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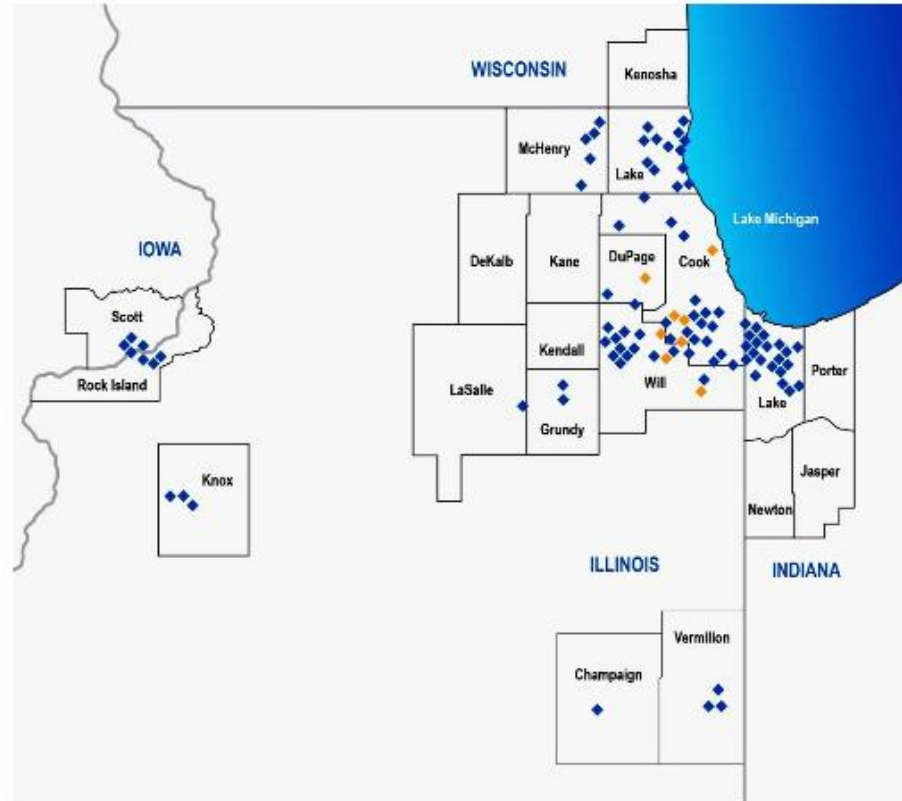


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Who Are We

Overview Of First Midwest

- Headquartered In Suburban Chicago
- \$8.0bn Assets
 - \$5.3bn Loans¹
 - \$6.5bn Deposits
 - 74% Transactional³
- \$5.0 bn AUM Wealth Management
- \$70mm Avg Deposits Per Branch
- #8 in Market Share in Non-Downtown Chicago MSA²



Note: Information as of December 31, 2011.

¹ Includes \$261mm in covered loans stemming from three FDIC-assisted transactions since September 30, 2009.

² Source: SNL Financial. Non-downtown ranking and market share based on total deposits in Chicago MSA less deposits in the city of Chicago. Data as of June 30, 2011 reflects acquisitions post June 30, 2011.

³ Defined as total deposits less time deposits.



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"Highest Customer Satisfaction
with Retail Banking in the Midwest"



Operating Performance



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Significant Fourth Quarter Events

- Organizational Realignment
 - Elimination Of Approximately 100 Positions
 - Resulted In Severance-Related Costs Of \$2.0 Million

- Redeemed \$193.0 Million Of TARP Preferred Shares
 - Redeemed Related Common Stock Warrants
 - Resulted In One-time, \$1.5 Million/\$0.02 Per Share 4Q Charge
 - Eliminates Preferred Dividends Of \$10.3 Million Annually

- Acquired \$106.7 Million In Deposits
 - Approximately \$70 Million Of Core Deposits
 - Resulted In A Gain Of \$1.1 Million

