Financial Earnings Results.

First Quarter 2021

April 26, 2021



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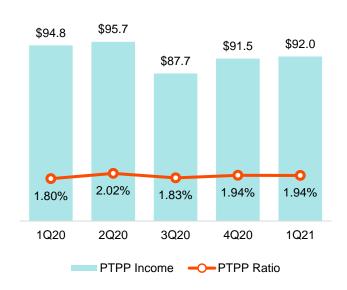
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Financial Highlights 1Q 2021

Profitability: Return on Assets & Equity



Pre-Tax Pre-Provision Income Ratio
\$ in millions



Pre-Tax Pre-Provision and Pre-Tax Credit Amortization ("PTPP") Income Ratio calculation based on annualized PTPP Income divided by total average assets.

1Q ending March 31, 2021

Net Income

• \$73.4 million

Diluted EPS

\$0.92

Total Revenue

• \$151.8 million

Total Loans

• \$15.7 billion

Total Deposits

\$16.4 billion

Efficiency Ratio

47.03%

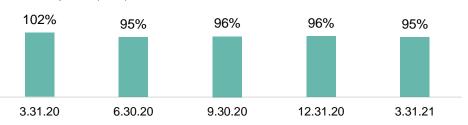


Summary Balance Sheets

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|-----------------------------------|-----|---------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| Total Stockholders' Equity | \$ | 2,454 | \$ 2,418 | 1% | \$ | 2,313 | 6% |
| Total Liabilities | \$ | 16,767 | \$ 16,625 | 1% | \$ | 15,983 | 5% |
| Other Liabilities | | 196 | 223 | (12)% | I I | 237 | (17)% |
| Debt | | 142 | 143 | (1)% | ! | 161 | (12)% |
| FHLB borrowings | | 75 | 150 | (50)% | I I | 495 | (85)% |
| Customer deposits | \$ | 16,354 | \$ 16,109 | 2% | \$ | 15,090 | 8% |
| Total Assets | \$ | 19,221 | \$ 19,043 | 1% | \$ | 18,296 | 5% |
| Other assets | | 1,074 | 1,110 | (3)% | | 1,056 | ! 2% |
| Net Loans | \$ | 15,484 | \$ 15,475 | 0% | \$ | 15,386 | 1% |
| Allowance for credit losses | | (161) | (167) | (4)% | I I | (148) | 9% |
| Gross loans, net of discounts | \$ | 15,645 | \$ 15,642 | 0% | \$ | 15,534 | 1% |
| AFS debt securities | | 909 | 1,037 | (12)% | I I | 1,355 | (33)% |
| Cash equivalents & ST investments | \$ | 1,754 | \$ 1,421 | 23% | ¦\$ | 500 | 251% |
| n millions, except per share data | | 3.31.21 | 12.31.20 | Change | | 3.31.20 | YoY Change |
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Note: Information as of 3.31.21 and 3.31.20 are unaudited.

Net Loans-to-Deposit Ratio end of period (EOP)

