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Company Overview

Bank of Hope's Roots

39 Years of Service in Los Angeles



Company Profile Today

- Only super regional Korean-American bank in the nation
 - 3rd largest Asian-American bank in the U.S.¹
 - 6th largest bank headquartered in Los Angeles¹
 - 88th largest financial institution in the U.S.²
 - 12th largest SBA lender in the country by volume³
 - Only Korean-American bank with presence in Korea
 - Only Korean-American bank (formerly known as BBCN Bank) ever to be listed on Forbes' list of "Best Banks in America"

- ☐ Leading national presence with full-service branch operations in 9 states
 - (strategically located in high density Asian-American communities)
 Presence in 2 additional states with specialized Loan Production Offices
- ☐ Seasoned and experienced management and board

Hope Bancorp, Inc. (Holding Company of Bank of Hope as of 6/30/2019)						
Total Assets	\$15.3 billion					
Loans Receivable	\$12.0 billion					
Total Deposits	\$12.2 billion					



Bankers. Experts. Neighbors.

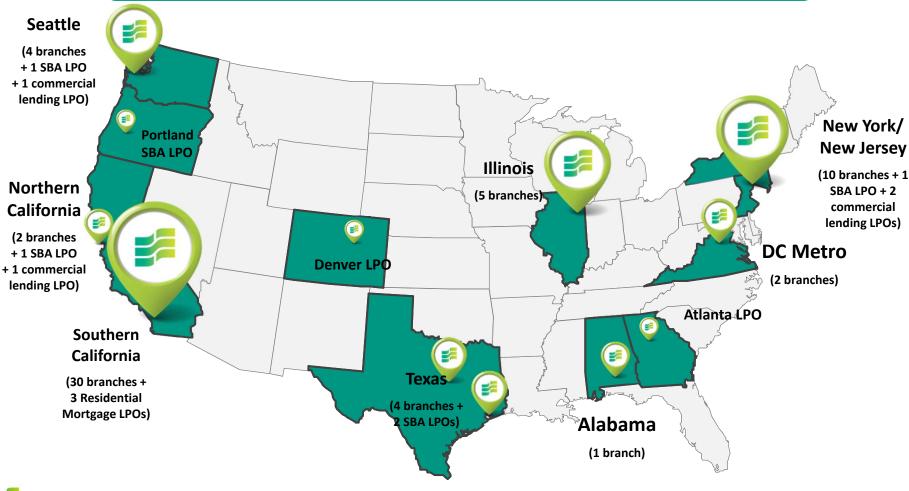
"We are committed to improving the value of our services as *BANKERS*, providing comprehensive financial solutions as *EXPERTS*, and being good *NEIGHBORS* that foster growth for our customers and communities."

- 1 Source: S&P Global (formerly SNL)
- 2 Source: Federal Reserve Statistical Release as of June 30, 2018; Insured U.S.-chartered commercial banks ranked by consolidated assets
- Source: SBA national lender rankings as of September 30, 2018



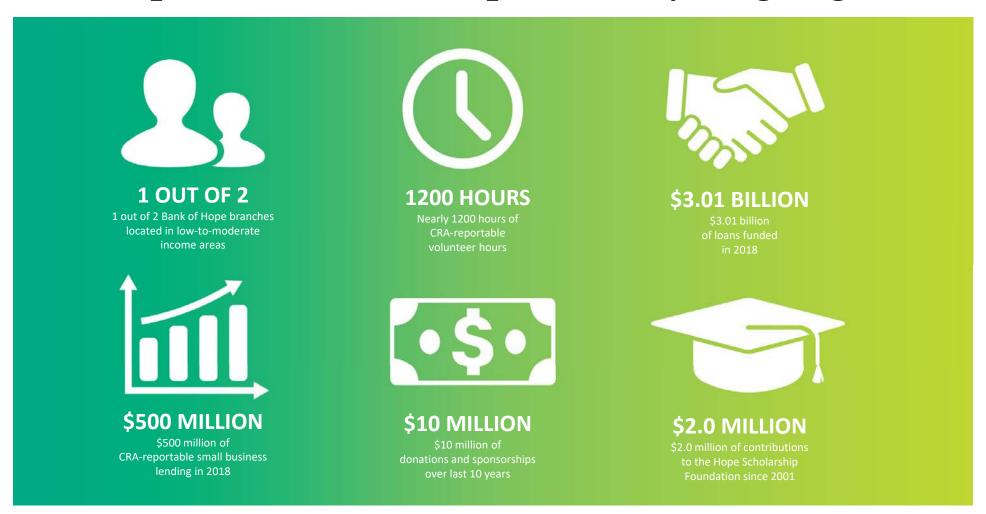
National Geographic Presence

Nationwide footprint with meaningful presence, providing full banking services to the largest Asian-American communities in the U.S.





