

BANK OF THE WEST AND SUBSIDIARIES

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of
Bank of the West and its Subsidiaries
San Francisco, California

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Bank of the West and its subsidiaries (the "Bank"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Bank's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bank of the West and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP
San Francisco, CA
March 25, 2015

BANK OF THE WEST AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Interest income		
Loans and lease financing	\$1,894,129	\$1,854,086
Securities available for sale	183,129	160,304
Other	23,581	16,940
Total interest income	2,100,839	2,031,330
Interest expense		
Deposits	128,702	134,561
Short-term borrowings and long-term debt	25,625	26,468
Total interest expense	154,327	161,029
Net interest income	1,946,512	1,870,301
Provision for credit losses	64,455	44,686
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	1,882,057	1,825,615
Noninterest income		
Service charges on deposit accounts	146,291	147,421
Credit and debit card fees	92,116	82,474
Loan fees	54,331	47,288
Other service charges and fees	41,590	42,417
Insurance agency fees	30,311	28,255
Net gains on customer accommodation derivatives	28,872	22,817
Net gains on sales of loans and leases	28,339	43,327
Bank-owned life insurance	24,732	20,473
Brokerage income	24,016	23,675
Trust and investment services income	21,388	20,455
Gain on sale of equity investments	8,280	-
Net gains on debt securities available for sale	440	66,683
(Loss) gain on credit guarantee derivative	(333)	4,396
Write-downs of other real estate owned assets, net	(2,391)	(4,274)
Other	4,523	7,106
Total noninterest income	502,505	552,513
Noninterest expense		
Salaries and employee benefits	884,157	862,999
Contracted services and professional fees	184,197	156,734
Occupancy	141,199	139,990
Equipment	64,495	62,524
Advertising and marketing	41,926	44,017
Intangible amortization	42,131	36,678
Regulatory assessment and fees	40,639	32,389
Collection and repossession	15,096	18,216
Other	128,887	121,825
Total noninterest expense	1,542,727	1,475,372
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	841,835	902,756
Income tax expense	294,267	339,823
Net income before noncontrolling interest	547,568	562,933
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	3,346	2,328
Net income attributable to Bank of the West	\$ 544,222	\$ 560,605

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

BANK OF THE WEST AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Net income attributable to Bank of the West	\$544,222	\$ 560,605
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax		
Net change in pension and other benefits adjustment	(97,961)	118,790
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale	169,562	(433,963)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow derivative hedges	8,785	(22,482)
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax	80,386	(337,655)
Income tax (expense) benefit related to other comprehensive income	(32,605)	137,088
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	47,781	(200,567)
Comprehensive income attributable to Bank of the West	592,003	360,038
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	3,346	2,328
Total comprehensive income	\$595,349	\$ 362,366

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BANK OF THE WEST AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

<i>(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 842,066	\$ 825,492
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks	3,334,885	2,442,252
Trading assets	6,499	6,499
Securities available for sale	9,255,844	8,685,416
Loans held for sale	62,877	13,959
Loans and leases:		
Loans and leases	50,821,366	47,329,731
Less allowance for loan and lease losses	601,305	634,573
Net loans and leases	50,220,061	46,695,158
Premises and equipment, net	398,681	421,741
Other real estate owned and repossessed personal property	26,237	25,497
Interest receivable	159,151	162,777
Bank-owned life insurance	1,337,363	1,327,950
Identifiable intangible assets	203,210	193,363
Goodwill	4,201,513	4,201,513
Pension assets	1,537	40,741
Other assets	1,632,419	1,425,423
Total assets	\$71,682,343	\$66,467,781
Liabilities and equity		
Deposits:		
Interest-bearing	\$36,695,760	\$34,375,898
Noninterest-bearing	15,417,437	13,996,570
Total deposits	52,113,197	48,372,468
Short-term borrowings	5,153,548	3,055,802
Long-term debt	1,412,213	2,312,978
Liability for pension benefits	180,491	118,583
Other liabilities	914,380	895,157
Total liabilities	59,773,829	54,754,988
Equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share:		
Authorized — 20,000,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding — 5,548,359 shares as of December 31, 2014 and 2013	6	6
Additional paid-in capital	9,735,894	9,735,522
Retained earnings	2,254,917	2,110,695
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(100,653)	(148,434)
Total Bank of the West stockholder's equity	11,890,164	11,697,789
Noncontrolling interest	18,350	15,004
Total equity	11,908,514	11,712,793
Total liabilities and equity	\$71,682,343	\$66,467,781

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BANK OF THE WEST AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Bank of the West Stockholder's Equity	Non- controlling Interest	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount						
Balance as of January 1, 2013	5,548,359	\$6	\$9,733,396	\$1,850,090	\$ 52,133	\$11,635,625	\$18,160	\$11,653,785
Net income	-	-	-	560,605	-	560,605	2,328	562,933
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	-	-	-	-	(200,567)	(200,567)	-	(200,567)
Contributed capital	-	-	2,126	-	-	2,126	-	2,126
Dividends	-	-	-	(300,000)	-	(300,000)	-	(300,000)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,484)	(5,484)
Net change for the period	-	-	2,126	260,605	(200,567)	62,164	(3,156)	59,008
Balance as of December 31, 2013	5,548,359	\$6	\$9,735,522	\$2,110,695	\$(148,434)	\$11,697,789	\$15,004	\$11,712,793
Net income	-	-	-	544,222	-	544,222	3,346	547,568
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	-	47,781	47,781	-	47,781
Contributed capital	-	-	372	-	-	372	-	372
Dividends	-	-	-	(400,000)	-	(400,000)	-	(400,000)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change for the period	-	-	372	144,222	47,781	192,375	3,346	195,721
Balance as of December 31, 2014	5,548,359	\$6	\$9,735,894	\$2,254,917	\$(100,653)	\$11,890,164	\$18,350	\$11,908,514

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BANK OF THE WEST AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 544,222	\$ 560,605
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for credit losses	64,455	44,686
Net gains on debt securities available for sale	(440)	(66,683)
Net gains on sales of loans and leases	(28,339)	(43,327)
Depreciation, amortization and accretion, net	341,918	260,008
Deferred income taxes	32,225	68,130
Net (increase) decrease in interest receivable and other assets	(146,332)	217,903
Net increase (decrease) in interest payable and other liabilities	14,801	(174,787)
Change in fair value of credit guarantee derivative	333	(4,396)
Originations of loans held for sale	(435,200)	(1,097,834)
Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale	399,525	1,315,926
Other, net	(5,121)	(30,695)
Net cash provided by operating activities	782,047	1,049,536
Cash flows from investing activities		
Securities available for sale:		
Proceeds from maturities and prepayments	1,279,050	1,047,996
Proceeds from sales	1,407,878	3,620,122
Purchases	(3,173,106)	(5,648,085)
Net increase in loans resulting from originations and collections	(3,909,399)	(2,537,808)
Purchases of loans and leases	(80,425)	(31,921)
Proceeds from sales (including participations) of loans originated for investment	235,144	71,959
Proceeds from sales of foreclosed assets	22,660	38,314
Purchase of premises, equipment and software	(93,362)	(102,534)
Net change in low income housing tax credit investments	(89,993)	(10,369)
Net change in FHLB stock	(25,482)	56,562
Proceeds from sales of equity investments	2,911	-
Other, net	12,104	13,087
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,412,020)	(3,482,677)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net increase in deposits	3,741,316	1,272,000
Net increase in short-term borrowings	2,097,746	2,727,612
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	715,483	918,679
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,615,365)	(1,571,471)
Cash dividends paid	(400,000)	(300,000)
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,539,180	3,046,820
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	909,207	613,679
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,267,744	2,654,065
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 4,176,951	\$ 3,267,744
Supplemental disclosures		
Interest paid	\$ 155,338	\$ 166,198
Income taxes paid	379,890	337,821
Noncash investing and financing activities:		
Transfer from deposits for the settlement of credit guarantee derivative	587	6,969
Transfers of loans held for investment to loans held for sale	221,550	889
Transfers from loans to other real estate owned	25,765	25,606

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Bank of the West (“BOW”), a State of California chartered bank, has 585 retail branch banking locations (568 full service retail branches and 17 limited service retail offices) and other commercial banking offices, as of December 31, 2014, located in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming providing a wide range of financial services to both consumers and businesses. BOW also has branches serving Pacific Rim customers, specializing in domestic and international products and services in predominantly Asian American communities. In addition, the Bank has a commercial banking office in New York and an offshore office in the Cayman Islands. The terms “the Bank,” “we,” “our,” “us” and similar terms used in this report refer to Bank of the West and its subsidiaries.

BancWest Corporation (“BancWest”), a financial holding company, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, owned all of the outstanding common stock of BOW. BOW also had authorized 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, none of which were issued or outstanding as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

BancWest is a wholly owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas (“BNPP”), a financial institution based in France. BancWest’s other bank subsidiary (wholly owned) is First Hawaiian Bank.

Regulation

The Bank’s primary regulators are the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) and the California Department of Financial Institutions. The Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System and is required to maintain an investment in the capital stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”). The Bank maintains insurance on its customer deposit accounts with the FDIC, which requires quarterly assessments.

Basis of presentation

The accounting and reporting policies of the Bank and its subsidiaries conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”). The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Bank and its subsidiaries in which the Bank has controlling financial interests as well as variable interest entities (“VIEs”) in which the Bank determines it is the primary beneficiary. The Bank is the primary beneficiary of a VIE if we have: (1) a variable interest in the entity; (2) the power to direct key activities of the VIE that most significantly impact its economic performance; and (3) the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. All material intercompany transactions among the Bank and its consolidated entities have been eliminated.

For consolidated entities where it holds less than a 100% interest, the Bank reports income or loss attributable to noncontrolling stockholders in the consolidated statements of income, and the equity interest attributable to noncontrolling stockholders in the equity section of the consolidated balance sheets.

All other investments in entities that are not consolidated are accounted for either under the equity method, cost method or effective yield method where applicable.

Use of estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto in accordance with GAAP requires management to make judgments using estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenue and expense, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. While management makes its best judgment, actual amounts or results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current financial statement presentation. Material reclassifications are otherwise disclosed.

Cash and due from banks

Cash and due from banks include noninterest-bearing amounts due from other financial institutions as well as in-transit clearings. For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Bank includes as cash and cash equivalents, cash and due from banks, interest-bearing deposits in other banks, federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (with original maturities of less than three months).

Interest-bearing deposits in other banks

Interest-bearing deposits in other banks include funds held in other financial institutions that are either fixed or floating interest rate instruments including certificates of deposit. Interest income is recorded when earned and presented within other interest income in the consolidated statement of income.

Securities

Securities used for trading purposes are classified as trading and are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in the consolidated statements of income.

Investments in debt and marketable equity securities with readily determinable fair values and not used for trading purposes are classified as available for sale (“AFS”). AFS securities are carried at estimated fair value with net unrealized gains and losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (“AOCI”), net of applicable income taxes. Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts for the available for sale securities are included in interest income. Upon sale, realized gains and losses are recognized in income. See Note 15 for information on fair value measurement of the securities.

The Bank evaluates its investment securities portfolio classified as AFS for other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) on a quarterly basis. For debt securities in an unrealized loss position, for example, where fair value is below amortized cost basis, OTTI equal to the entire difference between the amortized cost basis and the fair value is recognized immediately in income if the Bank has the intent, or will more likely than not be required, to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. However, if the Bank has the intent and ability to hold the debt securities in an unrealized loss position, the Bank performs an evaluation of the expected cash flows to be received to determine if a credit loss exists. If a credit loss exists, only the amount of impairment associated with the credit loss is recognized in income. Amounts relating to factors other than credit losses are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) (“OCI”).

For equity securities classified as AFS, the Bank evaluates whether the declines in fair value below the cost basis are considered OTTI based on the Bank’s intent and ability to hold the security until recovery of the cost of the security, the length of time fair value is below cost, the severity of the differences, and the investee’s financial condition and capital strength. In the event of OTTI, the cost basis of the individual security is written down to fair value, which becomes its new cost basis, and the amount of realized loss is recorded in noninterest income.

Nonmarketable equity securities are carried at cost and included in other assets. FHLB stocks are evaluated for impairment on a quarterly basis while other nonmarketable equity securities are evaluated for impairment whenever changes in circumstances indicate that there may be impairment.

Loans held for sale

Loans that the Bank intends to sell are classified as held for sale (“HFS”) and are carried at the lower of cost or fair value. Fair value is determined on an individual loan basis and is measured primarily based on prevailing market prices for loans with similar characteristics. Except for loans originated for sale, any excess of cost over fair value upon transfer to HFS is recorded through the allowance for credit losses. For all loans held for sale, subsequent declines in fair value or recoveries of such declines are recognized as increases or decreases in a valuation allowance and are reported in noninterest income. Gains and losses upon sale are also reported in noninterest income.

Direct loan origination fees and costs on loans held for sale are deferred until the related loan is sold and recognized in noninterest income upon sale.

For consumer mortgage loans originated for sale, the Bank enters into short-term loan commitments to fund loans at specified rates and enters into forward commitments to sell those loans at specified rates. Such interest rate lock commitments to fund the loans and the commitments to sell those loans are accounted for as derivatives at fair value with subsequent changes in fair value recorded in noninterest income.

Loans and leases

Loans and direct financing leases for which the Bank has the intent and the ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff, are classified in the consolidated balance sheets as loans and leases. Loans are recorded at their outstanding principal balances net of any unearned income, cumulative charge-offs, unamortized deferred fees and costs on originated loans and unamortized premiums or discounts on purchased loans.

Net deferred fees or costs, and premiums and discounts are recognized in income over the contractual term of the loans, adjusted for actual prepayments, using the interest method or on a straight-line basis for revolving loans.

Interest income is accrued unless the loan or lease is placed on nonaccrual status (see Nonaccrual loans and leases below). The Bank recognizes unaccreted fees and discounts, or unamortized costs and premiums on loans and leases paid in full as interest income.

Direct financing leases are carried at the aggregate of minimum lease payments receivable, estimated residual value of the leased property and unamortized initial direct costs less unearned income. Unearned income net of initial direct costs on direct financing leases is accreted over the lives of the leases to provide a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment in the lease. The Bank reviews the estimated residual values of the commercial and consumer lease properties at least annually. Reductions in net investment resulting from a decline in estimated residual value deemed to be other-than-temporary are recognized in noninterest income.

The Bank also charges other loan and lease fees consisting of delinquent payment charges and servicing fees, including fees for servicing loans sold to third parties, and recognizes such fees as noninterest income when earned.

Loan and lease portfolio composition

The Bank's loan and lease portfolio is divided into two segments, commercial and consumer, which are the same segments used by the Bank to determine the allowance for credit losses. There are no concentrations in our portfolio. The Bank further disaggregates its portfolio segments into various classes of loans for purposes of monitoring and assessing credit risk as described below.

Commercial loans and leases

The Bank disaggregates the commercial loan and lease portfolio into the following classes:

- Loans to businesses for commercial, industrial and professional purposes ("Commercial & industrial");
- Loans that are secured by real estate properties ("Commercial real estate");
- Loans secured by real estate to finance land development and construction of industrial, commercial, residential or farm building ("Construction");
- Indirect and direct leases and loans to finance commercial equipment purchases ("Equipment financing");
- Loans to finance agricultural production and other loans to farmers ("Agriculture").

Consumer loans and leases

The Bank disaggregates the consumer loan and lease portfolio into the following classes:

- Consumer loans and leases such as autos, marine, recreational vehicles, personal lines of credit and credit cards ("Installments and lines");
- Closed-end loans secured by first and junior liens on 1-4 family residential properties ("Residential secured-closed-end");
- Revolving, open-end loans secured by first and junior liens on 1-4 family residential properties ("Residential secured-revolving, open-end").

Nonaccrual loans and leases

The Bank generally places a loan or lease on nonaccrual status when management believes that full and timely collection of principal or interest has become doubtful; or it is 90 days past due as to principal or interest payments based on its contractual terms, unless it is well secured and in the process of collection. The Bank determines loans to be past due if payment is not received in accordance with contractual terms.

When the Bank places a loan or lease on nonaccrual status, previously accrued but uncollected interest is reversed against interest income during the current period. When there are doubts about the ultimate collectability of the recorded balance on a nonaccrual loan or lease, cash payments by the borrower are applied as a reduction of the principal balance, under the cost recovery method. For nonaccrual loans and leases where ultimate collectability of the recorded balance is presumed, the Bank generally records such payments as interest income on a cash basis.

Nonaccrual loans and leases are generally returned to accrual status when either (1) they become current as to principal and interest, with a sustained period of repayment performance, generally six months, by the borrower and the Bank expects payment of remaining contractual principal and interest; or (2) they are both well secured and in the process of collection.

Not all impaired loans or leases are placed on nonaccrual status; for example, restructured loans that are performing under their modified terms may continue to accrue interest or may return to accrual status after the borrower demonstrates a sustained period of performance (see Allowance for credit losses and Troubled debt restructurings below).

Allowance for credit losses

The allowance for credit losses (the “Allowance”) is management’s estimate of probable credit losses inherent in the loan and lease portfolio, as well as unfunded credit commitments and is maintained at a level which, in management’s judgment, is adequate to absorb probable losses that have been incurred and can be reasonably estimated as of the balance sheet dates. The Allowance is increased through provisions for credit losses charged to earnings and reduced by charge-offs, net of recoveries.

The Bank determines the allocated component of the Allowance by measuring credit impairment on (1) an individual basis for nonaccrual status commercial loans above a predefined threshold and commercial and mortgage loans classified as troubled debt restructurings, and (2) on a collective basis for all other groups of loan categories with similar risk characteristics, and pools of homogeneous loans with smaller balances that are not evaluated on a case-by-case basis; such as, credit card and consumer installment loans.

