| Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements and provision for credit losses | 1,348 | 950 | | 1,287 | | 1,896 | 2,354 | (1,006) | (42.7)% | | 3,585 | | 6,865 | (3,280) | (47.8)% |
| Other income | 131 | 95 | | 97 | | 104 | 85 | 46 | 54.1 % | | 323 | | 267 | 56 | 21.0 % |
| Other expense | 1,067 | 986 | | 1,002 | | 1,079 | 1,064 | 3 | 0.3 % | | 3,055 | | 3,166 | (111) | (3.5)% |
| Earnings before provision for income taxes | 412 | 59 | | 382 | | 921 | 1,375 | (963) | (70.0)% | | 853 | | 3,966 | (3,113) | (78.5)% |
| Provision for income taxes | 99 | 11 | | 96 | | 190 | 319 | (220) | (69.0)% | | 206 | | 950 | (744) | (78.3)% |
| Net earnings | \$ 313 | \$ 48 | \$ | 286 | \$ | 731 | \$ 1,056 | \$ (743) | (70.4)% | \$ | 647 | \$ | 3,016 | \$ (2,369) | (78.5)% |
| Net earnings available to common stockholders | \$ 303 | \$ 37 | \$ | 275 | \$ | 731 | \$ 1,056 | \$ (753) | (71.3)% | \$ | 615 | \$ | 3,016 | \$ (2,401) | (79.6)% |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMMON SHARE STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic EPS | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.06 | \$ | 0.45 | \$ | 1.15 | \$ 1.60 | \$ (1.08) | (67.5)% | \$ | 1.04 | \$ | 4.42 | \$ (3.38) | (76.5)% |
| Diluted EPS | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.06 | \$ | 0.45 | \$ | 1.15 | \$ 1.60 | \$ (1.08) | (67.5)% | \$ | 1.04 | \$ | 4.40 | \$ (3.36) | (76.4)% |
| Dividend declared per share | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.22 | \$ | 0.22 | \$ | 0.22 | \$ 0.22 | \$ _ | % | \$ | 0.66 | \$ | 0.64 | \$ 0.02 | 3.1 % |
| Common stock price | \$ 26.17 | \$ 22.16 | \$ | 16.09 | \$ | 36.01 | \$ 34.09 | \$ (7.92) | (23.2)% | \$ | 26.17 | \$ | 34.09 | \$ (7.92) | (23.2)% |
| Book value per share | \$ 19.47 | \$ 19.13 | \$ | 19.27 | \$ | 23.31 | \$ 23.13 | \$ (3.66) | (15.8)% | \$ | 19.47 | \$ | 23.13 | \$ (3.66) | (15.8)% |
| Tangible common equity per share ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 15.75 | \$ 15.28 | \$ | 15.35 | \$ | 19.50 | \$ 19.68 | \$ (3.93) | (20.0)% | \$ | 15.75 | \$ | 19.68 | \$ (3.93) | (20.0)% |
| Beginning common shares outstanding | 583.7 | 583.2 | | 615.9 | | 653.7 | 668.9 | (85.2) | (12.7)% | | 615.9 | | 718.8 | (102.9) | (14.3)% |
| Issuance of common shares | _ | _ | | _ | | _ | _ | _ | % | | _ | | _ | _ | % |
| Stock-based compensation | 0.1 | 0.5 | | 0.9 | | 0.6 | 0.4 | (0.3) | (75.0)% | | 1.5 | | 2.5 | (1.0) | (40.0)% |
| Shares repurchased | _ | _ | | (33.6) | | (38.4) | (15.6) | 15.6 | (100.0)% | | (33.6) | | (67.6) | 34.0 | (50.3)% |
| Ending common shares outstanding | 583.8 | 583.7 | | 583.2 | | 615.9 | 653.7 | (69.9) | (10.7)% | | 583.8 | | 653.7 | (69.9) | (10.7)% |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 583.8 | 583.7 | | 604.9 | | 633.7 | 658.3 | (74.5) | (11.3)% | | 590.8 | | 682.5 | (91.7) | (13.4)% |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (fully diluted) | 584.8 | 584.4 | | 607.4 | | 637.7 | 661.7 | (76.9) | (11.6)% | | 592.2 | | 685.6 | (93.4) | (13.6)% |

(1) Tangible Common Equity ("TCE") is a non-GAAP measure. For corresponding reconciliation of TCE to a GAAP financial measure, see Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures and Calculations of Regulatory Measures.

SELECTED METRICS

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

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|---|----|-----------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|-----------------|----|-----------|---------|----------------|------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| | _ | Sep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | | Mar 31, 2020 | | Dec 31, 2019 | Sep 30, 2019 | | 3Q'20 vs. | 3Q'19 | Sep 30 2020 | , | Sep 30, 2019 | YTD'20 vs | . YTD'19 |
| PERFORMANCE METRICS | | | | | | | | | _ | - | | | | | | |
| Return on assets ⁽¹⁾ | | 1.3% | 0.2% | | 1.1% | | 2.7% | 3.9% | | | (2.6)% | 0. | 9% | 3.8% | | (2.9)% |
| Return on equity ⁽²⁾ | | 10.3% | 1.6% | | 9.1% | | 19.0% | 28.3% | | | (18.0)% | 7. | 0% | 27.2% | | (20.2)% |
| Return on tangible common equity ⁽³⁾ | | 13.1% | 1.6% | | 11.6% | | 23.0% | 33.4% | | | (20.3)% | 8. | 8% | 32.2% | | (23.4)% |
| Net interest margin ⁽⁴⁾ | | 13.80% | 13.53% | | 15.15% | | 15.01% | 16.29% | | | (2.49)% | 14.1 | 7% | 16.04% | | (1.87)% |
| Efficiency ratio ⁽⁵⁾ | | 39.7% | 36.3% | | 32.7% | | 34.8% | 30.8% | | | 8.9 % | 36. | 1% | 31.0% | | 5.1 % |
| Other expense as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale | | 5.44% | 5.04% | | 4.77% | | 5.01% | 4.66% | | | 0.78 % | 5.0 | 8% | 4.72% | | 0.36 % |
| Effective income tax rate | | 24.0% | 18.6% | | 25.1% | | 20.6% | 23.2% | | | 0.8 % | 24. | 2% | 24.0% | | 0.2 % |
| CREDIT QUALITY METRICS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net charge-offs as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale | | 4.42% | 5.35% | | 5.36% | | 5.15% | 5.35% | | | (0.93)% | 5.0 | 5% | 5.80% | | (0.75)% |
| 30+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables(6) | | 2.67% | 3.13% | | 4.24% | | 4.44% | 4.47% | | | (1.80)% | 2.6 | 7% | 4.47% | | (1.80)% |
| 90+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables(6) | | 1.24% | 1.77% | | 2.10% | | 2.15% | 2.07% | | | (0.83)% | 1.2 | 4% | 2.07% | | (0.83)% |
| Net charge-offs | \$ | 866 | \$ 1,046 | \$ | 1,125 | \$ | 1,109 | \$ 1,221 | \$ | (355) | (29.1)% | \$ 3,03 | 7 | \$ 3,896 | \$ (859) | (22.0)% |
| Loan receivables delinquent over 30 days ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ | 2,100 | \$ 2,453 | \$ | 3,500 | \$ | 3,874 | \$ 3,723 | \$ | (1,623) | (43.6)% | \$ 2,10 | D | \$ 3,723 | \$ (1,623) | (43.6)% |
| Loan receivables delinquent over 90 days ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ | 973 | \$ 1,384 | \$ | 1,735 | \$ | 1,877 | \$ 1,723 | \$ | (750) | (43.5)% | \$ 97. | 3 | \$ 1,723 | \$ (750) | (43.5)% |
| Allowance for credit losses (period-end) | \$ | 10,146 | \$ 9,802 | \$ | 9,175 | \$ | 5,602 | \$ 5,607 | \$ | 4,539 | 81.0 % | \$ 10,14 | 5 | \$ 5,607 | \$ 4,539 | 81.0 % |
| Allowance coverage ratio ⁽⁷⁾ | | 12.92% | 12.52% | | 11.13% | | 6.42% | 6.74% | | | 6.18 % | 12.9 | 2% | 6.74% | | 6.18 % |
| BUSINESS METRICS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾ | \$ | 36,013 | \$ 31,155 | \$ | 32,042 | \$ | 40,212 | \$ 38,395 | \$ | (2,382) | (6.2)% | \$ 99,21 | D | \$ 109,199 | \$ (9,989) | (9.1)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ | 78,521 | \$ 78,313 | \$ | 82,469 | \$ | 87,215 | \$ 83,207 | \$ | (4,686) | (5.6)% | \$ 78,52 | 1 | \$ 83,207 | \$ (4,686) | (5.6)% |
| Credit cards | \$ | 75,204 | \$ 75,353 | \$ | 79,832 | \$ | 84,606 | \$ 79,788 | \$ | (4,584) | (5.7)% | \$ 75,20 | 4 | \$ 79,788 | \$ (4,584) | (5.7)% |
| Consumer installment loans | \$ | 1,987 | \$ 1,779 | \$ | 1,390 | \$ | 1,347 | \$ 2,050 | \$ | (63) | (3.1)% | \$ 1,98 | 7 | \$ 2,050 | \$ (63) | (3.1)% |
| Commercial credit products | \$ | 1,270 | \$ 1,140 | \$ | 1,203 | \$ | 1,223 | \$ 1,317 | \$ | (47) | (3.6)% | \$ 1,27 | D | \$ 1,317 | \$ (47) | (3.6)% |
| Other | \$ | 60 | \$ 41 | \$ | 44 | \$ | 39 | \$ 52 | \$ | 8 | 15.4 % | \$ 6 | D | \$ 52 | \$ 8 | 15.4 % |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ | 78,005 | \$ 78,697 | \$ | 84,428 | \$ | 85,376 | \$ 90,556 | \$ | (12,551) | (13.9)% | \$ 80,36 | 8 | \$ 89,752 | \$ (9,384) | (10.5)% |
| Period-end active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ | | 64,800 | 63,430 | | 68,849 | | 75,471 | 77,094 | | (12,294) | (15.9)% | 64,80 | D | 77,094 | (12,294) | (15.9)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ | | 64,270 | 64,836 | | 72,078 | | 73,734 | 76,695 | | (12,425) | (16.2)% | 67,24 | 5 | 76,653 | (9,407) | (12.3)% |
| LIQUIDITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liquid assets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ | 13,552 | \$ 16,344 | \$ | 13,704 | \$ | 12,147 | \$ 11,461 | \$ | 2,091 | 18.2 % | \$ 13,55 | 2 | \$ 11,461 | \$ 2,091 | 18.2 % |
| Total liquid assets | \$ | 21,402 | \$ 22,352 | \$ | 19,225 | \$ | 17,322 | \$ 15,201 | \$ | 6,201 | 40.8 % | \$ 21,40 | 2 | \$ 15,201 | \$ 6,201 | 40.8 % |
| Undrawn credit facilities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Undrawn credit facilities | \$ | 5,400 | \$ 5,650 | \$ | 5,600 | \$ | 6,050 | \$ 6,500 | \$ | (1,100) | (16.9)% | \$ 5,40 | D | \$ 6,500 | \$ (1,100) | (16.9)% |
| Total liquid assets and undrawn credit facilities | \$ | 26,802 | \$ 28,002 | \$ | 24,825 | \$ | 23,372 | \$ 21,701 | \$ | 5,101 | 23.5 % | \$ 26,80 | 2 | \$ 21,701 | \$ 5,101 | 23.5 % |
| Liquid assets % of total assets | | 22.37% | 23.15% | | 19.61% | | 16.52% | 14.35% | | | 8.02 % | 22.3 | | 14.35% | | 8.02 % |
| Liquid assets including undrawn credit facilities % of total assets | | 28.02% | 29.00% | | 25.32% | | 22.30% | 20.48% | | | 7.54 % | 28.0 | 2% | 20.48% | | 7.54 % |