Corporate Social Responsibility Highlights



In addition to financing economic growth, we believe our responsibilities include helping the communities in which we live and work to grow and flourish through volunteerism and philanthropy.



Executive Leadership



David Song *EVP, Credit Administration* Peter Koh EVP, Chief Credit Officer

Richard Marshall EVP, Credit Administration EVP, Chief Risk Officer

EVP, General Counsel

Karen Craigmile EVP, Chief Internal Audit Executive Daniel H. Kim
EVP, Chief Strategy
& Administrative
Officer

Young K. Lee EVP, Chief Human Resource Officer **David P. Malone** *President & Chief Operating Officer*

Alex Ko EVP, Chief Financial Officer

Hung Van EVP, Chief Information Officer EVP, Midwest Regional President

Janette Mah EVP, Chief Mortgage Banking Officer **Kyu S. Kim** Senior EVP, Eastern Regional President

Jason Kim EVP, Western Regional President

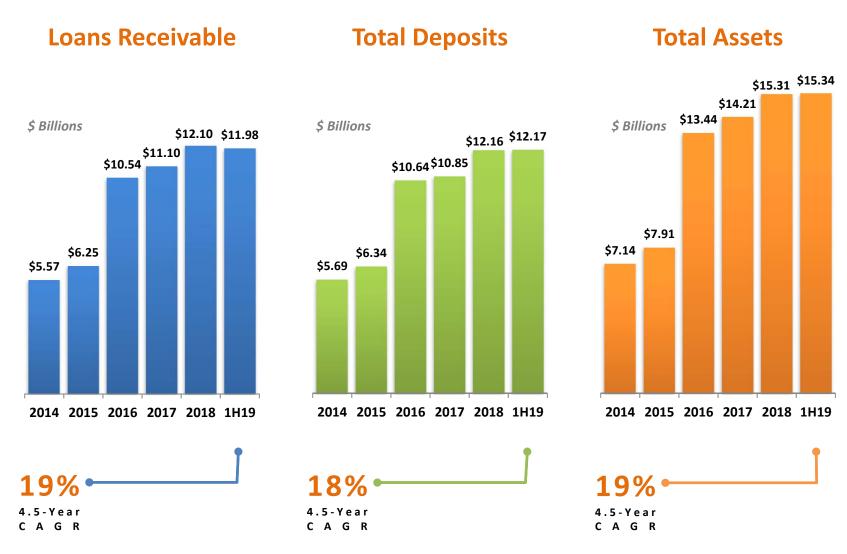
Kenneth Logan EVP & Head of Residential Finance **Kevin S. Kim** *Chairman & Chief Executive Officer*





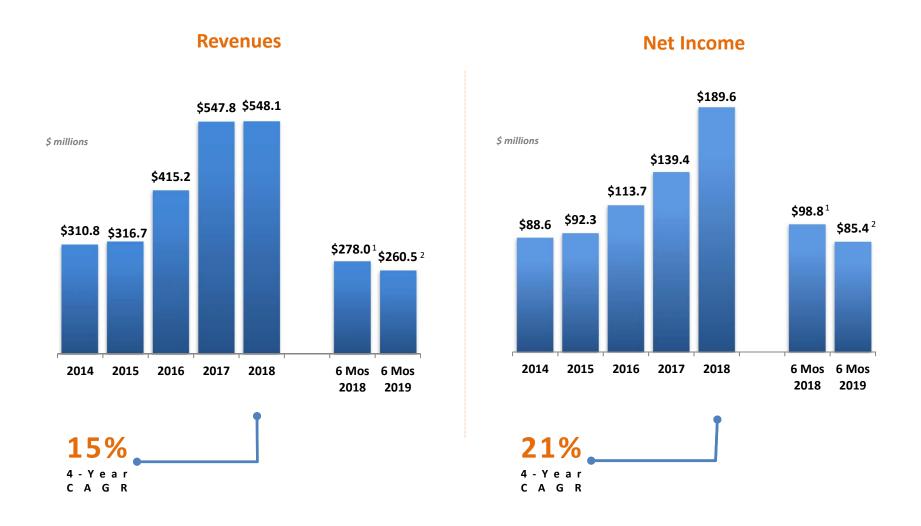
Financial Highlights & Earnings Performance

Balance Sheet Growth





Solid Earnings Performance





⁶ Mos 2019 Revenues and Net Income includes \$0 of gain on sales of SBA loans.