Performance Highlights

Key Operating Metrics¹

	Quarters Ended December 31,			Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change
Net Income	\$ 6.9	\$ (28.2)	NA	\$ 36.6	\$ (9.7)	NA
PTPP Core Operating Earnings ²	\$ 32.9	\$ 35.0	(6%)	\$ 131.1	\$ 136.4	(4%)
Total Fee Based Revenue	\$ 23.9	\$ 22.4	7%	\$ 94.2	\$ 86.8	9%
Net Interest Margin	3.95%	4.02%	(2%)	4.04%	4.13%	(2%)
Efficiency Ratio	61.42%	59.08%	4%	61.29%	58.84%	4%

Improved Overall Earnings

Stable Core And Margin

¹Dollar amounts in millions.

²PTPP represents Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision earnings, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. For reconciliation to GAAP measure, please refer to the appendix.

Performance Highlights

Balance Sheet Metrics¹

	As Of		Change YoY
	December 31, 2011	2010	
Loans, End Of Period ²	\$ 5,349	\$ 5,472	(2%)
YTD Avg. Core Transactional Deposits ³	\$ 4,755	\$ 4,322	10%
Tier 1 Common	10.26%	9.81%	5%
YTD Charge-Offs	\$ 103.7	\$ 147.1	(30%)
NPAs + 90 Days Past Due	\$ 248.4	\$ 269.5	(8%)
Loans 30-89 Days Past Due	\$ 27.5	\$ 23.6	17%

*Strong Capital And Liquidity
Credit Metrics Improving*

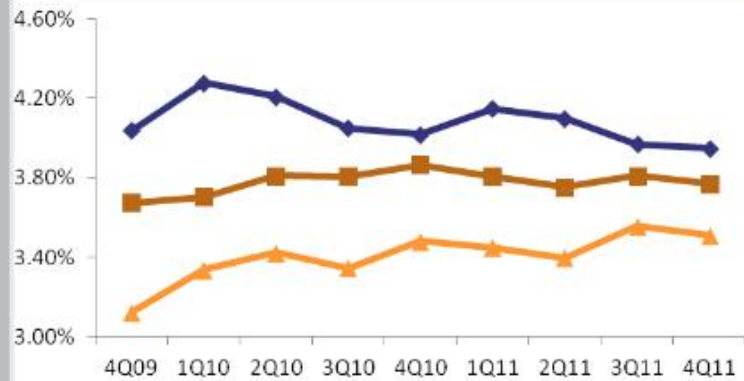
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²Includes covered loans acquired from FDIC-assisted transactions totaling \$261 million, and \$372 million as of 31-Dec-11, and 31-Dec-10, respectively.

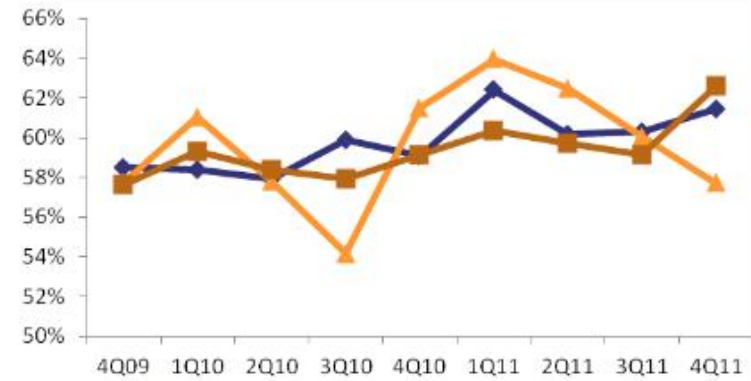
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Core Business Is Solid