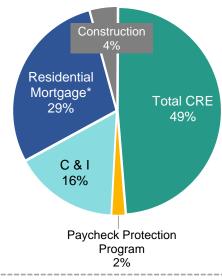




1Q 2021 Loan Composition

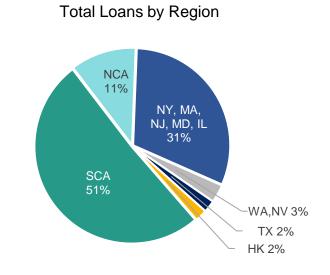
Total Loan Portfolio

• \$15.7 billion as of 3.31.21



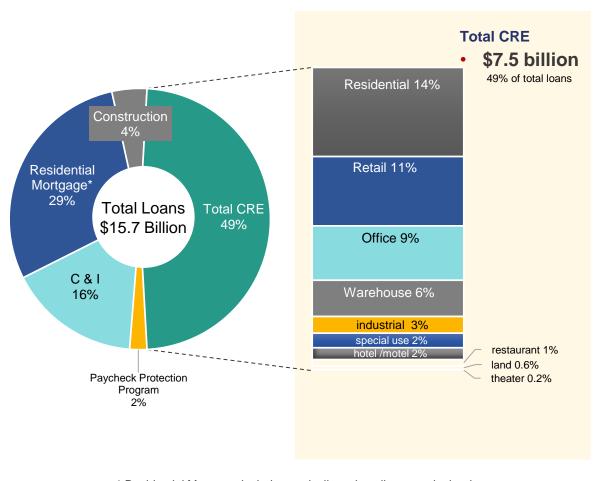
- Total CRE \$7.5 billion
- Residential Mortgage \$4.5 billion
- C & I Loans \$2.6 billion
- Paycheck Protection Program \$334 million
- Construction Loans \$678 million



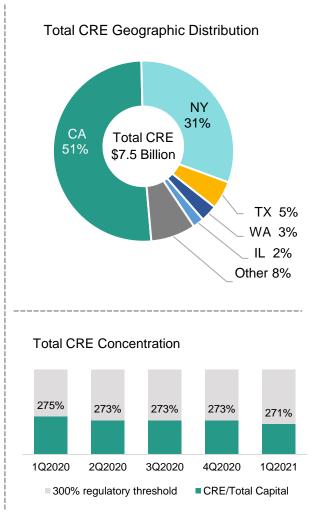


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1Q 2021: Commercial Real Estate Portfolio





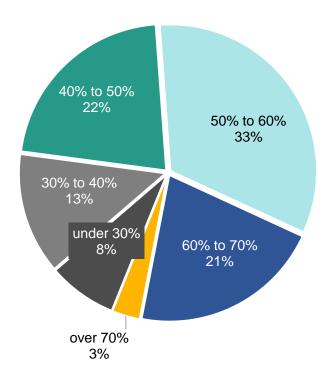




1Q 2021: Commercial Real Estate Portfolio

LTV Distribution of Total CRE \$7.5 Billion

- \$1.52 mil avg. outstanding size
- weighted avg. LTV 51%



LTV & Size by Property Type

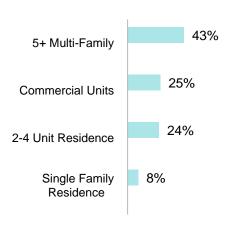
| \$ in millions | To | otal CRE Loan Portfolio | Total CRE Weighted Avg. LTV | COVID CRE Loan odification | COVID Weighted Avg. LTV |
|----------------|----|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Residental | \$ | 2,220 | 53% | \$ - | n/a |
| Retail | \$ | 1,725 | 50% | \$ - | n/a |
| Office | \$ | 1,352 | 50% | \$ 24 | 34% |
| Warehouse | \$ | 901 | 51% | \$ - | n/a |
| Industrial | \$ | 417 | 50% | - | n/a |
| Special Use | \$ | 365 | 49% | \$ 9 | 30% |
| Hotel / Motel | \$ | 296 | 50% | \$ 23 | 53% |
| Restaurant | \$ | 159 | 47% | \$ - | n/a |
| Land | \$ | 90 | 48% | \$ - | n/a |
| Theater | \$ | 25 | 74% | \$ _ | n/a |
| Total CRE | \$ | 7,550 | 51% | \$ 56 | 41% |