The Bank considers a loan to be impaired on an individual basis when, based on current information and events, it is probable that it will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan. The Bank measures impairment by comparing the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the loan’s effective original interest rate with the recorded investment in the loan, except for collateral-dependent loans. For collateral-dependent loans, the Bank measures impairment by comparing the fair value of the collateral on an “as-is” basis less disposition costs with the recorded investment in the loan. On a case-by-case basis, the Bank may measure impairment based upon a loan’s observable market price.

Loans that are not assessed individually for impairment are assessed on a collective basis, and the calculation of the allocated reserve considers quantitative historical loss experience for each type of loan and qualitative adjustments based on an analysis of portfolio-specific external factors, key performance indicators and other qualitative factors.

The unallocated component of the Allowance is maintained to cover uncertainties in the Bank’s estimate of credit losses. While the Bank’s allocated reserve methodology strives to reflect all risk factors, there may still be certain unidentified risk elements. The purpose of the unallocated reserve is to capture these factors. The relationship of the unallocated component to the total Allowance may fluctuate from period to period. Management evaluates the adequacy of the Allowance based on the combined total of allocated and unallocated components, which considers management’s ongoing review of internal risk ratings and associated trends and factors, including:

- Trends in the volume and severity of delinquent loans, nonaccrual loans, troubled debt restructurings and other loan modifications;
- Trends in the quality of risk management and loan administration practices including findings of internal and external reviews of loans and effectiveness of collection practices;
- Changes in the quality of the Bank’s risk identification process and loan review system;
- Changes in lending policies and procedures including underwriting standards and collection, charge-off and recovery practices;
- Changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio;
- Changes in the concentration of credit and the levels of credit;
- Changes in the national and local economic business conditions, including the condition of various market segments.

The Bank also maintains a reserve for losses on unfunded loan commitments and letters of credit, which is recorded within other liabilities. The Bank measures the amount of reserve based on estimates of the probability of the ultimate funding and losses related to credit exposures that exist at the balance sheet date, similar to the methodology used for the loans and leases portfolio.

While the Bank has a formal methodology to determine the adequate and appropriate level of the allowance for credit losses, estimates of inherent loan, lease and unfunded loan commitment losses involve judgment and assumptions as to various factors, including current economic conditions. Management's determination of adequacy of the total allowance for credit losses is based on quarterly evaluations of the above factors. Accordingly, the provision for credit losses will vary from period to period based on management's ongoing assessment of the adequacy of the Allowance. See Note 5 for information on how the Bank's experience and current economic conditions have influenced management's determination of the Allowance.

Charge-off and recovery policies for loans and leases

The Bank's policy is to fully charge-off or partially charge down to net realizable value when a loan or lease is deemed to be uncollectible and all commercially reasonable means of recovering those payments have been exhausted. A commercial loan or lease that is considered to be individually impaired is charged off, partially or fully, when potential recovery of the recorded loan balance is unlikely as a result of a shortfall in collateral value or the borrower's financial difficulty. Consumer installment loans and leases are generally charged off, partially or fully, upon reaching a predetermined delinquency status that ranges from 120 to 180 days depending on the type of consumer installment loans and leases.

Recoveries of amounts on nonaccrual loans that have previously been charged off are credited to the Allowance and are generally recorded only to the extent that cash or other assets are received.

Troubled debt restructurings

In situations where for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, the Bank grants a concession to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider, the related loan is classified as a troubled debt restructuring ("TDR"). Concessions generally include modifications to the loan's terms, including but not limited to interest rate modifications and reductions, principal and interest forgiveness, term extensions or renewals, or any other actions that may minimize the potential economic loss to the Bank.

Generally, all loans modified in a TDR (including consumer loans that have been discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy) are placed or remain on nonaccrual status at the time of the restructuring. However, certain accruing loans modified in a TDR that are current at the time of restructuring may remain on accrual status if payment in full under the restructured terms is expected.

Premises and equipment

Premises and equipment, including leasehold improvements, are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Premises	10-39 years
Furniture and equipment	3-20 years
Leasehold improvements	Shorter of the lease term or estimated remaining life

We periodically evaluate our long-lived assets for impairment. We perform these evaluations whenever events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of an asset or group of assets is not recoverable. If impairment recognition criteria are met, an impairment charge is reported in noninterest expense.

Lease commitments

Lease commitments are transactions entered into by the Bank where the Bank is the lessee. Leases are classified as either a capital or an operating lease depending on the terms and conditions of the contracts. For assets accounted for as capital leases, depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset, depending on the nature of the transaction. Lease obligations recorded under capital leases are reduced by lease payments net of imputed interest. Operating leases are contracts that do not transfer substantially all of the

benefits and risks of ownership and do not meet the accounting requirements for capital lease classification. Operating lease payments are charged as rental expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives received as part of the lease agreement are recognized as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Goodwill

Goodwill is the purchase premium after adjusting for the fair value of net assets acquired. Goodwill is not amortized but is reviewed for potential impairment on an annual basis, or when events or circumstances indicate a potential impairment, at the reporting unit level. The goodwill impairment analysis is a two-step test. The first step of the goodwill impairment test involves comparing the fair value of each reporting unit with its carrying value, including goodwill, as measured by allocated equity. In certain circumstances, the first step may be performed using a qualitative assessment. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired; however, if the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step must be performed to measure potential impairment.

The second step involves calculating an implied fair value of goodwill for each reporting unit for which the first step indicated possible impairment. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination, which is the excess of the fair value of the reporting unit, as determined in the first step, over the aggregate fair values of the assets, liabilities and identifiable intangibles as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination. Measurement of the fair values of the assets and liabilities of a reporting unit is consistent with the requirements of the fair value measurements accounting guidance, as described in Fair value in this Note. The adjustments to measure the assets, liabilities and intangibles at fair value are for the purpose of measuring the implied fair value of goodwill and such adjustments are not reflected in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. If the implied fair value of goodwill exceeds the goodwill assigned to the reporting unit, there is no impairment. If the goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess. An impairment loss recognized cannot exceed the amount of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit. An impairment loss establishes a new basis in the goodwill and subsequent reversals of goodwill impairment losses are not permitted under applicable accounting guidance.

Identifiable intangible assets

Core deposit and other identifiable intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives. They are generally amortized using accelerated methods over estimated useful lives of ten to fifteen years. The Bank reviews core deposit intangible assets for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that we may not recover our investment in the underlying deposits. Other finite-lived intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances suggest the carrying value may not be recoverable.

The Bank incurs costs to purchase and develop computer software. The treatment of costs to purchase or develop the software depends on the nature of the costs and the stage of the project. Costs incurred in the preliminary project stage, such as the cost of performing feasibility studies and evaluating alternatives, are charged to expense. Costs for significant projects incurred from the time the preliminary project stage is complete through the time the project is substantially complete and the software is ready for its intended purpose are capitalized.

Internal-use software development costs are amortized over their estimated useful lives of five to seven years. The Bank reviews internal-use software development costs for impairment annually or whenever changes in circumstances indicate that there may be impairment. If impairment is identified, it is measured as the amount by which the carrying basis of the asset exceeds its fair value and recognized immediately.

Other real estate owned and repossessed personal property

Other real estate owned (“OREO”) and repossessed personal property are primarily comprised of properties that we acquired through foreclosure proceedings or repossession activities. Assets acquired in satisfaction of a defaulted loan are recorded at fair value less cost to sell upon acquisition. The amount by which the recorded investment in the loan exceeds the fair value (less estimated costs to sell) is charged off against the Allowance. The amount by which the fair value (less estimated costs to sell) exceeds the recorded investment in the loan is recognized first against prior charge-off (as a recovery) with any excess recognized through noninterest income. Subsequent declines in fair value and recoveries in those declines of the assets are recognized in a valuation allowance through noninterest income. Gains and losses upon sale of the foreclosed asset are reported as part of noninterest income.

Transfers and servicing of financial assets

The Bank enters into loan participations and loan sales, including originations to sell residential mortgage loans to the Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”). The Bank records these transactions as sales and derecognizes the financial assets in accordance with GAAP.

Any interests in the loans retained by the Bank in a participation are recognized by allocating the carrying amount of the loans between the participating interests sold and interests retained based on their relative fair values at the date of transfer. Gain or loss on the sale of the participating interests is based on the proceeds received and the allocated carrying amount of assets transferred.

The Bank retains the servicing on mortgage loans sold, which are recognized as mortgage servicing rights (“MSRs”) on the consolidated balance sheets within identifiable intangible assets. MSRs are initially recognized at fair value at the date of transfer as a component of the sales proceeds and are subsequently amortized and carried at the lower of cost or fair value. Fair value of MSRs is determined based on the present value of estimated future net servicing income. MSRs are amortized over the estimated period that net servicing income is expected to be received. Projections of the amount and timing of estimated future net cash flows are calculated using management’s best estimates, including prepayment speeds, forward yield curves and default rates. These estimates are updated based on actual results, industry trends and other economic considerations.

The Bank periodically evaluates its MSRs for impairment by stratifying them based on predominant risk characteristics and comparing the carrying value of each strata to the estimated fair value measured using a discounted cash flow method as discussed in Note 3. Impairment is recognized through a valuation allowance and a charge to noninterest income if it is considered to be temporary or through a direct write-down of the asset and a charge to noninterest income if it is considered other-than-temporary.

The Bank securitizes and services automobile loans through the use of VIEs. These loans are transferred to a securitization trust such that the assets are legally isolated from the creditors of the Bank and are not available to satisfy its obligation. These assets can only be used to settle obligations of the trust. See Note 8 for further details on the Bank’s automobile securitization.

Securities purchased and sold agreements

Securities purchased under agreements to resell and securities sold under agreements to repurchase are treated as collateralized financing transactions and are recorded at the amounts at which the securities were acquired or sold plus accrued interest. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are classified as short-term borrowings in the consolidated balance sheets. The fair value of collateral either received from or provided to a third-party is continually monitored and additional collateral is obtained or is requested to be returned to the Bank in accordance with the agreement. The Bank or a custodian holds all collateral.

Fair value

The Bank uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Trading assets, securities available for sale, certain other assets and certain liabilities are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The Bank may also be required to record other assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis; such as, loans held for sale and impaired loans held for investment. These nonrecurring fair value adjustments typically involve application of lower of cost or fair value accounting or write-downs of individual assets.

The Bank values its assets and liabilities based on observable market prices or inputs. If observable prices or inputs are not available, fair values are measured using unobservable inputs based on the Bank’s own assumptions about what market participants would use to price the asset or liability.

Fair value measurements are classified within one of three levels in a valuation hierarchy based upon the observability of significant inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active and inputs that are corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability for which there is limited or no market activity at the measurement date.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. See Note 15 for more information regarding fair value measurements.

Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to the United States ("U.S.") dollar equivalent at the rate of exchange at the balance sheet dates. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the U.S. dollar equivalent at the rate of exchange in effect at the time of the transaction. Foreign currency gains and losses are included in the consolidated statements of income within other noninterest income in the period in which they occur.

Income taxes

The Bank's income tax filing is included in the consolidated federal income tax return filed by BancWest. The Bank also files various combined and separate company state returns according to the laws of the particular state. Federal and state income taxes are generally allocated to individual subsidiaries as if each had filed a separate return. Amounts equal to income tax benefits of those subsidiaries having taxable losses or credits are reimbursed by other subsidiaries that would have incurred current income tax liabilities.

The Bank recognizes current income tax expense in an amount which approximates the tax to be paid or refunded for the current period. The Bank recognizes deferred income tax liabilities and assets for the expected future tax consequences of events that the Bank includes in the consolidated financial statements or tax returns based on the difference between the book and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognized if it is more likely than not that they will be realized. Realization is dependent on generating sufficient taxable income prior to expiration of any loss carry forward balance. The Bank's net tax asset is presented as a component of other assets.

Tax benefits are recognized and measured based upon a two-step model: (1) a tax position must be more likely than not to be sustained based solely on its technical merits in order to be recognized, and (2) the benefit is measured as the largest dollar amount of that position that is more likely than not to be sustained upon settlement. The difference between the benefit recognized and the tax benefit claimed on the return is referred to as an unrecognized tax benefit. Foreign taxes paid are generally applied as credits to reduce federal income taxes payable. Tax-related interest is recognized as a component of income tax expense. Substantially all penalties are recognized as a component of other noninterest expense. The Bank recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within the income tax expense line in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

Derivative instruments and hedging activities

Derivatives are recognized on the consolidated balance sheets as other assets or other liabilities at fair value and are either designated as (1) a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or of an unrecognized firm commitment ("fair value" hedge), (2) a hedge of a forecasted transaction or the variability of cash flows to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability ("cash flow" hedge) or (3) held for trading, customer accommodation or not designated for hedge accounting ("free-standing derivative instrument").

The Bank formally documents the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The Bank also formally assesses both at the inception of the hedge and on a quarterly basis, whether the derivative instruments are considered effective in offsetting changes in fair values of or cash flows related to hedged items.

For derivatives designated as fair value hedges, changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument and changes in the fair value of the related hedged asset or liability or of an unrecognized firm commitment attributable to the hedged risk are recorded in noninterest income.

For derivatives designated as a cash flow hedge, in which derivatives hedge the variability of cash flows related to floating-rate assets and liabilities or forecasted transactions, the accounting treatment depends on the effectiveness of the hedge. To the extent that the hedge is considered effective in offsetting the variability of the hedged cash flows, changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument are recorded in AOCI. These changes in fair value are subsequently reclassified into consolidated statements of income in future periods when the hedged transaction affects earnings. To the extent the derivative instruments are not effective, any changes in the fair value of derivatives are immediately recognized in noninterest income. If a hedged forecasted transaction is not expected to occur or the derivative is no longer effective or expected to be effective in offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows of a hedged item, hedge accounting is ceased.

For free-standing derivative instruments, any changes in the fair value of the derivative instruments are reported in noninterest income.

The Bank occasionally purchases or originates financial instruments that contain embedded features that may require recognition as separate derivative instruments. Such embedded derivatives are separated from the hybrid financial instruments and are carried at fair value with any changes in fair value recorded in income for the current period.

Valuations of derivative assets and liabilities reflect the value of the instrument including the values associated with counterparty risk, market risk and the Bank's own credit standing. See Note 14 for additional information.

Recent accounting standards

The following Accounting Standard Updates ("ASU") have been issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and are applicable to the Bank for the year ended December 31, 2014 or in future periods but are not yet effective:

ASU 2014-01: Investments – Equity Method and Joint Venture (Topic 323) – Accounting for Investments in Qualified Affordable Housing Projects

In January 2014, the FASB amended the guidance on the accounting for investments in qualified affordable housing projects by removing the effective yield method and introducing a relatively less restrictive proportional amortization method if certain criteria are met. The use of proportional amortization method for investments that qualify is an accounting policy election. Under the proportional amortization method, an entity is allowed to amortize the cost of its investments, in proportion to the tax credits and other tax benefits it receives, and present the amortization as a component of income tax expense. The amended guidance is effective for the Bank's 2015 annual reporting period. The Bank has not elected the proportional amortization method as its accounting policy for future investments.

ASU 2014-04: Receivables – Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40) – Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans Upon Foreclosure

In January 2014, the FASB issued guidance clarifying when a bank should reclassify mortgage loans collateralized by residential real estate properties from the loan portfolio to OREO. The guidance specifies that a foreclosure or an in substance repossession has occurred when either of the following criteria is met: (1) the creditor obtains legal title to the residential real estate property upon completion of a foreclosure or; (2) the borrower conveys all interest in the residential real estate property to the creditor to satisfy that loan through completion of a deed in lieu of foreclosure or through a similar legal agreement. The guidance also requires new disclosures relating to foreclosed and repossessed assets held by the Bank as well as loans in process of foreclosure according to local requirements of the applicable jurisdiction. This guidance is effective for the Bank's 2015 annual reporting period and may be applied either prospectively or on a modified retrospective approach. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Bank's consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2014-08: Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant and Equipment (Topic 360) – Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity

In April 2014, the FASB issued guidance that changes the threshold for a disposal to qualify as a discontinued operation and requires new disclosures of both discontinued operations and certain other disposals that do not meet the definition of a discontinued operation. The new guidance is effective for the Bank's 2015 annual reporting period and is applied prospectively. The adoption of this new accounting guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Bank's consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2014-09: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)

In May 2014, the FASB issued new guidance that outlines the principles an entity must apply to measure and recognize revenue and the related cash flows on contracts with customers. The new guidance must be adopted using either a full retrospective approach for all periods presented in the period of adoption or a modified retrospective approach. The new standard is effective for the Bank's 2018 annual reporting period. Early adoption is not permitted. The Bank is currently assessing the impact of adopting this new standard.