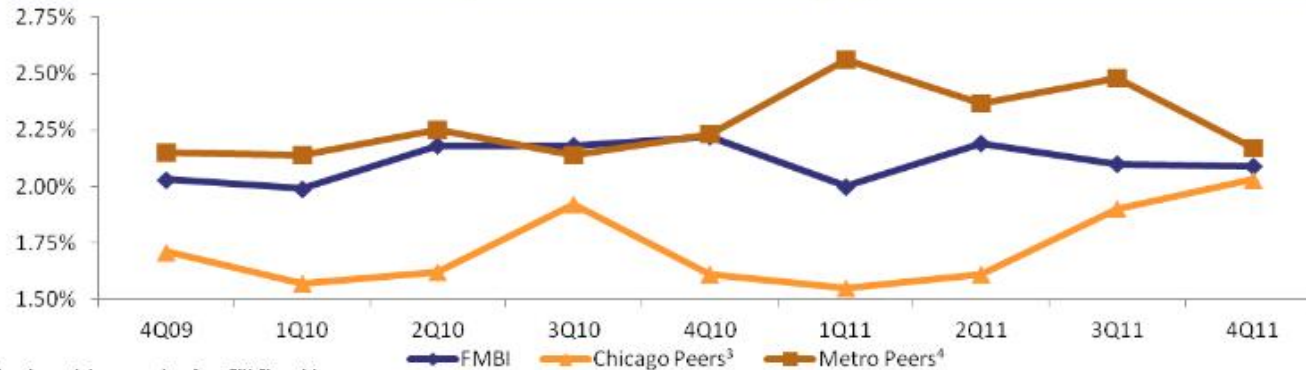
Net Interest Margin



Efficiency Ratio¹



Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Earnings² / RWA



Source: FMBI based on internal data; peer data from SNL Financial.

¹Equal to non-interest expense divided by fully taxable equivalent (FTE) net interest income and non-interest income. Excludes non-recurring items; items sourced from SNL.

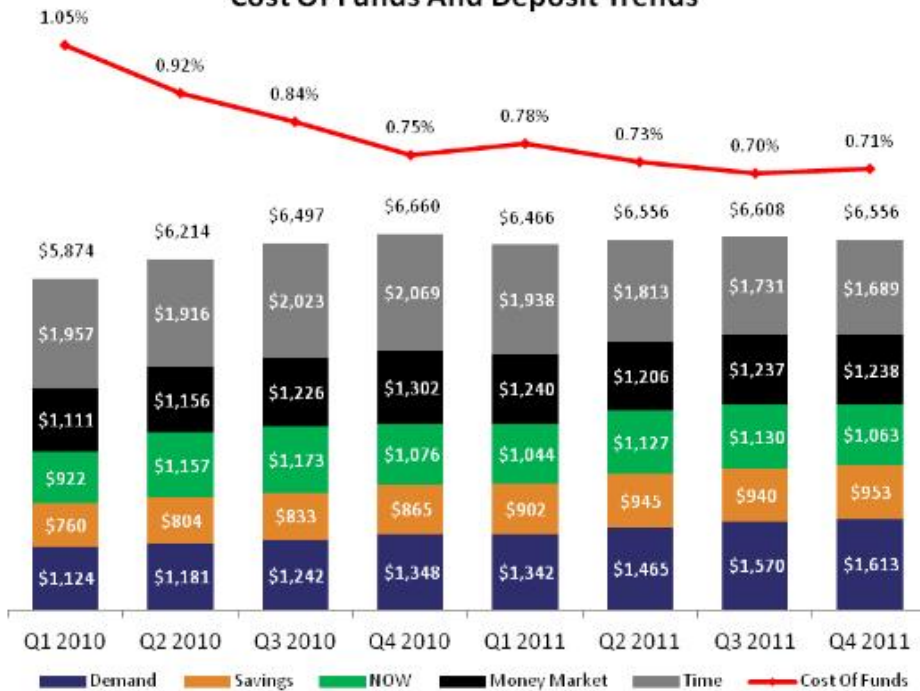
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³Chicago Peers based on median of MBFI, PVTB, TAYC and WTFC.

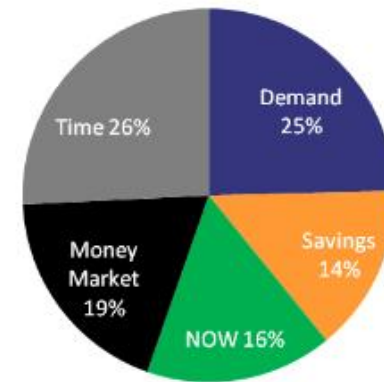
⁴Metro Peers based on median of CATY, CBSH, CFR, FCF, FMER, FULT, MBFI, ONB, PVTB, SUSQ, TRMK, UMPQ, VLY, and WTFC.

