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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

**Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014**

OR

**Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____**

Commission File Number: 001-09305

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

43-1273600
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

501 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2188

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(314) 342-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, \$0.15 par value per share, as of the close of business on August 8, 2014, was 65,706,402.

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<i>(in thousands)</i>	June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2013
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 420,290	\$ 716,560
Restricted cash		4,268
Cash segregated for regulatory purposes	38	35
Receivables:		
Brokerage clients, net	557,621	530,402
Brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	735,278	381,122
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	222,209	225,075
Financial instruments owned, at fair value (includes securities pledged of \$847,320 and \$686,997, respectively)	1,031,881	801,494
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value	1,646,779	1,756,253
Held-to-maturity securities, at amortized cost	1,274,765	1,312,115
Loans held for sale	119,477	109,110
Bank loans, net of allowance	1,757,129	1,404,353
Investments, at fair value	225,070	217,228
Fixed assets, net	119,991	106,446
Goodwill	737,994	727,336
Intangible assets, net	43,355	49,889
Loans and advances to financial advisors and other employees, net	189,696	184,458
Deferred tax assets, net	218,888	243,554
Other assets	274,551	239,172
Total Assets	\$ 9,575,012	\$ 9,008,870

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (continued)

	June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2013
<i>(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)</i>		
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		
Short-term borrowings from banks	\$ 368,000	\$ 55,700
Payables:		
Brokerage clients	323,711	318,942
Brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	89,766	58,135
Drafts	68,549	74,710
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	289,580	263,809
Bank deposits	4,653,656	4,663,323
Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, at fair value	685,343	481,214
Accrued compensation	249,795	337,589
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	265,921	285,968
Senior notes	325,000	325,000
Debentures to Stifel Financial Capital Trusts	82,500	82,500
	7,401,821	6,946,890
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors		3,131
Shareholders Equity:		
Preferred stock - \$1 par value; authorized 3,000,000 shares; none issued		
Common stock - \$0.15 par value; authorized 97,000,000 shares; issued 65,504,751 and 63,744,074 shares, respectively	9,826	9,562
Additional paid-in-capital	1,558,552	1,544,143
Retained earnings	631,222	540,238
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(26,409)	(35,030)
	2,173,191	2,058,913
Treasury stock, at cost, 0 and 1,330 shares, respectively		(64)
	2,173,191	2,058,849
Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity	\$ 9,575,012	\$ 9,008,870

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)

<i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Three Months Ended June 30		Six Months Ended June 30	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenues:				
Commissions	\$ 152,712	\$ 154,795	\$ 312,128	\$ 300,662
Principal transactions	125,676	111,306	252,137	218,570
Investment banking	141,515	119,443	273,819	196,348
Asset management and service fees	94,231	76,088	183,401	145,000
Interest	46,113	32,893	88,939	62,699
Other income	8,742	11,787	13,942	32,206
Total revenues	568,989	506,312	1,124,366	955,485
Interest expense	8,842	12,634	17,473	23,203
Net revenues	560,147	493,678	1,106,893	932,282
Non-interest expenses:				
Compensation and benefits	355,267	317,247	702,038	632,159
Occupancy and equipment rental	42,967	41,282	83,499	74,801
Communications and office supplies	25,869	25,456	50,687	47,913
Commissions and floor brokerage	9,248	9,790	18,276	18,627
Other operating expenses	49,273	47,328	96,742	82,549
Total non-interest expenses	482,624	441,103	951,242	856,049
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense				
	77,523	52,575	155,651	76,233
Provision for income taxes	31,946	21,659	62,101	30,381
Income from continuing operations	45,577	30,916	93,550	45,852
Discontinued operations:				
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(1,976)	(1,481)	(2,567)	(1,798)
Net income	\$ 43,601	\$ 29,435	\$ 90,983	\$ 44,054
Earnings per basic common share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.42	\$ 0.74
Loss from discontinued operations	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.03)
Earnings per basic common share	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.71
Earnings per diluted common share:				

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Income from continuing operations	\$	0.60	\$	0.42	\$	1.24	\$	0.64
Loss from discontinued operations		(0.02)		(0.02)		(0.04)		(0.02)
Earnings per diluted common share	\$	0.58	\$	0.40	\$	1.20	\$	0.62
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:								
Basic		66,302		64,505		66,167		62,292
Diluted		75,641		74,090		75,665		71,627

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss)

(Unaudited)

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net income	\$ 43,601	\$ 29,435	\$ 90,983	\$ 44,054
Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax:				
Changes in unrealized gains/(losses) on available-for-sale securities ^{(1) (2)}	2,704	(35,412)	5,567	(39,998)
Changes in unrealized gains on cash flow hedging instruments ⁽³⁾	360	3,428	986	4,947
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,732	(207)	2,068	(1,276)
	4,796	(32,191)	8,621	(36,327)
Comprehensive income/(loss)	\$ 48,397	\$ (2,756)	\$ 99,604	\$ 7,727

(1) Net of taxes of \$1.7 million and \$22.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Net of taxes of \$3.5 million and \$24.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

(2) Amounts are net of reclassifications to earnings of realized gains of \$1.2 million and \$0.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Amounts are net of reclassifications to earnings of realized gains of \$1.2 million and \$0.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

(3) Amounts are net of reclassifications to earnings of losses of \$1.6 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Amounts are net of reclassifications to earnings of losses of \$3.3 million and \$4.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 90,983	\$ 44,054
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	14,306	16,610
Amortization of loans and advances to financial advisors and other employees	32,580	31,004
Amortization of premium on investment portfolio	3,118	1,568
Provision for loan losses and allowance for loans and advances to financial advisors and other employees	4,692	3,451
Amortization of intangible assets	8,204	2,827
Deferred income taxes	25,377	9,484
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(17,208)	(9,313)
Stock-based compensation	47,087	88,083
(Gains)/losses on investments	(4,945)	620
Other, net	2,158	269
Decrease/(increase) in operating assets, net of assets acquired:		
Cash segregated for regulatory purposes and restricted cash	4,265	127,997
Receivables:		
Brokerage clients	(27,219)	(64,477)
Brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	(354,156)	(387,739)
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	2,866	33,472
Loans originated as held for sale	(490,705)	(836,888)
Proceeds from mortgages held for sale	472,609	890,865
Financial instruments owned, including those pledged	(226,505)	142,728
Loans and advances to financial advisors and other employees	(37,632)	(31,974)
Other assets	(14,521)	(890)
Increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities, net of liabilities assumed:		
Payables:		
Brokerage clients	4,769	(7,035)
Brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	46,634	37,147
Drafts	(6,161)	(33,582)
Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased	204,129	110,235
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	(180,887)	(78,652)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	\$ (396,148)	\$ 89,864

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<i>(in thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Proceeds from:		
Maturities, calls, sales, and principal paydowns of available-for-sale securities	\$ 245,570	\$ 307,424
Calls and principal paydowns of held-to-maturity securities	46,240	31,418
Sale or maturity of investments	33,737	49,135
Sale of other real estate owned	131	200
Increase in bank loans, net	(357,654)	(167,216)
Payments for:		
Purchase of available-for-sale securities	(132,703)	(1,017,693)
Purchase of held-to-maturity securities	(7,959)	(16,438)
Purchase of investments	(37,116)	(68,523)
Purchase of fixed assets	(12,107)	(13,305)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(7,922)	(165,104)
Net cash used in investing activities	(229,783)	(1,060,102)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from short-term borrowings from banks	312,300	202,000
Increase in securities sold under agreements to repurchase	25,771	19,939
Increase/(decrease) in bank deposits, net	(9,667)	660,917
Increase/(decrease) in securities loaned	(15,003)	63,645
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	17,208	9,313
Issuance of common stock for stock option exercises	114	15
Repurchase of treasury stock		(13,670)
Reissuance of treasury stock		509
Repayment of non-recourse debt		(5,968)
Extinguishment of subordinated debt	(3,131)	(2,187)
Net cash provided by financing activities	327,592	934,513
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	2,069	(1,290)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(296,270)	(37,015)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	716,560	403,941
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 420,290	\$ 366,926
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 31,594	\$ 8,635
Cash paid for interest	16,968	22,326
Noncash investing and financing activities:		