(1) Return on assets represents net earnings as a percentage of average total assets.

(2) Return on equity represents net earnings as a percentage of average total equity.

(3) Return on tangible common equity represents net earnings available to common stockholders as a percentage of average tangible common equity. Tangible common equity ("TCE") is a non-GAAP measure. For corresponding reconciliation of TCE to a GAAP financial measure, see Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures and Calculations of Regulatory Measures.

(4) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

(5) Efficiency ratio represents (i) other expense, divided by (ii) net interest income, plus other income, less retailer share arrangements.

(6) Based on customer statement-end balances extrapolated to the respective period-end date.

(7) Allowance coverage ratio represents allowance for credit losses divided by total period-end loan receivables.

(8) Purchase volume, or net credit sales, represents the aggregate amount of charges incurred on credit cards or other credit product accounts less returns during the period.

(9) Includes activity and accounts associated with loan receivables held for sale.

(10) Active accounts represent credit card or installment loan accounts on which there has been a purchase, payment or outstanding balance in the current month.

STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| | | | | | Quarter Ended | | | | | | Nine | e Mor | ths Ended | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|------------|---------|---------|-------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| | Sep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | N | 4ar 31, 2020 | | Dec 31, 2019 | Sep 3 2019 | | 3Q'20 vs | . 3Q'19 | Sep 202 | | Sep 30, 2019 | YTD'20 vs | s. YTD'19 |
| Interest income: | | · . | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 3,821 | \$ 3,808 | \$ | 4,340 | \$ | 4,492 | \$ 4,8 | 90 | \$ (1,069) | (21.9)% | \$ 11, | 969 | \$ 14,213 | \$ (2,244) | (15.8)% |
| Interest on cash and debt securities | 16 | 22 | | 67 | | 93 | | 91 | (75) | (82.4)% | | 105 | 292 | (187) | (64.0)% |
| Total interest income | 3,837 | 3,830 | | 4,407 | | 4,585 | 4,9 | 81 | (1,144) | (23.0)% | 12, | 074 | 14,505 | (2,431) | (16.8)% |
| Interest expense: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest on deposits | 245 | 293 | | 356 | | 383 | 4 | 11 | (166) | (40.4)% | | 894 | 1,183 | (289) | (24.4)% |
| Interest on borrowings of consolidated securitization entities | 53 | 59 | | 73 | | 80 | | 88 | (35) | (39.8)% | | 185 | 278 | (93) | (33.5)% |
| Interest on senior unsecured notes | 82 | 82 | | 88 | | 93 | | 93 | (11) | (11.8)% | | 252 | 274 | (22) | (8.0)% |
| Total interest expense | 380 | 434 | | 517 | | 556 | 5 | 92 | (212) | (35.8)% | 1, | 331 | 1,735 | (404) | (23.3)% |
| Net interest income | 3,457 | 3,396 | | 3,890 | | 4,029 | 4,3 | 89 | (932) | (21.2)% | 10, | 743 | 12,770 | (2,027) | (15.9)% |
| Retailer share arrangements | (899) | (773) | | (926) | | (1,029) | (1,0 | 16) | 117 | (11.5)% | (2, | 598) | (2,829) | 231 | (8.2)% |
| Provision for credit losses | 1,210 | 1,673 | | 1,677 | | 1,104 | 1,0 | 19 | 191 | 18.7 % | 4, | 560 | 3,076 | 1,484 | 48.2 % |
| Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements and provision for credit losses | 1,348 | 950 | | 1,287 | | 1,896 | 2,3 | 54 | (1,006) | (42.7)% | 3, | 585 | 6,865 | (3,280) | (47.8)% |
| Other income: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interchange revenue | 172 | 134 | | 161 | | 192 | 1 | 97 | (25) | (12.7)% | | 467 | 556 | (89) | (16.0)% |
| Debt cancellation fees | 68 | 69 | | 69 | | 64 | | 64 | 4 | 6.3 % | | 206 | 201 | 5 | 2.5 % |
| Loyalty programs | (155) | (134) | | (158) | | (181) | (2 | 03) | 48 | (23.6)% | (| 447) | (562) | 115 | (20.5)% |
| Other | 46 | 26 | | 25 | | 29 | | 27 | 19 | 70.4 % | | 97 | 72 | 25 | 34.7 % |
| Total other income | 131 | 95 | | 97 | | 104 | | 85 | 46 | 54.1 % | | 323 | 267 | 56 | 21.0 % |
| Other expense: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee costs | 382 | 327 | | 324 | | 385 | 3 | 59 | 23 | 6.4 % | 1, | 033 | 1,070 | (37) | (3.5)% |
| Professional fees | 187 | 189 | | 197 | | 199 | 2 | 05 | (18) | (8.8)% | | 573 | 668 | (95) | (14.2)% |
| Marketing and business development | 107 | 91 | | 111 | | 152 | 1 | 39 | (32) | (23.0)% | | 309 | 397 | (88) | (22.2)% |
| Information processing | 125 | 116 | | 123 | | 122 | 1 | 27 | (2) | (1.6)% | | 364 | 363 | 1 | 0.3 % |
| Other | 266 | 263 | | 247 | | 221 | 2 | 34 | 32 | 13.7 % | | 776 | 668 | 108 | 16.2 % |
| Total other expense | 1,067 | 986 | _ | 1,002 | | 1,079 | 1,0 | 64 | 3 | 0.3 % | 3, | 055 | 3,166 | (111) | (3.5)% |
| Earnings before provision for income taxes | 412 | 59 | | 382 | · | 921 | 1,3 | 75 | (963) | (70.0)% | | 853 | 3,966 | (3,113) | (78.5)% |
| Provision for income taxes | 99 | 11 | | 96 | | 190 | 3 | 19 | (220) | (69.0)% | | 206 | 950 | (744) | (78.3)% |
| Net earnings | \$ 313 | \$ 48 | \$ | 286 | \$ | 731 | \$ 1,0 | 56 | \$ (743) | (70.4)% | \$ | 647 | \$ 3,016 | \$ (2,369) | (78.5)% |
| Net earnings available to common stockholders | \$ 303 | \$ 37 | \$ | 275 | \$ | 731 | \$ 1,0 | 56 | \$ (753) | (71.3)% | \$ | 615 | \$ 3,016 | \$ (2,401) | (79.6)% |