Strong Deposit Mix¹

Cost Of Funds And Deposit Trends



**Deposit Mix
December 31, 2011**



Total Deposits = \$6.6bn

Dollar amounts in millions.

¹ Based on quarterly average deposit mix as of December 31, 2011.

Credit and Capital

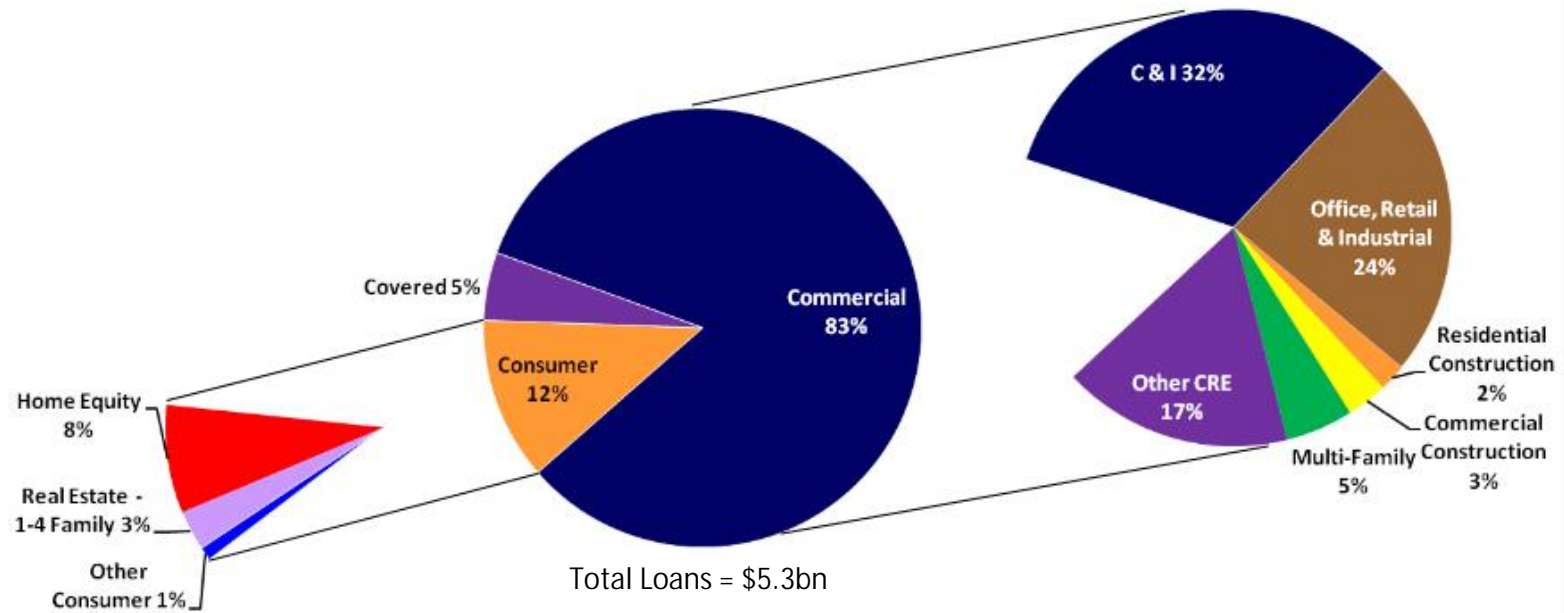


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Loan Portfolio Overview



Consumer Loans = \$660mm

- ➔ Branch originated
- ➔ Home equity dominated

Covered Loans = \$261 mm

- ➔ Performing Better Than Originally Expected
- ➔ Losses Mitigated By Loss-Share

Commercial Loans = \$4.4bn

- ➔ ~95% in footprint
- ➔ 83% of portfolio, 51% CRE
- ➔ Diversified + granular
- ➔ Most have personal guarantees
- ➔ 36% of CRE is owner-occupied

Note: Loan data as of December 31, 2011.