ASU 2014-11: Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860) – Repurchase-To-Maturity Transactions, Repurchase Financings and Disclosures

In June 2014, the FASB issued new guidance that requires repurchase-to-maturity transactions to be accounted for as secured borrowings and eliminates the existing guidance for repurchase financing. The guidance requires separate accounting for a transfer of a financial asset executed contemporaneously with a repurchase agreement with the same counterparty, expanded disclosure on all transfers of financial assets accounted for as sales and new disclosures for repurchase agreements, securities lending transactions and repurchase-to-maturity transactions that are accounted for as secured borrowings. The guidance is effective for the Bank's 2015 annual reporting period and is applied to all transactions outstanding on the effective date with changes in accounting presented as a cumulative-effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings as of the beginning of the period of adoption. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Bank's consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2014-13: Consolidation (Topic 810) – Measuring the Financial Assets and the Financial Liabilities of a Consolidated Collateralized Financing Entity

In August 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance that provides a measurement alternative for consolidating qualified collateralized financing entities ("CFE"). The measurement alternative allows an entity to measure both the financial assets and financial liabilities of a qualifying CFE it consolidates using fair value of either the CFE's financial assets or financial liabilities, whichever is more observable. If the alternative is not elected, the entity will have to attribute any differences in the fair values of the CFE's financial assets and financial liabilities to the controlling interest holder in the consolidated statements of income. There are also new disclosure requirements if the measurement alternative is elected. This ASU is effective for the Bank's 2016 annual reporting period using a retrospective or modified retrospective approach. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Bank's consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2014-14: Receivables – Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40) – Classification of Certain Government-Guaranteed Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure

In August 2014, the FASB issued new guidance that requires creditors to derecognize certain foreclosed government-guaranteed mortgage loans (that is, when the creditor receives physical possession of real estate property collateralizing the mortgage loan) and recognize a separate receivable that is measured at the amount the creditor expects to recover from the guarantor if the following conditions are met: (1) the loan includes a government guarantee that is inseparable from the loan prior to foreclosure; (2) the creditor plans to transfer the real estate property to the guarantor and make a claim on the guarantee and the creditor is able to recover under the guarantee at the time of foreclosure; and (3) at the time of foreclosure, any amount of the claim that is determined on the basis of the fair value of the real estate is fixed. The guidance is effective for the Bank's 2015 annual reporting period and can be applied prospectively or using a modified retrospective method. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Bank's consolidated financial statements.

ASU 2014-15: Presentation of Financial Statements – Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40) – Disclosure of Uncertainties About an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

In August 2014, the FASB issued new guidance requiring management to assess conditions and events that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the financial statements are issued. This assessment is required annually. Disclosure is required if there is substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. The guidance is effective for the Bank's 2016 annual reporting period with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on the Bank's consolidated financial statements.

2. Securities Available for Sale

The following table presents the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and fair values of securities available for sale:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,							
	2014				2013			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$1,791,489	\$ 607	\$ (3,406)	\$1,788,690	\$2,515,319	\$ 2,434	\$ (20,045)	\$2,497,708
Residential mortgage-backed securities:								
Government agencies	3,521,329	20,733	(37,964)	3,504,098	3,366,169	7,915	(85,889)	3,288,195
Government sponsored agencies	1,882,327	11,325	(28,130)	1,865,522	901,253	150	(81,471)	819,932
Collateralized debt and loan obligations	68,208	-	(3,414)	64,794	138,723	-	(9,852)	128,871
Other asset-backed securities	14	-	-	14	48	-	-	48
Collateralized mortgage obligations:								
Government agencies	1,024,460	3,335	(10,365)	1,017,430	1,042,812	306	(17,950)	1,025,168
Government sponsored agencies	313,276	294	(4,064)	309,506	362,281	137	(8,476)	353,942
States and political subdivisions	493,850	9,587	(1,318)	502,119	521,837	9,824	(9,086)	522,575
Corporate debt securities	197,439	418	(350)	197,507	43,084	-	(297)	42,787
Equity securities	6,160	489	(485)	6,164	6,160	622	(592)	6,190
Total securities available for sale	\$9,298,552	\$46,788	\$(89,496)	\$9,255,844	\$8,897,686	\$21,388	\$(233,658)	\$8,685,416

The following table presents gross realized gains and losses on securities available for sale:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Gross realized gains	\$ 4,904	\$ 77,519
Gross realized losses ⁽¹⁾	(4,464)	(10,836)
Net realized gains	\$ 440	\$ 66,683

⁽¹⁾ Includes OTTI recognized in the consolidated statements of income of nil and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The fair value and amortized cost of debt securities available for sale as of December 31, 2014, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without prepayment penalties.

	Remaining Contractual Principal Maturity				
	Within 1 Year	After 1 But Within 5 Years	After 5 Years But Within 10 Years	After 10 Years	Total Amount
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$181,261	\$1,607,348	\$ 8	\$ 73	\$1,788,690
Residential mortgage-backed securities:					
Government agencies	-	-	-	3,504,098	3,504,098
Government sponsored agencies	-	3,458	-	1,862,064	1,865,522
Collateralized debt and loan obligations	-	8,586	56,208	-	64,794
Other asset-backed securities	-	13	1	-	14
Collateralized mortgage obligations:					
Government agencies	-	-	-	1,017,430	1,017,430
Government sponsored agencies	-	-	-	309,506	309,506
States and political subdivisions	31,739	99,301	114,459	256,620	502,119
Corporate debt securities	2,238	195,269	-	-	197,507
Estimated fair value of debt securities	\$215,238	\$1,913,975	\$170,676	\$6,949,791	\$9,249,680
Total amortized cost of debt securities	\$214,944	\$1,916,133	\$171,615	\$6,989,700	\$9,292,392

Securities with an aggregate carrying value of \$5.5 billion and \$5.8 billion were pledged to secure public deposits, repurchase agreements, borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank ("FRB"), derivative liability positions and for other purposes as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, there were no secured parties that had the right to repledge or resell these securities.

We held no securities of any single issuer (other than the U.S. Government and government sponsored agencies) which were in excess of 10% of consolidated stockholder's equity as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Securities available for sale with a continuous unrealized loss position are shown below, separately for periods less than 12 months and 12 months or more:

	As of December 31, 2014					
	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$ (2,979)	\$1,378,186	\$ (427)	\$ 55,246	\$ (3,406)	\$1,433,432
Residential mortgage-backed securities:						
Government agencies	(2,084)	535,510	(35,880)	1,420,085	(37,964)	1,955,595
Government sponsored agencies	(971)	297,103	(27,159)	812,196	(28,130)	1,109,299
Collateralized debt and loan obligations	-	-	(3,414)	64,794	(3,414)	64,794
Collateralized mortgage obligations:						
Government agencies	(3,002)	417,641	(7,363)	372,732	(10,365)	790,373
Government sponsored agencies	(167)	101,856	(3,897)	132,831	(4,064)	234,687
States and political subdivisions	(542)	81,136	(776)	50,117	(1,318)	131,253
Corporate debt securities	(350)	97,656	-	-	(350)	97,656
Equity securities	-	-	(485)	5,515	(485)	5,515
Total securities available for sale	\$ (10,095)	\$2,909,088	\$ (79,401)	\$2,913,516	\$ (89,496)	\$5,822,604

As of December 31, 2013

	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	\$ (20,045)	\$2,041,188	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (20,045)	\$2,041,188
Residential mortgage-backed securities:						
Government agencies	(48,771)	2,211,284	(37,118)	342,308	(85,889)	2,553,592
Government sponsored agencies	(17,589)	229,055	(63,882)	586,414	(81,471)	815,469
Collateralized debt and loan obligations	-	-	(9,852)	128,871	(9,852)	128,871
Collateralized mortgage obligations:						
Government agencies	(17,950)	980,165	-	-	(17,950)	980,165
Government sponsored agencies	(8,476)	296,442	-	-	(8,476)	296,442
States and political subdivisions	(4,844)	90,916	(4,242)	37,944	(9,086)	128,860
Corporate debt securities	(297)	42,787	-	-	(297)	42,787
Equity securities	-	-	(592)	5,408	(592)	5,408
Total securities available for sale	\$(117,972)	\$5,891,837	\$(115,686)	\$1,100,945	\$(233,658)	\$6,992,782

AFS debt and equity securities in unrealized loss positions are analyzed as part of the Bank's ongoing assessment of other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI"). For most types of debt securities, the Bank considers a decline in fair value to be other-than-temporary when the Bank does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security. For AFS equity securities, the Bank considers a decline in fair value to be other-than-temporary if it is probable that the Bank will not recover its amortized cost basis.

Potential OTTI is considered using a variety of factors, including the length of time and extent to which the market value has been less than cost; adverse conditions specifically related to the industry, geographic area or financial condition of the issuer or underlying collateral of a security; payment structure of the security; changes to the rating of the security by a rating agency; the volatility of the fair value changes; and the Bank's intent and ability to hold the security until recovery.

For AFS debt securities, the Bank recognizes OTTI losses in earnings if the Bank has the intent to sell the debt security, or if it is more likely than not that the Bank will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. In these circumstances the impairment loss is equal to the full difference between the amortized cost basis and the fair value of the securities. For debt securities in an unrealized loss position, including AFS securities the Bank has the intent and ability to hold, the expected cash flows to be received from the securities are evaluated to determine if a credit loss exists. In the event of a credit loss, only the amount of impairment associated with the credit loss is recognized in income. Amounts relating to factors other than credit losses are recorded in OCI.

For equity securities, OTTI losses are recognized in earnings if the Bank intends to sell the security. In other cases, the Bank considers the relevant factors noted above, as well as the Bank's intent and ability to retain its investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value, and whether evidence exists to support a realizable value equal to or greater than the carrying value. Any impairment loss on an equity security is equal to the full difference between the amortized cost basis and the fair value of the security.

The following is a description of the unrealized losses and OTTI losses for our material security categories within our portfolio:

U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations

The unrealized losses associated with U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities are driven primarily by changes in interest rates. We do not estimate any credit losses due to explicit guarantees provided by the U.S. Government.

Residential mortgage-backed securities:

Government agencies and government sponsored agencies

The unrealized losses associated with federal agency residential mortgage-backed securities are primarily driven by changes in interest rates. These securities are issued by U.S. Government or government sponsored entities and do not have any expected credit losses given government guarantees.

Collateralized debt and loan obligations

All remaining collateralized debt securities backed by trust preferred hybrid capital issued by other institutions were fully amortized and paid off during the current year. The Bank still retains collateralized loan obligations backed by commercial loans and individual corporate debt obligations. The unrealized losses associated with collateralized loan obligations are driven primarily by changes in interest rates. We assess credit impairment using a cash flow model that incorporates default rates, loss severities and prepayment rates. Based upon our assessment of expected credit losses and credit enhancement level of the securities, we expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of these securities.

The Bank has assessed the impact from the Volcker Rule and determined no OTTI exists for our remaining securities. The Bank will continue to reassess this determination on an on-going basis.

Collateralized mortgage obligations:

Government agencies and government sponsored agencies

The unrealized losses associated with federal agency collateralized mortgage obligations are primarily driven by changes in interest rates. These securities are issued by U.S. Government or government sponsored entities and do not have any expected credit losses given government implicit guarantees.

States and political subdivisions

The unrealized losses associated with securities of States and political subdivisions are primarily driven by changes in interest rates. We do not have any expected credit losses given our credit analysis of the underlying issuers.

Other-than-temporary impairment losses

During the year ended December 31, 2013, there were two interest-only strips classified as other asset-backed securities that were other-than-temporarily impaired, primarily due to a decrease in expected cash flows of the securities based on changes in the prepayment rates of underlying collateral. As of December 31, 2014, only one interest-only strip position remains. This security did not have any OTTI losses for which a portion remained in OCI at December 31, 2014.

3. Loan Sales and Servicing Activity

Consumer loans held for sale primarily consist of residential mortgage loans that we originate for sale to FNMA. These loans are sold to FNMA on a non-recourse basis, and we retain the rights to service these loans. Periodically, we may identify certain commercial and consumer loans which we no longer intend to hold to maturity. These loans are generally sold to non-affiliated parties on a non-recourse basis. Except for the loans originated for sale to FNMA, we do not have any continuing involvement in the loans after their sale.

The following table summarizes the activity for the loans held for sale:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,			
	2014		2013	
	Commercial	Consumer	Commercial	Consumer
Loans originated for sale	\$ -	\$432,772	\$ -	\$1,097,834
Loans transferred to held for sale ⁽¹⁾	-	220,904	288	601
Loans sold during the year	-	603,626	42,184	1,285,691
Net gains on sales of loans	-	18,750	6,506	23,941

⁽¹⁾ Balances reflect after-transferred basis. See Note 5 for charge-offs upon transfer to held for sale.

Net gains on sales of consumer loans include forward loan sale commitments and related interest rate lock commitments.

Our consumer loan servicing activities include collecting principal, interest, tax and insurance payments from borrowers while accounting for and remitting payments to investors, taxing authorities and insurance companies. We also monitor delinquencies and administer foreclosure proceedings.

Consumer loan servicing income is recorded in noninterest income as a part of other service charges and fees and is reported net of the amortization of the servicing assets. The unpaid principal amount of consumer loans serviced for others was \$4.0 billion and \$3.8 billion for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Gross servicing fees include contractually specified fees, late charges and ancillary fees, and were \$13.7 million and \$12.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The changes in MSRs using the amortization method including valuation allowance were:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2014	2013
Carrying amount, balance as of January 1,	\$29,747	\$24,740
Additions ⁽¹⁾ :		
Assumption of servicing obligations resulting from asset transfers	5,736	12,588
Subtractions ⁽¹⁾ :		
Amortization	(6,743)	(8,729)
Application of valuation allowance to adjust carrying values of servicing assets	1	1,148
Carrying amount, balance as of December 31,	\$28,741	\$29,747
Valuation allowance for servicing assets:		
Beginning as of January 1,	2	1,150
Provisions	(1)	(1,148)
Balance as of December 31,	\$ 1	\$ 2

⁽¹⁾ The Bank did not purchase or sell any servicing obligations during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. Additionally, there was no OTTI recorded and no other changes that affected the balance during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The MSR assets are stratified based on predominant risk characteristics such as loan category or maturity and interest rate for purposes of determining impairment. Each stratum is evaluated to determine if the amortized cost basis of the MSR exceeds the fair value. The fair value of each stratum is determined using a discounted cash flow model by projecting the expected cash flows for each strata based upon assumptions for estimated servicing income and expense. Within the fair value hierarchy, the MSR assets are classified as Level 3 as the model used to determine the fair value incorporates use of significant unobservable inputs. These inputs reflect assumptions that market participants use in estimating future net servicing income such as future prepayment speeds, discount rate, cost to service the assets including expected delinquency and foreclosure related costs, escrow account earnings, contractual servicing fee income, late fees, and other ancillary income. The model is operated and maintained by a third-party service provider. The Bank reviews the valuation assumptions against market data for reasonableness. Additionally, the Bank has a Secondary Marketing Committee (“SMC”) comprised of key members of management from National Finance Group, Market Risk and Treasury. The SMC is responsible for reviewing changes in valuation results from the third-party service provider on a monthly basis. The fair value of MSRs is sensitive to changes in projected interest rates and their effect on prepayment speeds. MSRs typically decrease in value when interest rates decline as the declining interest rates tend to increase prepayments which reduce the expected average life of the net servicing cash flows that comprise the MSR asset. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the value of MSRs generally increases due to reduced prepayment rates.

The fair value of the MSRs was as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2014	2013
Balance as of January 1,	\$38,742	\$25,181
Balance as of December 31,	36,694	38,742

The quantitative assumptions used in determining the lower of cost or fair value of the Bank's MSR's were as follows:

	2014		2013	
	Range	Weighted-Average	Range	Weighted-Average
Conditional prepayment rate	5.80% – 12.17%	9.62%	4.60% – 17.65%	10.83%
Life in years (of the MSR)	3.72 – 10.14	7.19	2.84 – 11.08	6.09
Weighted-average coupon rate	2.88% – 4.78%	4.11%	2.61% – 5.38%	3.84%
Discount rate	9.50% – 9.91%	9.50%	9.50% – 12.50%	10.10%

In addition to loans originated for sale and certain loans which we no longer intend to hold to maturity, the Bank sells participating interests in certain commercial loans to other financial institutions. The Bank continues to maintain the servicing relationship with borrowers for the entire loan and receives a nominal fee from these borrowers to cover the costs of servicing activities. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Bank recognized \$334.3 million and \$361.2 million (net of charge-offs), respectively, as its retained interest in the unpaid principal balance of the loans. The unpaid principal balance of loans sold as participating interests as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$319.7 million and \$335.6 million, respectively. As the Bank sold the participating interests concurrently with the loan origination, there was no difference between the fair value and carrying amount of the loans transferred and therefore no gain or loss on sale was recognized for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

4. Loans and Leases

The following table presents the outstanding balances for loans and leases by portfolio segment:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Commercial:		
Commercial and industrial	\$ 8,554,842	\$ 7,632,152
Commercial real estate	11,981,922	11,428,670
Construction	1,364,373	948,293
Equipment financing	3,749,650	3,119,094
Agriculture	2,272,064	2,416,163
Consumer:		
Installments and lines	13,880,924	12,751,667
Residential secured–closed-end	6,760,885	6,954,496
Residential secured–revolving, open-end	2,256,706	2,079,196
Total loans and leases	\$50,821,366	\$47,329,731

Outstanding balances as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are net of unearned income, including net deferred loan fees, of \$226.0 million and \$188.5 million, respectively.

Loans totaling \$34,311.7 million and \$29,372.1 million were pledged to collateralize the Bank's borrowing capacity at the FRB and FHLB as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Additionally, \$671.5 million from the consumer installment and lines portfolio were pledged as collateral for the securitization of automobile loans as of December 31, 2014. See Note 8 for additional information.

A significant portion of our loan and lease portfolio is located in California. No other states have a significant portion of our portfolio. The risk inherent in our loan and lease portfolio is dependent upon the economic stability of this state, which affects property values, and the financial well-being and creditworthiness of the borrowers.

Our leasing activities consist primarily of leasing commercial equipment and automobiles. Generally, lessees are responsible for all maintenance, taxes and insurance on the leased property.

The following table presents details of the Bank's net investment in financing leases, which includes equipment and consumer leases:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013 ⁽²⁾
Total minimum lease payments to be received	\$1,815,513	\$1,557,206
Estimated residual values of leased property	248,314	217,951
Less: Unearned income	135,304	112,661
Net investment in financing leases⁽¹⁾	\$1,928,523	\$1,662,496

⁽¹⁾ Includes auto leases of \$100.0 million and \$101.0 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

⁽²⁾ Excludes equipment loans previously misclassified as leases in 2013, as a result Total minimum lease payments to be received has been reduced by \$1,674.0 million, and Unearned income has been reduced by \$116.7 million from the amounts previously reported.