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| | | | ¢ | Quarter Ended | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|---------------------|----|---------------------|------------|
| | Sep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | | Mar 31, 2020 | | Dec 31, 2019 | Sep 30, 2019 | | Sep 30, 2020 vs. Se | p 30, 2019 |
| Assets | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 13,552 | \$ 16,344 | \$ | 13,704 | \$ | 12,147 | \$ 11,461 | \$ | 2,091 | 18.2 % |
| Debt securities | 8,432 | 6,623 | | 6,146 | | 5,911 | 4,584 | | 3,848 | 83.9 % |
| Loan receivables: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unsecuritized loans held for investment | 52,613 | 52,629 | | 54,765 | | 58,398 | 56,220 | | (3,607) | (6.4)% |
| Restricted loans of consolidated securitization entities | 25,908 | 25,684 | | 27,704 | | 28,817 | 26,987 | | (1,079) | (4.0)% |
| Total loan receivables | 78,521 | 78,313 | | 82,469 | | 87,215 | 83,207 | | (4,686) | (5.6)% |
| Less: Allowance for credit losses ⁽¹⁾ | (10,146) | (9,802) | | (9,175) | | (5,602) | (5,607) | | (4,539) | 81.0 % |
| Loan receivables, net | 68,375 | 68,511 | | 73,294 | | 81,613 | 77,600 | | (9,225) | (11.9)% |
| Loan receivables held for sale | 4 | 4 | | 5 | | 725 | 8,182 | | (8,178) | (100.0)% |
| Goodwill | 1,078 | 1,078 | | 1,078 | | 1,078 | 1,078 | | _ | % |
| Intangible assets, net | 1,091 | 1,166 | | 1,208 | | 1,265 | 1,177 | | (86) | (7.3)% |
| Other assets | 3,126 | 2,818 | | 2,603 | | 2,087 | 1,861 | | 1,265 | 68.0 % |
| Total assets | \$ 95,658 | \$ 96,544 | \$ | 98,038 | \$ | 104,826 | \$ 105,943 | \$ | (10,285) | (9.7)% |
| Liabilities and Equity | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing deposit accounts | \$ 63,195 | \$ 63,857 | \$ | 64,302 | \$ | 64,877 | \$ 65,677 | \$ | (2,482) | (3.8)% |
| Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts | 298 | 291 | | 313 | | 277 | 295 | | 3 | 1.0 % |
| Total deposits | 63,493 | 64,148 | | 64,615 | | 65,154 | 65,972 | | (2,479) | (3.8)% |
| Borrowings: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities | 7,809 | 8,109 | | 9,291 | | 10,412 | 10,912 | | (3,103) | (28.4)% |
| Senior unsecured notes | 7,962 | 7,960 | | 7,957 | | 9,454 | 9,451 | | (1,489) | (15.8)% |
| Total borrowings | 15,771 | 16,069 | | 17,248 | | 19,866 | 20,363 | | (4,592) | (22.6)% |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 4,295 | 4,428 | | 4,205 | | 4,718 | 4,488 | | (193) | (4.3)% |
| Total liabilities | 83,559 | 84,645 | | 86,068 | | 89,738 | 90,823 | | (7,264) | (8.0)% |
| Equity: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preferred stock | 734 | 734 | | 734 | | 734 | _ | | 734 | NM |
| Common stock | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | _ | % |
| Additional paid-in capital | 9,552 | 9,532 | | 9,523 | | 9,537 | 9,520 | | 32 | 0.3 % |
| Retained earnings | 10,024 | 9,852 | | 9,960 | | 12,117 | 11,533 | | (1,509) | (13.1)% |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (31) | (37) | | (49) | | (58) | (44) | | 13 | (29.5)% |
| Treasury stock | (8,181) | (8,183) | | (8,199) | _ | (7,243) | (5,890) | _ | (2,291) | 38.9 % |
| Total equity | 12,099 | 11,899 | | 11,970 | | 15,088 | 15,120 | | (3,021) | (20.0)% |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 95,658 | \$ 96,544 | \$ | 98,038 | \$ | 104,826 | \$ 105,943 | \$ | (10,285) | (9.7)% |

(1) Effective January 1, 2020, the Company adopted ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses ("CECL") that measures the allowance for credit losses based on management's best estimate of expected credit losses for the life of our loan receivables. Prior periods presented reflect measurement of the allowance based on management's estimate of probable incurred credit losses in accordance with the previous accounting guidance effective for those periods.

AVERAGE BALANCES, NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| | | | | | | | | Quarter Ende | 1 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|------------|--------------|---------|------------|--------------|---------|------------|--------------|---------|
| | | Sep 30, 2020 | | | Jun 30, 2020 | | | Mar 31, 2020 | | | Dec 31, 2019 | | | Sep 30, 2019 | |
| | | Interest | Average | | Interest | Average | | Interest | Average | | Interest | Average | | Interest | Average |
| | Average | Income/ | Yield/ | Average | Income/ | Yield/ | Average | Income/ | Yield/ | Average | Income/ | Yield/ | Average | Income/ | Yield/ |
| | Balance | Expense | Rate | Balance | Expense | Rate | Balance | Expense | Rate | Balance | Expense | Rate | Balance | Expense | Rate |
| Assets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning cash and equivalents | \$ 13,664 | \$ 4 | 0.12% | \$ 15,413 | \$ 3 | 0.08% | \$ 12,902 | \$ 42 | 1.31% | \$ 16,269 | \$ 68 | 1.66% | \$ 10,947 | \$ 59 | 2.14% |
| Securities available for sale | 7,984 | 12 | 0.60% | 6,804 | 19 | 1.12% | 5,954 | 25 | 1.69% | 4,828 | 25 | 2.05% | 5,389 | 32 | 2.36% |
| Loan receivables, including held for sale: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Credit cards | 74,798 | 3,752 | 19.96% | 75,942 | 3,740 | 19.81% | 81,716 | 4,272 | 21.03% | 81,960 | 4,409 | 21.34% | 87,156 | 4,807 | 21.88% |
| Consumer installment loans | 1,892 | 46 | 9.67% | 1,546 | 37 | 9.63% | 1,432 | 35 | 9.83% | 2,058 | 48 | 9.25% | 2,022 | 48 | 9.42% |
| Commercial credit products | 1,238 | 22 | 7.07% | 1,150 | 30 | 10.49% | 1,243 | 33 | 10.68% | 1,311 | 34 | 10.29% | 1,329 | 35 | 10.45% |
| Other | 77 | 1 | NM | 59 | 1 | NM | 37 | | _% | 47 | 1 | NM | 49 | | % |
| Total loan receivables, including held for sale | 78,005 | 3,821 | 19.49% | 78,697 | 3,808 | 19.46% | 84,428 | 4,340 | 20.67% | 85,376 | 4,492 | 20.87% | 90,556 | 4,890 | 21.42% |
| Total interest-earning assets | 99,653 | 3,837 | 15.32% | 100,914 | 3,830 | 15.26% | 103,284 | 4,407 | 17.16% | 106,473 | 4,585 | 17.08% | 106,892 | 4,981 | 18.49% |
| Non-interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and due from banks | 1,489 | | | 1,486 | | | 1,450 | | | 1,326 | | | 1,374 | | |
| Allowance for credit losses | (9,823) | | | (9,221) | | | (8,708) | | | (5,593) | | | (5,773) | | |
| Other assets | 5,021 | | | 4,779 | | | 4,696 | | | 3,872 | | | 3,920 | | |
| Total non-interest-earning assets | (3,313) | | | (2,956) | | | (2,562) | | | (395) | | | (479) | | |
| Total assets | \$ 96,340 | | | \$ 97,958 | | | \$ 100,722 | | | \$ 106,078 | | | \$ 106,413 | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing deposit accounts | \$ 63,569 | \$ 245 | 1.53% | \$ 64,298 | \$ 293 | 1.83% | \$ 64,366 | \$ 356 | 2.22% | \$ 65,380 | \$ 383 | 2.32% | \$ 65,615 | \$ 411 | 2.49% |
| Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities | 8,057 | 53 | 2.62% | 8,863 | 59 | 2.68% | 9,986 | 73 | 2.94% | 10,831 | 80 | 2.93% | 11,770 | 88 | 2.97% |
| Senior unsecured notes | 7,960 | 82 | 4.10% | 7,958 | 82 | 4.14% | 8,807 | 88 | 4.02% | 9,452 | 93 | 3.90% | 9,347 | 93 | 3.95% |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 79,586 | 380 | 1.90% | 81,119 | 434 | 2.15% | 83,159 | 517 | 2.50% | 85,663 | 556 | 2.58% | 86,732 | 592 | 2.71% |
| Non-interest-bearing liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts | 307 | | | 309 | | | 299 | | | 281 | | | 283 | | |
| Other liabilities | 4,308 | | | 4,349 | | | 4,672 | | | 4,906 | | | 4,570 | | |
| Total non-interest-bearing liabilities | 4,615 | | | 4,658 | | | 4,971 | | | 5,187 | | | 4,853 | | |
| Total liabilities | 84,201 | | | 85,777 | | | 88,130 | | | 90,850 | | | 91,585 | | |
| Equity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total equity | 12,139 | | | 12,181 | | | 12,592 | | | 15,228 | | | 14,828 | | |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 96,340 | | | \$ 97,958 | | | \$ 100,722 | | | \$ 106,078 | | | \$ 106,413 | | |
| Net interest income | | \$ 3,457 | | | \$ 3,396 | | | \$ 3,890 | | | \$ 4,029 | | | \$ 4,389 | |
| Interest rate spread ⁽¹⁾ | | | 13.42% | | | 13.11% | | | 14.66% | | | 14.50% | | | 15.78% |
| Net interest margin ⁽²⁾ | | | 13.80% | | | 13.53% | | | 15.15% | | | 15.01% | | | 16.29% |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

(1) Interest rate spread represents the difference between the yield on total interest-earning assets and the rate on total interest-bearing liabilities.