Q2 2019 Financial Highlights

Earnings & Profitability

- ✓ Net income of \$42.7 million, or \$0.34 per diluted common share
- Net interest margin declined 8bps Q-o-Q to 3.31%; compression of core net interest margin excluding purchase accounting adjustments moderated to a 6bps decrease from a 7bps decrease in 1019
- ✓ Noninterest expense fairly consistent with prior quarters, notwithstanding ongoing long-term investments in the organization

Net Income \$42.7MM

Loan Production

- ✓ New loan originations funded of \$504 million exemplify Company's targeted mix of higher-yielding loans
- ✓ CRE loans accounted for 50% of new loan production; C&I 35%; and residential mortgage 15%
- ✓ Average rate on new loans was 5.46%, representing a 6bps decrease from 1Q19 as a result of the lower rate environment

EPS \$0.34

Deposits

- ✓ Total deposits declined 1% Q-o-Q but demonstrated a favorable mix shift to lower-cost deposits
- ✓ Increases in noninterest bearing demand deposits, savings and MMAs, offset by decreases in higher-cost time deposits
- ✓ Increase in cost of deposits moderated significantly, up 5bps in 2Q19 versus 17bps in 1Q19, reflecting progress with deposit initiatives
- ✓ Positively trending repricing gap on time deposit renewals, 18bps in 2Q19 versus 50bps in 1Q19
- ✓ Net loans-to-deposits stable at 97.7% as of 6/30/2019

Gross Loans \$12.0B

Asset Quality

- ✓ Across-the-board improvement in all asset quality categories highlighted by a 25% decrease in nonaccrual loans and a 9% reduction in total criticized loans
- ✓ Improvements driven by active resolution of problem credits identified in 1Q19 and fiercer competitive environment enabling the payoff of some lower-rated credits
- Credit losses remain minimal with net charge offs of \$1.4 million, or 5bps of average loans annualized

Deposits \$12.2B

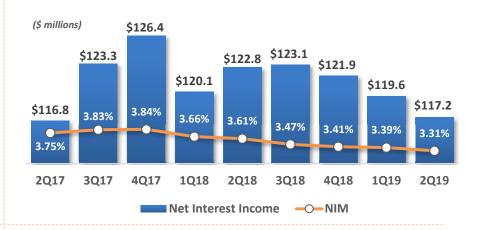


Net Interest Income and Margin

Key Net Interest Income Drivers



Net Interest Income & NIM





- 2Q19 NII decreased slightly Q-o-Q reflecting slight decrease in average loans coupled with lower NIM
- ☐ Net interest margin declined 8bps to 3.31%
 - Compression of core net interest margin excluding purchase accounting adjustments moderated to a 6bps decrease from a 7bps decrease in 1Q19
- ☐ The increase in cost of deposits continued to moderate, up 5 bps in 2Q19, versus 17bps in 1Q19
- Repricing gap on time deposit renewals continued to improve at 18bps in 2Q19, compared with 50bps in 1Q19



Noninterest Income

Noninterest Income



Noninterest income increased to \$12.3 million in 2Q19 from \$11.4 million in 1Q19, largely reflecting higher net gains on loan sales

Quarter-over-Quarter Gain-on Sale Variance

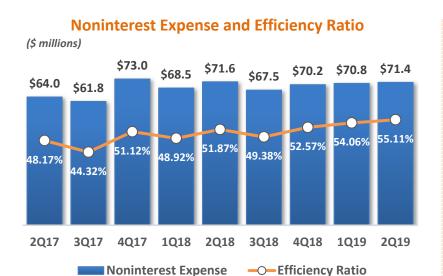
- Sold \$76 million of residential mortgage loans to secondary market
- Net gain-on-sale of mortgage loans of \$1.1 million in 2Q19 versus \$741,000 in 1Q19
- Repositioned investment securities, which resulted in gain of \$129,000 in 2Q19, versus \$0 in 1Q19

Strategy Shift to SBA Loan Retention

- Mid-4Q18: Company discontinued selling SBA loans to the secondary market for an immediate gain on sale
- Retention of higher-yielding SBA loans benefits net interest income longer term
- ☐ Impact of retaining SBA loans (assuming \$50 million retained each quarter)
 - Near term net gain on sale sacrificed for approximately 7 quarters at which point interest income will offset any loss of gain on sales
 - Estimated \$850,000 additional interest income each quarter from retained SBA loans
 - Estimated 1.2 bps positive impact to NIM each quarter