Minimum lease receivables for the five succeeding years and thereafter as of December 31, 2014 were as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	
2015	\$ 675,712
2016	512,573
2017	356,906
2018	231,614
2019	133,540
2020 and thereafter	153,482
Gross minimum payments	2,063,827
Less: Unearned income	135,304
Net minimum lease receivables	\$1,928,523

In the normal course of business, the Bank makes loans to executive officers and directors of the Bank and to entities and individuals affiliated with those executive officers and directors. The aggregate amount of all such extensions of credit was \$3.1 million and \$3.6 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Such loans are made on terms no less favorable to the Bank than those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons, or in the case of certain residential real estate loans, on terms that were widely available to employees of the Bank who were not directors or executive officers.

Credit quality

We monitor credit quality by evaluating various attributes and utilize such information in our evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses. The following sections provide the credit quality indicators we most closely monitor.

Commercial credit quality indicators

The Bank assesses the credit quality of its commercial loans and leases with an internal credit risk grading system using a ten-point credit risk scale and categorizes the loans and leases consistent with industry guidelines in the following grades: pass, special mention and classified.

Risk grades one through six (or Pass grades) represent loans with strong to acceptable credit quality where the loan is protected by adequate collateral and the borrower is not facing financial difficulties. Risk grade seven (or Special Mention grade) represents loans with borrowers that have potential credit weaknesses, which, if not checked or corrected, will weaken the Bank's repayment prospects. Risk grades eight through ten (or Classified grades) represent loans characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain partial or entire loss. In particular, risk grade eight represents borrowers who have a well-defined weakness but no loss in principal balance is currently anticipated. Risk grade nine represents loans with doubtful borrowers but partial loss is probable based on facts existing at the time of assessment. Risk grade ten represents loans with borrowers who are incapable of repayment or loans that are considered uncollectable and are therefore, charged off. All loans in risk grades nine and ten and certain loans in risk grade eight that are on nonaccrual status are considered impaired loans. Risk grades of commercial loans are reviewed on an ongoing basis and upon a credit event.

The following tables present the credit quality of each class of commercial loans and leases based on our internal risk grading system:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2014			
	Pass	Special Mention	Classified	Total
Commercial and industrial	\$ 8,317,786	\$123,722	\$113,334	\$ 8,554,842
Commercial real estate	11,364,971	303,241	313,710	11,981,922
Construction	1,264,856	35,963	63,554	1,364,373
Equipment financing	3,700,818	24,201	24,631	3,749,650
Agriculture	2,080,922	156,760	34,382	2,272,064
Total commercial	\$26,729,353	\$643,887	\$549,611	\$27,922,851

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2013			
	Pass	Special Mention	Classified	Total
Commercial and industrial	\$ 7,272,593	\$167,313	\$192,246	\$ 7,632,152
Commercial real estate	10,584,371	414,192	430,107	11,428,670
Construction	865,457	51,786	31,050	948,293
Equipment financing	3,064,967	20,378	33,749	3,119,094
Agriculture	2,153,338	124,819	138,006	2,416,163
Total commercial	\$23,940,726	\$778,488	\$825,158	\$25,544,372

Consumer credit quality indicators

Consumer loans are assessed for credit quality by delinquency status and are placed into one of two categories. The “Current” category, includes borrowers who are current in their payments in accordance with their contractual terms and the “Past Due” category, includes borrowers who have missed one or more payments and are past due 30 days or more. The following table represents the credit quality of each class of consumer loans and leases based on the delinquency status:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Residential Secured–Closed-End	Residential Secured–Revolving, Open-End	Installments and Lines	Total
As of December 31, 2014:				
Current ⁽¹⁾	\$6,622,632	\$2,231,308	\$13,781,884	\$22,635,824
Past due	138,253	25,398	99,040	262,691
Total	6,760,885	2,256,706	13,880,924	22,898,515
As of December 31, 2013:				
Current ⁽¹⁾	6,771,396	2,057,359	12,643,554	21,472,309
Past due	183,100	21,837	108,113	313,050
Total	\$6,954,496	\$2,079,196	\$12,751,667	\$21,785,359

⁽¹⁾ Includes loans that are contractually current but on nonaccrual status.

5. Allowance for Credit Losses

The allowance for credit losses reflects management's estimate of credit losses inherent in the loan and lease portfolio and reserve for unfunded lending commitments. We consider the allowance for credit losses at the end of 2014 to be adequate to cover such losses. Changes in the allowance for credit losses were:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Balance as of January 1,	\$ 671,735	\$ 746,661
Provision for credit losses	64,455	44,686
Charge-offs:		
Commercial:		
Commercial and industrial	(49,544)	(47,459)
Commercial real estate	(10,901)	(12,742)
Construction	(101)	(7,001)
Equipment financing	(7,855)	(12,420)
Agriculture	(5,578)	(20,127)
Total commercial ⁽¹⁾	(73,979)	(99,749)
Consumer:		
Installments and lines	(76,116)	(92,421)
Residential secured–closed-end	(11,231)	(32,411)
Residential secured–revolving, open-end	(3,311)	(8,861)
Total consumer ⁽¹⁾	(90,658)	(133,693)
Total charge-offs	(164,637)	(233,442)
Recoveries:		
Commercial:		
Commercial and industrial	14,966	28,610
Commercial real estate	10,638	15,976
Construction	2,970	12,037
Equipment financing	7,867	10,296
Agriculture	1,201	1,257
Total commercial	37,642	68,176
Consumer:		
Installments and lines	29,795	34,163
Residential secured–closed-end	4,869	9,713
Residential secured–revolving, open-end	1,738	1,778
Total consumer	36,402	45,654
Total recoveries	74,044	113,830
Net charge-offs	(90,593)	(119,612)
Balance as of December 31,	\$ 645,597	\$ 671,735
Components:		
Allocated loans and leases	\$ 536,305	\$ 589,573
Unallocated loans and leases	65,000	45,000
Total allowance for loans and leases	601,305	634,573
Reserve for unfunded commitments	44,292	37,162
Allowance for credit losses	\$ 645,597	\$ 671,735

⁽¹⁾ There were no charge-offs due to commercial or consumer loans transferred to held for sale for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The following table summarizes the activity in the allowance for loan and lease losses by commercial and consumer portfolio segments:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31, 2014			
	Commercial	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
Balance as of January 1,	\$279,815	\$ 309,758	\$45,000	\$ 634,573
Provision for loan and lease losses	69,026	(31,701)	20,000	57,325
Charge-offs	(73,979)	(90,658)	-	(164,637)
Recoveries	37,642	36,402	-	74,044
Net charge-offs	(36,337)	(54,256)	-	(90,593)
Balance as of December 31,	\$312,504	\$ 223,801	\$65,000	\$ 601,305

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31, 2013			
	Commercial	Consumer	Unallocated	Total
Balance as of January 1,	\$309,258	\$ 356,445	\$45,000	\$ 710,703
Provision for loan and lease losses	2,130	41,352	-	43,482
Charge-offs	(99,749)	(133,693)	-	(233,442)
Recoveries	68,176	45,654	-	113,830
Net charge-offs	(31,573)	(88,039)	-	(119,612)
Balance as of December 31,	\$279,815	\$ 309,758	\$45,000	\$ 634,573

The following table disaggregates our allocated component of the allowance for loan and lease losses and recorded investment in loans by impairment methodology:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2014					
	Allocated Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses			Recorded Investment in Loans		
	Commercial	Consumer	Total	Commercial	Consumer	Total
Collectively evaluated	\$311,553	\$197,137	\$508,690	\$27,755,572	\$22,568,818	\$50,324,390
Individually evaluated	951	26,664	27,615	167,279	329,697	496,976
Total	\$312,504	\$223,801	\$536,305	\$27,922,851	\$22,898,515	\$50,821,366

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2013					
	Allocated Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses			Recorded Investment in Loans		
	Commercial	Consumer	Total	Commercial	Consumer	Total
Collectively evaluated	\$264,266	\$280,775	\$545,041	\$25,073,020	\$21,456,017	\$46,529,037
Individually evaluated	15,549	28,983	44,532	471,352	329,342	800,694
Total	\$279,815	\$309,758	\$589,573	\$25,544,372	\$21,785,359	\$47,329,731

The Bank's total allowance for credit losses decreased compared to the prior year reflecting continued improvements in the current economic conditions for most sectors. Future allowance levels will be impacted by a variety of factors, including portfolio growth and performance as well as general economic conditions.

Impaired loans and leases

The following tables present information related to impaired loans and leases that are individually evaluated:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2014						
	Commercial Product						Consumer Product
	Commercial & Industrial	Commercial Real Estate	Construction	Equipment Financing	Agriculture	Total	Residential Secured—Closed-End
Recorded investment in impaired loans and leases:							
Impaired loans and leases with related allowance	\$ 6,040	\$ 26,869	\$30,035	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,944	\$188,220
Impaired loans and leases with no related allowance	7,441	36,281	47,432	-	13,181	104,335	141,477
Total impaired loans and leases	\$ 13,481	\$ 63,150	\$77,467	\$ -	\$ 13,181	\$167,279	\$329,697
Allowance for loan and lease losses on impaired loans and leases	\$ 226	\$ 290	\$ 435	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 951	\$ 26,664
Total unpaid principal balance	20,219	71,135	90,188	-	28,754	210,296	366,683
Average recorded investment in impaired loans and leases	52,665	132,608	67,169	1,525	52,496	306,463	332,154

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2013						
	Commercial Product						Consumer Product
	Commercial & Industrial	Commercial Real Estate	Construction	Equipment Financing	Agriculture	Total	Residential Secured—Closed-End
Recorded investment in impaired loans and leases:							
Impaired loans and leases with related allowance	\$ 17,656	\$ 70,099	\$ -	\$ 372	\$ 9,738	\$ 97,865	\$199,396
Impaired loans and leases with no related allowance	83,999	142,765	58,615	3,341	84,767	373,487	129,946
Total impaired loans and leases	\$101,655	\$212,864	\$58,615	\$3,713	\$ 94,505	\$471,352	\$329,342
Allowance for loan and lease losses on impaired loans and leases	\$ 8,061	\$ 4,045	\$ -	\$ 159	\$ 3,284	\$ 15,549	\$ 28,983
Total unpaid principal balance	123,164	225,933	80,608	3,713	114,127	547,545	364,765
Average recorded investment in impaired loans and leases	105,775	208,454	83,634	4,789	68,906	471,558	327,389

Impaired loans without a related allowance for credit losses are generally collateralized by assets with fair values (on an “as-is” basis) in excess of the recorded investment in the loans. For commercial loans, payments on impaired loans are generally applied to reduce the outstanding principal balance of such loans. For residential loans, payments on impaired loans are accounted for according to the cash method where interest income is recognized only as it is collected. Interest income recognized on impaired loans was \$1.3 million and \$16.7 million for the commercial and consumer portfolios for 2014, respectively and \$0.9 million and \$17.0 million for the commercial and consumer portfolios for 2013, respectively.

Troubled debt restructurings

In situations where for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower’s financial difficulties, the Bank grants a concession to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider, the related loan is classified as a TDR. For the commercial loan portfolio, concessions granted by the Bank generally include term extensions, renewals, forbearances of principal and interest payments, and interest rate modifications for each of the classes shown below. Such loans are considered for individually evaluated impairment if they meet certain thresholds. In addition, for smaller balance nonperforming loans, we may use third-party collection agencies who generally enter into payment or settlement arrangements with the borrowers in order to protect as much of the Bank’s investment in the loan as possible. For our

consumer loan portfolio, concessions generally include term extensions, interest rate changes, payment deferrals and temporary payment reductions. TDRs not individually evaluated are incorporated into collectively evaluated allowance on a qualitative basis. The Bank had \$23.7 million and \$18.7 million of commitments to lend additional funds and letters of credit to customers whose troubled debt has been restructured as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The following tables provide a summary of the financial effects of the modifications during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. In addition, the tables provide the related outstanding balance, as well as, a summary of loans and leases outstanding at December 31, 2014 and 2013 modified as TDRs within the previous 12 months for which there was a subsequent payment default during the period. A payment default is defined as 90 days past due for the commercial portfolio and 60 days past due for the consumer portfolio.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2014				
	Financial Effects			Subsequent Defaults ⁽¹⁾	
	Pre-Modification Loan Balance	Post-Modification Loan Balance	Balance as of December 31, 2014	Number of Contracts	Balance as of December 31, 2014
Commercial TDRs:					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 46,308	\$ 47,116	\$ 19,484	88	\$ 7,558
Commercial real estate	51,643	46,424	34,366	6	7,695
Construction	26,921	31,179	30,035	-	-
Equipment financing	-	-	-	-	-
Agriculture	36,037	32,532	12,295	2	2,404
Consumer TDRs:					
Installments and lines	13,191	8,769	7,844	26	268
Residential secured—closed-end	52,553	57,706	53,414	64	8,713
Residential secured—revolving, open-end	8,211	7,689	7,502	11	352
Total	\$234,864	\$231,415	\$164,940	197	\$26,990

⁽¹⁾ Subsequent defaults exclude commercial loans for which we forbore our rights to take legal action in relation to past due payments.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2013				
	Financial Effects			Subsequent Defaults ⁽¹⁾	
	Pre-Modification Loan Balance	Post-Modification Loan Balance	Balance as of December 31, 2013	Number of Contracts	Balance as of December 31, 2013
Commercial TDRs:					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 21,554	\$ 20,175	\$ 12,782	1	\$ 179
Commercial real estate	58,409	57,573	53,615	7	12,420
Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment financing	174	167	152	-	-
Agriculture	23,364	21,194	20,168	1	536
Consumer TDRs:					
Installments and lines	16,545	12,132	11,015	22	391
Residential secured—closed-end	83,342	83,407	75,868	86	12,906
Residential secured—revolving, open-end	9,583	8,480	8,284	6	427
Total	\$212,971	\$203,128	\$181,884	123	\$26,859

⁽¹⁾ Subsequent defaults exclude commercial loans for which we forbore our rights to take legal action in relation to past due payments.

Nonaccrual and past due loans and leases

The following tables present information relating to the past due and nonaccrual status of our loans and leases by class, which we monitor as part of our credit risk management practices:

As of December 31, 2014

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Current ⁽¹⁾	30 - 90 Days Past Due ⁽¹⁾	More Than 90 Days Past Due ⁽¹⁾	Total Loans and Leases ⁽¹⁾	Loans and Leases on Nonaccrual Status	Past Due 90 Days or More but Still Accruing
Commercial:						
Commercial and industrial	\$ 8,512,567	\$ 18,786	\$ 23,489	\$ 8,554,842	\$ 47,810	\$1,351
Commercial real estate	11,905,793	29,719	46,410	11,981,922	112,023	413
Construction	1,354,714	5,762	3,897	1,364,373	13,444	-
Equipment financing	3,734,842	9,134	5,674	3,749,650	10,004	-
Agriculture	2,256,422	-	15,642	2,272,064	20,464	-
Consumer:						
Installments and lines	13,781,884	92,102	6,938	13,880,924	15,228	-
Residential secured—closed-end	6,622,632	71,814	66,439	6,760,885	118,597	255
Residential secured—revolving, open-end	2,231,308	13,603	11,795	2,256,706	19,868	-
Total	\$50,400,162	\$240,920	\$180,284	\$50,821,366	\$357,438	\$2,019

⁽¹⁾ Includes both accruing and nonaccruing balances.

As of December 31, 2013

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Current ⁽¹⁾	30 - 90 Days Past Due ⁽¹⁾	More Than 90 Days Past Due ⁽¹⁾	Total Loans and Leases ⁽¹⁾	Loans and Leases on Nonaccrual Status	Past Due 90 Days or More but Still Accruing
Commercial:						
Commercial and industrial	\$ 7,546,904	\$ 28,472	\$ 56,776	\$ 7,632,152	\$ 83,013	\$16,570
Commercial real estate	11,282,173	66,533	79,964	11,428,670	169,935	8,001
Construction	929,450	260	18,583	948,293	18,708	-
Equipment financing	3,103,842	10,322	4,930	3,119,094	10,451	-
Agriculture	2,354,394	3,092	58,677	2,416,163	84,117	10,145
Consumer:						
Installments and lines	12,643,554	100,530	7,583	12,751,667	17,967	-
Residential secured—closed-end	6,771,396	96,752	86,348	6,954,496	144,247	-
Residential secured—revolving, open-end	2,057,359	11,703	10,134	2,079,196	19,391	-
Total	\$46,689,072	\$317,664	\$322,995	\$47,329,731	\$547,829	\$34,716

⁽¹⁾ Includes both accruing and nonaccruing balances.

6. Premises and Equipment

The premises and equipment were comprised of the following:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Premises	\$505,280	\$525,113
Leasehold improvements	182,149	178,851
Equipment ⁽¹⁾	281,624	288,026
Total premises and equipment	969,053	991,990
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	570,372	570,249
Net book value	\$398,681	\$421,741

⁽¹⁾ Includes in process equipment not subject to depreciation of \$8.2 million and \$3.2 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The Bank recognized an impairment expense of \$0.9 million and \$1.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The following table presents rental expense net of rental income, depreciation and amortization related to premises and equipment:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2014	2013
Net rental expense	\$73,661	\$70,500
Depreciation and amortization of premises and equipment	52,228	51,812

The Bank has obligations under a number of capital and noncancelable operating leases for premises and equipment. The remaining lease terms are up to 48 years, and many provide for periodic adjustment of rentals based on changes in various economic indicators. Certain leases include renewal options, with the longest up to 57 years. Under the premises leases, we are also required to pay real property taxes, insurance and maintenance. The following table shows future minimum payments under leases with terms in excess of one year, excluding future renewal options:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2014			
	Capital Leases	Operating Leases	Less Sublease Income	Net Lease Payments
2015	\$ 1,997	\$ 71,231	\$ 3,893	\$ 69,335
2016	1,920	64,603	2,969	63,554
2017	1,940	56,996	1,843	57,093
2018	1,957	46,793	1,110	47,640
2019	2,054	40,914	564	42,404
2020 and thereafter	13,764	147,302	351	160,715
Total minimum payments	\$23,632	\$427,839	\$10,730	\$440,741
Less: Interest on capital leases	9,625			
Present value of net minimum lease payments on capital leases ⁽¹⁾	\$14,007			

⁽¹⁾ Excludes purchase accounting adjustments of \$3.9 million.