(2) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

AVERAGE BALANCES, NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| | | | Nine Se | Months Ended ep 30, 2020 | | | | Nine S | e Months Ended Sep 30, 2019 | |
|--|-----------|---------|------------|-----------------------------|---------|----|---------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------|
| | | | | Interest | Average | | | | Interest | Average |
| | | Average | | Income/ | Yield/ | | Average | | Income/ | Yield/ |
| | | Balance | | Expense | Rate | | Balance | | Expense | Rate |
| Assets Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning cash and equivalents | \$ | 13,992 | \$ | 49 | 0.47% | \$ | 10,989 | \$ | 190 | 2.31% |
| Securities available for sale | Ť | 6,918 | | 56 | 1.08% | | 5,679 | | 102 | 2.40% |
| Loan receivables, including held for sale: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Credit cards, including held for sale | | 77,476 | | 11,764 | 20.28% | | 86,471 | | 13,975 | 21.61% |
| Consumer installment loans | | 1,624 | | 118 | 9.71% | | 1,931 | | 134 | 9.28% |
| Commercial credit products | | 1,210 | | 85 | 9.38% | | 1,304 | | 103 | 10.56% |
| Other | | 58 | | 2 | 4.61% | | 46 | | 1 | 2.91% |
| Total loan receivables, including held for sale | | 80,368 | | 11,969 | 19.89% | | 89,752 | | 14,213 | 21.17% |
| Total interest-earning assets | | 101,278 | | 12,074 | 15.92% | | 106,420 | | 14,505 | 18.22% |
| Non-interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and due from banks | | 1,475 | | | | | 1,327 | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | | (9,253) | | | | | (6,006) | | | |
| Other assets | | 4,833 | | | | | 3,801 | | | |
| Total non-interest-earning assets | | (2,945) | | | | | (878) | | | |
| Total assets | \$ | 98,333 | | | | \$ | 105,542 | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing deposit accounts | \$ | 64,075 | \$ | 894 | 1.86% | \$ | 64,546 | \$ | 1,183 | 2.45% |
| Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities | | 8,966 | | 185 | 2.76% | | 12,315 | | 278 | 3.02% |
| Senior unsecured notes | | 8,241 | | 252 | 4.08% | | 9,262 | | 274 | 3.96% |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | . <u></u> | 81,282 | | 1,331 | 2.19% | | 86,123 | | 1,735 | 2.69% |
| Non-interest-bearing liabilities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts | | 305 | | | | | 280 | | | |
| Other liabilities | | 4,443 | | | | | 4,327 | | | |
| Total non-interest-bearing liabilities | | 4,748 | | | | _ | 4,607 | | | |
| Total liabilities | | 86,030 | | | | | 90,730 | | | |
| Equity | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total equity | _ | 12,303 | | | | | 14,812 | | | |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ | 98,333 | | | | \$ | 105,542 | | | |
| Net interest income | | | \$ | 10,743 | | | | \$ | 12,770 | |
| Interest rate spread ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 13.73% | | | | | 15.53% |
| Net interest margin ⁽²⁾ | | | | | 14.17% | | | | | 16.04% |

Interest rate spread represents the difference between the yield on total interest-earning assets and the rate on total interest-bearing liabilities.
 Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS

(unaudited, \$ in millions, except per share statistics)

| | | | Q | uarter Ended | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|----|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | Sep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | | Mar 31, 2020 | Dec 31, 2019 | Sep 30, 2019 | Sep 30, 202 Sep 30, 20 | |
| BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS | | | | | | | | |
| Total common equity | \$ 11,365 | \$ 11,165 | \$ | 11,236 | \$ 14,354 | \$ 15,120 | \$ (3,755) | (24.8)% |
| Total common equity as a % of total assets | 11.88% | 11.56% | | 11.46% | 13.69% | 14.27% | | (2.39)% |
| Tangible assets | \$ 93,489 | \$ 94,300 | \$ | 95,752 | \$ 102,483 | \$ 103,688 | \$ (10,199) | (9.8)% |
| Tangible common equity ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 9,196 | \$ 8,921 | \$ | 8,950 | \$ 12,011 | \$ 12,865 | \$ (3,669) | (28.5)% |
| Tangible common equity as a % of tangible assets ⁽¹⁾ | 9.84% | 9.46% | | 9.35% | 11.72% | 12.41% | | (2.57)% |
| Tangible common equity per share ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 15.75 | \$ 15.28 | \$ | 15.35 | \$ 19.50 | \$ 19.68 | \$ (3.93) | (20.0)% |
| | | | | | | | | |

REGULATORY CAPITAL RATIOS⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

| | Basel III - | | Basel III | | | |
|--|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|--|
| Total risk-based capital ratio ⁽⁴⁾ | 18.1% | 17.6% | 16.5% | 16.3% | 15.8% | |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio ⁽⁵⁾ | 16.7% | 16.3% | 15.2% | 15.0% | 14.5% | |
| Tier 1 leverage ratio ⁽⁶⁾ | 13.3% | 12.7% | 12.3% | 12.6% | 12.6% | |
| Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio | 15.8% | 15.3% | 14.3% | 14.1% | 14.5% | |
| | | | | | | |

(1) Tangible common equity ("TCE") is a non-GAAP measure. We believe TCE is a more meaningful measure of the net asset value of the Company to investors. For corresponding reconciliation of TCE to a GAAP financial measure, see Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures and Calculations of Regulatory Measures.

(2) Regulatory capital ratios at September 30, 2020 are preliminary and therefore subject to change.

(3) Capital ratios starting March 31, 2020 reflect election to delay for two years an estimate of CECL's effect on regulatory capital in accordance with the interim final rule issued by U.S. banking agencies in March 2020.

(4) Total risk-based capital ratio is the ratio of total risk-based capital divided by risk-weighted assets. (5) Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio is the ratio of Tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets.

(6) Tier 1 leverage ratio is the ratio of Tier 1 capital divided by total average assets, after certain adjustments. Tier 1 leverage ratios are based upon the use of daily averages for all periods presented.

PLATFORM RESULTS

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| | | | Quarter End | ed | | | Nine M | Ionths Ended | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Sep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | Mar 31, 2020 | Dec 31, 2019 | Sep 30, 2019 | | Sep 30, 2020 | Sep 30, 2019 | YTD'20 vs. YTD'19 |
| RETAIL CARD | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | | 2017 | 50 20 13. 50 15 | | | 110 20 VS. 110 19 |
| | 6 07 074 | 6 24 200 | ¢ 24.000 | ¢ 20.0(0 | ¢ 20.202 | ¢ (1.000) (6.5 | N 6 76 760 | 6 02 172 | ¢ (7.710) (0.0)0/ |
| Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | \$ 27,374 | \$ 24,380 | \$ 24,008 | \$ 30,968 | \$ 29,282 | \$ (1,908) (6.5 | | \$ 83,472 | \$ (7,710) (9.2)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ 49,595 | \$ 49,967 | \$ 52,390 | \$ 56,387 | \$ 52,697 | \$ (3,102) (5.9 | | \$ 52,697 | \$ (3,102) (5.9)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ 49,503 | \$ 50,238 | \$ 53,820 | \$ 54,505 | \$ 60,660 | \$ (11,157) (18.4 | | \$ 60,494 | \$ (9,313) (15.4)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 47,065 | 46,970 | 53,018 | 54,662 | 58,082 | (11,017) (19.0 | % 49,197 | 58,156 | (8,959) (15.4)% |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 2,619 | \$ 2,640 | \$ 3,037 | \$ 3,143 | \$ 3,570 | \$ (951) (26.6 | % \$ 8,296 | \$ 10,414 | \$ (2,118) (20.3)% |
| Other income | \$ 84 | \$ 56 | \$ 59 | \$ 77 | \$ 65 | \$ 19 29.2 | % \$ 199 | \$ 200 | \$ (1) (0.5)% |
| Retailer share arrangements | \$ (877) | \$ (752) | \$ (904) | \$ (988) | \$ (998) | \$ 121 (12.1 | % \$ (2,533) | \$ (2,774) | \$ 241 (8.7)% |
| PAYMENT SOLUTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | \$ 5,901 | \$ 4,823 | \$ 5,375 | \$ 6,402 | \$ 6,281 | \$ (380) (6.0 | % \$ 16,099 | \$ 17,478 | \$ (1,379) (7.9)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ 19,550 | \$ 19,119 | \$ 19,973 | \$ 20,528 | \$ 20,478 | \$ (928) (4.5 | % \$ 19,550 | \$ 20,478 | \$ (928) (4.5)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ 19,247 | \$ 19,065 | \$ 20,344 | \$ 20,701 | \$ 20,051 | \$ (804) (4.0 | % \$ 19,551 | \$ 19,654 | \$ (103) (0.5)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 11,497 | 11,900 | 12,681 | 12,713 | 12,384 | (887) (7.2 | % 12,031 | 12,354 | (323) (2.6)% |
| Interest and fees on loans | e (50 | ¢ (22 | e 707 | ¢ 727 | ¢ 701 | (T1) (0.0 | e 1000 | e 2.002 | ¢ (104) (7.0)% |
| Other income | \$ 650 \$ 13 | \$ 632 \$ 14 | \$ 706 \$ 13 | \$ 737 \$ 4 | \$ 721 \$ (1) | \$ (71) (9.8 \$ 14 NM | % \$ 1,988 \$ 40 | \$ 2,092 \$ 11 | \$ (104) (5.0)% \$ 29 NM |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Retailer share arrangements | \$ (20) | \$ (18) | \$ (18) | \$ (37) | \$ (15) | \$ (5) 33.3 | % \$ (56) | \$ (48) | \$ (8) 16.7 % |
| CARECREDIT | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume(1) | \$ 2,738 | \$ 1,952 | \$ 2,659 | \$ 2,842 | \$ 2,832 | \$ (94) (3.3 | % \$ 7,349 | \$ 8,249 | \$ (900) (10.9)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ 9,376 | \$ 9,227 | \$ 10,106 | \$ 10,300 | \$ 10,032 | \$ (656) (6.5 | \$ 9,376 | \$ 10,032 | \$ (656) (6.5)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ 9,255 | \$ 9,394 | \$ 10,264 | \$ 10,170 | \$ 9,845 | \$ (590) (6.0 | \$ 9,636 | \$ 9,604 | \$ 32 0.3 % |
| Average active accounts (in thousands)(3) | 5,708 | 5,966 | 6,379 | 6,359 | 6,229 | (521) (8.4 | % 6,018 | 6,143 | (125) (2.0)% |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 552 | \$ 536 | \$ 597 | \$ 612 | \$ 599 | \$ (47) (7.8 | % \$ 1,685 | \$ 1,707 | \$ (22) (1.3)% |
| Other income | \$ 34 | \$ 25 | \$ 25 | \$ 23 | \$ 21 | \$ 13 61.9 | % \$ 84 | \$ 56 | \$ 28 50.0 % |
| Retailer share arrangements | \$ (2) | \$ (3) | \$ (4) | \$ (4) | \$ (3) | \$ 1 (33.3 | % \$ (9) | \$ (7) | \$ (2) 28.6 % |
| TOTAL SYF | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | \$ 36,013 | \$ 31,155 | \$ 32,042 | \$ 40,212 | \$ 38,395 | \$ (2,382) (6.2 | % \$ 99,210 | \$ 109,199 | \$ (9,989) (9.1)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ 78,521 | \$ 78,313 | \$ 82,469 | \$ 87,215 | \$ 83,207 | \$ (4,686) (5.6 | % \$ 78,521 | \$ 83,207 | \$ (4,686) (5.6)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ 78,005 | \$ 78,697 | \$ 84,428 | \$ 85,376 | \$ 90,556 | \$ (12,551) (13.9) | \$ 80,368 | \$ 89,752 | \$ (9,384) (10.5)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 64,270 | 64,836 | 72,078 | 73,734 | 76,695 | (12,425) (16.2 | % 67,246 | 76,653 | (9,407) (12.3)% |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 3,821 | \$ 3,808 | \$ 4,340 | \$ 4,492 | \$ 4,890 | \$ (1,069) (21.9 | % \$ 11,969 | \$ 14,213 | \$ (2,244) (15.8)% |
| Other income | \$ 131 | \$ 95 | \$ 97 | \$ 104 | \$ 85 | \$ 46 54.1 | % \$ 323 | \$ 267 | \$ 56 21.0 % |
| Retailer share arrangements | \$ (899) | \$ (773) | \$ (926) | \$ (1,029) | \$ (1,016) | \$ 117 (11.5 | % \$ (2,598) | \$ (2,829) | \$ 231 (8.2)% |