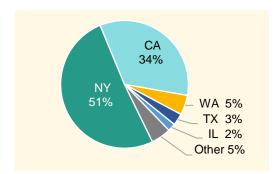


Selected CRE and Construction Loan Portfolios

Residential CRE Portfolio

% based on \$2.22 billion loans outstanding



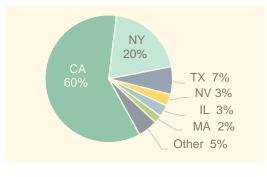


weighted avg. LTV 53%

Retail CRE Portfolio

% based on \$1.73 billion loans outstanding

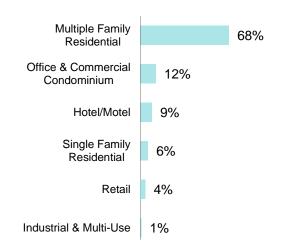


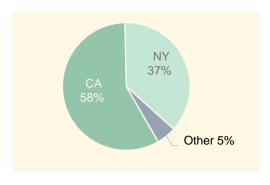


weighted avg. LTV 50%

Construction Portfolio

% based on \$678 million loans outstanding



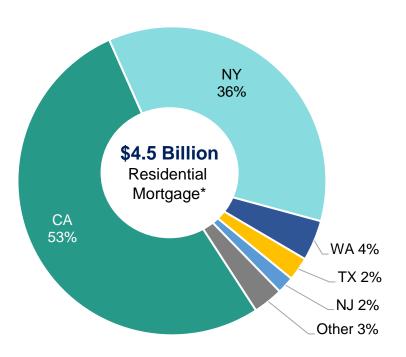


weighted avg. LTV 52%



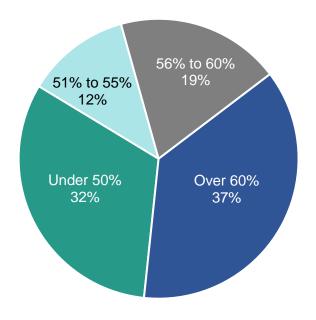
1Q 2021: Residential Mortgage Portfolio





SFR LTV Distribution

- \$358,682 avg. outstanding size
- weighted avg. LTV 55%



Loans under Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) as of March 31, 2021, is \$31.4 million, or 0.8% of SFR portfolio.

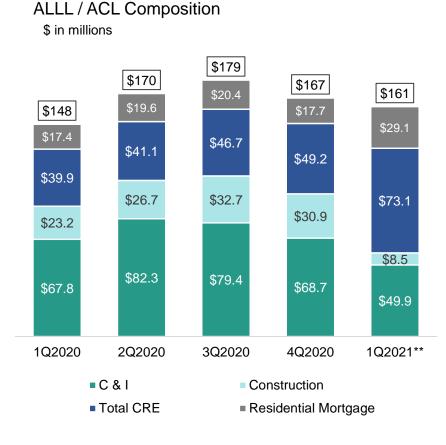


^{*} Residential Mortgage includes equity lines, installment and other loans.

Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (ALLL) / Allowance for Credit Losses (ACL)*



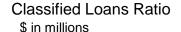
^{*} CECL adoption as of January 1, 2021. Day 1 CECL ACL adjustment was \$13.9 million.



^{**} ACL Composition based on CECL allocation.



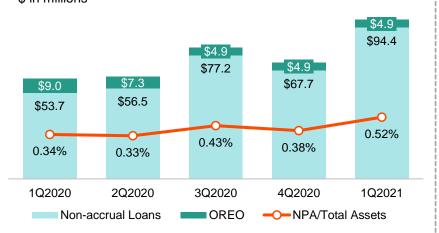
Asset Quality Metrics





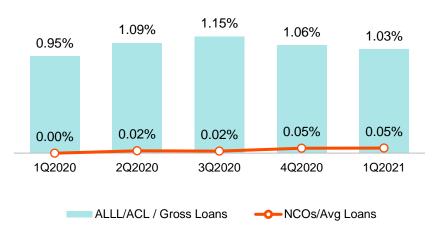
Classified Loans are loans classified as substandard and doubtful.

Non-Performing Assets Ratio \$ in millions



Non-Performing Assets (NPA) = Non-accrual Loans + OREO

Reserves and Net Charge-Offs



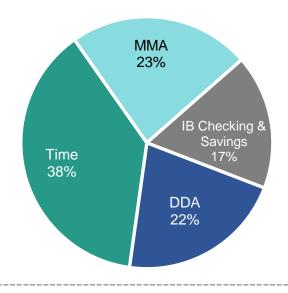
- Allowance coverage of loans HFI: 1.03% as of 3/31/21 compared to 1.06% as of 12/31/20.
- Nonaccrual loans/loans HFI: 0.6% as of 3/31/21
 vs. 0.4% as of 12/31/20 vs. 0.4% as of 3/31/20.
- Oil & Gas Lending:
 - Portfolio: 0.8% of gross loan, or \$120 million, as of 3/31/21; 53% crude oil, 38% natural gas, and 9% pipeline/midstream.
 - As of 3/31/21, there was 1 classified loan totaled \$18.8 million.