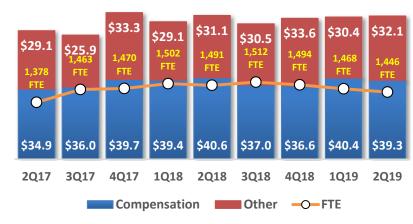


Noninterest Expense and Efficiency

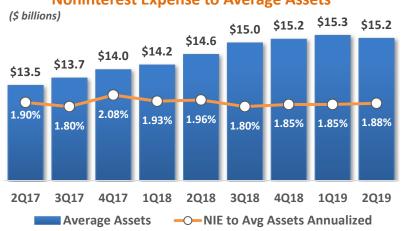








Noninterest Expense to Average Assets



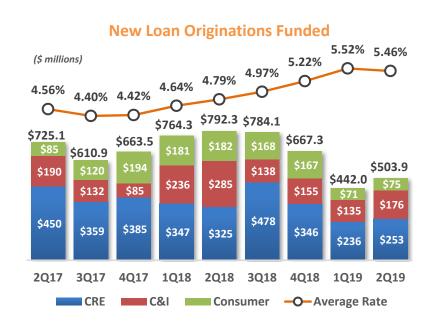
- Noninterest expense increased slightly to \$71.4 million in 2Q19 from \$70.8 million in 1Q19
 - Compensation expenses declined by 3% Q-o-Q
 - Professional fees increased by \$600,000 reflecting higher CECL implementation fees and ongoing investments
 - \$900,000 increase in credit-related expenses, which tends to be volatile and included forced insurance and higher legal collection fees in 2Q19
- Annualized noninterest expense to average assets of 1.88% in 2Q19, up 3bps from 1.85% in 1Q19

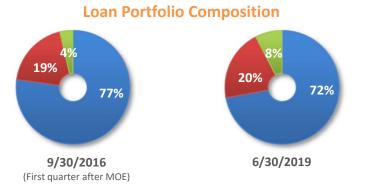




Loan Trends

Loan Production & Portfolio Trends





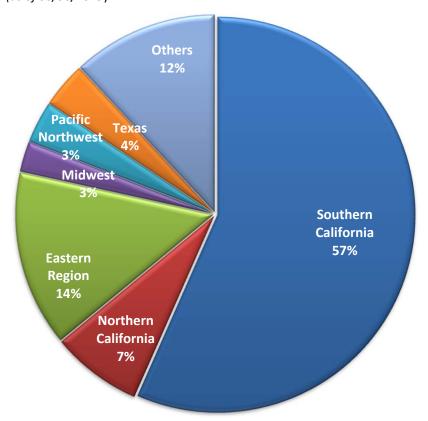
- New loan originations funded increased to **\$504 million**; new loan commitments of \$597 million
 - Lower Y-o-Y new loan volumes reflect more selective stance on CRE originations, focus on growing C&I and SBA loan portfolios, and shift in strategy to originating residential mortgage loans for sale
- ☐ Well diversified mix of loan originations representing targeted mix of higher-yielding loans
 - □ 50% CRE
 - ☐ 35% C&I
 - ☐ 15% Consumer
- ☐ C&I production of \$176 million reflects continued success in banking middle-market commercial borrowers
- Significantly higher payoffs and pay downs of \$599 million versus \$364 million in 1Q19, with higher payoffs largely driven by very aggressive pricing as probability increased for lower interest rates and workout of problem credits identified in preceding quarter
- SBA loan production of \$37 million of which \$32 million was 7(a)
- Residential mortgage originations of \$74 million, up from \$64 million in 1019



Loan Portfolio by Region

\$11.98 Billion

(as of 06/30/2019)



Southern California

• 1986: Founded by Los Angeles-based Korean-American investors

Northern California

• 1997: Expanded de novo into Northern California; Acquired Asiana Bank in 2003

Eastern Region

 1998: Expanded into New York/New Jersey through multiple acquisitions

Midwest

• 2004: Expanded into Chicago through branch acquisition; Acquired Foster Bank in 2013

Pacific Northwest

• 2005: Expanded de novo into Seattle; Acquired Pacific International Bank in 2013

Southwest and Southeast

• 2016: Expanded into Texas, Georgia and Alabama through merger with Wilshire Bancorp

Diverse national footprint spreads credit risk and provides greater growth opportunities