(1) Purchase volume, or net credit sales, represents the aggregate amount of charges incurred on credit cards or other credit product accounts less returns during the period.

(2) Includes activity and balances associated with loan receivables held for sale.

(3) Active accounts represent credit card or installment loan accounts on which there has been a purchase, payment or outstanding balance in the current month.

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES AND CALCULATIONS OF REGULATORY MEASURES⁽¹⁾

(unaudited, \$ in millions, except per share statistics)

| | | 30 | 1 20 | - | rter Ended | D 21 | 0 20 |
|---|----|-----------------|---------------------|----|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Sep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | 1 | Mar 31, 2020 | Dec 31, 2019 | Sep 30, 2019 |
| COMMON EQUITY AND REGULATORY CAPITAL MEASURES ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | |
| GAAP Total equity | \$ | 12,099 | \$ 11,899 | \$ | 11,970 | \$ 15,088 | \$ 15,12 |
| Less: Preferred stock | | (734) | (734) | | (734) | (734) | - |
| Less: Goodwill | | (1,078) | (1,078) | | (1,078) | (1,078) | (1,07 |
| Less: Intangible assets, net | | (1,091) | (1,166) | | (1,208) | (1,265) | (1,17 |
| Tangible common equity | \$ | 9,196 | \$ 8,921 | \$ | 8,950 | \$ 12,011 | \$ 12,86 |
| Add: CECL transition amount | | 2,656 | 2,570 | | 2,417 | _ | - |
| Adjustments for certain deferred tax liabilities and certain items in accumulated comprehensive income (loss) | | 305 | 302 | | 304 | 319 | 29 |
| Common equity Tier 1 | \$ | 12,157 | \$ 11,793 | \$ | 11,671 | \$ 12,330 | \$ 13,15 |
| Preferred stock | | 734 | 734 | | 734 | 734 | _ |
| Tier 1 capital | \$ | 12,891 | \$ 12,527 | \$ | 12,405 | \$ 13,064 | \$ 13,15 |
| Add: Allowance for credit losses includible in risk-based capital | | 1,034 | 1,031 | | 1,082 | 1,147 | 1,19 |
| Total Risk-based capital | \$ | 13,925 | \$ 13,558 | \$ | 13,487 | \$ 14,211 | \$ 14,34 |
| ASSET MEASURES ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | |
| Total average assets | \$ | 96,340 | \$ 97,958 | \$ | 100,722 | \$ 106,078 | \$ 106,41 |
| Adjustments for: | | | | | | | |
| Add: CECL transition amount | | 2,656 | 2,570 | | 2,417 | _ | - |
| Disallowed goodwill and other disallowed intangible assets (net of related deferred tax liabilities) and other | | (1,906) | (1,980) | | (2,010) | (2,059) | (1,97 |
| Total assets for leverage purposes | \$ | 97,090 | \$ 98,548 | \$ | 101,129 | \$ 104,019 | \$ 104,43 |
| Risk-weighted assets | \$ | 76,990 | \$ 77,048 | \$ | 81,639 | \$ 87,302 | \$ 90,772 |
| CECL FULLY PHASED-IN CAPITAL MEASURES | | | | | | | |
| Tier I capital | \$ | 12,891 | \$ 12,527 | \$ | 12,405 | \$ 13,064 | \$ 13,15 |
| Less: CECL transition adjustment | | (2,656) | (2,570) | | (2,417) | _ | _ |
| Tier 1 capital (CECL fully phased-in) | \$ | 10,235 | \$ 9,957 | \$ | 9,988 | \$ 13,064 | \$ 13,15 |
| Add: Allowance for credit losses | | 10,146 | 9,802 | | 9,175 | 5,602 | 5,60 |
| Tier 1 capital (CECL fully phased-in) + Reserves for credit losses | \$ | 20,381 | \$ 19,759 | \$ | 19,163 | \$ 18,666 | \$ 18,76 |
| Risk-weighted assets | s | 76,990 | \$ 77,048 | \$ | 81,639 | \$ 87,302 | \$ 90,77 |
| Less: CECL transition adjustment | | (2,447) | (2,361) | | (2,204) | _ | - |
| Risk-weighted assets (CECL fully phased-in) | \$ | 74,543 | \$ 74,687 | \$ | 79,435 | \$ 87,302 | \$ 90,77 |
| TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY PER SHARE | | | | | | | |
| GAAP book value per share | s | 19.47 | \$ 19.13 | \$ | 19.27 | \$ 23.31 | \$ 23.1 |
| Less: Goodwill | | (1.85) | (1.85) | | (1.85) | (1.75) | (1.6 |
| | | () | () | | () | (| |
| Less: Intangible assets, net | | (1.87) | (2.00) | | (2.07) | (2.06) | (1.8 |

(1) Regulatory measures at September 30, 2020 are presented on an estimated basis.
 (2) Capital ratios starting March 31, 2020 reflect election to delay for two years an estimate of CECL's effect on regulatory capital in accordance with the interim final rule issued by U.S. banking agencies in March 2020

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES (Continued)

(unaudited, \$ in millions, except per share statistics)