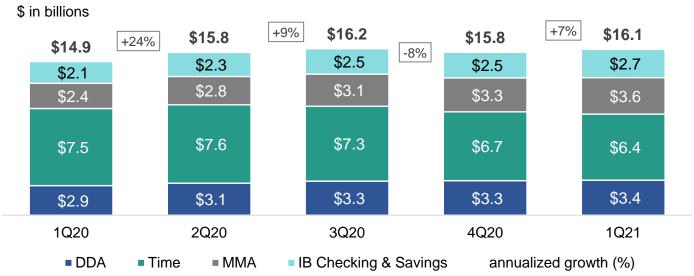
Deposit Mix



• \$16.4 billion as of 3.31.21



Average Deposits





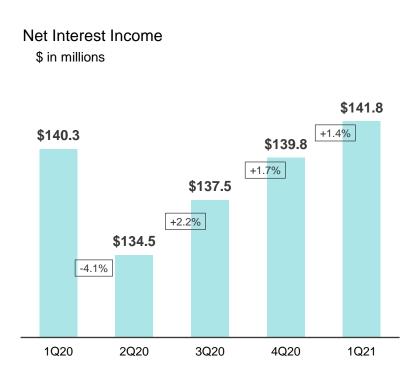
Summary Income Statements

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|---|----|---------|----|----------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| \$ in millions, except per share data | | 3.31.21 | | 12.31.20 | l I | \$ Change | % Change |
| Net Interest Income | \$ | 141.8 | \$ | 139.8 | \$ | 2.0 | 1.4% |
| Noninterest income | | 12.8 | | 10.7 | | 2.1 | 20.0% |
| Net (losses) / Gains from equity securities | | (2.8) | | 0.8 | I I | (3.6) | (459.0)% |
| Total Noninterest Income | | 10.0 | | 11.5 | l I | (1.5) | (12.7)% |
| Noninterest expense | | 59.8 | | 59.6 | l I | 0.2 | 0.3% |
| amortization of tax credit and other investment plus core deposit tangibles | | 11.6 | | 15.4 | | (3.8) | (24.7)% |
| Total Noninterest Expense | \$ | 71.4 | \$ | 75.0 | \$ | (3.6) | (4.9)% |
| Provision for credit losses | | (13.6) | | (5.0) | | (8.6) | 172.0% |
| Income tax expense | | 20.6 | | 10.3 | I I | 10.3 | 99.4% |
| Net Income | \$ | 73.4 | \$ | 70.9 | \$ | 2.5 | 3.5% |
| Diluted EPS | \$ | 0.92 | \$ | 0.89 | | 0.03 | 3.4% |
| Weighted avg. diluted shares (in millions) | * | 79.8 | * | 79.8 | L L | - | 0.0% |
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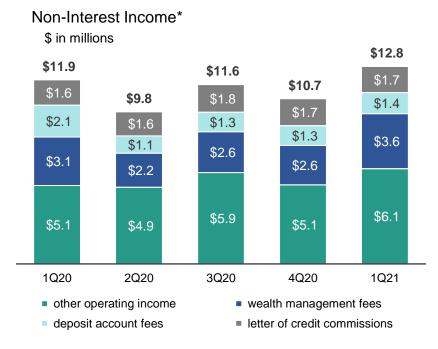
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Net Interest Income & Non-interest Income



■ Net Interest Income QoQ Growth (%)