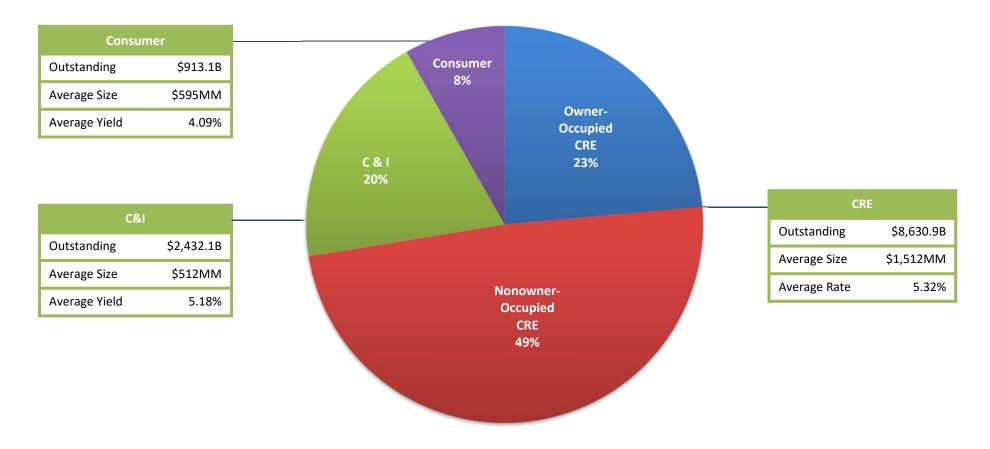


Note: Region based on collateral location

Loan Portfolio Composition

\$11.98 Billion Total Portfolio

(as of 06/30/2019)



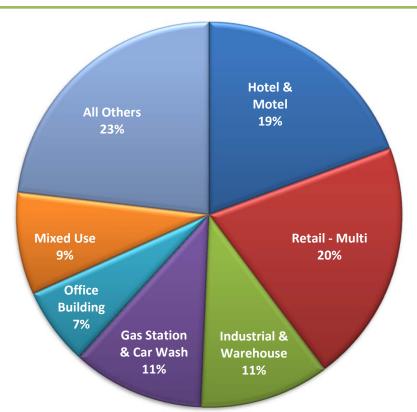


Portfolio Diversification

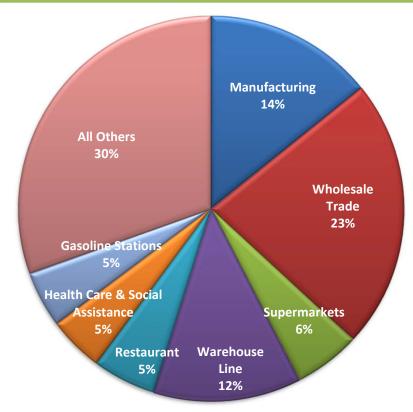
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CRE Portfolio \$8.63 Billion

C&I Portfolio \$2.43 Billion



Note: All Others includes property types representing less than 7% of total CRE portfolio, including: 5+ Residential, Church, Golf Course, Retail-Single, and Other smaller segments.



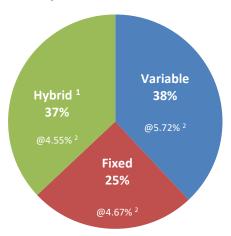
Note: All Others includes business types representing less than 5% of total C&I portfolio, including: Hotel/Motel, Information, Laundries & Drycleaners, Liquor Store, RE and Leasing, Retail, Services, Transportation and Other smaller segments.



Loan Portfolio Rate Mix

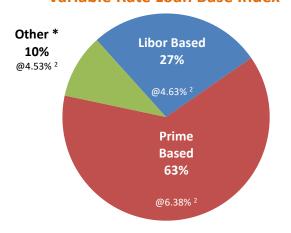
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Fixed / Variable Breakdown



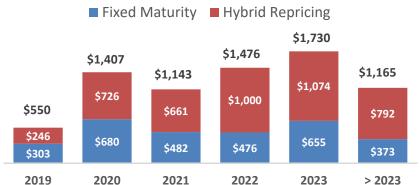
- 1 Hybrid loans have fixed interest rates for a specified period and then convert to variable interest rates (fixed as of 06/30/2019)
- 2 The weighted average rate as presented excludes loan discount accretion and interest rates on nonaccrual loans

Variable Rate Loan Base Index

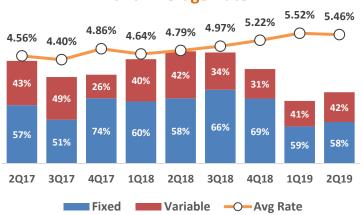


 Other consists of loans with indexes based on FHLB, FRB, US Treasury rates or other interest rate indexes