Stock units granted, net of forfeitures	116,475	160,386
Issuance of common stock for acquisitions		265,918

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 Nature of Operations and Basis of Presentation

Nature of Operations

Stifel Financial Corp. (the Parent), through its wholly owned subsidiaries, principally Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (Stifel Nicolaus), Stifel Bank & Trust (Stifel Bank), Stifel Nicolaus Europe Limited (SNEL), Century Securities Associates, Inc. (CSA), Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. (KBW), Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Limited (KBW Limited), and Miller Buckfire & Co. LLC (Miller Buckfire), is principally engaged in retail brokerage; securities trading; investment banking; investment advisory; retail, consumer, and commercial banking; and related financial services. We have offices throughout the United States and three European cities. Our major geographic area of concentration is the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions, with a growing presence in the Northeast, Southeast and Western United States. Our company's principal customers are individual investors, corporations, municipalities, and institutions.

Our Canadian subsidiary, Stifel Nicolaus Canada, Inc. (SN Canada) ceased business operations as of September 30, 2013. The results of SN Canada, previously reported in the Institutional Group segment, are classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. See Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of our discontinued operations.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include Stifel Financial Corp. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, principally Stifel Nicolaus and Stifel Bank. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. Unless otherwise indicated, the terms we, us, our, or our company in this report refer to Stifel Financial Corp. and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

We have prepared the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Pursuant to these rules and regulations, we have omitted certain information and footnote disclosures we normally include in our annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In management's opinion, we have made all adjustments (consisting only of normal, recurring adjustments, except as otherwise noted) necessary to fairly present our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Our interim period operating results do not necessarily indicate the results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the full fiscal year. These financial statements and accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 on file with the SEC.

Certain amounts from prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. The effect of these reclassifications on our company's previously reported consolidated financial statements was not material.

There have been no material changes in our significant accounting policies, as compared to the significant accounting policies described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Consolidation Policies

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Stifel Financial Corp. and its subsidiaries. We also have investments or interests in other entities for which we must evaluate whether to consolidate by determining whether we have a controlling financial interest or are considered to be the primary beneficiary. In determining whether to consolidate these entities, we evaluate whether the entity is a voting interest entity or a variable interest entity (VIE).

Voting Interest Entity. Voting interest entities are entities that have (i) total equity investment at risk sufficient to fund expected future operations independently, and (ii) equity holders who have the obligation to absorb losses or receive residual returns and the right to make decisions about the entity s activities. We consolidate voting interest entities when we determine that there is a controlling financial interest, usually ownership of all, or a majority of, the voting interest.

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Variable Interest Entity. VIEs are entities that lack one or more of the characteristics of a voting interest entity. We are required to consolidate certain VIEs in which we have the power to direct the activities of the entity and the obligation to absorb significant losses or receive significant benefits. In other cases, we consolidate VIEs when we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is defined as the entity that has a variable interest, or a combination of variable interests, that maintains control and receives benefits or will absorb losses that are not pro rata with its ownership interests. See Note 26 for additional information on VIEs.

NOTE 2 Recently Issued Accounting Guidance*Repurchase Agreements*

In June 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-11, Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860): Repurchase-to-Maturity Transactions, Repurchase Financings, and Disclosures, (ASU 2014-11) amending FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 860, Transfers and Servicing. The amended guidance changes the accounting for repurchase-to-maturity transactions and repurchase financing arrangements. The guidance also requires new disclosures for certain transfers accounted for as sales and collateral supporting transactions that are accounted for as secured borrowings. ASU 2014-11 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2014, except for the disclosures related to secured borrowings, which are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2014, and for interim periods beginning after March 15, 2015. The adoption of ASU 2014-11 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company s results of operations or financial position, but may impact the Company s disclosures.

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), (ASU 2014-09) which supersedes current revenue recognition guidance, including most industry-specific guidance. ASU 2014-09 requires a company to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. The guidance also requires additional disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue that is recognized. The guidance allows for either retrospective application to all periods presented or a modified retrospective approach where the guidance would only be applied to existing contracts in effect at the adoption date and new contracts going forward. ASU 2014-09 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is not permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact the new guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

Discontinued Operations

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 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*, (ASU 2014-08) amending FASB ASC Topic 205-20, *Discontinued Operations*, (ASC 205-20). The amended guidance changes the criteria for reporting discontinued operations and requires new disclosures. ASU 2014-08 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and will be applied prospectively. We are currently evaluating the impact the new guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3 Discontinued Operations

The components of discontinued operations are as follows (*in thousands*):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net revenues	\$ (41)	\$ 5,058	\$ (31)	\$ 8,234
Restructuring expense			217	
Operating expenses	3,062	6,435	3,554	9,923
Total non-interest expenses	3,062	6,435	3,771	9,923
Loss from discontinued operations before income tax expense	(3,103)	(1,377)	(3,802)	(1,689)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	(1,127)	104	(1,235)	109
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (1,976)	\$ (1,481)	\$ (2,567)	\$ (1,798)

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Amounts receivable from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, included (*in thousands*):

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Deposits paid for securities borrowed	\$ 385,846	\$ 227,640
Receivable from clearing organizations	269,235	125,538
Securities failed to deliver	80,197	27,944
	\$ 735,278	\$ 381,122

Amounts payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, included (*in thousands*):

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Securities failed to receive	\$ 61,519	\$ 7,411
Deposits received from securities loaned	25,136	40,101
Payable to clearing organizations	3,111	10,623
	\$ 89,766	\$ 58,135

Deposits paid for securities borrowed approximate the market value of the securities. Securities failed to deliver and receive represent the contract value of securities that have not been delivered or received on settlement date.

NOTE 5 Fair Value Measurements

We measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash equivalents, financial instruments owned, available-for-sale securities, investments, financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, and derivatives.

The degree of judgment used in measuring the fair value of financial instruments generally correlates to the level of pricing observability. Pricing observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new to the market and not yet established, and the characteristics specific to the transaction. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of pricing observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. Conversely, financial instruments rarely traded or not quoted will generally have less, or no, pricing observability and a higher degree of judgment used in measuring fair value.

We generally utilize third-party pricing services to value Level 1 and Level 2 available-for-sale investment securities, as well as certain derivatives designated as cash flow hedges. We review the methodologies and assumptions used by the third-party pricing services and evaluate the values provided, principally by comparison with other available

market quotes for similar instruments and/or analysis based on internal models using available third-party market data. We may occasionally adjust certain values provided by the third-party pricing service when we believe, as the result of our review, that the adjusted price most appropriately reflects the fair value of the particular security.

Following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies and key inputs used to measure financial assets and liabilities recorded at fair value. The descriptions include an indication of the level of the fair value hierarchy in which the assets or liabilities are classified.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amount of these instruments approximates the estimated fair value. Actively traded money market funds are measured at their reported net asset value, which approximates fair value. As such, we classify the estimated fair value of these instruments as Level 1.

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When available, the fair value of financial instruments are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments and reported in Level 1. Level 1 financial instruments include highly liquid instruments with quoted prices, such as equity securities listed in active markets, certain fixed income securities, and U.S. government securities.