| | Quarter Ended | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| | | Sep 30, 2020 | | Jun 30, 2020 | | Mar 31, 2020 | Dec 31, 2019 | | Sep 30, 2019 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES (1) | | | | | | | | | |
| Allowance for credit losses | \$ | 10,146 | \$ | 9,802 | \$ | 9,175 | N/A | | N/A |
| Less: Impact from CECL ⁽²⁾ | | (3,671) | | (3,605) | | (3,122) | _ | | |
| Allowance for loan losses ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 6,475 | \$ | 6,197 | \$ | 6,053 | \$ 5,602 | \$ | 5,607 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES AS A % OF PERIOD-END LOAN RECEIVABLES | | | | | | | | | |
| Allowance for credit losses as a % of period-end loan receivables | | 12.92 % | | 12.52 % | | 11.13 % | N/A | | N/A |
| Less: Impact from CECL ⁽²⁾ | | (4.67)% | | (4.61)% | | (3.79)% | % | | % |
| Allowance for loan losses as a % of period-end loan receivables | | 8.25 % | _ | 7.91 % | _ | 7.34 % | 6.42% | | 6.74% |
| CORE PURCHASE VOLUME | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase Volume | \$ | 36,013 | \$ | 31,155 | \$ | 32,042 | \$ 40,212 | \$ | 38,395 |
| Less: Walmart and Yamaha Purchase volume | | _ | | _ | | _ | (267) | | (2,381) |
| Core Purchase volume | \$ | 36,013 | \$ | 31,155 | \$ | 32,042 | \$ 39,945 | \$ | 36,014 |
| CORE LOAN RECEIVABLES | | | | | | | | | |
| Loan receivables | \$ | 78,521 | \$ | 78,313 | \$ | 82,469 | \$ 87,215 | \$ | 83,207 |
| Less: Walmart and Yamaha Loan receivables | | | | | | | (3) | | (872) |
| Core Loan receivables | \$ | 78,521 | \$ | 78,313 | \$ | 82,469 | \$ 87,212 | \$ | 82,335 |
| Retail Card Loan receivables | \$ | 49,595 | \$ | 49,967 | \$ | 52,390 | \$ 56,387 | \$ | 52,697 |
| Less: Walmart Loan receivables | | _ | | _ | | _ | _ | | (112) |
| Core Loan receivables | \$ | 49,595 | \$ | 49,967 | \$ | 52,390 | \$ 56,387 | \$ | 52,585 |
| Payment Solutions Loan receivables | \$ | 19,550 | \$ | 19,119 | \$ | 19,973 | \$ 20,528 | \$ | 20,478 |
| Less: Yamaha Loan receivables | | _ | | | | | (3) | | (760) |
| Core Loan receivables | \$ | 19,550 | \$ | 19,119 | \$ | 19,973 | \$ 20,525 | \$ | 19,718 |
| CORE AVERAGE ACTIVE ACCOUNTS (in thousands) | | | | | | | | | |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) | | 64,270 | | 64,836 | | 72,078 | 73,734 | | 76,695 |
| Less: Walmart and Yamaha average Active accounts (in thousands) | | _ | | | | | (1,777) | | (7,001) |
| Core Average active accounts (in thousands) | | 64,270 | | 64,836 | | 72,078 | 71,957 | | 69,694 |
| CORE INTEREST AND FEES ON LOANS | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ | 3,821 | \$ | 3,808 | \$ | 4,340 | \$ 4,492 | \$ | 4,890 |
| Less: Walmart and Yamaha Interest and fees on loans | | _ | | _ | | _ | (69) | | (531) |
| Core Interest and fees on loans | \$ | 3,821 | \$ | 3,808 | \$ | 4,340 | \$ 4,423 | \$ | 4,359 |

(1) Beginning in 1Q'20, allowance for Ioan losses is calculated based upon accounting standards no longer effective, and as such is a Non-GAAP measure. (2) Impact from CECL reflects the additional allowance for credit losses recorded in accordance with ASC 2016-13, as compared to the allowance for credit losses required had the prior accounting guidance been applied.

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Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The following slides are part of a presentation by Synchrony Financial in connection with reporting quarterly financial results. No representation is made that the information in these slides is complete. For additional information, see the earnings release and financial supplement included as exhibits to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed today and available on our website (www.synchronyfinancial.com) and the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). All references to net earnings and net income are intended to have the same meaning.

This presentation contains certain forward-looking statements as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are subject to the "safe harbor" created by those sections. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as "expects," "intends, "anticipates," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "targets," "outlook," "estimates," "will," "should," "may" or words of similar meaning, but these words are not the exclusive means of identifying forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions, and are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. As a result, actual results could differ materially from those indicated in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include global political, economic, business, competitive, market, regulatory and other factors and risks, such as: the impact of macroeconomic conditions and whether industry trends we have identified develop as anticipated, including the future impacts of the novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") outbreak and measures taken in response thereto for which future developments are highly uncertain and difficult to predict; retaining existing partners and attracting new partners, concentration of our revenue in a small number of Retail Card partners, and promotion and support of our products by our partners; cyber-attacks or other security breaches; disruptions in the operations of our computer systems and data centers; the financial performance of our partners; the sufficiency of our allowance for credit losses and the accuracy of the assumptions or estimates used in preparing our financial statements, including those related to the new CECL accounting guidance; higher borrowing costs and adverse financial market conditions impacting our funding and liquidity, and any reduction in our credit ratings; our ability to grow our deposits in the future; damage to our reputation; our ability to securitize our loan receivables, occurrence of an early amortization of our securitization facilities, loss of the right to service or subservice our securitized loan receivables, and lower payment rates on our securitized loan receivables; changes in market interest rates and the impact of any margin compression; effectiveness of our risk management processes and procedures, reliance on models which may be inaccurate or misinterpreted, our ability to manage our credit risk; our ability to offset increases in our costs in retailer share arrangements; competition in the consumer finance industry; our concentration in the U.S. consumer credit market; our ability to successfully develop and commercialize new or enhanced products and services; our ability to realize the value of acquisitions and strategic investments; reductions in interchange fees; fraudulent activity; failure of third parties to provide various services that are important to our operations: international risks and compliance and reaulatory risks and costs associated with international operations; alleaed infringement of intellectual property rights of others and our ability to protect our intellectual property; litigation and regulatory actions; our ability to attract, retain and motivate key officers and employees; tax legislation initiatives or challenges to our tax positions and/or interpretations, and state sales tax rules and regulations; a material indemnification obligation to GE under the Tax Sharing and Separation Agreement with GE if we cause the split-off from GE or certain preliminary transactions to fail to qualify for tax-free treatment or in the case of certain significant transfers of our stock following the split-off; regulation, supervision, examination and enforcement of our business by governmental authorities, the impact of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and other legislative and regulatory developments and the impact of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's regulation of our business; impact of capital adequacy rules and liquidity requirements; restrictions that limit our ability to pay dividends and repurchase our common stock, and restrictions that limit the Synchrony Bank's ability to pay dividends to us; regulations relating to privacy, information security and data protection; use of third-party vendors and ongoing third-party business relationships; and failure to comply with anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing laws.

For the reasons described above, we caution you against relying on any forward-looking statements, which should also be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included elsewhere in this presentation and in our public filings, including under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, as filed on February 13, 2020, and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2020, as filed on July 23, 2020. You should not consider any list of such factors to be an exhaustive statement of all the risks, uncertainties, or potentially inaccurate assumptions that could cause our current expectations or beliefs to change. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as otherwise may be required by law.



3Q'20 Highlights

Financial Highlights

- \$313 million Net earnings, \$0.52 diluted EPS
 - Other expense for the quarter included the impact from a restructuring charge of \$89 million, or \$67 million after-tax, which equates to an EPS reduction of \$0.11
 - Increase in provision for credit losses for the quarter included impact from CECL implementation of \$66 million, or \$50 million after-tax, which equates to an EPS reduction of \$0.09
- Core Growth metrics^(a) down in 3Q'20 primarily due to COVID-19:
 - Loan receivables down 6%; down 5% on a Core basis
 - Interest and fees on loans down 22%; down 12% on a Core basis
 - Purchase volume down 6%; flat on a Core basis
 - Average active accounts down 16%; down 8% on a Core basis
- · Net charge-offs 4.42% compared to 5.35% in the prior year
- Provision for credit losses up 19% primarily driven by reserve increase for projected impact of COVID-19 related losses and prior year reserve reduction related to Walmart, partially offset by lower net charge offs
- · Efficiency ratio 39.7% compared to 30.8% in the prior year
- Deposits down \$2.5 billion compared to prior year
- · Strong capital and liquidity
 - 15.8% CET1 & \$21.4 billion liquid assets
 - Maintained \$0.22 dividend, which equates to \$129 million of capital returned to shareholders



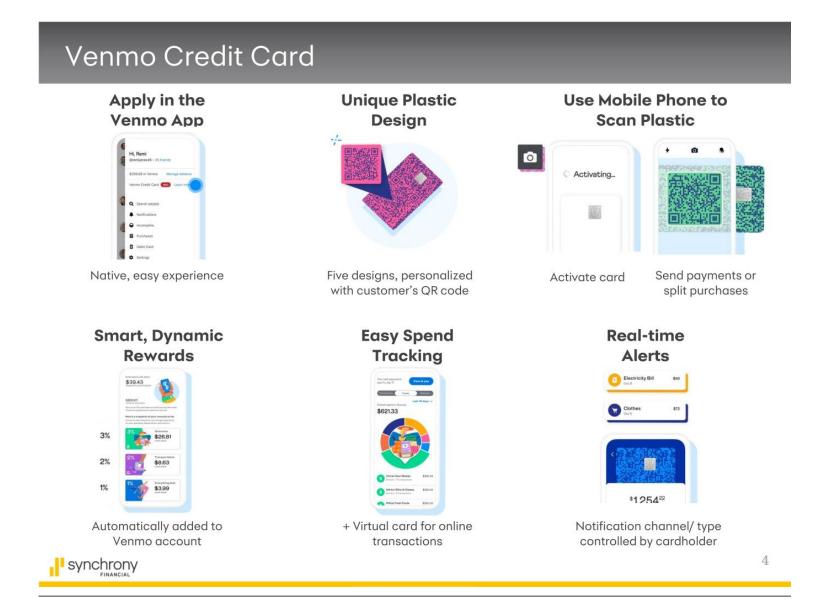
Renewed and extended CareCredit relationships