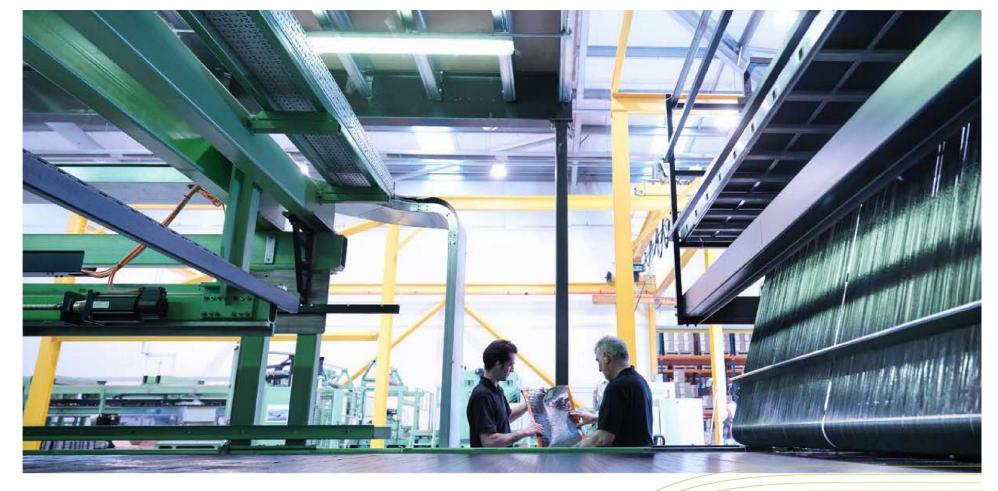
Maturity and Repricing Schedule



New Loan Fixed/Variable and Average Rate





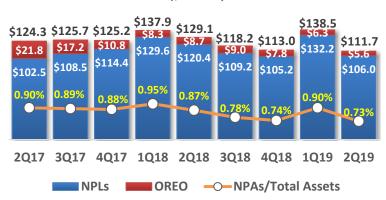


Asset Quality

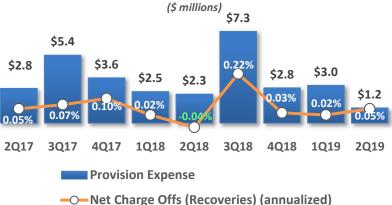
Asset Quality

Nonperforming Assets

(\$ millions)

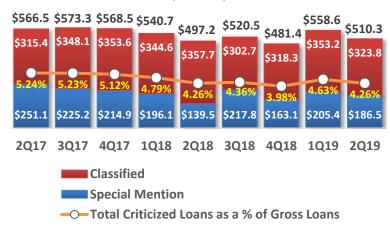


Provision Expense & Net Charge Offs (\$\similions\)





(\$ millions)



- Across-the-board improvements in all asset quality categories
 - 25% decline in nonaccrual loans led to 20% decrease in total nonperforming loans
 - Total criticized loans down 9% Q-o-Q
- Improvements driven by payoffs of lower-rated credits and workout efforts of problem loans identified in 1Q19
- Any potential loss exposure from problem credits identified in 1Q19 remain minimal
- ☐ Credit losses continued to be minimal, with net charge offs of \$1.4 million, or 5bps of average loans on an annualized basis in 2Q19
- Underlying health of broader portfolio remains solid

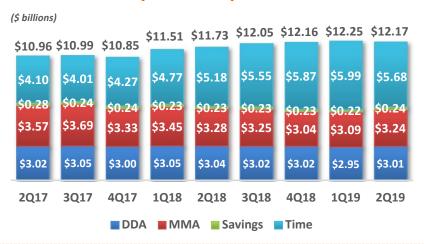




Deposit Trends

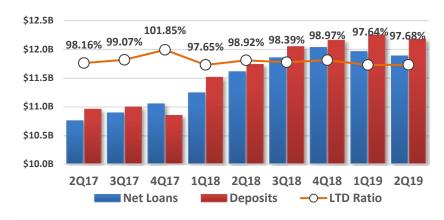
Deposit Trends

Deposit Composition

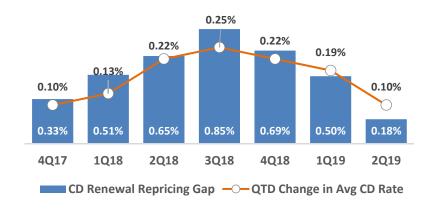


- ☐ Total end-of-period deposits decreased 1% Q-o-Q
- Favorable shift in deposit mix with increases in lower-cost deposits and decreases in time deposits
 - 2% increase in noninterest bearing deposits Q-o-Q
 - 5% increase in MMA balances Q-o-Q
- Net loan-to-deposits stable at 97.7% at 6/30/19, versus 97.6% as of 3/31/19
- Repricing gap on time deposit renewals continued to improve at 18bps in 2Q19, compared with 50bps in 1Q19
- Deposit gathering and cost containment strategies remain a top priority