If quoted prices are not available for identical instruments, fair values are obtained from pricing services, broker quotes, or other model-based valuation techniques with observable inputs, such as the present value of estimated cash flows and reported as Level 2. The nature of these financial instruments include instruments for which quoted prices are available but traded less frequently, instruments whose fair value have been derived using a model where inputs to the model are directly observable in the market, or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data, and instruments that are fair valued using other financial instruments, the parameters of which can be directly observed. Level 2 financial instruments generally include U.S. government agency securities, mortgage-backed securities, corporate fixed income securities infrequently traded, certain state and municipal obligations, asset-backed securities, and certain equity securities not actively traded.

Securities classified as Level 3, of which the substantial majority is auction rate securities (ARS), represent securities in less liquid markets requiring significant management assumptions when determining fair value. Due to the lack of a robust secondary auction-rate securities market with active fair value indicators, fair value for all periods presented was determined using an income approach based on an internally developed discounted cash flow model. In addition to ARS, we have classified certain fixed income securities and state and municipal securities with unobservable pricing inputs as Level 3. The methods used to value these securities are the same as the methods used to value ARS, discussed above.

Investments

Investments carried at fair value primarily include corporate equity securities, ARS, investments in mutual funds, U.S. government securities, and investments in public companies, private equity securities, and partnerships, which are classified as other in the following tables.

Corporate equity securities, mutual funds and U.S. government securities are valued based on quoted prices in active markets and reported in Level 1.

ARS for which the market has been dislocated and largely ceased to function are reported as Level 3 assets. The methods used to value ARS are discussed above.

Investments in partnerships and other investments include our general and limited partnership interests in investment partnerships and direct investments in non-public companies. The net assets of investment partnerships consist primarily of investments in non-marketable securities. The value of these investments is at risk to changes in equity markets, general economic conditions and a variety of other factors. We estimate fair value for private equity investments based on our percentage ownership in the net asset value of the entire fund, as reported by the fund or on behalf of the fund, after indication that the fund adheres to applicable fair value measurement guidance. For those funds where the net asset value is not reported by the fund, we derive the fair value of the fund by estimating the fair value of each underlying investment in the fund. In addition to using qualitative information about each underlying investment, as provided by the fund, we give consideration to information pertinent to the specific nature of the debt or equity investment, such as relevant market conditions, offering prices, operating results, financial conditions, exit strategy and other qualitative information, as available. The lack of an independent source to validate fair value

estimates, including the impact of future capital calls and transfer restrictions, is an inherent limitation in the valuation process. Commitments to fund additional investments in nonmarketable equity securities recorded at fair value were \$11.7 million and \$12.4 million at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

Derivatives

Derivatives are valued using quoted market prices for identical instruments when available or pricing models based on the net present value of estimated future cash flows. The valuation models used require market observable inputs, including contractual terms, market prices, yield curves, credit curves, and measures of volatility. We manage credit risk for our derivative positions on a counterparty-by-counterparty basis and calculate credit valuation adjustments, included in the fair value of these instruments, on the basis of our relationships at the counterparty portfolio/master netting agreement level. These credit valuation adjustments are determined by applying a credit spread for the counterparty to the total expected exposure of the derivative after considering collateral and other master netting arrangements. We have classified our interest rate swaps as Level 2.

State and municipal securities	1,078		1,078
Total financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased	685,343	392,274	293,069
Derivative contracts ⁽²⁾	7,616		7,616
	\$ 692,959	\$ 392,274	\$ 300,685

- (1) Includes \$49.4 million of partnership interests, \$16.4 million of private company investments, and \$14.5 million of private equity and other investments.
- (2) Included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the consolidated statements of financial condition.

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- ¹ Includes \$56.0 million of partnership interests, \$22.5 million of private company investments, and \$21.7 million of private equity and other investments.
- ² Included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ 52,184	\$ 1,930	\$ 80,344
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- 1 Included in financial instruments owned in the consolidated statements of financial condition.
- 2 Includes partnership interests, private company investments, and private equity investments.
- 3 Realized and unrealized gains/(losses) related to financial instruments owned and investments are reported in other income in the consolidated statements of operations.
- 4 Unrealized gains/(losses) related to available-for-sale securities are reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated statements of financial condition.

The results included in the table above are only a component of the overall investment strategies of our company. The table above does not present Level 1 or Level 2 valued assets or liabilities. The changes to our company's Level 3 classified instruments were principally a result of: sales of certain investments, redemptions of ARS at par, and unrealized gains and losses during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014. The changes in unrealized gains/(losses) recorded in earnings for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 relating to Level 3 assets still held at June 30, 2014 were immaterial.

Direct investments in private equity companies totaled \$4.9 million and \$8.2 million at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Direct investments in private equity companies may be valued using the market approach or the income approach, or a combination thereof, and were valued based on an assessment of each

Securities purchased under agreements to resell are collateralized financing transactions that are recorded at their contractual amounts plus accrued interest. The carrying values at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 approximate fair value due to the short-term nature.

Held-to-Maturity Securities

Securities held to maturity are recorded at amortized cost based on our company's positive intent and ability to hold these securities to maturity. Securities held to maturity include asset-backed securities, consisting of corporate obligations, collateralized debt obligation securities and ARS. The estimated fair value, included in the above table, is determined using several factors; however, primary weight is given to discounted cash flow modeling techniques that incorporated an estimated discount rate based upon recent observable debt security issuances with similar characteristics.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
United States	\$ 535,952	\$ 480,916	\$ 1,061,393	\$ 910,109
United Kingdom	21,616	10,335	39,535	17,185
Other European	2,579	2,427	5,965	4,988
	\$ 560,147	\$ 493,678	\$ 1,106,893	\$ 932,282

Total non-interest expenses	51,453	52,949	(2.8)	98,209	125,367	(21.7)
Loss before income taxes	\$ (54,265)	\$ (57,432)	(5.5)	\$ (101,435)	\$ (131,503)	(22.9)

Net revenues For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, net revenues were positively impacted by investment gains when compared to the prior year periods.

Compensation and benefits For the three months ended June 30, 2014, compensation and benefits expense increased 20.0% to \$26.0 million from \$21.7 million during the comparable period in 2013. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, compensation and benefits expense decreased 38.2% to \$44.6 million from \$72.2 million during the comparable period in 2013.

Compensation and benefits expense for the six months ended June 30, 2013 includes a non-cash charge of \$30.6 million (pre-tax) related to the expensing of restricted stock awards granted to certain employees of KBW, Inc and our company as retention related to the acquisition of KBW, Inc. There were no continuing service requirements associated with these restricted stock awards, and accordingly were expensed on the date of grant.

Other operating expenses For the three months ended June 30, 2014, other operating expenses decreased 18.7% to \$25.4 million from \$31.3 million during the comparable period in 2013. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, other operating expenses increased 0.8% to \$53.6 million from \$53.2 million during the comparable period in 2013.

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Our company's consolidated statements of financial condition consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, financial instruments owned, bank loans, investments, goodwill, loans and advances to financial advisors, bank deposits, and payables. As of June 30, 2014, our total assets increased 6.3% to \$9.6 billion from \$9.0 billion at December 31, 2013. The increase is primarily attributable to increases in (1) receivables from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations, (2) bank loans, and (3) financial instruments owned. The increase in assets was offset by decreases in (1) cash and cash equivalents (2) our investment portfolio, which consists of available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities, and (3) deferred taxes, net. Our broker-dealer subsidiary's gross assets and liabilities, including financial instruments owned, stock loan/borrow, receivables and payables from/to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations and clients, fluctuate with our business levels and overall market conditions.