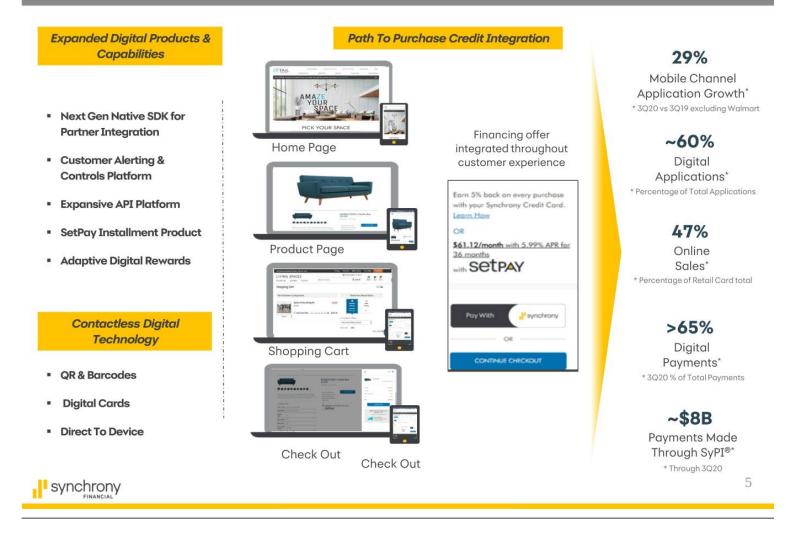
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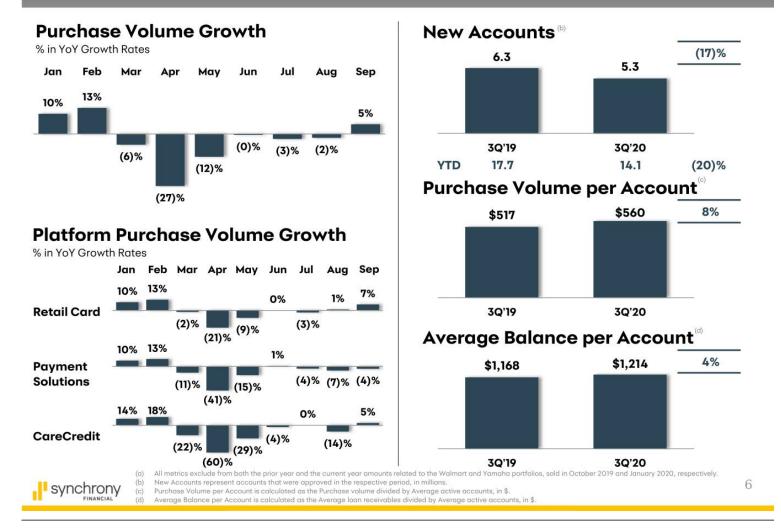
Synchrony (a) Growth Metrics shown above on a Core basis are non-GAAP measures and excludes from both the prior year and the current year amounts related to the Walmart and Yamaha portfolios, sold in October 2019 and January 2020, respectively. See non-GAAP reconciliation in the appendix.



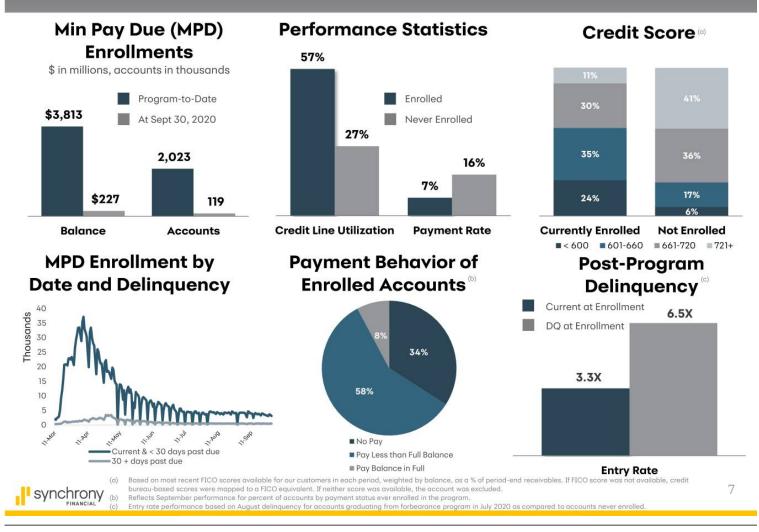
Accelerating Digital and Product Innovation



COVID-19 Impact on Core Metrics®



COVID Forbearance Impact – Program-to-Date through Sept 30th



Financial Results

Summary earnings statement

| \$ in millions, except per share statistics | | | B/(W) | |
|--|--------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| | <u>3Q'20</u> | 3Q'19 | \$ | _% |
| Total interest income | \$3,837 | \$4,981 | \$(1,144) | (23)% |
| Total interest expense | 380 | 592 | 212 | 36% |
| Net interest income (NII) | 3,457 | 4,389 | (932) | (21)% |
| Retailer share arrangements (RSA) | (899) | (1,016) | 117 | 12% |
| Provision for credit losses | 1,210 | 1,019 | (191) | (19)% |
| Other income | 131 | 85 | 46 | 54% |
| Other expense | 1,067 | 1,064 | (3) | (0)% |
| Pre-Tax earnings | 412 | 1,375 | (963) | (70)% |
| Provision for income taxes | 99 | 319 | 220 | 69% |
| Net earnings | 313 | 1,056 | (743) | (70)% |
| Preferred dividends | 10 | 0 | (10) | NM |
| Net earnings available to common stockholders | \$303 | \$1,056 | \$(753) | (71)% |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$0.52 | \$1.60 | \$(1.08) | |
| | | | | |

3Q'20 Highlights

| • | \$313 million Net earnings, \$0.52 diluted EPS | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Net interest income down 21% driven by the impact of COVID-19 and the Walmart sale | | | | | | | |
| | Interest and fees on loans down 22% driven by the impact of COVID-19 and the Walmart sale | | | | | | | |
| | - | Interest expense decrease driven primarily by lower benchmark rates | | | | | | |
| | Retailer share arrangements down 12% | | | | | | | |
| • | Ret | ailer share arrangements down 12% | | | | | | |
| • | | ailer share arrangements down 12% vision for credit losses up 19% | | | | | | |
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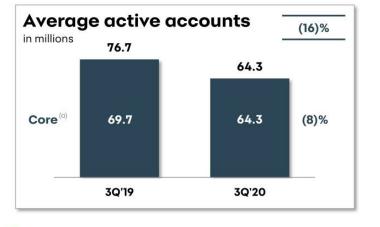
• Other expense flat

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Growth Metrics











Platform Results®



- Receivable reduction primarily due to COVID-19 partially offset by growth in digital partners
- Interest and fees on loans down 27% driven primarily by the Walmart sale and the decline in loan receivables

Payment Solutions

Loan receivables, \$ in billions



- Core receivable reduction primarily due to COVID-19 partially offset by growth in Power
- Interest and fees on loans down 10% driven primarily by lower late fees

CareCredit

Loan receivables, \$ in billions



- Receivable reduction primarily
 due to COVID-19
- Interest and fees on loans down 8% driven primarily by lower merchant discount as a result of the decline in purchase volume

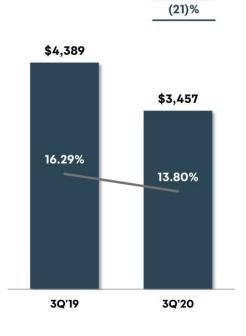


Accounts represent average active accounts in millions, which are credit card or installment loan accounts on which there has been a purchase, payment or outstanding balance in 10 the current month. Purchase volume \$ in billions and Interest and fees on loans \$ in millions.
 Loan receivables shown above on a Core basis is a non-GAAP measure. See non-GAAP reconciliation in the appendix.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income

\$ in millions, % of average interest-earning assets



3Q'20 Highlights

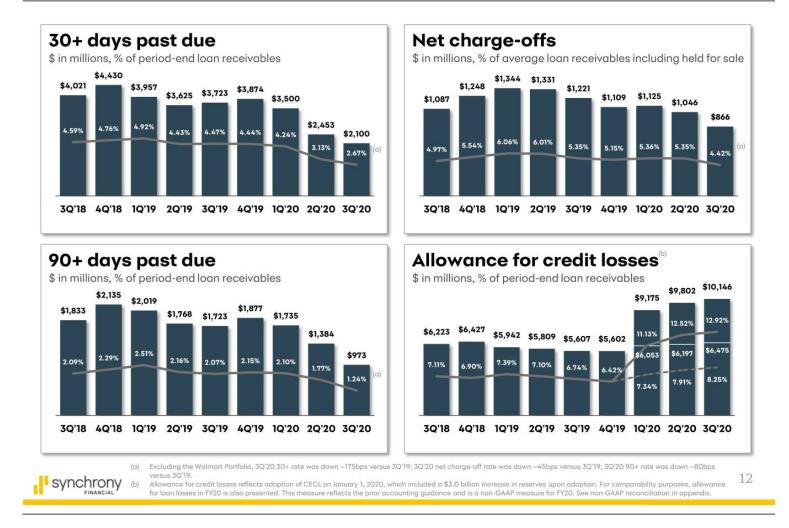
- Net interest income decreased 21% compared to prior year driven by the impact of COVID-19 and the Walmart sale
 - Interest and fees on loans decreased 22% compared to prior year primarily driven by the impact of COVID-19 and the Walmart sale

• Net interest margin (NIM) down 249bps.