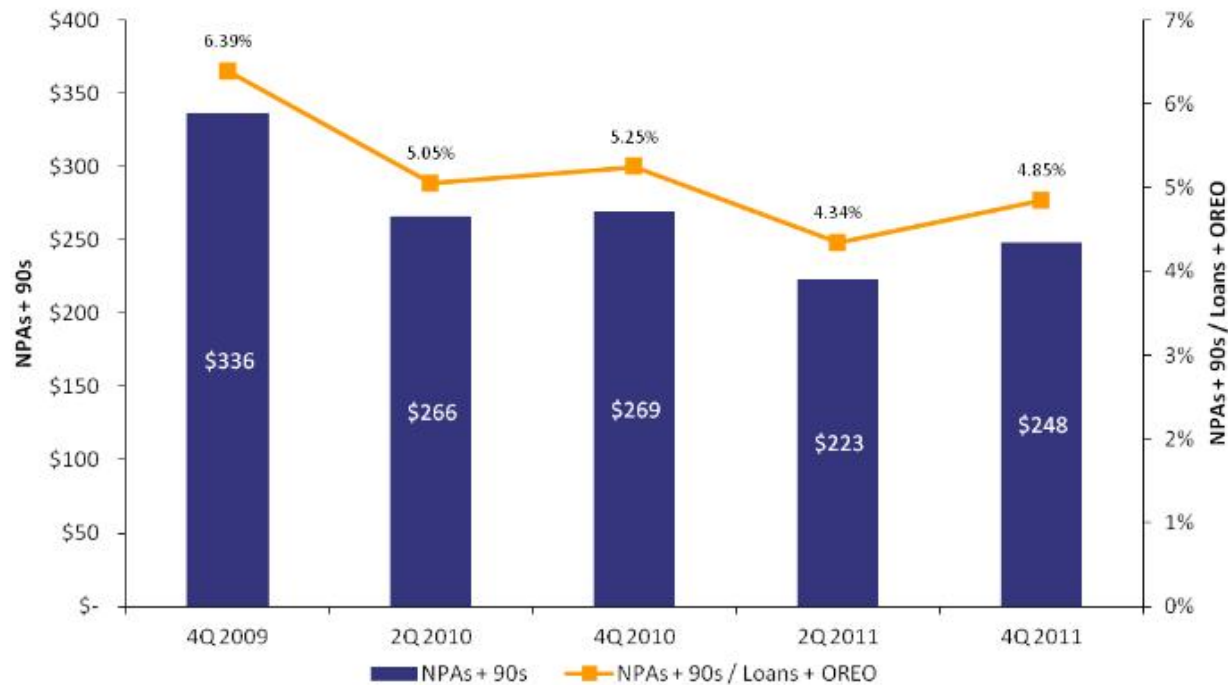
Changing Loan Mix

Loan Type ¹	Dec. 31	% of	Dec. 31	% of	%
	2011	Total	2009	Total	Chg.
Commercial and Industrial	\$ 1,458	29%	\$ 1,438	28%	1%
Agricultural	244	5%	210	4%	16%
Office, Retail, Industrial	1,299	26%	1,213	23%	7%
Multi-Family	288	6%	334	6%	(14%)
Residential Construction	106	2%	314	6%	(66%)
Commercial Construction	145	3%	231	4%	(37%)
Other Commercial Real Estate	888	17%	799	15%	11%
Subtotal Commercial	4,428	87%	4,539	87%	(2%)
1-4 Family Mortgages	201	4%	140	3%	44%
Consumer	459	9%	524	10%	(12%)
Total	\$ 5,088	100%	\$ 5,203	100%	(2%)

*Greater Commercial And Owner-Occupied CRE
Reduced Construction, Re-entry To 1-4 Family*

¹ Dollar amounts in millions.
Note: Excludes covered loans acquired in FDIC-assisted transactions.