As of June 30, 2014, our liabilities were comprised primarily of short-term borrowings of \$368.0 million, senior notes of \$325.0 million, trust preferred securities of \$82.5 million, deposits of \$4.7 billion at Stifel Bank, and payables to customers of \$323.7 million at our broker-dealer subsidiaries, as well as accounts payable and accrued expenses, and accrued employee compensation of \$515.7 million. To meet our obligations to clients and operating needs, we had \$420.3 million in cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2014. We also had client brokerage receivables of \$557.6 million at Stifel Nicolaus and \$1.9 billion in loans at Stifel Bank.

Cash Flow

Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$296.3 million to \$420.3 million at June 30, 2014, from \$716.6 million at December 31, 2013. Operating activities used \$396.1 million of cash primarily due to an increase in operating assets, offset by an increase in operating liabilities, net income recognized during the first six months of 2014, and the net effect of non-cash items. Investing activities used cash of \$229.8 million due to the growth of the loan portfolio, purchases of available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities as part of our investment strategy at Stifel Bank, and fixed asset purchases, offset by proceeds from the maturity of available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities, and sale of investments. Financing activities provided cash of \$327.6 million principally due to proceeds received from our short-term borrowings.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's senior management establishes the liquidity and capital policies of the Company. The Company's senior management reviews business performance relative to these policies, monitors the availability of alternative sources of financing, and oversees the liquidity and interest rate sensitivity of the Company's asset and liability position.

Our assets, consisting mainly of cash or assets readily convertible into cash, are our principal source of liquidity. The liquid nature of these assets provides for flexibility in managing and financing the projected operating needs of the business. These assets are financed primarily by our equity capital, corporate debt, debentures to trusts, client credit balances, short-term bank loans, proceeds from securities lending, and other payables. We currently finance our client accounts and firm trading positions through ordinary course borrowings at floating interest rates from various banks on a demand basis, securities lending, and repurchase agreements, with company-owned and client securities pledged as collateral. Changes in securities market volumes, related client borrowing demands, underwriting activity, and levels of securities inventory affect the amount of our financing requirements.

Our bank assets consist principally of available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities, retained loans, and cash and cash equivalents. Stifel Bank's current liquidity needs are generally met through deposits from bank clients and equity

capital. We monitor the liquidity of Stifel Bank daily to ensure its ability to meet customer deposit withdrawals, maintain reserve requirements, and support asset growth.

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As of June 30, 2014, we had \$9.6 billion in assets, \$5.4 billion of which consisted of cash or assets readily convertible into cash as follows (*in thousands, except average days to conversion*):

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	Avg. Conversion
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 420,290	\$ 716,560	
Receivables from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	735,278	381,122	3 days
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	222,209	225,075	1 day
Financial instruments owned at fair value	1,028,513	779,214	5 days
Available-for-sale securities at fair value	1,646,779	1,756,253	3 days
Held-to-maturity securities at amortized cost	1,274,765	1,312,115	10 days
Investments	136,581	117,028	5 days
Total cash and assets readily convertible to cash	\$ 5,464,415	\$ 5,287,367	

As of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the amount of collateral by asset class is as follows (*in thousands*):

	June 30, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Contractual	Contingent	Contractual	Contingent
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 58,204	\$	\$ 43,104	\$
Financial instruments owned at fair value	289,580	847,320	263,809	686,997
Available-for-sale securities at fair value		1,315,526		504,100
Investments		42,255		51,051
	\$ 347,784	\$ 2,205,101	\$ 306,913	\$ 1,242,148

Capital Management

We have an ongoing authorization from the Board of Directors to repurchase our common stock in the open market or in negotiated transactions. At June 30, 2014, the maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under this plan was 3.5 million. We utilize the share repurchase program to manage our equity capital relative to the growth of our business and help to meet obligations under our employee benefit plans. We currently do not pay cash dividends on our common stock.

Liquidity Risk Management

Our businesses are diverse, and our liquidity needs are determined by many factors, including market movements, collateral requirements and client commitments, all of which can change dramatically in a difficult funding environment. During a liquidity crisis, credit-sensitive funding, including unsecured debt and some types of secured financing agreements, may be unavailable, and the terms (e.g., interest rates, collateral provisions and tenor) or availability of other types of secured financing may change. We manage liquidity risk by diversifying our funding sources across products and among individual counterparties within those products.

As a holding company, whereby all of our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries, our cash flow and our ability to service our debt, including the notes, depend upon the earnings of our subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities. Our subsidiaries have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the notes or to provide us with funds to pay our obligations, whether by dividends, distributions, loans or other payments.

Our liquidity requirements may change in the event we need to raise more funds than anticipated to increase inventory positions, support more rapid expansion, develop new or enhanced services and products, acquire technologies, or respond to other unanticipated liquidity requirements. We primarily rely on financing activities and distributions from our subsidiaries for funds to implement our business and growth strategies, and repurchase our shares. Net capital rules, restrictions under our borrowing arrangements of our subsidiaries, as well as the earnings, financial condition, and cash requirements of our subsidiaries, may each limit distributions to us from our subsidiaries.

The availability of outside financing, including access to the capital markets and bank lending, depends on a variety of factors, such as market conditions, the general availability of credit, the volume of trading activities, the overall availability of credit to the financial services sector and our credit rating. Our cost and availability of funding may be adversely affected by illiquid credit markets and wider credit spreads. As a result of any future concerns about the stability of the markets generally and the strength of counterparties specifically, lenders may from time to time curtail, or even cease, to provide funding to borrowers.

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Our liquidity management policies are designed to mitigate the potential risk that we may be unable to access adequate financing to service our financial obligations without material business impact. The principal elements of our liquidity management framework are: (a) daily monitoring of our liquidity needs at the holding company and significant subsidiary level; (b) stress testing the liquidity position at Stifel Bank; and (c) diversification of our funding sources.

Monitoring of liquidity

Senior management establishes our liquidity and capital policies. These policies include senior management's review of short and long-term cash flow forecasts, review of monthly capital expenditures, the monitoring of the availability of alternative sources of financing, and the daily monitoring of liquidity in our significant subsidiaries. Our decisions on the allocation of capital to our business units consider, among other factors, projected profitability and cash flow, risk and impact on future liquidity needs. Our treasury department assists in evaluating, monitoring and controlling the impact that our business activities have on our financial condition, liquidity and capital structure as well as maintains our relationships with various lenders. The objectives of these policies are to support the successful execution of our business strategies while ensuring ongoing and sufficient liquidity.

Liquidity stress testing (Stifel Bank)

Stifel Bank performs two primary stress tests on its liquidity position. These stress tests are based on the following company-specific stresses: (1) the amount of deposit run-off that Stifel Bank could withstand over a one month period of time based on its on-balance sheet liquidity and available credit; and (2) Stifel Bank's ability to fund operations if all available credit were to be drawn immediately, with no additional available credit. The goal of these stress tests is determine Stifel Bank's ability to fund continuing operations under significant pressures on both assets and liabilities.

Under both stress tests, Stifel Bank considers cash and highly liquid investments as available to meet liquidity needs. In its analysis, Stifel Bank considers Agency MBS, Corporate Bonds, and CMBS as highly liquid. In addition to being able to be readily financed at modest haircut levels, Stifel Bank estimates that each of the individual securities within each of the asset classes described above could be sold into the market and converted into cash within three business days under normal market conditions, assuming that the entire portfolio of a given asset class was not simultaneously liquidated. At June 30, 2014, available cash and highly liquid investments comprised approximately 40% of Stifel Bank's assets, which was well in excess of its internal target.