The Bank amortized \$4.3 and \$5.9 million of deferred gains relating to its prior sale-leaseback transactions into income for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Bank has no obligations or circumstances which require our continuing involvement with any of these properties.

7. Goodwill and Identifiable Intangible Assets

The Bank has \$4.2 billion in goodwill from acquisitions prior to 2013. Goodwill is allocated to the Retail and Commercial reporting units. We assess goodwill for impairment on an annual basis. We deemed it unnecessary to perform the optional qualitative assessment of changes in circumstances that may result in goodwill impairment and instead directly performed the quantitative assessment that first requires determining whether the carrying values of our reporting units exceed their respective fair values. No impairment of goodwill was deemed necessary in 2014 and 2013. Our estimates of fair value of reporting units were based upon factors such as projected future cash flows, discount rates, and other uncertain elements that require significant judgments. While we use available information to prepare our

estimates and perform impairment evaluations, actual results in the future could differ significantly. Impairment tests in future periods may result in impairment charges, which could materially impact our future reported results.

The following table presents our finite-lived intangible assets:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Gross Carrying Amount	Less Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Balance as of December 31, 2014:			
Core deposits ⁽¹⁾	\$195,059	\$163,532	\$ 31,527
Software ⁽²⁾	330,200	194,533	135,667
MSRs and other	85,539	49,523	36,016
Total	610,798	407,588	203,210
Balance as of December 31, 2013:			
Core deposits ⁽¹⁾	195,059	150,996	44,063
Software ⁽²⁾	281,088	170,224	110,864
MSRs and other	79,811	41,375	38,436
Total	\$555,958	\$362,595	\$193,363

⁽¹⁾ Does not include fully amortized assets.

⁽²⁾ Includes in process software not subject to amortization of \$57.6 million and \$43.2 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Intangible amortization expense included in noninterest expense was \$42.1 million and \$36.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Bank's review did not result in any material impairment. See Note 3 for valuation allowance related to MSRs.

The table below presents the estimated future annual amortization expense for finite-lived intangible assets for the years ending December 31:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Core Deposits	Software	MSRs and Other	Total
2015	\$12,517	\$26,178	\$5,797	\$44,492
2016	12,498	22,355	4,991	39,844
2017	6,392	17,022	4,551	27,965
2018	58	10,009	4,059	14,126
2019	39	2,272	3,533	5,844

8. Variable Interest Entities

A VIE is an entity that has either a total equity investment that is insufficient to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support or whose equity investors lack the ability to control the entity's activities. Under existing accounting guidance, a VIE is consolidated by its primary beneficiary, the party that has both the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the VIE and a variable interest that could potentially be significant to the VIE.

The Bank evaluates whether an entity is a VIE upon its creation and upon the occurrence of significant events; such as a change in an entity's assets or activities. The determination of whether the Bank is the primary beneficiary involves performing a qualitative analysis of the VIE. The analysis includes its capital structure, contractual terms including the rights of each variable interest holder, the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact its economic performance, whether the Bank has the power to direct those activities and our obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits significant to the VIE.

Limited liability companies

The Bank has formed CLAAS Financial Services, LLC with the purpose of providing lease and loan financing to commercial entities acquiring agricultural equipment. The Bank owns 51% interest in the LLC and has the obligation to

absorb losses that could be potentially significant to this LLC. The Bank also has the power to direct key activities of this LLC that significantly drive its performance through control of the Board of Directors. The Bank is the primary beneficiary of this LLC, and it is consolidated in our consolidated financial statements.

In addition to the investment in CLAAS Financial Services, LLC, the Bank has investments in limited liability companies (“LLCs”) for the purpose of managing foreclosed properties seized to mitigate losses to the Bank and its partners by selling the collateral. As of December 31, 2014, these LLCs had nominal assets.

Securitization trust

In November 2014, the Bank securitized \$750 million of automobile loans by transferring them to a trust and then issuing securities collateralized by those loans to investors. The Bank continues to maintain the servicing relationship with the borrowers in exchange for a fee. Certain securities issued by the trust are retained by the Bank, which are subordinate to the securities issued to investors. Other than the credit protection afforded by the subordinated securities, the holders of the senior securities have no other recourse to the Bank.

The securitization trust is determined to be a VIE. The Bank is the primary beneficiary as it holds significant variable interests and continues to service all of the loans, as well as it has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the trust and could absorb credit losses that could potentially be significant to the trust. As the primary beneficiary, the assets and liabilities of the trust have been reflected in our consolidated financial statements. The securitized loans continue to be recorded as loans and the obligation to remit certain cash flows collected from the borrowers to the holders of the securities issued to investors was recorded as a secured borrowing and included in long-term debt. As such, no separate servicing asset is recorded.

Tax credit investments

The Bank owns several limited partnership interests in low-income housing developments in conjunction with the Community Reinvestment Act. The Bank is not the primary beneficiary of these entities and in most instances, the Bank is one of many limited partners and our interest in the partnerships may decrease as new limited partners are added. Limited partners do not participate in the control of the partnerships’ businesses. The general partners, which are either developers or nonprofit organizations, exercise the day-to-day control and management of the projects. The general partners have exclusive control over the partnerships’ businesses and have all of the rights, powers, and authority generally conferred by law or necessary, advisable or consistent with accomplishing the partnerships’ businesses. As a limited partner, the Bank does not have an active role in any of the partnerships, and our involvement is limited to providing financial support, as stated within the contractual agreements and, therefore, we are not the primary beneficiary.

The business purpose of these entities is to provide affordable housing within the Bank’s service area in return for tax credits and tax loss deductions. The Bank has not received additional income or incurred additional expenses as a result of our involvement with these entities. As we are a limited partner, our maximum exposure to loss will never exceed our total investment in these entities, including our subscription amount. In the unlikely event that the general partners do not adhere to their contractual obligations to provide financial support to low-income housing, the Bank may be subject to tax credit recapture rules; and, would record income or expense related to the project, including recognition of a gain or loss on the disposition or termination of its partnership interest. Bargain purchase options are available for the general partners to purchase the Bank’s portion of interests in the limited partnerships.

Consolidated VIEs

The following table presents information on assets and liabilities of the consolidated VIEs, as they are included in these line items in our consolidated balance sheets:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 31,264	\$ -
Loans and leases:		
Loans and leases	1,044,483	301,705
Less: Allowance for loan and lease losses	1,592	1,347
Net loans and leases	1,042,891	300,358
Other assets	1,489	22
Total assets	\$1,075,644	\$300,380
Liabilities		
Long-term debt	\$ 658,326	\$ 12,800
Other liabilities	1,033	1,637
Total liabilities	\$ 659,359	\$ 14,437

The assets of the VIEs consolidated by the Bank can only be used to settle the liabilities of the VIEs. The creditors of these VIEs do not have any recourse to assets of the Bank.

Unconsolidated VIEs

The following tables present the carrying amount of assets, liabilities and our maximum exposure to loss related to the Bank's unconsolidated VIEs in the consolidated balance sheets:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Total Assets ⁽¹⁾	Total Liabilities ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Exposure to Loss
December 31, 2014			
Tax credit investments	\$277,998	\$111,543	\$489,110
December 31, 2013			
Tax credit investments	187,966	56,795	364,484

⁽¹⁾ Reported in other assets or other liabilities.

9. Regulatory Capital Requirements

The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by federal banking agencies. If the Bank fails to meet minimum capital requirements, these agencies can initiate certain discretionary and mandatory actions. Such regulatory actions could have a material effect on the Bank's consolidated financial statements. The Bank constantly monitors its regulatory capital levels and, if necessary, may obtain capital from its parent company through BNP Paribas or by other means.

Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of its assets and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. These capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Bank to maintain adequate levels of Tier 1 and Total capital to risk-weighted assets and Tier 1 capital to average assets. The following table presents the capital ratios:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To be Well-Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
As of December 31, 2014						
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	\$7,765,836	13.48%	\$2,303,830	4.00%	\$3,455,746	6.00%
Total capital to risk-weighted assets	8,411,435	14.60	4,607,661	8.00	5,759,576	10.00
Tier 1 leverage ratio ⁽¹⁾	7,765,836	11.88	2,615,709	4.00	3,269,637	5.00
As of December 31, 2013						
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	7,603,919	14.42	2,108,970	4.00	3,163,455	6.00
Total capital to risk-weighted assets	8,263,142	15.67	4,217,940	8.00	5,272,425	10.00
Tier 1 leverage ratio ⁽¹⁾	7,603,919	12.38	2,457,597	4.00	3,071,996	5.00

⁽¹⁾ The leverage ratio consists of a ratio of Tier 1 capital to average assets, excluding goodwill and certain other items.

Pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, to be well-capitalized, a bank must have a total risk-based capital ratio of 10.00% or greater, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.00% or greater, a leverage ratio of 5.00% or greater and not be subject to any agreement, order or directive to meet a specific capital level for any capital measure. The Bank's risk-based and leverage capital ratios remain significantly above the "well-capitalized" ratios.

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision has adopted a global regulatory framework for banks, including a capital framework. Within the U.S., the federal banking agencies have adopted regulations to implement the Basel Committee's capital framework (the U.S. Basel III final rule). The U.S. Basel III final rule establishes a new capital ratio, revises the calculation of both the numerator and denominator of the various capital ratios and establishes new "well-capitalized" ratios. The U.S. Basel III final rule is effective on January 1, 2015 for the Bank.

10. Deposits

As of December 31, 2014, the following table presents the maturity distribution of time certificates of deposit:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	
2015	\$5,461,072
2016	1,055,665
2017	484,841
2018	272,751
2019	482,501
2020 and thereafter	327,874
Total	\$8,084,704

Time certificates with a denomination of \$100,000 and greater totaled \$5.2 billion and \$4.2 billion as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Total brokered time certificates of deposit totaled \$1.7 billion and \$1.4 billion as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Total deposits reclassified to loans due to overdrafts as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$4.8 million and \$8.0 million, respectively.

In March 2010, the Bank received noninterest-bearing cash deposits of \$1.1 billion from BancWest under the Collateralized Credit Guarantee Derivative Agreement (the "Guarantee"). The deposits on hand were \$763.5 million and \$769.0 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. See Note 20 for additional information.

11. Short-Term Borrowings

The Bank's borrowings with original maturities of one year or less are classified as short-term. Short-term borrowings include securities sold under repurchase agreement, FHLB advances and other borrowings with a maturity of one year or less. A summary of short-term borrowings and weighted-average rates follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2014		2013	
	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount
As of December 31,				
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0.05%	\$ 406,641	0.05%	\$ 405,633
Advances from FHLB and other short-term borrowings	0.25%	4,746,907	0.21%	2,650,169
Total short-term borrowings		\$5,153,548		\$3,055,802
Average daily balance for the years ended December 31,				
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0.06%	\$ 567,889	0.06%	\$ 488,269
Advances from FHLB and other short-term borrowings	0.22%	3,098,208	0.20%	1,127,337
Maximum month-end balance for the years ended December 31,				
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		\$ 577,935		\$ 529,604
Advances from FHLB and other short-term borrowings		4,746,908		2,713,793

The Bank treats securities sold under agreements to repurchase as collateralized financings. The Bank reflects the obligations to repurchase the identical securities sold as liabilities, with the dollar amount of securities underlying the agreements remaining in the asset accounts. As of December 31, 2014, the outstanding balance of these agreements was \$406.6 million with a weighted-average maturity of 2 days. Of this amount, \$405.5 million had an overnight maturity and \$1.1 million had a maturity of less than 30 days.

As of December 31, 2014, the Bank had \$7.2 billion of uncommitted federal funds capacity available from other financial institutions. Of this amount, \$0.9 billion was available from First Hawaiian Bank and \$1.6 billion was available from BNP Paribas New York. As of December 31, 2014, the Bank had borrowed \$1.6 million of this capacity from BNP Paribas New York as long-term debt.

12. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of borrowings having an original maturity of one year or more. These issuances have both fixed and floating interest rates. The following table provides details of the long-term debt. The interest rates shown in the table below represent the range of the contract rates in effect as of December 31, 2014 and do not include the effects of any associated derivatives designated in hedge accounting relationships.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Interest Payment	Interest Rate	Maturities	As of December 31,	
				2014	2013
Advances from FHLB:					
Fixed-rate	quarterly	1.65% to 3.37%	2015-2018	\$ 298,299	\$1,149,182
Fixed-rate ⁽¹⁾	monthly	0.46% to 7.96%	2015-2035	439,108	1,033,334
Floating-rate				-	100,000
Fixed-rate unsecured lines of credit with BNP Paribas	monthly	2.89% to 3.41%	2015	1,600	12,800
Fixed-rate other debt	monthly	0.25% to 2.83%	2015-2018	653,718	-
Capital leases	monthly		2015-2030	19,488	17,662
Total long-term debt				\$1,412,213	\$2,312,978

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$39.1 million that requires partial monthly repayments of principal to FHLB.

Amounts in the above table are net of unamortized discounts and adjustments related to hedging with derivative financial instruments. As a part of the Bank's overall interest rate risk management strategy, derivatives are often used to manage the interest rate risk. As of December 31, 2014, \$350 million of the total fixed-rate advances from FHLB were hedged with fair value hedges.

The advances from FHLB are secured by securities or real estate loans (see Notes 4 and 2 for additional information). The Bank terminated FHLB fixed-rate advances of \$1.2 million and recorded a loss of \$0.1 million related to these terminations in the year ended December 31, 2014.

As of December 31, 2014, the aggregate annual maturities due on long-term debt were as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	
2015	\$ 730,995
2016	188,361
2017	120,780
2018	320,501
2019	1,385
2020 and thereafter	50,191
Total	\$1,412,213

13. Commitments, Guarantees and Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank makes various commitments to extend credit that are not reflected in the consolidated financial statements. The following table presents the Bank's commitments:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Commitments to extend credit ⁽¹⁾		
Commercial	\$13,413,818	\$11,903,439
Consumer	4,540,084	3,909,612
Standby and commercial letters of credit	1,339,494	1,088,506

⁽¹⁾ Commitments to extend credit represent unfunded amounts and are reported net of participations sold to other lenders.

Commitments to extend credit

A commitment to extend credit is a legally binding agreement to lend funds to a customer usually at a stated interest rate for a specified purpose with fixed expiration dates and generally require a fee. The extension of a commitment gives rise to credit risk. The actual liquidity requirements or credit risk that the Bank will experience will be lower than the contractual amount of commitments to extend credit, because a significant portion of those commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon. Additionally, certain commitments are subject to loan agreements containing covenants regarding the financial performance obligations a customer must meet before the Bank is required to fund the commitment. For our consumer loan commitments, the Bank may reduce or cancel such commitments as legally permitted.

The Bank further manages the potential credit risk in commitments to extend credit by limiting the total amount of arrangements, both by individual customer and in aggregate, by monitoring the size and maturity structure of these portfolios and by applying the same credit standards maintained for all of its related credit activities.

Standby and commercial letters of credit

Standby letters of credit represent guarantees issued on behalf of customers in connection with contracts between the customers and third parties. These are conditional commitments in which the Bank assures that the third parties will receive specified funds if customers fail to meet their contractual obligations. The liquidity requirement and subsequent credit risk to the Bank arises from its obligation to make payment in the event of a customer's contractual default. The commitments outstanding as of December 31, 2014 have maturities ranging from January 1, 2015 to November 1, 2027. In connection with the issuance of such commitments, fees are charged based on contract terms and recognized into income when they are earned.

The Bank has rental commitments under capital and noncancelable operating lease agreements. See Note 6 for additional information.

Litigation

In the course of normal business, the Bank is subject to asserted and unasserted legal actions, which may seek substantial relief or damages. While the Bank is unable to predict whether the outcome of such actions will materially

affect our results of operations for a particular period, based upon consultation with counsel, management does not expect that the aggregate liability, if any, resulting from these proceedings would have a material effect on the Bank's consolidated balance sheets, consolidated statements of income or liquidity.

14. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Bank enters into derivative contracts primarily to manage its interest rate risk, as well as for customer accommodation purposes. The derivatives are recognized on the consolidated balance sheets either as assets or liabilities at fair value. Derivatives can be measured in terms of their notional amounts, but this amount is not recorded in the consolidated balance sheets and is not, when viewed in isolation, a meaningful measure of the risk profile of the instruments. The notional amount is generally not exchanged, but is used only as the basis on which interest and other payments are determined.

Credit and market risks are inherent in derivative instruments. Credit risk is defined as the possibility that a loss may occur from the failure of another party to perform in accordance with the terms of the contract, which exceeds the value of the existing collateral, if any. Market risk is defined as the risk of loss arising from an adverse change in the market value of the derivative instrument caused by fluctuations in market prices or rates.