Significant Credit Improvement



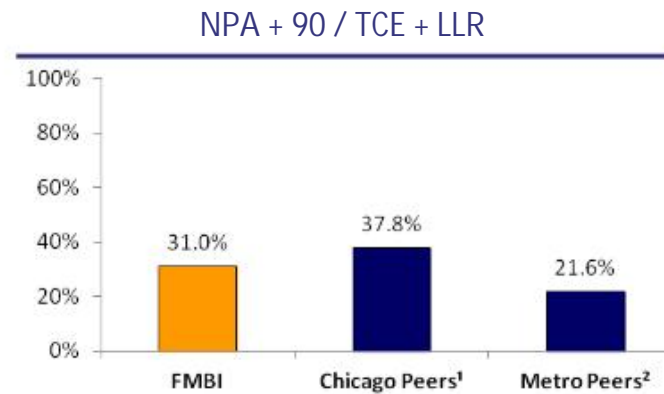
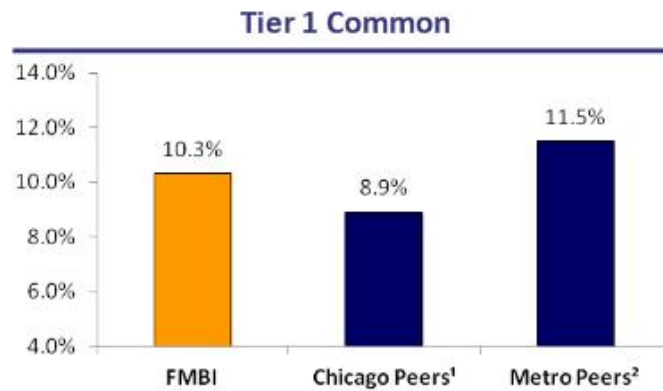
NPAs + 90s / TCE + LLR	54.9%	32.2%	34.7%	27.8%	31.0%
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Strong Capital, Proactive Remediation

(\$ in millions)

Strong Capital Foundation

First Midwest vs. Peers



Source: Company data and SNL Financial. FMBI as of December 31, 2011, Peer data as of September 30, 2011.

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TARP Repurchase Completed

Overview

- Repurchased \$193 million of preferred stock and outstanding warrants
 - One-time, \$1.5 million/\$0.02 per share 4Q charge
 - Eliminates preferred dividends of \$10.3 million or \$0.08 per share annually, net of additional borrowing costs
 - Recognizes credit and operating performance
- Funded through senior notes and cash on hand
 - \$115 million, 5 year notes @ 5.875%
 - No equity component