In addition to these stress tests, Stifel Bank management performs a daily liquidity review. The daily analysis provides Stifel Bank management with all major fluctuations in liquidity. The analysis also tracks the proportion of deposits that Stifel Bank is sweeping from its affiliated broker-dealer, Stifel Nicolaus. On a monthly basis, liquidity key performance indicators and compliance with liquidity policy limits are reported to the Board of Directors. Stifel Bank has not violated any internal liquidity policy limits.

Funding Sources

The Company pursues a strategy of diversification of secured and unsecured funding sources (by product and by investor) and attempts to ensure that the tenor of the Company's liabilities equals or exceeds the expected holding period of the assets being financed. The Company funds its balance sheet through diverse sources. These sources may include the Company's equity capital, long-term debt, repurchase agreements, securities lending, deposits, committed and uncommitted credit facilities, FHLB advances, and federal funds agreements. At June 30, 2014, we have \$112.5 million of ARS. Any redemptions by issuers of the ARS will create liquidity during the period in which the redemption occurs. ARS redemptions have been at par, and we believe will continue to be at par.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. We held \$420.3 million of cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2014, compared to \$716.6 million at December 31, 2013. Cash and cash equivalents provide immediate sources of funds to meet our liquidity needs.

Securities Available-for-Sale. We held \$1.65 billion in available-for-sale investment securities at June 30, 2014, compared to \$1.76 billion at December 31, 2013. As of June 30, 2014, the weighted average life of the investment securities portfolio was 2.6 years. These investment securities provide increased liquidity and flexibility to support our company's funding requirements.

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We monitor the available-for-sale investment portfolio for other-than-temporary impairment based on a number of criteria, including the size of the unrealized loss position, the duration for which the security has been in a loss position, credit rating, the nature of the investments, and current market conditions. For debt securities, we also consider any intent to sell the security and the likelihood we will be required to sell the security before its anticipated recovery. We continually monitor the ratings of our security holdings and conduct regular reviews of our credit sensitive assets.

Deposits. Deposits have become one of our largest funding sources. Deposits provide a stable, low-cost source of funds that we utilize to fund loan and asset growth and to diversify funding sources. We have continued to expand our deposit-gathering efforts through our existing private client network and through expansion. These channels offer a broad set of deposit products that include demand deposits, money market deposits, and certificates of deposit (CDs).

As of June 30, 2014, we had \$4.65 billion in deposits compared to \$4.66 billion at December 31, 2013. Our core deposits are comprised of non-interest-bearing deposits, money market deposit accounts, savings accounts, and CDs.

Short-term borrowings. Our short-term financing is generally obtained through short-term bank line financing on an uncommitted, secured basis, short-term bank line financing on an unsecured basis and securities lending arrangements. We borrow from various banks on a demand basis with company-owned and customer securities pledged as collateral. The value of customer-owned securities used as collateral is not reflected in the consolidated statements of financial condition. Our uncommitted secured lines of credit at June 30, 2014 totaled \$680.0 million with four banks and are dependent on having appropriate collateral, as determined by the bank agreements, to secure an advance under the line. The availability of our uncommitted lines are subject to approval by the individual banks each time an advance is requested and may be denied. Our peak daily borrowing was \$414.9 million during the three months ended June 30, 2014. There are no compensating balance requirements under these arrangements.

At June 30, 2014, short-term borrowings from banks were \$368.0 million at an average rate of 1.18%, which were collateralized by company-owned securities valued at \$573.6 million. At December 31, 2013, short-term borrowings from banks were \$55.7 million at an average rate of 1.22%, which were collateralized by company-owned securities valued at \$440.8 million. The average bank borrowing was \$252.3 million and \$414.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, at average daily effective interest rates of 1.12% and 1.33%, respectively. The average bank borrowing was \$175.4 million and \$312.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, at average daily effective interest rates of 1.13% and 1.25%, respectively.

At June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, Stifel had a stock loan balance of \$25.1 million and \$40.1 million, respectively, at average daily interest rates of 0.22% and 0.16%, respectively. The average outstanding securities lending arrangements utilized in financing activities were \$68.1 million and \$81.0 million during the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, at average daily effective interest rates of 0.19% and 0.13%, respectively. The average outstanding securities lending arrangements utilized in financing activities were \$70.5 million and \$72.9 million during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, at average daily effective interest rates of 0.18% and 0.13%, respectively. Customer-owned securities were utilized in these arrangements.

Unsecured short-term borrowings. Our committed short-term bank line financing at June 30, 2014 consisted of a \$100.0 million committed revolving credit facility. The credit facility expires in December 2014. The applicable interest rate under the revolving credit facility is calculated as a per annum rate equal to the one-month Eurocurrency rate plus 1.00%, as defined in the revolving credit facility.

We can draw upon this line as long as certain restrictive covenants are maintained. Under our revolving credit facility, we are also required to maintain compliance with a minimum consolidated tangible net worth covenant under which

we are required to have at all times a consolidated tangible net worth, as defined in the revolving credit facility, and a maximum consolidated total capitalization ratio covenant under which we are required to have at all times a consolidated total capitalization ratio, as defined in the revolving credit facility. In addition, Stifel, our broker-dealer subsidiary, is required to maintain compliance with a minimum regulatory net capital covenant of not less than 10% of aggregate debits, as defined in the revolving credit facility.

At June 30, 2014, we had no advances on our revolving credit facility and were in compliance with all covenants. Our revolving credit facility contains customary events of default, including, without limitation, payment defaults, breaches of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults to similar obligations, certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency and judgment defaults.

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Federal Home Loan Bank Advances and other secured financing. Stifel Bank has borrowing capacity with the Federal Home Loan Bank of \$1.46 billion at June 30, 2014, all of which was unused, and a \$25.0 million federal funds agreement for the purpose of purchasing short-term funds should additional liquidity be needed. Stifel Bank receives overnight funds from excess cash held in Stifel Nicolaus brokerage accounts, which are deposited into a money market account. These balances totaled \$4.4 billion at June 30, 2014.

Public Offering of Senior Notes. On January 18, 2012, we issued \$175.0 million principal amount of 6.70% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "notes"). Interest on the notes accrue from January 23, 2012 and will be paid quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 2012. The notes will mature on January 15, 2022. We may redeem the notes in whole or in part on or after January 15, 2015 at our option at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. Proceeds from the notes issuance of \$169.3 million, after discounts, commissions and expenses, were used for general corporate purposes.

On December 18, 2012, we issued \$150.0 million principal amount of 5.375% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "December 2012 Notes"). Interest on the December 2012 Notes accrue from December 21, 2012 and will be paid quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on April 15, 2013. The December 2012 Notes will mature on December 31, 2022. We may redeem the December 2012 Notes in whole or in part on or after December 31, 2015 at our option at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. Proceeds from the December 2012 Notes issuance of \$146.1 million, after discounts, commissions and expenses, were used for general corporate purposes. In January 2013, we received a BBB- rating on the December 2012 Notes.

On July 15, 2014, we issued \$300.0 million principal amount of 4.250% Senior Notes due 2024 (the "2014 Notes"). Interest on the 2014 Notes accrue from July 18, 2014 and will be paid semi-annually in arrears on January 18 and July 18 of each year, commencing on January 18, 2015. The 2014 Notes will mature on July 18, 2024. We may redeem the 2014 Notes in whole or in part at our option at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus a "make-whole" premium and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. Proceeds from the 2014 Notes issuance of \$295.3 million, after discounts, commissions and expenses, will be used for general corporate purposes. In July 2014, we received a BBB- rating on the 2014 Notes.