The following table summarizes information on derivative notional or contract amounts, receivables (asset derivatives) and payables (liability derivatives) by accounting designation and contract types:

	As of December 31,					
	2014			2013		
	Notional or Contract Amount	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾		Notional or Contract Amount	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾	
Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>						
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:						
Fair value hedges:						
Interest rate contracts	\$ 350,000	\$ 291	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 3,979	\$ 3,662
Cash flow hedges:						
Interest rate contracts	5,000,775	14,250	7,458	2,150,000	9,723	13,660
Subtotal	5,350,775	14,541	8,550	3,350,000	13,702	17,322
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:						
Free-standing derivatives:						
Interest rate contracts ⁽²⁾	9,470,853	212,607	206,237	9,716,302	257,110	247,878
Market-linked swaps and options ⁽³⁾	1,994,906	68,079	68,138	1,716,184	36,833	36,944
Foreign exchange contracts	725,637	13,354	14,674	600,912	4,303	4,552
Credit guarantee derivative	61,945	2,650	-	130,960	3,570	-
Subtotal	12,253,341	296,690	289,049	12,164,358	301,816	289,374
Total derivatives	\$17,604,116	\$311,231	\$297,599	\$15,514,358	\$315,518	\$306,696

⁽¹⁾ Asset derivatives and liability derivatives are recorded in other assets and other liabilities, respectively, on the consolidated balance sheets.

⁽²⁾ Includes derivatives related to mortgage sale activity with notional amount of \$144 million and \$46.8 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The fair value of asset derivatives was \$1.2 million and \$0.4 million and fair value of liability derivative was \$0.5 million and nil as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

⁽³⁾ Includes bifurcated derivatives embedded in market-linked instruments. The asset derivatives represent market-linked swaps and purchased options and the liability derivatives represent written market-linked options.

Fair value hedges

The Bank uses interest rate swap contracts to hedge changes in fair value from interest rate changes of underlying fixed-rate debt instruments, including fixed-rate certificates of deposit and certain fixed-rate FHLB advances. As of December 31, 2014, the weighted-average remaining life of the currently active fair value hedges was approximately 4.2 years.

The following table shows the effect of fair value hedging on the Bank's pre-tax income:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Years ended December 31,			
	2014		2013	
	Deposits	Long-Term Debt	Deposits	Long-Term Debt
Gains recorded in net interest income	\$ -	\$5,215	\$ 143	\$ 5,782
Gains (losses) recorded in noninterest income:				
Recognized on derivatives	-	75	(108)	(6,785)
Recognized on hedged items	-	883	122	7,159
Recognized as ineffective portion	\$ -	\$ 958	\$ 14	\$ 374
Total	\$ -	\$6,173	\$ 157	\$ 6,156

Cash flow hedges

Interest rate swap contracts are used to hedge the forecasted cash flows of underlying floating-rate debt and floating-rate loans, including floating-rate FHLB advances. Changes in the fair values of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, to the extent effective, are recorded in AOCI until income from the cash flows of the hedged items is realized. Any ineffectiveness arising during the hedging relationship is recognized in income in the period in which it arises. As of December 31, 2014, the weighted-average remaining life of the currently active cash flow hedges was approximately 3.5 years.

The following table shows the impact of the effective portion of cash flow hedging on the Bank's pre-tax, OCI and net income:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Years Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Net unrealized gain (loss) recognized in OCI	\$ 37,105	\$ (9,205)
Net gain reclassified from AOCI to net income	(28,320)	(13,277)

The estimated amount to be reclassified from AOCI into noninterest income during the next 12 months is a gain of \$36.8 million. This amount could differ from amounts actually realized due to changes in interest rates and the addition of other hedges subsequent to December 31, 2014.

Free-standing derivatives

Free-standing derivative instruments include derivative transactions entered into for purposes for which hedge accounting does not apply. These derivatives include interest rate swaps, interest rate collars, interest rate floors, market-linked swaps and purchased options, written market-linked options and forward commitments to fund and sell residential mortgage loans. The Bank acts as a seller and buyer of interest rate derivatives and foreign exchange contracts to accommodate customers. To mitigate the market and liquidity risk associated with these derivatives, the Bank generally enters into similar offsetting positions.

Under the Guarantee, the credit guarantee derivative is recorded at fair value in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. See Note 20 for additional details.

The following table presents the net gains recorded in noninterest income relating to free-standing derivatives not recognized as hedging instruments, held by the Bank:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Interest rate contracts	\$14,614	\$10,711
Credit guarantee derivative	(333)	4,396
Market-linked swaps and options	24	2
Foreign exchange contracts	5,523	12,662
Total net gains	\$19,828	\$27,771

Offsetting assets and liabilities

The Bank primarily enters into derivative contracts with counterparties utilizing a standard International Swaps and Derivatives Association master netting agreement (“ISDA”) and Collateral Support Annex (“CSA”) agreements to reduce its exposure to credit risk. The ISDA agreement allows for the right of setoff in the event of either a default or an additional termination event. CSA agreements govern the terms of daily collateral posting practices. Collateral practices mitigate the potential loss impact to affected parties by requiring liquid collateral to be posted on a scheduled basis to secure the aggregate net unsecured exposure.

The Bank has elected to present assets and liabilities related to derivatives on a gross basis in the consolidated balance sheets. The following table provides details for which netting is permissible as of:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets/ Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Balance Sheet	Net Amounts Presented in the Balance Sheet	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheet		
				Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Received/ Pledged	Net Amount
December 31, 2014						
Derivatives Assets	\$311,231	\$ -	\$311,231	\$ (83,033)	\$ -	\$228,198
Derivative Liabilities	297,599	-	297,599	(150,788)	(1,634)	145,177
December 31, 2013						
Derivatives Assets	315,518	-	315,518	(89,517)	-	226,001
Derivative Liabilities	306,696	-	306,696	(224,257)	(2,300)	80,139

15. Fair Value

The Bank determines the fair value of certain assets and liabilities based on the fair value hierarchy established under applicable accounting guidance, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when performing fair value measurement.

Recurring fair value measurements:

The Bank measures certain financial instruments at fair value on a recurring basis. These instruments are primarily securities available for sale and derivatives. The Bank has an organized and established process for determining and reviewing recurring fair value measurements reported in our consolidated financial statements. The fair value of assets and liabilities is determined using several methods including third-party pricing services, purchased valuation software or internally-developed models in accordance with the Bank’s policy.

The fair value measurements are reviewed to ensure they are reasonable and in line with market experience in similar asset classes. For example, we perform one or more of the following procedures to validate the fair value measurement:

- Corroborate pricing by reference to other independent market data such as broker quotes, market transactions and relevant benchmark indices;
- Review pricing by Bank personnel familiar with market liquidity and other market-related conditions;
- Compare to other pricing vendors (if available); and
- Challenge vendor pricing and investigate prices on a specific instrument-by-instrument basis

The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis; as well as, the general classification of such assets and liabilities pursuant to the valuation hierarchy:

Trading assets

Trading assets consist of U.S. Treasury securities. The U.S. Treasury securities are classified as Level 1 and fair value is determined using quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical securities.

Securities

The Bank has an Impairment and Valuation Steering Committee (“IVSC”) to oversee its valuation framework for measuring the fair value of securities available for sale. The Bank utilizes third-party pricing services in determining the

fair value of substantially all securities. IVSC consists of senior executive management and other relevant employees who meet on a quarterly basis and monitor the use of pricing sources and other valuation processes. In addition, a cross-functional team comprised of representatives from our Treasury and Risk groups, reviews and approves the fair value measurements on a monthly basis. This management team also analyzes changes in fair value from period to period.

Securities classified as Level 1 are priced using quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical securities, and consist of U.S. Treasury securities, money market funds and equity securities. When quoted market prices are not available, fair values are classified as Level 2 using quoted prices for similar assets in markets that are either active or not active and through model-based techniques in which all significant inputs are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Examples of such instruments include agency mortgage-backed securities, collateralized loan obligations, municipal securities and corporate debt securities.

If relevant market prices are limited or unavailable, fair value measurements may require use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case the fair values are classified as Level 3. Level 3 securities primarily consist of Community Reinvestment Act (“CRA”) bonds, which are categorized within states and political subdivisions, and are valued using proprietary discounted cash flow models from a third-party service provider. The significant input to the valuation model is a bond yield, which consists of interest rate yield curves, credit spreads and liquidity spreads. This requires judgment due to the absence of available market prices and lack of liquidity. An increase or decrease in any of the factors that comprise the bond yields would result in lower or higher fair values for CRA bonds, respectively.

Derivatives

All of our derivatives are private transactions where quoted market prices are not readily available. Therefore, the Bank values these derivatives using internal valuation techniques, primarily discounted cash flows. Valuation techniques and inputs to internally developed models depend on the type of derivative and nature of the underlying rate, price or index used to value the derivative. Key inputs can include yield curves, credit curves, foreign-exchange rates, volatility measurements and other market parameters. Where model inputs can be observed in a liquid market and the model does not require significant judgment, such derivatives are typically classified as Level 2. Level 2 derivatives include interest rate swaps, foreign currency and forward contracts and certain options.

We also measure the fair value of certain derivatives using an option-pricing model with significant unobservable inputs, which are classified as Level 3. The derivatives are embedded written options linking the returns on host certificates of deposit to the performance of baskets of equity securities, equity indices or commodity indices. We purchase offsetting options to minimize the related market risk. The fair value of the derivative instruments would increase or decrease based on the performance of the underlying equity securities, equity indices or commodity indices. The primary unobservable inputs to the values of these options are the volatility of option prices for the underlying securities in the basket or market indices and correlation of underlying individual securities in the basket or market indices.

An increase in the volatility or correlation factor would generally increase the fair value of the option. A decrease in the volatility or correlation factor would generally decrease the fair value of the option. The correlation factor is considered independent from movements in other significant unobservable inputs for the derivative instruments.

The credit guarantee derivative is also classified as a Level 3 asset since the Bank estimates its fair value using an internally developed discounted cash flow valuation model. The key assumptions in the model and the drivers of changes in fair value are credit loss forecasts to project the future potential payoffs from the Guarantee and the rate to discount the estimated claims under the Guarantee. The credit loss forecast is an internally developed estimate that cannot be directly corroborated by observable market data. A significant increase or decrease in the credit loss forecast would result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement. See Note 20 for additional information.

In addition, the fair value for derivatives may include an adjustment for estimated counterparty and Bank credit risk.

Deferred compensation plan and other assets

Assets for deferred compensation plans are based on quoted market prices and are classified as Level 1 assets consisting of money market funds held within a nonqualified deferred compensation trust.

The following tables present the financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by category and by valuation hierarchy level:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2014			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Trading assets	\$ 6,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,499
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	1,788,589	101	-	1,788,690
Residential mortgage-backed securities:				
Government agencies	-	3,504,098	-	3,504,098
Government sponsored agencies	-	1,865,522	-	1,865,522
Collateralized debt and loan obligations	-	64,794	-	64,794
Other asset-backed securities	-	13	1	14
Collateralized mortgage obligations:				
Government agencies	-	1,017,430	-	1,017,430
Government sponsored agencies	-	309,506	-	309,506
States and political subdivisions	-	465,705	36,414	502,119
Corporate debt securities	-	197,507	-	197,507
Equity securities	6,164	-	-	6,164
Total securities available for sale	1,794,753	7,424,676	36,415	9,255,844
Derivative assets ⁽¹⁾ :				
Interest rate contracts	-	227,148	-	227,148
Foreign exchange contracts	-	13,354	-	13,354
Market-linked swaps and purchased options	-	-	68,079	68,079
Credit guarantee derivative	-	-	2,650	2,650
Total derivative assets	-	240,502	70,729	311,231
Deferred compensation plan and other assets	34,913	112	11	35,036
Total assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis	\$1,836,165	\$7,665,290	\$107,155	\$9,608,610
Derivative liabilities ⁽¹⁾ :				
Interest rate contracts	\$ -	\$ 214,787	\$ -	\$ 214,787
Foreign exchange contracts	-	14,674	-	14,674
Written market-linked options	-	-	68,138	68,138
Total derivative liabilities	-	229,461	68,138	297,599
Other liabilities	-	4	-	4
Total liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis	\$ -	\$ 229,465	\$ 68,138	\$ 297,603

⁽¹⁾ These amounts are reflected in other assets and other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

As of December 31, 2013

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Trading assets	\$ 6,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,499
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	2,497,581	127	-	2,497,708
Residential mortgage-backed securities:				
Government agencies	-	3,288,195	-	3,288,195
Government sponsored agencies	-	819,932	-	819,932
Collateralized debt and loan obligations	-	128,871	-	128,871
Other asset-backed securities	-	46	2	48
Collateralized mortgage obligations:				
Government agencies	-	1,025,168	-	1,025,168
Government sponsored agencies	-	353,942	-	353,942
States and political subdivisions	-	473,203	49,372	522,575
Corporate debt securities	-	42,787	-	42,787
Equity securities	6,190	-	-	6,190
Total securities available for sale	2,503,771	6,132,271	49,374	8,685,416
Derivative assets ⁽¹⁾ :				
Interest rate contracts	-	270,812	-	270,812
Foreign exchange contracts	-	4,303	-	4,303
Market-linked swaps and purchased options	-	-	36,833	36,833
Credit guarantee derivative	-	-	3,570	3,570
Total derivative assets	-	275,115	40,403	315,518
Deferred compensation plan and other assets	34,014	63	19	34,096
Total assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis	\$2,544,284	\$6,407,449	\$89,796	\$9,041,529
Derivative liabilities ⁽¹⁾				
Interest rate contracts	\$ -	\$ 265,200	\$ -	\$ 265,200
Foreign exchange contracts	-	4,552	-	4,552
Written market-linked options	-	-	36,944	36,944
Total derivative liabilities	-	269,752	36,944	306,696
Other liabilities	-	60	-	60
Total liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis	\$ -	\$ 269,812	\$36,944	\$ 306,756

⁽¹⁾ These amounts are reflected in other assets and other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

The Bank's policy is to recognize the fair value of transfers among Levels 1, 2 and 3 as of the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The changes for 2014 in Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized in the table below. Net unrealized gains of \$23.4 million were included in net income for the year relating to assets held as of December 31, 2014. Net unrealized losses of \$23.4 million were included in net income for the year relating to liabilities held as of December 31, 2014.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Balance of asset (liability) as of January 1, 2014	Total net gains (losses) included in net income ⁽¹⁾	Total net gains (losses) included in OCI ⁽²⁾	Purchases/ Issuances	Sales	Settlements	Transfers into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3	Balance of asset (liability) as of December 31, 2014
Securities available for sale:									
Other asset-backed securities	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1
States and political subdivisions	49,372	-	3,778	1,408	-	(18,144)	-	-	36,414
Total securities available for sale	\$ 49,374	\$ -	\$ 3,778	\$ 1,408	\$ -	\$ (18,145)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,415
Market-linked swaps and purchased options	36,833	23,959	-	23,595	(3,355)	(12,953)	-	-	68,079
Credit guarantee derivative	3,570	(333)	-	-	-	(587)	-	-	2,650
Deferred compensation plan and other assets	19	-	-	-	-	(8)	-	-	11
Total assets	\$ 89,796	\$ 23,626	\$ 3,778	\$ 25,003	\$ (3,355)	\$ (31,693)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,155
Written market-linked options	\$(36,944)	\$(23,959)	\$ -	\$(23,595)	\$ 3,363	\$ 12,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$(68,138)
Total liabilities	\$(36,944)	\$(23,959)	\$ -	\$(23,595)	\$ 3,363	\$ 12,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$(68,138)

⁽¹⁾ Included in noninterest income in the consolidated statements of income.

⁽²⁾ Included in net change in unrealized gains on securities available for sale in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

The changes for 2013 in Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized in the table below. Net unrealized losses of \$10.2 million were included in net income for the year relating to assets held as of December 31, 2013. Net unrealized gains of \$10.2 million were included in net income for the year relating to liabilities held as of December 31, 2013.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Balance of asset (liability) as of January 1, 2013	Total net gains (losses) included in net income ⁽¹⁾	Total net gains (losses) included in OCI ⁽²⁾	Purchases/ Issuances	Sales	Settlements	Transfers into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3	Balance of asset (liability) as of December 31, 2013
Securities available for sale:									
Other asset-backed securities	\$ 152	\$ -	\$ (25)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (125)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2
States and political subdivisions	47,921	-	(1,173)	2,279	-	(6,221)	6,566	-	49,372
Total securities available for sale	\$ 48,073	\$ -	\$ (1,198)	\$ 2,279	\$ -	\$ (6,346)	\$ 6,566	\$ -	\$ 49,374
Market-linked swaps and purchased options	37,384	(9,866)	-	18,314	(3,815)	(5,184)	-	-	36,833
Credit guarantee derivative	6,143	4,396	-	-	-	(6,969)	-	-	3,570
Deferred compensation plan and other assets	33	-	-	-	-	(14)	-	-	19
Total assets	\$ 91,633	\$ (5,470)	\$ (1,198)	\$ 20,593	\$ (3,815)	\$ (18,513)	\$ 6,566	\$ -	\$ 89,796
Written market-linked options	\$(37,545)	\$ 9,866	\$ -	\$(18,314)	\$ 3,837	\$ 5,212	\$ -	\$ -	\$(36,944)
Total liabilities	\$(37,545)	\$ 9,866	\$ -	\$(18,314)	\$ 3,837	\$ 5,212	\$ -	\$ -	\$(36,944)

⁽¹⁾ Included in noninterest income in the consolidated statements of income.

⁽²⁾ Included in net change in unrealized gains on securities available for sale in the statements of comprehensive income.

Nonrecurring fair value measurements:

We may be required, from time to time, to measure certain other assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis in accordance with applicable accounting guidance. These assets are subject to fair value adjustments that result from the application of lower of cost or fair value accounting or write-downs of individual assets to fair value. The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

Loans held for sale

Loans classified as held for sale are recorded at the lower of cost or fair value. The fair value is based on quoted prices for similar assets traded in active markets and is therefore classified as Level 2.