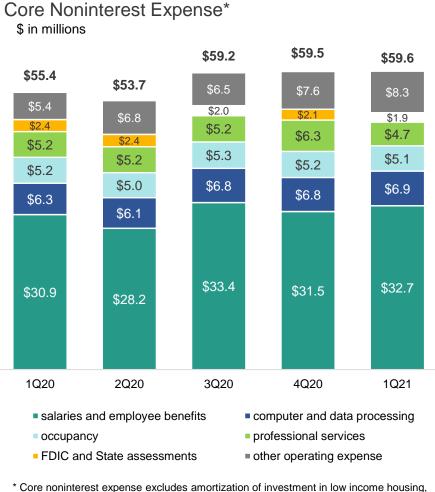


^{*} Non-interest income excludes net gains/(losses) from equity securities.

| (\$ in millions) | 1Q2020 | 2Q2020 | 3Q2020 | 4Q2020 | 1Q2021 | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Non-interest income, before net gains/(losses) from equity securities | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-interest income* | \$11.9 | \$9.8 | \$11.6 | \$10.7 | \$12.8 | | | | |
| net gains/(losses) from equity securities | (\$6.1) | \$5.8 | (\$1.6) | \$0.8 | (\$2.8) | | | | |
| Total Non-interest Income | \$5.8 | \$15.6 | \$10.0 | \$11.5 | \$10.0 | | | | |

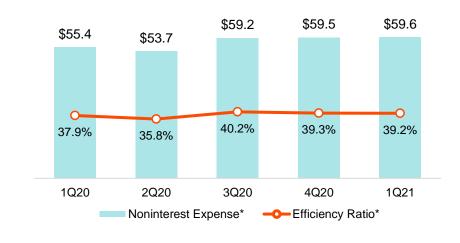


Operating Expense & Efficiency



^{*} Core noninterest expense excludes amortization of investment in low income housing, alternative energy partnerships, and core deposit premium, and other real estate owned. Core efficiency ratio is based on core noninterest expense.

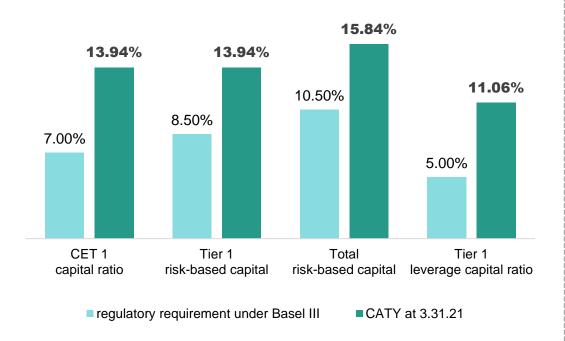
Core Noninterest Expense* & Efficiency Ratio* \$ in millions



| (\$ in millions) | 1Q2020 | 2Q2020 | 3Q2020 | 4Q2020 | 1Q2021 | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Core noninterest expense, before amortization and other real estate owned | | | | | | | | | |
| Core noninterest expense* | \$55.4 | \$53.7 | \$59.2 | \$59.5 | \$59.6 | | | | |
| Amortization in investment in low income housing | \$6.0 | \$6.3 | \$5.3 | \$6.6 | \$6.6 | | | | |
| Amortization in alternative energy partnerships | \$7.9 | \$6.7 | \$10.9 | \$8.6 | \$5.0 | | | | |
| Other real estate owned & CDF | (\$4.1) | \$0.6 | \$0.6 | \$0.3 | \$0.2 | | | | |
| Total Noninterest Expense | \$65.2 | \$67.3 | \$76.0 | \$75.0 | \$71.4 | | | | |



Strong Capital Ratios



- Capital Ratio well above regulatory standards that continues to place Cathay in the "well capitalized" category, calculated under the Basel III capital rules.
- Book Value Per Common Share is \$30.83 as of 3.31.21: +1.4% compared to 12.31.20 and +5.9% YoY.
- Capital Return on Shareholder
 - common stock dividend: \$0.31/share quarterly, or \$1.24/share annualized.
 - In April 2021, the Company adopts a new \$75 million share repurchase program.

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