Credit Rating

In January 2012, we received an initial credit rating from Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC of BBB-, along with a BBB- rating on the notes. In July 2014, we received an initial credit rating from Fitch of BBB-, along with a BBB- rating on our senior notes. We believe our current ratings depend upon a number of factors including industry dynamics, operating and economic environment, operating results, operating margins, earnings trends and volatility, balance sheet composition, liquidity and liquidity management, our capital structure, our overall risk management, business diversification and our market share and competitive position in the markets in which we operate. Deteriorations in any of these factors could impact our credit ratings. A reduction in our credit ratings could adversely affect our liquidity and competitive position, increase our incremental borrowing costs, limit our access to the capital markets or trigger our obligations under certain financial agreements. As such, we may not be able to successfully obtain additional outside financing to fund our operations on favorable terms, or at all.

We believe our existing assets, most of which are liquid in nature, together with the funds from operations, available informal short-term credit arrangements, and our ability to raise additional capital will provide sufficient resources to meet our present and anticipated financing needs.

Use of Capital Resources

On April 3, 2014, we completed the acquisition of De La Rosa & Co. (De La Rosa), a California-based public finance investment banking boutique. The addition of the De La Rosa team is expected to further strengthen our company s position in a number of key underwriting markets in California.

On May 8, 2014 we entered into an agreement to acquire Oriel Securities (Oriel), a London-based stockbroking and investment banking firm, to build out our company s international platform across all of its institutional businesses. The combination of our company and Oriel will bring together more than 250 professionals to create a significant middle-market investment banking group in London, with broad research coverage across most sectors of the economy, equity and debt sales and trading, and investment banking services. TWP entered into settlement and release agreements (Settlement Agreements) with certain customers, whereby it will purchase their ARS, at par, in exchange for a release from any future claims. At June 30, 2014, we estimate that TWP customers held \$18.3 million par value of ARS, which may be repurchased over the next 2 years. The amount estimated for repurchase assumes no issuer redemptions.

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We have paid \$43.1 million in the form of upfront notes to financial advisors for transition pay during the period from January 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014. As we continue to take advantage of the opportunities created by market displacement and as competition for skilled professionals in the industry increases, we may decide to devote more significant resources to attracting and retaining qualified personnel.

We utilize transition pay, principally in the form of upfront demand notes, to aid financial advisors, who have elected to join our firm, to supplement their lost compensation while transitioning their customers' accounts to the Stifel platform. The initial value of the notes is determined primarily by the financial advisors' trailing production and assets under management. These notes are generally forgiven over a five to ten year period based on production. The future estimated amortization expense of the upfront notes, assuming current year production levels and static growth for the remaining six months of 2014 and the years ended December 31, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and thereafter are \$27.5 million, \$46.2 million, \$36.0 million, \$24.5 million, \$17.7 million and \$30.2 million, respectively. These estimates could change if we continue to grow our business through expansion or experience increased production levels.

We maintain several incentive stock award plans that provide for the granting of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance awards, and stock units to our employees. Historically, we have granted stock units to our employees as part of our retention program. A stock unit represents the right to receive a share of common stock from our company at a designated time in the future without cash payment by the employee and is issued in lieu of cash incentive, principally for deferred compensation and employee retention plans. The restricted stock units vest on an annual basis over the next three to eight years and are distributable, if vested, at future specified dates. At June 30, 2014, the total number of stock units outstanding was 18.0 million, of which 11.1 million were unvested. At June 30, 2014, there was unrecognized compensation cost for stock units of \$312.1 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.7 years.

The future estimated compensation expense of the unvested units, assuming current year forfeiture levels and static growth for the remaining six months of 2014 and the years ended December 31, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and thereafter are \$40.9 million, \$77.5 million, \$65.1 million, \$53.1 million, \$38.9 million and \$36.6 million, respectively. These estimates could change if our forfeitures change from historical levels.

Net Capital Requirements

We operate in a highly regulated environment and are subject to capital requirements, which may limit distributions to our company from our subsidiaries. Distributions from our broker-dealer subsidiaries are subject to net capital rules. These subsidiaries have historically operated in excess of minimum net capital requirements. However, if distributions were to be limited in the future due to the failure of our subsidiaries to comply with the net capital rules or a change in the net capital rules, it could have a material and adverse affect to our company by limiting our operations that require intensive use of capital, such as underwriting or trading activities, or limit our ability to implement our business and growth strategies, pay interest on and repay the principal of our debt, and/or repurchase our common stock. Our non broker-dealer subsidiary, Stifel Bank is also subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Our broker-dealer subsidiaries and Stifel Bank have consistently operated in excess of their capital adequacy requirements.

At June 30, 2014, Stifel Nicolaus had net capital of \$336.6 million, which was 50.7% of aggregate debit items and \$323.4 million in excess of its minimum required net capital. At June 30, 2014, KBW's, CSA's, and Miller Buckfire's net capital exceeded the minimum net capital required under the SEC rule. At June 30, 2014, SNEL's and KBW Limited's net capital and reserves was in excess of the financial resources requirement under the rules of the FCA. At June 30, 2014, Stifel Bank was considered well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. See Note 19 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for details of our regulatory capital

requirements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

In preparing our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC, we make assumptions, judgments, and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. We base our assumptions, judgments, and estimates on historical experience and various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. On a regular basis, we evaluate our assumptions, judgments, and estimates. We also discuss our critical accounting policies and estimates with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

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We believe that the assumptions, judgments, and estimates involved in the accounting policies described below have the greatest potential impact on our consolidated financial statements. These areas are key components of our results of operations and are based on complex rules that require us to make assumptions, judgments, and estimates, so we consider these to be our critical accounting policies. Historically, our assumptions, judgments, and estimates relative to our critical accounting policies and estimates have not differed materially from actual results.

For a full description of these and other accounting policies, see Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Valuation of Financial Instruments

We measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash equivalents, financial instruments owned, available-for-sale securities, investments, financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, and derivatives.

Financial instruments owned and pledged and financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, are carried at fair value on the consolidated statements of financial condition, with unrealized gains and losses reflected on the consolidated statements of operations.

The fair value of a financial instrument 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, or an exit price. The degree of judgment used in measuring the fair value of financial instruments generally correlates to the level of pricing observability. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices in active markets generally have more pricing observability and less judgment used in measuring fair value. Conversely, financial instruments rarely traded or not quoted have less pricing observability and are measured at fair value using valuation models that require more judgment. Pricing observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new to the market and not yet established, the characteristics specific to the transaction, and overall market conditions generally.

When available, we use observable market prices, observable market parameters, or broker or dealer quotes (bid and ask prices) to derive the fair value of financial instruments. In the case of financial instruments transacted on recognized exchanges, the observable market prices represent quotations for completed transactions from the exchange on which the financial instrument is principally traded.

A substantial percentage of the fair value of our financial instruments and other investments owned, financial instruments pledged as collateral, and financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, are based on observable market prices, observable market parameters, or derived from broker or dealer prices. The availability of observable market prices and pricing parameters can vary from product to product. Where available, observable market prices and pricing or market parameters in a product may be used to derive a price without requiring significant judgment. In certain markets, observable market prices or market parameters are not available for all products, and fair value is determined using techniques appropriate for each particular product. These techniques involve some degree of judgment.

For investments in illiquid or privately held securities that do not have readily determinable fair values, the determination of fair value requires us to estimate the value of the securities using the best information available. Among the factors we consider in determining the fair value of investments are the cost of the investment, terms and liquidity, developments since the acquisition of the investment, the sales price of recently issued securities, the

financial condition and operating results of the issuer, earnings trends and consistency of operating cash flows, the long-term business potential of the issuer, the quoted market price of securities with similar quality and yield that are publicly traded, and other factors generally pertinent to the valuation of investments. In instances where a security is subject to transfer restrictions, the value of the security is based primarily on the quoted price of a similar security without restriction but may be reduced by an amount estimated to reflect such restrictions. The fair value of these investments is subject to a high degree of volatility and may be susceptible to significant fluctuation in the near term, and the differences could be material.