Impaired loans

A large portion of the Bank's impaired loans are collateral dependent and are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis using the collateral value (less estimated costs to sell) as a practical expedient. The fair values of collateral for impaired loans are primarily based on real estate appraisal reports prepared by third-party appraisers. The Bank has a real estate valuation services group that manages the real estate appraisal solicitation and evaluation process for commercial real estate. The Bank reviews the third-party appraisals to ensure that the methods, assumptions, data sources, and conclusions are reasonable and appraised values may be adjusted for management's judgment. The appraised values consider factors; such as, capitalization rates, conditions of sales, physical characteristics of the property, rental income and other expenses associated with the property. Impaired loans are classified as Level 3 based on significant unobservable inputs in the fair value measurements. The fair values of impaired loans are reviewed and evaluated quarterly for additional impairment and adjusted accordingly.

OREO and other assets

OREO assets include foreclosed properties securing residential and commercial loans. OREO assets are adjusted to lower of cost or fair value less costs to sell. The amount by which the recorded investment in the loan exceeds the fair value (less estimated costs to sell) is charged off against the allowance for loans and leases. Subsequently, OREO assets are carried at the lower of carrying value or fair value less costs to sell. Any subsequent declines in fair value and recoveries in those declines of the assets are recognized in a valuation allowance through noninterest income. Other assets include real estate properties held for sale and are recorded at the lower of cost or fair value less costs to sell.

Fair value for OREO and other assets is generally determined using appraised values of the collateral and third party price opinions, which may be considered largely unobservable and accordingly, we classify these assets as Level 3. For residential OREO assets, as part of our active efforts to sell the property, the Bank engages a third-party to assist in the real estate appraisal solicitation process. The Bank then performs an appraisal review process to ensure the methods, assumptions, data sources and conclusions are reasonable, well supported and appropriate for the property and market.

MSRs

MSRs are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, when they become impaired. MSRs do not trade in an active market with readily observable prices. Accordingly, the fair value of these assets is classified as Level 3. See Note 3 for further information.

The following table provides the level of valuation inputs used to determine each fair value adjustment, the fair value of the related individual assets or portfolios of assets with fair value adjustments on a nonrecurring basis, and total losses for the year ended:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Losses for the Year Ended
December 31, 2014:				
Impaired loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,425	\$ 5,782
OREO and other assets	-	-	15,466	2,451
Loans held for sale ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-
Mortgage servicing rights	-	-	-	-
December 31, 2013:				
Impaired loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$96,768	\$51,513
OREO and other assets	-	-	7,477	577
Loans held for sale ⁽¹⁾	-	13,959	-	-
Mortgage servicing rights	-	-	38,742	-

⁽¹⁾ See Note 5 for related charge-offs at time of transfer to held for sale.

The following table provides information about the valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs used in the valuation of the Bank's significant Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Fair Value	Valuation Technique(s)	Significant Unobservable Input	Range	Weighted-Average
December 31, 2014:					
State and political subdivisions	\$36,414	Discounted cash flow	Yield	1.41% - 6.50%	3.67%
Market-linked swaps and purchased options	\$68,079	Option model	Correlation factor	25.37% - 40.03%	30.22%
Written market-linked options	\$68,138		Volatility factor	19.34% - 127.85%	32.25%
Impaired Loans ⁽¹⁾	\$12,425	Appraised/Marketable value	Appraised/Marketable value	n/m ⁽²⁾	n/m ⁽²⁾
OREO and other assets ⁽¹⁾	\$15,466	Appraised value	Appraised value	n/m ⁽²⁾	n/m ⁽²⁾
December 31, 2013:					
State and political subdivisions	\$49,372	Discounted cash flow	Yield	1.00% - 6.50%	3.13%
Market-linked swaps and purchased options	\$36,833	Option model	Volatility factor	24.98% - 56.91%	33.83%
Written market-linked options	\$36,944		Correlation factor	15.56% - 61.70%	39.53%
Impaired Loans ⁽¹⁾	\$96,768	Appraised/Marketable value	Appraised/Marketable value	n/m ⁽²⁾	n/m ⁽²⁾
OREO and other assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7,477	Appraised value	Appraised value	n/m ⁽²⁾	n/m ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ The fair value of these assets is determined based on appraised values of collateral or broker price opinions, the range of which is not meaningful to disclose.

⁽²⁾ Not meaningful.

Fair Value of financial instruments

We are required to disclose estimated fair values and classification within the fair value hierarchy for certain financial instruments that are not carried at fair value in the Bank's consolidated financial statements. Financial instruments include items such as, cash and due from banks, loans, deposits, short-term borrowings and long-term debt. Disclosure of fair values is not required for certain items including lease financing, investments accounted for under the equity method of accounting, obligations for pension and other postretirement benefits, premises and equipment, prepaid expenses, goodwill and identifiable intangible assets, and income tax assets and liabilities.

Reasonable comparisons of our fair value information to that of other financial institutions cannot necessarily be made as the fair value disclosure standard permits many alternative calculation techniques which require numerous assumptions used to estimate fair values. The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for estimating the fair value of financial instruments not recorded at fair value on a recurring basis:

Cash and due from banks

Cash and due from banks include amounts due from other financial institutions and interest-bearing deposits in other banks. We use their carrying amounts as a proxy for fair values due to their short-term nature, and they are classified as Level 1.

Loans and leases, net

The fair value of loans and leases is determined by discounting the future expected cash flows, adjusted for prepayment and credit loss estimates, based on current rates offered for loans and leases with similar characteristics and remaining maturity. The valuation requires significant judgment because significant inputs; such as, prepayment rates and credit losses are not observable due to the absence of documented market prices. Loans and leases, net are classified as Level 3.

Deposits

The fair value of deposits with no maturity date (e.g., interest and noninterest-bearing checking, regular savings and certain types of money market savings accounts) is equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. Accordingly, these are classified as Level 1. Fair values of fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits. Accordingly, these are classified as Level 2.

Short-term borrowings

Short-term borrowings are carried at cost and include securities sold under agreements to repurchase and FHLB advances. The carrying amounts of securities sold under agreements to repurchase are considered to be their fair value because of their short-term nature. The fair value of FHLB advances is estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation using borrowing rates for similar FHLB borrowings and the Bank's current credit spread levels. As the significant observable inputs are market observable, short-term borrowings are classified as Level 2.

Long-term debt

The fair values are estimated generally using discounted cash flow analyses based on our current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements and are inclusive of our current credit spread levels. As the significant inputs are market observable, long-term debt is classified as Level 2.

Off-balance sheet financial instruments

During the normal course of business, the Bank has various loan commitments and standby letters of credit outstanding. The Bank's pricing of these financial instruments is based largely on credit quality, probability of funding and other requirements. Letters of credit and commitments to fund loans generally have short-term, floating-rate features and contain clauses that limit the Bank's exposure to changes in credit quality. A reasonable estimate of the fair value of these instruments is the carrying value of deferred fees. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value was immaterial.

The following tables present the carrying values and estimated fair values of certain financial instruments, and their classification within the fair value hierarchy:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2014				
	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 842,066	\$ 842,066	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 842,066
Loans and leases, net	50,220,061	-	-	50,942,230	50,942,230
Financial Liabilities					
Deposits	\$52,113,197	\$44,028,493	\$8,192,480	\$ -	\$52,220,973
Short-term borrowings	5,153,548	-	5,151,387	-	5,151,387
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	1,392,725	-	1,373,417	-	1,373,417

⁽¹⁾ Excludes capital leases of \$19.5 million as of December 31, 2014.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2013				
	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets					
Cash and due from banks	\$ 825,492	\$ 825,492	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 825,492
Loans and leases, net	46,695,158	-	-	46,807,231	46,807,231
Financial Liabilities					
Deposits	\$48,372,468	\$40,637,554	\$7,847,419	\$ -	\$48,484,973
Short-term borrowings	3,055,802	-	3,055,802	-	3,055,802
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	2,295,317	-	2,272,575	-	2,272,575

⁽¹⁾ Excludes capital leases of \$17.7 million as of December 31, 2013.

16. Cash and Dividend Restrictions

Federal Reserve Board regulations require the Bank to maintain reserve balances against certain deposit liabilities with the Federal Reserve Bank. The average required reserve balance was \$230.1 million and \$210.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

California statutes limit the amount of dividends the Bank may declare or pay to the lesser of the Bank's retained earnings or the net income of the Bank for the prior three years less any dividends paid during those three years. The amount available for payment of dividends without prior regulatory approval was \$0.8 billion and \$1.1 billion as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

17. Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in equity from all transactions, other than those with stockholders, and is comprised of net income and OCI. The following table provides the details for OCI:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	For the Years Ended December 31,					
	2014			2013		
	Pretax Amount	Income Tax (Expense) Benefit	After- tax Amount	Pretax Amount	Income Tax (Expense) Benefit	After- tax Amount
Pension and other benefits adjustment:						
Net actuarial (losses) gains arising during the period	\$(102,959)	\$ 41,835	\$ (61,124)	\$ 94,983	\$ (38,563)	\$ 56,420
Reclassification of amounts to net periodic benefit costs: ⁽¹⁾						
Amortization of net loss	5,124	(2,083)	3,041	23,853	(9,684)	14,169
Amortization of net prior service (credit)	(126)	52	(74)	(46)	19	(27)
Subtotal reclassifications to net periodic benefit costs	4,998	(2,031)	2,967	23,807	(9,665)	14,142
Net change in pension and other benefits adjustment	(97,961)	39,804	(58,157)	118,790	(48,228)	70,562
Securities available for sale:						
Unrealized net gains (losses) arising during the year	170,002	(69,021)	100,981	(367,280)	149,115	(218,165)
Reclassifications to net income:						
Net (gains) on debt securities available for sale	(440)	179	(261)	(66,683)	27,073	(39,610)
Subtotal reclassifications to net income	(440)	179	(261)	(66,683)	27,073	(39,610)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale	169,562	(68,842)	100,720	(433,963)	176,188	(257,775)
Cash flow derivative hedges:						
Unrealized net gains (losses) arising during the year	37,105	(15,065)	22,040	(9,205)	3,738	(5,467)
Reclassifications to net income:						
Loans and lease financing	(28,320)	11,498	(16,822)	(13,468)	5,468	(8,000)
Interest expense – Deposits	-	-	-	191	(78)	113
Subtotal reclassifications to net income	(28,320)	11,498	(16,822)	(13,277)	5,390	(7,887)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow derivative hedges	8,785	(3,567)	5,218	(22,482)	9,128	(13,354)
OCI for the year	\$ 80,386	\$(32,605)	\$ 47,781	\$(337,655)	\$137,088	\$(200,567)

⁽¹⁾ These items are included in the computation of net periodic benefit cost recorded in salaries and employee benefits; see Note 18 for additional details.

The following table summarizes the changes in AOCI balances, net of tax:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Pension and Other Benefits	Securities Available for Sale	Cash Flow Derivative Hedges	Total AOCI
Balance as of January 1, 2013:	\$(89,881)	\$ 131,686	\$ 10,328	\$ 52,133
OCI before reclassifications	56,420	(218,165)	(5,467)	(167,212)
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	14,142	(39,610)	(7,887)	(33,355)
Balance as of December 31, 2013:	(19,319)	(126,089)	(3,026)	(148,434)
OCI before reclassifications	(61,124)	100,981	22,040	61,897
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	2,967	(261)	(16,822)	(14,116)
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$(77,476)	\$ (25,369)	\$ 2,192	\$(100,653)

18. Employee Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits

The Bank maintains both qualified and nonqualified defined benefit plans. The Bank's other retirement plans consist of nonqualified, supplemental retirement plans and a qualified defined contribution plan. The Bank recognizes the overfunded and unfunded status of its pension plans as an asset and liability in the consolidated balance sheets.

Defined Contribution Plans:

401(k) match plan

The Bank matches 100% of employee contributions up to 6% of pay to the BancWest Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan, a defined contribution plan. The plan covers all employees who satisfy eligibility requirements. Matching employer contributions to the 401(k) plan for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$29.9 million and \$28.4 million, respectively.

Incentive plan for key executives and officers' incentive plan

The Bank has two incentive plans under which awards of cash are made to certain employees. One plan is for key executives; the Incentive Plan for Key Executives ("IPKE"), and the other plan is for employees below the level of key executives; the Officers' Incentive Plan ("OIP"). The IPKE and OIP limit the aggregate and individual value of the awards that could be issued in any one fiscal year. Both plans have the same limits on individual awards. Salary and employee benefits expense includes IPKE and OIP expense of \$56.9 million and \$40.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Long-term incentive plans

The Bank has a Performance Share Plan ("PSP") which was designed to reward certain employees for their performance and BancWest's performance over a multi-year performance cycle. Salary and employee benefit expense for the Bank includes PSP expense of \$13.9 million and \$19.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The Bank also has a Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") which rewards selected key executives for the Bank's performance assessed over a three year performance cycle on a relative and absolute basis. Salary and employee benefits expense for the Bank includes LTIP expense of \$9.0 million and \$9.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Additionally, the Bank participates in a Global Stock Incentive Plan ("GSIP"), formerly known as the BNPP Stock Option Plan, in which certain members of the Bank's senior management team receive stock option awards from BNPP for shares of BNPP stock. See Note 20 for additional information.

In 2013, the BancWest Corporation Global Sustainability and Incentive Scheme ("GSIS") was created to reward, retain and motivate certain employees and to fairly compensate them by aligning their interest with the operational performance of the BNP Paribas Group, including performance on Corporate Social Responsibility ("CSR"). The GSIS plan was created to replace the GSIP on a go-forward basis. See Note 20 for additional information.

Defined Benefit Pension Plans:

Qualified pension plans

The Bank had previously offered the Employees' Retirement Plan ("ERP") of BancWest Corporation to its employees, which is a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan. The ERP was frozen on January 1, 2010 to new participants; however, interests continue to accrue for existing plan participants.

Additionally, in connection with the acquisition of United California Bank ("UCB") in 2002, the Bank assumed the pension obligations of UCB's funded noncontributory final average pay defined benefit pension plan ("UCBP") that was frozen on June 30, 2003 to new participants and benefit accruals.

Nonqualified pension plans

The Bank sponsored an unfunded excess benefit pension plan and an unfunded supplemental executive retirement plan ("SERP"). The unfunded excess plan was frozen on January 1, 2010 to new participants and benefit accruals. The SERP was frozen in 2002, to new participants; however, benefits continue to accrue for existing plan participants.

The Bank assumed the pension obligations of UCB's unfunded supplemental pension benefit plan ("UCB SEP") which was available to eligible key executives. The UCB SEP was frozen on June 30, 2003 to new participants and benefit accruals.

Other Postretirement Benefits:

Postretirement medical and life insurance plan

The Bank offers an unfunded postretirement medical and life insurance plan. The benefits include access to medical benefits and Medicare credits to offset premiums for medical and life insurance benefits.

Executive life insurance plan

The Bank also offered pre-and postretirement life insurance benefits to certain executives under the unfunded Executive Life Insurance Plan (the "ELIP").

Pension accounting

Accounting for defined benefit pension plans involves four key variables that are utilized in the calculation of the Bank's annual pension costs. These factors include: (1) size of the employee population and their estimated compensation increases for active plans, (2) actuarial assumptions and estimates, (3) expected long-term rate of return on plan assets and (4) discount rate.

Pension expense is directly affected by the number of employees eligible for pension benefits, their estimated compensation increases for active plans and economic conditions, which include the actual return on plan assets. With the help of an actuary, management is able to estimate future expenses and plan obligations based on factors such as compensation increases, discount rate, mortality, turnover, retirement and disability rates.

The Bank uses a building block method to calculate the expected return on plan assets based on the balance of the pension asset portfolio at the beginning of the year and the expected long-term rate of return on that portfolio. The method requires (1) the percentage of total plan assets be multiplied by the expected asset return for each component of the plan asset mix, (2) the resulting weighted expected rates of return for each component be added together to determine the total rate of return and (3) the total adjusted by considering the active management of the portfolio. Under this approach, forward-looking expected returns for each invested asset class are determined. Forward-looking capital market assumptions are typically developed using historical returns as a starting point and applying a combination of macroeconomics, econometrics, statistical, and other technical analysis, such as spread differentials, to forecast the expected return going forward.

The following table summarizes the changes to the projected benefit obligation (“PBO”), fair value of plan assets and the funded status for all plans of the Bank:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits	
	Qualified Plans		Non-Qualified Plans		2014	2013
	2014	2013	2014	2013		
PBO at January 1,	\$403,517	\$463,544	\$ 80,371	\$ 88,431	\$ 38,213	\$ 51,136
Service cost	-	-	1,015	1,291	1,960	1,944
Interest cost	19,617	17,586	3,904	3,401	1,880	2,098
Actuarial (gain) loss	84,581	(53,852)	12,587	(7,589)	4,143	(5,516)
Change in plan provisions	-	-	-	-	-	(1,950)
Benefit payments	(26,133)	(23,761)	(5,343)	(5,163)	(1,969)	(9,499)
PBO as of December 31,	\$481,582	\$403,517	\$ 92,534	\$ 80,371	\$ 44,227	\$ 38,213
Fair Value of Plan Assets as of January 1,	444,259	381,205	-	-	-	-
Actual return on plan assets	21,263	46,815	-	-	-	-
Employer contributions	-	40,000	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(26,133)	(23,761)	-	-	-	-
Fair Value of Plan Assets as of December 31,	\$439,389	\$444,259	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Funded status	\$ (42,193)	\$ 40,742	\$ (92,534)	\$ (80,371)	\$ (44,227)	\$ (38,213)
Accumulated Benefit Obligation	\$481,582	\$403,517	\$ 90,400	\$ 77,661	N/A	N/A

Amortization of the unrecognized net gain or loss is included as a component of net periodic benefit cost. If amortization results in an amount less than the minimum amortization required under GAAP, the minimum required amount is recorded. The amount recorded represents unrecognized net gains or losses that exceed 5% of the greater of the projected benefit obligation or the market-related value of plan assets as of the beginning of the year. The unrecognized amounts are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lesser of five years or the average remaining service period of active employees expected to receive benefits under the plan.