Net Loans to Deposits



CD Renewal Repricing Gap





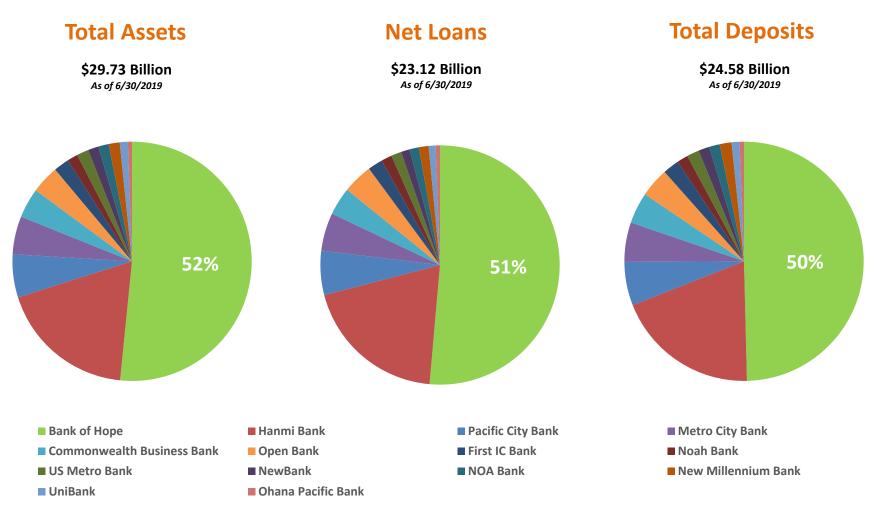
DDA = Noninterest bearing demand deposits MMA = Money market account deposits



Franchise Value

The Representative Bank

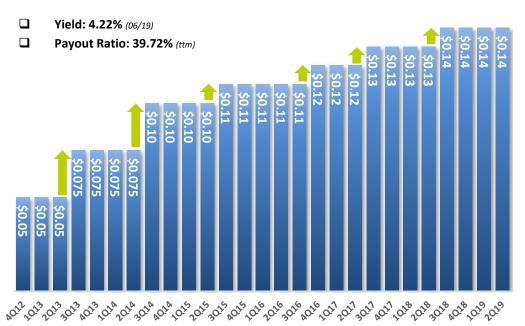
of the Korean-American Community





Strong Shareholder Returns & Capital



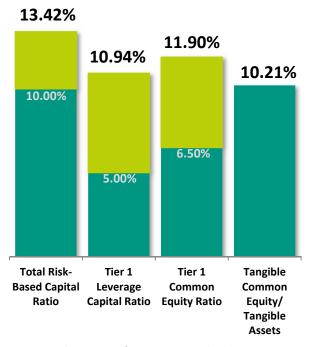


Active Stock Buybacks

- Aggregate \$150 million, or approximately 9 million shares, repurchased in 2018, reducing shares outstanding by 6.6%
- ☐ New \$50 million stock repurchase plan launched Q3 2019

Robust Capital Position

(as of 06/30/2019)

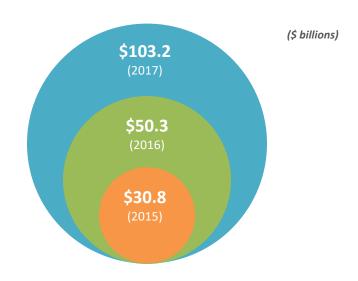


- Capital in Excess of Minimum Standard
- Minimum Guideline for Well Capitalized Institutions



Unique Growth Opportunities

Increasing Korean Investment in the U.S.



South Korean Companies Among Top Foreign Investors in the U.S.

- Hyundai Motor and Kia Motors announced Jan 2017 plans to spend \$3.1 billion in U.S. in the next 5 years
 - 250-plus Korean-national companies in Hyundai and Kia supply chains with operations in Georgia and Alabama
 - 28 Tier-1 Hyundai/KIA suppliers with \$1MM-\$2MM in DDA
- Lotte Chemical investing \$3.1 billion in petrochemical facility in Louisiana
- Hankook Tire building new \$800 million factory in Tennessee
- LG Electronics
 - \$250 million investment to build U.S. Home Appliance Factory in Tennessee
 - \$300 million LG North American Headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, NJ

Bank of Hope is uniquely positioned to provide banking services to a growing number of South Korean companies operating in the U.S.