We have categorized our financial instruments measured at fair value into a three-level classification in accordance with Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures*. Fair value measurements of financial instruments that use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities are generally categorized as

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Level 1, and fair value measurements of financial instruments that have no direct observable levels are generally categorized as Level 3. All other fair value measurements of financial instruments that do not fall within the Level 1 or Level 3 classification are considered Level 2. The lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of a financial instrument is used to categorize the instrument and reflects the judgment of management.

Level 3 financial instruments have little to no pricing observability as of the report date. These financial instruments do not have active two-way markets and are measured using management's best estimate of fair value, where the inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. We have identified Level 3 financial instruments to include certain asset-backed securities, consisting of collateral loan obligation securities, that have experienced low volumes of executed transactions, certain corporate bonds and equity securities where there was less frequent or nominal market activity, investments in private equity funds, and auction rate securities for which the market has been dislocated and largely ceased to function. Our Level 3 asset-backed securities are valued using cash flow models that utilize unobservable inputs. Level 3 corporate bonds are valued using prices from comparable securities. Equity securities with unobservable inputs are valued using management's best estimate of fair value, where the inputs require significant management judgment. Auction rate securities are valued based upon our expectations of issuer redemptions and using internal models.

At June 30, 2014, Level 3 assets for which we bear economic exposure were \$196.2 million or 6.6% of the total assets measured at fair value. During the three months ended June 30, 2014, we recorded purchases of \$3.6 million and sales and redemptions of \$29.4 million of Level 3 assets. Our valuation adjustments (realized and unrealized) increased the value of our Level 3 assets by \$7.7 million. We transferred \$10.1 million out of Level 3 during the three months ended June 30, 2014. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we recorded purchases of \$6.2 million and sales and redemptions of \$39.2 million of Level 3 assets. Our valuation adjustments (realized and unrealized) increased the value of our Level 3 assets by \$7.4 million. We transferred \$10.1 million out of Level 3 during the six months ended June 30, 2014.

At June 30, 2014, Level 3 assets included the following: \$112.5 million of auction rate securities and \$83.7 million of partnership interests, private company investments, private equity, fixed income securities.

Investments in Partnerships

Investments in partnerships and other investments include our general and limited partnership interests in investment partnerships and direct investments in non-public companies. These interests are carried at estimated fair value. The net assets of investment partnerships consist primarily of investments in non-marketable securities. The underlying investments held by such partnerships and direct investments in non-public companies are valued based on estimated fair value ultimately determined by us in our capacity as general partner or investor and, in the case of an investment in an unaffiliated investment partnership, are based on financial statements prepared by an unaffiliated general partner. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuation, fair values of these non-marketable investments may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for these investments, and the differences could be material. Increases and decreases in estimated fair value are recorded based on underlying information of these non-public company investments, including third-party transactions evidencing a change in value, market comparables, operating cash flows and financial performance of the companies, trends within sectors and/or regions, underlying business models, expected exit timing and strategy, and specific rights or terms associated with the investment, such as conversion features and liquidation preferences. In cases where an estimate of fair value is determined based on financial statements prepared by an unaffiliated general partner, such financial statements are generally unaudited other than audited year-end financial statements. Upon receipt of audited financial statements from an investment partnership, we adjust the fair value of the investments to reflect the audited partnership results if they differ from initial estimates. We also perform procedures to evaluate fair value estimates provided by unaffiliated

general partners. At June 30, 2014, we had commitments to invest in affiliated and unaffiliated investment partnerships of \$11.7 million. These commitments are generally called as investment opportunities are identified by the underlying partnerships. These commitments may be called in full at any time.

The investment partnerships in which we are general partner may allocate carried interest and make carried interest distributions, which represent an additional allocation of net realized and unrealized gains to the general partner if the partnerships' investment performance reaches a threshold as defined in the respective partnership agreements. These allocations are recognized in revenue as realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments in partnerships. Our recognition of allocations of carried interest gains and losses from the investment partnerships in revenue is not adjusted to reflect expectations about future performance of the partnerships.

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As the investment partnerships realize proceeds from the sale of their investments, they may make cash distributions as provided for in the partnership agreements. Distributions that result from carried interest may subsequently become subject to claw back if the fair value of private equity partnership assets subsequently decreases in fair value. To the extent these decreases in fair value and allocated losses exceed our capital account balance, a liability is recorded by us. These liabilities for claw back obligations are not required to be paid to the investment partnerships until the dissolution of such partnerships, and are only required to be paid if the cumulative amounts actually distributed exceed the amount due based on the cumulative operating results of the partnerships.

We earn fees from the investment partnerships that we manage or of which we are a general partner. Such management fees are generally based on the net assets or committed capital of the underlying partnerships. We have agreed, in certain cases, to waive management fees, in lieu of making a cash contribution, in satisfaction of our general partner investment commitments to the investment partnerships. In these cases, we generally recognize our management fee revenues at the time when we are allocated a special profit interest in realized gains from these partnerships.

Contingencies

We are involved in various pending and potential legal proceedings related to our business, including litigation, arbitration, and regulatory proceedings. Some of these matters involve claims for substantial amounts, including claims for punitive damages. We have, after consultation with outside legal counsel and consideration of facts currently known by management, recorded estimated losses in accordance with Topic 450 (*Topic 450*), *Contingencies*, to the extent that claims are probable of loss and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The determination of these reserve amounts requires us to use significant judgment, and our final liabilities may ultimately be materially different. This determination is inherently subjective, as it requires estimates that are subject to potentially significant revision as more information becomes available and due to subsequent events. In making these determinations, we consider many factors, including, but not limited to, the loss and damages sought by the plaintiff or claimant, the basis and validity of the claim, the likelihood of a successful defense against the claim, and the potential for, and magnitude of, damages or settlements from such pending and potential litigation and arbitration proceedings, and fines and penalties or orders from regulatory agencies. See Item 3, *Legal Proceedings*, in Part I of this report for information on our legal, regulatory, and arbitration proceedings.

Allowance for Loan Losses

We regularly review the loan portfolio and have established an allowance for loan losses for inherent losses estimated to have occurred in the loan portfolio through a provision for loan losses charged to income. In providing for the allowance for loan losses, we consider historical loss experience, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, and prevailing economic conditions. This evaluation is inherently subjective, as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant revision as more information becomes available.

A loan is considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement will not be collectible. Factors considered in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. We determine the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record, and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed.

Once a loan is determined to be impaired, when principal or interest becomes 90 days past due or when collection becomes uncertain, the accrual of interest and amortization of deferred loan origination fees is discontinued (non-accrual status), and any accrued and unpaid interest income is reversed. Loans placed on non-accrual status are returned to accrual status when all delinquent principal and interest payments are collected and the collectibility of future principal and interest payments is reasonably assured. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when we believe the uncollectibility of a loan balance is certain. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance for loan loss

Large groups of smaller balance homogenous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, we do not separately identify individual consumer and residential loans for impairment measurements. Impairment is measured on a loan-by-loan basis for non-homogeneous loans and a specific allowance is established for individual loans determined to be impaired. Impairment is measured by comparing the carrying value of the impaired loan to the present value of its expected cash flow discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

Table of Contents***Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities***

Our derivative instruments are carried on the consolidated statement of financial condition at fair value. We utilize these derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings caused by interest rate volatility. Our company's goal is to manage sensitivity to changes in rates by offsetting the repricing or maturity characteristics of certain assets and liabilities, thereby limiting the impact on earnings. The use of derivative instruments does expose our company to credit and market risk. We manage credit risk through strict counterparty credit risk limits and/or collateralization agreements. At inception, we determine if a derivative instrument meets the criteria for hedge accounting under Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. Ongoing effectiveness evaluations are made for instruments that are designated and qualify as hedges. If the derivative does not qualify for hedge accounting, no assessment of effectiveness is needed.