The following table shows the amount of pension and other postretirement benefits recognized in OCI:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits	
	Qualified Plans		Non-Qualified Plans		2014	2013
	2014	2013	2014	2013		
Amounts arising during the period:						
Net (loss) gain on pension assets	\$ (4,610)	\$24,727	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net (loss) gain on obligations	(84,581)	53,852	(12,588)	7,589	(1,180)	6,865
Amendment	-	-	-	-	-	1,950
Reclassification adjustments recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost during the period:						
Net loss	2,324	18,317	2,800	5,319	-	217
Net prior service cost (credit)	-	-	34	34	(160)	(80)
Amounts recognized in OCI	\$ (86,867)	\$96,896	\$ (9,754)	\$12,942	\$ (1,340)	\$8,952

The following table shows the amounts within AOCI not recognized as components of net periodic benefit costs:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits	
	Qualified Plans		Non-Qualified Plans		2014	2013
	2014	2013	2014	2013		
Net loss (gain)	\$104,311	\$17,443	\$26,537	\$16,749	\$ 1,175	\$ (5)
Net prior service cost (credit)	-	-	172	206	(1,710)	(1,870)
Ending balance within AOCI	\$104,311	\$17,443	\$26,709	\$16,955	\$ (535)	\$ (1,875)

The following table shows the amounts within AOCI expected to be recognized as components of net periodic costs during 2015:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits
	Qualified Plans	Non-Qualified Plans	
Amortization of net loss	\$16,030	\$4,384	\$ -
Amortization of net prior service cost (credit)	-	34	(160)
Total	\$16,030	\$4,418	\$(160)

The following table sets forth the components of the net periodic benefit cost:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits	
	Qualified Plans		Non-Qualified Plans			
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Service cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,015	\$ 1,291	\$1,960	\$1,944
Interest cost	19,617	17,586	3,904	3,401	1,880	2,098
Expected return on plan assets	(25,874)	(22,087)	-	-	-	-
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	-	-	34	34	(160)	(80)
Recognized net actuarial loss	2,324	18,317	2,800	5,319	3,273	676
Total periodic benefit cost	\$ (3,933)	\$ 13,816	\$7,753	\$10,045	\$6,953	\$4,638

Assumptions

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations and net periodic benefit cost were as follows:

	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits ⁽¹⁾	
	Qualified Plans		Non-Qualified Plans			
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Benefit obligations as of December 31:						
Discount rate	4.15%	4.95%	4.15%	4.95%	4.15%	4.95%
Rate of compensation increase	-	-	4.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Net periodic benefit cost for the period ended December 31:						
Discount rate	4.95%	3.90%	4.95%	3.90%	4.15%	4.95%
Expected long-term return on plan assets	6.00%	6.00%	-	-	-	-
Rate of compensation increase	-	-	4.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%

⁽¹⁾ The postretirement medical and life insurance plan uses a discount rate of 4.15% and 4.95% in 2014 and 2013, respectively, for benefit obligations and a discount rate of 4.95% and 3.90% in 2014 and 2013, respectively, for net periodic benefit cost. The rate of compensation increase is not applicable to the postretirement medical and life insurance plan.

The assumed discount rate reflects management's estimate of the rate at which the benefits could be effectively settled using a portfolio of high-quality corporate bonds. In selecting the discount rate, the Bank reviews the yield on high quality corporate bonds and resulting yield curves. A portfolio of high-quality corporate bonds is used; in conjunction, with the yield curve information and the plans' projected benefit cash flows, to estimate an internal rate of return in order to select a single discount rate to calculate plan obligations for reporting purposes.

Assumed health care cost trend rates were as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year	7.00%	7.30%
Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate)	5.00%	5.00%
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	2023	2023

Assumed health care cost trend rates have an impact on the amounts reported for the health care plans. A one-percentage-point change in the assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following pretax effect:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	One-Percentage-Point Increase	One-Percentage-Point Decrease
Effect on 2014 total of service and interest cost components	\$ 22	\$ (18)
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2014	423	(388)

Plan assets

The assets within the ERP Plan and UCB pension plans (“the Plans”) are managed in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plans’ assets consist mainly of fixed income and equity securities of U.S. and foreign issuers and may include alternative investments; such as, real estate, private equity and other absolute return strategies.

Investment strategy and risk management for the Plans’ assets

The long-term investment objective of the Plans is to earn an investment return, which meets or exceeds certain benchmarks. The Plans’ assets are managed in accordance with the Retirement Committee’s (the “Committee”) guidelines. All transactions that utilize assets of the Trust will be undertaken for the sole benefit of the participants of the Plans.

The assets selected for the Plans may consist of individual security issues managed by the investment manager(s) or securities held in a well-diversified portfolio of a registered investment company or an exchange-traded fund. Specific to the UCB plan, the assets selected for the plan must have readily ascertainable market value and must be marketable. The assets under this plan may also consist of a publicly traded mutual fund. Investment managers may be permitted to use derivative instruments to control portfolio risk.

The equity and debt portions of the Plans’ assets may employ commingled assets or be individually invested expressly including the use of money market funds managed by a corporate trustee or by others. In its desire to protect the Plans’ assets, the Committee imposes general guidelines on asset allocation. Plan asset allocations are based on the Committee’s appraisal of current and long-term needs for liquidity and income; and, its estimate of the investment returns from the various classes and types of investments. The asset allocations are likely to be the primary determinant of the Plans’ returns and the associated volatility of returns for the Plans. The target asset allocations for the Plans are as follows:

	As of December 31,			
	ERP		UCB	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Equity	60%	50%	50%	45%
Fixed Income	30%	50%	50%	50%
Other	10%	-	-	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Concentration of risk

The Bank describes “risk” as the possibility of not achieving the Plans’ actuarial rates of return. Risks associated with the Plans’ investments include systematic and nonsystematic risk, interest rate, yield curve, reinvestment and credit risk and the combination of these risks. The Bank mitigates the credit risk of investments by establishing guidelines with the investment managers. Both the Bank and our investment managers monitor the diversity of the Plans’ assets to ensure that they meet ERISA requirements. Equity securities in the Plans did not include BancWest or BNP Paribas stock as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The tables below summarize the Bank's pension plan assets by investment category. The three-level hierarchy that describes the inputs used to measure assets at fair value is discussed in Note 1:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2014			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Asset Category				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 3,766	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,766
Fixed income:				
U.S. Government agency and government sponsored agency securities and corporate securities	6,253	128,399	-	134,652
Mutual funds	72,098	-	-	72,098
Municipal bonds	-	15,370	-	15,370
Exchange-traded funds	3,826	-	-	3,826
Contracts/annuities	-	-	11,753	11,753
Equities:				
Mutual funds	106,038	-	-	106,038
Exchange-traded funds	45,478	-	-	45,478
Common stock	49,044	-	-	49,044
Multi-strategy mutual funds	2,146	-	-	2,146
Total plan investments	\$288,649	\$143,769	\$11,753	\$ 444,171
Net pending settlements				(4,782)
Total plan assets				\$439,389

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Asset Category				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,710
Fixed income:				
U.S. Government agency and government sponsored agency securities and corporate securities	2,716	122,377	-	125,093
Mutual funds	68,757	-	-	68,757
Municipal bonds	-	8,745	-	8,745
Exchange-traded funds	3,754	-	-	3,754
Contracts/annuities	-	-	11,277	11,277
Equities:				
Mutual funds	121,701	26	-	121,727
Exchange-traded funds	57,891	-	-	57,891
Common stock	44,066	-	-	44,066
Multi-strategy mutual funds	2,792	-	-	2,792
Total plan investments	\$304,387	\$131,148	\$11,277	\$ 446,812
Net pending settlements				(2,553)
Total plan assets				\$444,259

The changes in the Bank's Level 3 pension plan assets were as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Contracts/Annuities
Beginning balance as of January 1, 2014	\$11,277
Actual return on plan assets	546
Distributions and settlements	(2,000)
Contributions	2,010
Service fees	(80)
Ending balance as of December 31, 2014	\$11,753

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Contracts/Annuities
Beginning balance as of January 1, 2013	\$10,844
Actual return on plan assets	511
Distributions and settlements	(1,939)
Contributions	1,935
Service fees	(74)
Ending balance as of December 31, 2013	\$11,277

There were no transfers into or out of level 3 pension assets for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Valuation methodologies

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plans' assets measured at fair value:

- Cash and equivalents include cash and money market fund holdings. The fair values are based on a review of unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets and are classified as Level 1.
- Fixed income includes Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) registered mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, U.S. Government agency and government sponsored agency securities, corporate securities, debt securities issued by a state, municipality or county and an annuity contract (with interest guarantees) which participates in the general account of a major life insurance company. The fair values of assets classified as Level 1 are based on unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets in active markets, and primarily consist of SEC registered mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. The fair values of assets classified as Level 2 are primarily determined using market-based pricing matrices with significant inputs observable in the market such as yield curves and trade prices for similar assets. Level 2 assets primarily consist of U.S. Government agency and government sponsored agency securities, corporate and municipal bonds. The determination of the value of the annuity contract requires significant judgment due to lack of market price and liquidity and is classified as Level 3 based on unobservable inputs.
- Equities include SEC registered mutual funds, exchange-traded funds tracking domestic or international equity indices, and individual equities held in the form of common stock of companies in the Standard and Poor's 500 Index. The fair values of Level 1 assets are based on a review of unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets. Where quoted market prices are not available, the fair values of Level 2 assets are determined using quoted market prices for similar assets.
- Multi-strategy mutual funds include SEC registered mutual funds investing in alternative asset classes. The fair values are based on a review of quoted prices for identical assets in active markets and are classified as Level 1.

Contributions

Bank of the West did not contribute to the qualified pension plans during 2014. Based on the funding requirements of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, the Bank does not anticipate contributing to the ERP during 2015.

Estimated future benefit payments

The following table presents the expected benefit payments, for the periods indicated:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits
	Qualified Plans	Non-Qualified Plans	
2015	\$ 23,608	\$ 5,702	\$ 3,121
2016	23,586	5,654	4,374
2017	24,385	5,852	2,743
2018	25,851	6,372	3,964
2019	26,068	6,146	2,795
2020-2024	155,801	29,643	18,184

19. Income Taxes

The expense provision for income taxes was comprised of the following:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	For the years ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Current:		
Federal	\$218,444	\$212,423
States	43,598	59,270
Total current	262,042	271,693
Deferred:		
Federal	37,889	56,871
States	(5,664)	11,259
Total deferred	32,225	68,130
Total expense for income taxes	\$294,267	\$339,823

The components of the Bank's net deferred income tax assets were as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Assets		
Allowance for loan and lease losses and nonperforming assets	\$337,521	\$363,889
Deferred compensation expenses	185,594	139,934
Securities available for sale	24,499	92,924
Depreciation expense	765	3,310
State income and franchise taxes	19,033	21,526
Accrued expenses	51,769	46,223
Other	19,063	20,049
Total deferred income tax assets	\$638,244	\$687,855
Liabilities		
Leases	\$148,863	\$147,482
Intangible assets	29,701	30,057
Deferred loan origination costs	34,736	26,680
Total deferred income tax liabilities	213,300	204,219
Net deferred income tax assets	\$424,944	\$483,636

Net deferred income tax assets are included within other assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

Deferred taxes related to net unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale, net unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives and employee benefit plan adjustments are recorded in AOCI. See Note 17 for additional information. The deferred tax benefit (expense) associated with these adjustments was \$(32.6) million and \$137.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, no valuation allowance exists. Realization of deferred tax assets is dependent on generating sufficient taxable income in the future and, although realization is not assured, management believes it is more likely than not that all of the deferred tax assets will be realized.

The following analysis reconciles the federal statutory income tax expenses and rate to the effective income tax expense and rate for the periods indicated:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	For the years ended December 31,			
	2014		2013	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Federal statutory income tax expense and rate	\$294,642	35.0%	\$315,965	35.0%
Foreign, state and local taxes expense, net of federal effect	27,125	3.2	48,184	5.3
Bank-owned life insurance	(8,613)	(1.0)	(7,050)	(0.8)
Non-taxable income, net	(7,981)	(0.9)	(8,664)	(1.0)
Tax credits	(15,647)	(1.9)	(10,074)	(1.1)
Other	4,741	0.6	1,462	0.2
Effective income tax expense and rate	\$294,267	35.0%	\$339,823	37.6%

The Bank and its subsidiaries file income tax returns with the federal government and various state and local jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Bank is no longer subject to federal, state, and local income tax examinations for years prior to 2011. As of December 31, 2014, the state and local tax jurisdictions have not proposed any significant adjustments. The Bank believes that there are no other jurisdictions in which the outcome of unresolved issues or claims is likely to be material to our results of operations, financial position or cash flows. The Bank further believes that it has made adequate provision for all income tax uncertainties.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2014	2013
Beginning balance as of January 1,	\$15,316	\$15,424
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	1,659	587
Additions for tax positions of prior years	1,221	73
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	-	(768)
Reductions as a result of a lapse of the applicable statute of limitations	(241)	-
Balance as of December 31,	\$17,955	\$15,316

Included in the balance of unrecognized tax benefits are \$11.7 million and \$10.0 million of tax benefits as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively which, if recognized, will affect the effective tax rate.

The Bank recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties as income tax expense. Related to the unrecognized tax benefits notes above, the Bank accrued interest and penalties of \$0.4 million (\$0.3 million, net of federal and state tax benefit) during 2014, and in total, as of December 31, 2014, has recognized a liability for interest and penalties of \$5.1 million (\$3.5 million, net of federal and state benefit). During 2013, the Bank accrued interest and penalties of \$0.6 million (\$0.4 million net of federal and state tax benefit), and in total, as of December 31, 2013, had recognized a liability for interest and penalties of \$4.6 million (\$3.5 million, net of federal and state tax benefit).

The Bank does not believe that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will decrease within twelve months of the reporting date with respect to certain state tax liabilities. The Bank does not expect any positions to be finalized with the tax jurisdictions during the next 12 months.

20. Transactions with Affiliates

The Bank participates in various transactions with its affiliates, including BancWest, First Hawaiian Bank, BNP Paribas and their affiliates. These transactions are subject to federal and state statutory and regulatory restrictions and limitations which require, among other items, that certain transactions be collateralized, be subject to quantitative limitations, and be on terms at least as favorable to the Bank as those prevailing at the time for similar non-affiliate transactions. These transactions have included the sales and purchases of assets, foreign exchange activities, financial guarantees, international services, interest rate swaps and intercompany deposits and borrowings.

The following table presents amounts due to and from affiliates and off-balance sheet transactions:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Cash and due from banks	\$ 40,396	\$ 45,647
Loans	1,936	-
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	8,619	8,434
Money market deposits ⁽¹⁾	1,117,437	1,706,442
Time certificates of deposit	306,642	207,505
Other assets	82,728	54,305
Other liabilities	98,419	95,760
Fixed-rate unsecured lines of credit	1,600	12,800
Noncontrolling interest	5,595	4,575
Derivatives (notional or contract amounts):		
Credit guarantee derivative	61,945	130,960
Fair value hedges	200,000	200,000
Foreign exchange contracts	209,843	135,278
Interest rate contracts	4,882,879	3,205,211
Off-balance sheet transactions:		
Commitments and standby letters of credit	43,925	25,435
Guarantees received	208,309	132,690

⁽¹⁾ Includes cash deposit to collateralize and secure payments under the Guarantee.

Net interest income (expense) to affiliates for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$0.6 million and \$(2.9) million, respectively. Noninterest income from affiliate transactions, which includes fair value adjustments related to derivatives, was a net loss of \$8.9 million and a net gain of \$33.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Noninterest expense from affiliate transactions was \$3.0 million and \$4.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Credit guarantee derivative

The Bank has the Guarantee with its parent, BancWest. Under the Guarantee, BancWest agreed to reimburse the Bank for principal charge-offs, write-downs on foreclosed assets and foregone interest for a specific portfolio of commercial loans and foreclosed properties through March 31, 2017. Under the Guarantee, BancWest makes payments to the Bank on a quarterly basis, and is not entitled to claim any recoveries for any payments made.

The decline in the fair value of the Guarantee asset since inception was primarily driven by decreases in the covered asset principal balances due to charge-offs and pay downs, and changes in credit forecasts.

The following table provides the net (loss) gain of the credit guarantee derivative recorded in noninterest income:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Payments for claims	\$ 587	\$ 6,969
Decrease in fair value	(920)	(2,573)
Net (loss) gain	\$ (333)	\$ 4,396

Incentive plans

The Bank participates in the GSIP where certain members of the Bank's senior management team receive stock option awards from BNPP for shares of BNPP stock. The last grants from the plan were made in March 2012. These grants will continue to vest and accrue benefits. GSIP expense was \$1.4 million and \$2.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The Bank participates in the GSIS plan, which was created to replace the GSIP on a go-forward basis. Persons eligible for the GSIS plan and awards granted under the plan are determined by a compensation committee. Salary and employee benefits expense under the GSIS plan was \$1.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 and an immaterial amount for the year ended December 31, 2013.

21. Subsequent Events

We have evaluated the effects of subsequent events that have occurred after December 31, 2014 through March 25, 2015, the date of our financial statement issuance, and there have been no material events that would require recognition in the consolidated financial statements or disclosures in the notes for the consolidated financial statements of the Bank.

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