Advantageous To Shareholders

Maintains Capital Flexibility

Going Forward

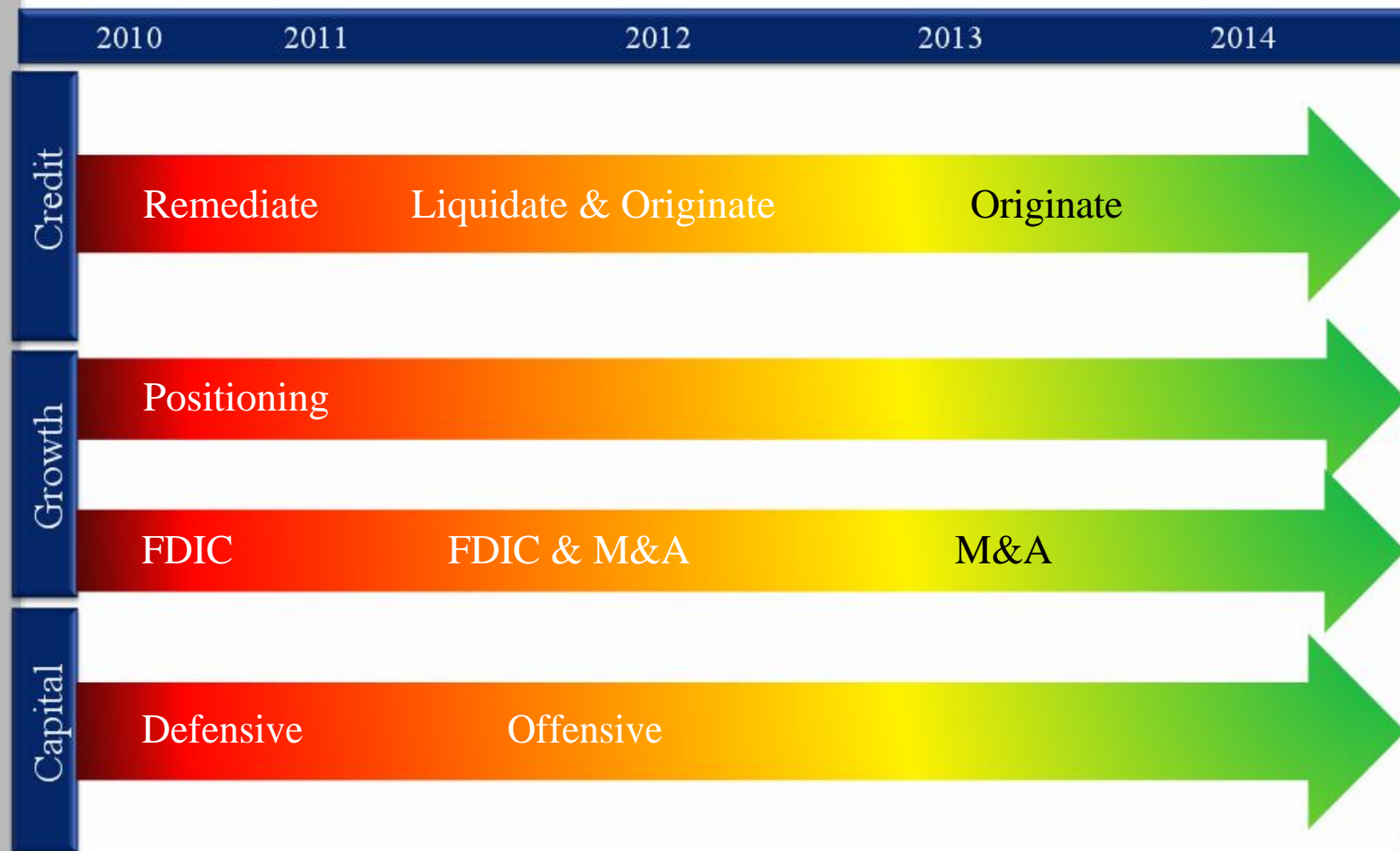


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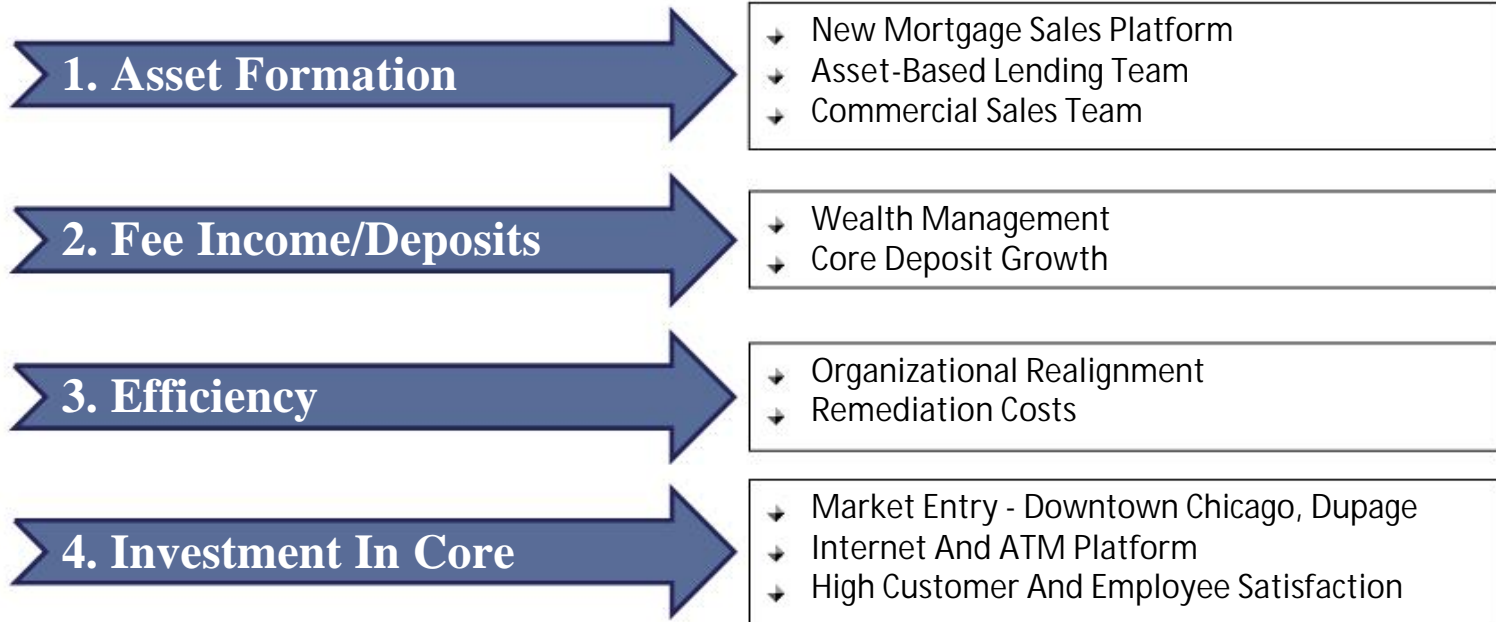


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Strategic Priorities



Delivering On Multiple Fronts



Priorities *Refocusing*, Improving Execution

Market Disruption

- Environment Creates Opportunities
- In Greater Chicago Area
 - ~ 30 Failures Since Start Of 2009
 - ~ 40 Institutions (\$19 Billion) With Texas Ratio > 100%
- Well Positioned To Benefit
 - Strong Capital Position
 - Solid Reputation: In Marketplace 70+ Years
 - Expanded Sales Force
 - Experienced Management



Acquisition Opportunities

- Selective Criteria
- Ability To Strengthen The Company
- Leverages Our Skills
 - Local Market Knowledge
 - Core Competency
 - Experienced And Successful Acquirer
 - 7 Deals, \$2.7bn Since 2003
- FDIC-Assisted Deals Becoming More Competitive
 - Deals Likely Smaller
 - Eventual Shift From Assisted To Unassisted

Why Invest in First Midwest...

- Premier Community Banking Franchise
- Investing in Our Business
- Working Through Cycle
- Solid Capital; Liquidity
- Experienced Management Team
- Market Opportunities Available

Positioned For Long-term Success

Questions



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Appendix



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Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures

Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Operating Earnings⁽¹⁾ (Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Quarters Ended December 31,		Years Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Earnings				
Income before taxes	\$ 7,220	\$ (53,225)	\$ 41,071	\$ (38,228)
Provision for credit losses	21,902	73,897	80,582	147,349
Pre-tax, pre-provision earnings	29,122	20,672	121,653	109,121
Non-operating earnings:				
Security gains (losses), net	(110)	1,662	2,410	12,216
Gain on FDIC-assisted transaction	-	-	-	4,303
Gain on acquisition of deposits	1,076	-	1,076	-
Losses realized on OREO	(1,425)	(15,412)	(9,686)	(40,480)
Actuarial Pension Adjustment	(1,282)	-	(1,282)	-
Severance-related costs stemming from a reduction in workforce	(2,000)	-	(2,000)	-
Integration costs associated with FDIC- assisted transactions	-	(576)	-	(3,324)
Total non-operating items	(3,741)	(14,326)	(9,482)	(27,285)
Pre-tax, pre-provision core operating earnings⁽¹⁾	\$ 32,863	\$ 34,998	\$ 131,135	\$ 136,406

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