2019 Key Priorities

Profitable Growth -

Better Deposit Cost
Management

- •New TMS leadership actively engaging front line to build new core deposit relationships
- Targeting existing commercial customers rich in deposits
- Rebuilding online banking platform
- •Redesigned frontline incentive compensation programs dependent on core deposit gathering results

Profitable Growth – Better Loan Yields

- •Shifting focus of residential mortgage originations to sellable loans and may sell portions of existing portfolio, resulting in stable to potentially decreased consumer portfolio
- Preference for higher-yielding variable rate C&I and SBA originations
- Growth in loan portfolio closely tied to core deposit growth

Profitable Growth – Better Efficiencies

- •Tightly managing expenses and improving operating efficiencies
- •Branch rationalization plan to provide \$1.9 million in annualized cost saves partially beginning in Q2 2019
- •Continuing to look at all areas of operations to identify additional opportunities to enhance cost structure

Capital Management

•Committed to enhancing shareholder returns while maintaining strong capital ratios that support continued growth for the long term



Near-Term Outlook & Strategies

Continuation of positive trends from first half of 2019						
	Favorable shift in mix of new loan production favoring higher-yielding loans					
	Gaining more traction with deposit gathering initiatives, leading to improved deposit mix and better deposit cost management					
	Stable asset quality, supported by disciplined underwriting, constant monitoring and proactive action					
	Improved expense management					
Full-year loan growth guidance revised to 2-3% for 2019, reflecting stronger headwinds with projection for lower interest rates and an even fiercer competitive landscape						
NIM §	NIM guidance updated to reflect rapidly evolving rate environment and high probability for lower rates					
	25bps decline in interest rates expected to impact NIM by 5-8bps					
2019	Key Priorities remain in focus relative to the rapidly changing rate environment					
	Profitable Growth – Better deposit cost management					
	Profitable Growth – Better loan yields					
	Profitable Growth – Better efficiencies					
	Capital Management					

Committed to Building on Strong Foundation and Enhancing Long-Term Shareholder Value



Investment Opportunity

The Only Super Regional Korean-American Bank in the Nation

Definitive leadership position as the representative bank of the Korean-American community
National platform and solid presence across all geographic markets with largest populations of Asian Americans
Strong, sustainable core earnings power and capital
Diversified financial institution with comprehensive offering of products and services for commercial and consumer clients
Well positioned to progressively transition to less CRE-focused portfolio
Only Korean-American bank with presence in Korea
Proven history of driving consolidation in the Korean-American banking industry





Appendix

Appendix –

Q2 2019 Financial Summary

(\$ thousands)	Q2 2019	Q1 2019	Q2 2018	
Net income	\$ 42,681	\$ 42,758	\$	47,530
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$	0.36
Net interest income	\$ 117,221	\$ 119,608	\$	122,819
Net interest margin	3.31%	3.39%		3.61%
Noninterest income	\$ 12,287	\$ 11,422	\$	15,269
Noninterest expense	\$ 71,371	\$ 70,833	\$	71,629
Net loans receivable	\$ 11,883,068	\$ 11,959,787	\$	11,581,559
Deposits	\$ 12,172,384	\$ 12,249,196	\$	11,734,595
Nonaccrual loans (1)(2)	\$ 64,934	\$ 86,637	\$	68,226
Nonperforming loans to loans receivable (1)(2)	0.89%	1.10%		1.03%
ALLL to loans receivable	0.79%	0.78%		0.77%
ALLL to nonaccrual loans (1)(2)	144.86%	108.75%		131.74%
ALLL to nonperforming assets (1)(2)	84.24%	68.03%		69.60%
Provision for loan losses	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,000	\$	2,300
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	\$ 1,351	\$ 462	\$	(1,120)
Return on average assets (ROA)	1.12%	1.12%		1.30%
Return on average equity (ROE)	8.71%	8.91%		9.89%
Return on average common tangible equity (ROTCE)	11.51%	11.86%		13.18%
Noninterest expensed / average assets	1.88%	1.85%		1.96%
Efficiency ratio	55.11%	54.06%		51.87%

⁽¹⁾ Excludes delinquent SBA loans that are guaranteed and currently in liquidation.

⁽²⁾ Excludes purchased credit-impaired loans.



Appendix –

Pre-Tax Acquisition Accounting Adjustments and Merger-Related Expenses

	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019
Accretion of discount on acquired performing loans	\$3,189	\$2,969	\$2,360	\$2,166	\$1,799
Accretion of discount on acquired credit impaired loans	5,959	5,239	4,867	5,834	6,848
Amortization of low income housing tax credits	(85)	(84)	(85)	(76)	(76)
Amortization of premium on acquired FHLB borrowings	352	357	357	1,280	_
Accretion of discount on acquired subordinated debt	(269)	(271)	(272)	(273)	(275)
Amortization of premium on acquired time deposits	_	_	_	_	_
Amortization of core deposit intangibles	(615)	(615)	(616)	(557)	(557)
Total acquisition accounting adjustments	\$8,531	\$7,595	\$6,611	\$8,374	\$7,739