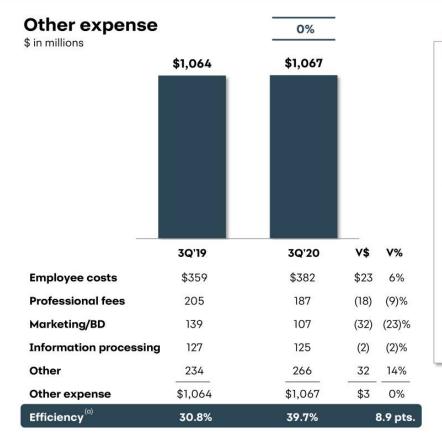
- Mix of Interest-earnings assets: (1.24)%
 - Loan receivables mix as a percent of total Earning Assets decreased from 84.7% to 78.3%
- Loan receivables yield: (1.64)%
 - Loan receivables yield of 19.49%, down 193bps. versus prior year including approximately 75bps. of impact from Prime rate movement
- Liquidity portfolio yield: (0.29)%
- Interest-bearing liabilities cost: 0.68%
 - Total cost decreased 81bps. to 1.90% due primarily to lower benchmark rates and lower deposit pricing

| NIM Walk | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--|--|
| 3Q'19 NIM | 16.29% | | |
| Mix of Interest-earning assets | (1.24)% | | |
| Loan receivables yield | (1.64)% | | |
| Liquidity portfolio yield | (0.29)% | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities cost | 0.68% | | |
| 3Q'20 NIM | 13.80% | | |
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Asset Quality Metrics



Other Expense



3Q'20 Highlights

Other expense flat

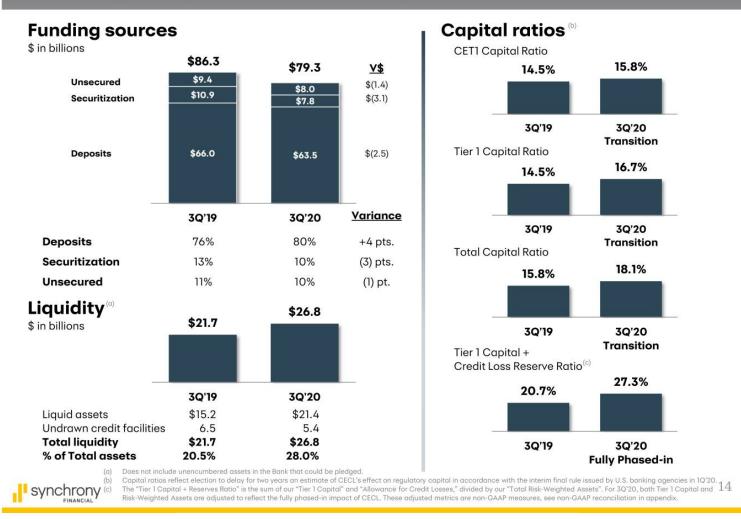
 The restructuring charge and expenses related to the COVID-19 response were offset by cost reductions from Walmart, lower purchase volume and accounts, and reductions in certain discretionary spend

• Efficiency ratio 39.7% vs. 30.8% prior year

- Other expense was negatively impacted by the restructuring charge and expenditures related to our response to COVID-19
- Excluding these impacts, efficiency ratio would have been 3.7pts lower in 3Q'20, or 36.0% for the quarter
- Increase in ratio driven by decrease in revenue, which is a result of both lower receivables and lower interest and fee yield

synchrony (a) "Other expense" divided by sum of "NII" plus "Other income" less "Retailer share arrangements (RSA)".

Funding, Capital and Liquidity



3Q'20 Wrap Up

- Net earnings of \$313 million ... \$0.52 diluted earnings per share
 - Other expense for the quarter included the impact from a restructuring charge of \$89 million, or \$67 million after-tax, which equates to an EPS reduction of \$0.11
 - Increase in provision for credit losses for the quarter included impact from CECL implementation of \$66 million, or \$50 million after-tax, which equates to an EPS reduction of \$0.09
- Core Growth metrics^(a) down due to impact of COVID-19 ... Purchase volume flat, Loan receivables (5)%, Average Active Accounts (8)%, Interest and fees on loans (12)%
- Renewed and extended a key relationship with Sam's Club
- Launched a new program with Venmo
- Added and extended partnerships with Four Wheel Parts, Kane's Furniture, Levin Furniture, SVP Sewing Brands and System Pavers
- Launched new partnerships with health systems: Lehigh, St Luke's and Cox Health
- Renewed and extended CareCredit relationships with Blue River Petcare and NVA
- Strong deposit platform ... deposits at \$63.5 billion now contributing 80% of funding
- Maintained \$0.22 dividend, which equates to \$129 million of capital returned to shareholders
- Strong balance sheet, 15.8% CET1 and \$21.4 billion of liquid assets

(a) Growth Metrics shown above on a Core basis are non-GAAP measures and excludes from both the prior year and the current year amounts related to the Walmart and Yamaha portfolios, sold in October 2019 and January 2020, respectively. See non-GAAP reconciliation in the appendix.



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Appendix



Non-GAAP Reconciliation

The following table sets forth the components of our Growth Metrics and impact from CECL for the periods indicated below.

| | At Sept 30, | | | | | | |
|---|--|--------------|-------------|--------|------------|----------|--|
| | Total | | Retail Card | | Payment Sc | olutions | |
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Loan receivables | \$83.2 | \$78.5 | \$52.7 | \$49.6 | \$20.5 | \$19.6 | |
| ess: Walmart and Yamaha Loan receivables | (0.9) | 1 <u>2</u> 4 | (0.1) | 121 | (0.8) | - 22 | |
| Core Loan receivables | \$82.3 | \$78.5 | \$52.6 | \$49.6 | \$19.7 | \$19.6 | |
| Allowance for credit losses | N/A | \$10,146 | | | | | |
| Less: 3Q'20 impact from CECL | 170 | (3,671) | | | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | \$5,607 | \$6,475 | | | | | |
| Nowance for credit losses as a % of period-end loan receivables | N/A | 12.92% | | | | | |
| Less: 3Q'20 impact from CECL | | (4.67)% | | | | | |
| Nowance for loan losses as a % of period-end loan receivables | 6.74% | 8.25% | | | | | |
| For | For the quarter ended Sept 30, Total | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

| | 2019 | 2020 | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--|
| Purchase volume Less: Walmart and Yamaha Purchase volume | \$38.4 (2.4) | \$36.0 | |
| Core Purchase volume | \$36.0 | \$36.0 | |
| Average active accounts | 76.7 | 64.3 | |
| Less: Walmart and Yamaha Average active accounts | (7.0) | 5. 7 | |
| Core Average active accounts | 69.7 | 64.3 | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$4,890 | \$3.821 | |
| Less: Walmart and Yamaha Interest and fees on loans | (531) | - | |
| Core Interest and fees on loans | \$4,359 | \$3,821 | |

Synchrony (a) Accounts represent average active accounts in millions, which are credit card or installment loan accounts on which there has been a purchase, payment or outstanding balance in the current month. Loan receivables and Purchase volume \$ in billions. Interest and fees on loans, Allowance for credit losses, and Allowance for loan losses \$ in millions.

Non-GAAP Reconciliation (continued)

The following table sets forth the components of our Tier 1 Capital + Reserves ratio for the periods indicated below.

| | At Sept 30, | | |
|--|-------------|----------|--|
| | Total | | |
| | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Tier 1 capital | \$13,155 | \$12,891 | |
| Less: CECL transition adjustment. | 2 | (2,656) | |
| Tier 1 capital (CECL fully phased-in) | \$13,155 | \$10,235 | |
| Add: Allowance for credit losses | 5,607 | 10,146 | |
| Tier 1 capital (CECL fully phased-in) plus Reserves for credit losses. | \$18,762 | \$20,381 | |
| Risk-weighted assets | \$90,772 | \$76,990 | |
| Less: CECL transition adjustment | | (2,447) | |
| Risk-weighted assets (CECL fully phased-in) | \$90,772 | \$74,543 | |

synchrony FINANCIAL (a) Estimated at September 30, 2020, \$ in millions.

Explanation of Non-GAAP Measures

The information provided in this Form 8-K and exhibits includes measures which are not prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

We present certain financial measures that have been adjusted to exclude amounts related to the Walmart and Yamaha portfolios from the prior year periods presented, which we refer to as "Core" financial measures, in this Form 8-K and exhibits. These Core financial measures are not measures presented in accordance with GAAP. Given the sale of the Walmart and Yamaha portfolios which were completed in October 2019 and January 2020, respectively, we believe the presentation of certain Core financial measures is a more meaningful measure to investors of the Company's ongoing credit programs.

On January 1, 2020, the Company adopted ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses: Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments ("CECL"). For the initial year of adoption of the new accounting standard, we present what both our allowance for credit losses and allowance for credit losses as a percentage of our period-end loan receivables ("allowance coverage ratio") would have been if the prior accounting guidance was still in effect. These measures are non-GAAP measures. We believe the presentation of these measures is meaningful to investors in providing comparability with the corresponding GAAP measures we report in prior year periods when the prior accounting guidance was effective.

In addition, we also present certain capital measures in this Form 8-K and exhibits. Our "fully-phased Tier 1 Capital and Credit Loss Reserve Ratio" is not required by regulators to be disclosed, and therefore is considered a non-GAAP measure. We believe this ratio is a useful measure to investors as it provides a meaningful measure of what the Company's total loss absorption capacity would be if the transitional rules currently in effect, which permit the temporary deferral of the regulatory capital effects of CECL, were no longer available for us to apply.

We also present a measure we refer to as "tangible common equity" in this Form 8-K and exhibits. Tangible common equity itself is not a measure presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe tangible common equity is a more meaningful measure to investors of the net asset value of the Company.

The reconciliations of the above non-GAAP measures to the applicable comparable GAAP financial measure are included in the detailed financial tables included in Exhibit 99.2.