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes and related tax reserves is based on our consideration of known liabilities and tax contingencies for multiple taxing authorities. Known liabilities are amounts that will appear on current tax returns, amounts that have been agreed to in revenue agent revisions as the result of examinations by the taxing authorities, and amounts that will follow from such examinations but affect years other than those being examined. Tax contingencies are liabilities that might arise from a successful challenge by the taxing authorities taking a contrary position or interpretation regarding the application of tax law to our tax return filings. Factors considered in estimating our liability are results of tax audits, historical experience, and consultation with tax attorneys and other experts.

Topic 740 (*Topic 740*), *Income Taxes*, clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements and prescribed recognition threshold and measurement attributes for financial statement disclosure of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. The impact of an uncertain income tax position on the income tax return must be recognized at the largest amount that is more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon audit by the relevant taxing authority. An uncertain income tax position will not be recognized if it has less than a 50% likelihood of being sustained. Additionally, Topic 740 provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Under the provisions of Topic 805, *Business Combinations*, we record all assets and liabilities acquired in purchase acquisitions, including goodwill and other intangible assets, at fair value. Determining the fair value of assets and liabilities requires certain estimates. At June 30, 2014, we had goodwill of \$738.0 million and intangible assets of \$43.4 million.

In accordance with Topic 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*, indefinite-life intangible assets and goodwill are not amortized. Rather, they are subject to impairment testing on an annual basis, or more often if events or circumstances indicate there may be impairment. This test involves assigning tangible assets and liabilities as well as identified intangible assets and goodwill to reporting units and comparing the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying amount. If the fair value is less than the carrying amount, a further test is required to measure the amount of the impairment. We have elected to test for goodwill impairment in the third quarter of each calendar year.

We test goodwill for impairment on an annual basis and on an interim basis when certain events or circumstances exist. We test for impairment at the reporting unit level, which is generally at the level of or one level below our company's business segments. For both the annual and interim tests, we have the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely

than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, we determine it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is greater than its carrying amount, then performing the two-step impairment test is not required. However, if we conclude otherwise, we are then required to perform the first step of the two-step impairment test. Goodwill impairment is determined by comparing the estimated fair value of a reporting unit with its respective carrying value. If the estimated fair value exceeds the carrying value, goodwill at the reporting unit level is not deemed to be impaired. If the estimated fair value is below carrying value, however, further analysis is required to determine the amount of the impairment. Additionally, if the carrying value of a reporting unit is zero or a negative value and it is determined that it is more likely than not the goodwill is impaired, further analysis is required. The estimated fair values of the reporting units are derived based on valuation techniques we believe market participants would use for each of the reporting units. Our annual goodwill impairment testing was completed as of July 31, 2013, with no impairment identified.

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The goodwill impairment test requires us to make judgments in determining what assumptions to use in the calculation. Assumptions, judgments, and estimates about future cash flows and discount rates are complex and often subjective. They can be affected by a variety of factors, including, among others, economic trends and market conditions, changes in revenue growth trends or business strategies, unanticipated competition, discount rates, technology, or government regulations. In assessing the fair value of our reporting units, the volatile nature of the securities markets and industry requires us to consider the business and market cycle and assess the stage of the cycle in estimating the timing and extent of future cash flows. In addition to discounted cash flows, we consider other information, such as public market comparables and multiples of recent mergers and acquisitions of similar businesses. Although we believe the assumptions, judgments, and estimates we have made in the past have been reasonable and appropriate, different assumptions, judgments, and estimates could materially affect our reported financial results.

Identifiable intangible assets, which are amortized over their estimated useful lives, are tested for potential impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying value of an asset or asset group may not be fully recoverable.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding the effect of new accounting pronouncements on our consolidated financial statements.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Information concerning our off-balance sheet arrangements is included in Note 22 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Such information is hereby incorporated by reference.

Contractual Obligations

Our contractual obligations have not materially changed from those reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Table of Contents***ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK******Risk Management***

Risks are an inherent part of our business and activities. Management of these risks is critical to our soundness and profitability. Risk management at our company is a multi-faceted process that requires communication, judgment, and knowledge of financial products and markets. Our senior management group takes an active role in the risk management process and requires specific administrative and business functions to assist in the identification, assessment, monitoring, and control of various risks. The principal risks involved in our business activities are: market (interest rates and equity prices), credit, operational, and regulatory and legal. We have adopted policies and procedures concerning risk management, and our Board of Directors, in exercising its oversight of management's activities, conducts periodic reviews and discussions with management regarding the guidelines and policies governing the processes by which risk assessment and risk management are handled.

Market Risk

The potential for changes in the value of financial instruments owned by our company resulting from changes in interest rates and equity prices is referred to as market risk. Market risk is inherent to financial instruments, and accordingly, the scope of our market risk management procedures includes all market risk-sensitive financial instruments.

We trade tax-exempt and taxable debt obligations, including U.S. treasury bills, notes, and bonds; U.S. government agency and municipal notes and bonds; bank certificates of deposit; mortgage-backed securities; and corporate obligations. We are also an active market maker in over-the-counter equity securities. In connection with these activities, we may maintain inventories in order to ensure availability and to facilitate customer transactions.

Changes in value of our financial instruments may result from fluctuations in interest rates, credit ratings, equity prices, and the correlation among these factors, along with the level of volatility.

We manage our trading businesses by product and have established trading departments that have responsibility for each product. The trading inventories are managed with a view toward facilitating client transactions, considering the risk and profitability of each inventory position. Position limits in trading inventory accounts are established and monitored on a daily basis. We monitor inventory levels and results of the trading departments, as well as inventory aging, pricing, concentration, and securities ratings.

We are also exposed to market risk based on our other investing activities. These investments consist of investments in private equity partnerships, start-up companies, venture capital investments, and zero coupon U.S. government securities and are included under the caption Investments on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to interest rate risk as a result of maintaining inventories of interest rate-sensitive financial instruments and from changes in the interest rates on our interest-earning assets (including client loans, stock borrow activities, investments, inventories, and resale agreements) and our funding sources (including client cash balances, stock lending activities, bank borrowings, and repurchase agreements), which finance these assets. The collateral underlying financial instruments at the broker-dealer is repriced daily, thus requiring collateral to be delivered as necessary. Interest rates on client balances and stock borrow and lending produce a positive spread to our company, with the rates generally fluctuating in parallel.

We manage our inventory exposure to interest rate risk by setting and monitoring limits and, where feasible, hedging with offsetting positions in securities with similar interest rate risk characteristics. While a significant portion of our securities inventories have contractual maturities in excess of five years, these inventories, on average, turn over several times per year.

Additionally, we monitor, on a daily basis, the Value-at-Risk (VaR) in our trading portfolios using a ten-day horizon and report VaR at a 99% confidence level. VaR is a statistical technique used to estimate the probability of portfolio losses based on the statistical analysis of historical price trends and volatility. This model assumes that historical changes in market conditions are representative of future changes, and trading losses on any given day could exceed the reported VaR by significant amounts in unusually volatile markets. Further, the model involves a number of assumptions and inputs. While we believe that the assumptions and inputs we use in our risk model are reasonable, different assumptions and inputs could produce materially different VaR estimates.

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The following table sets forth the high, low, and daily average VaR for our trading portfolios during the six months ended June 30, 2014, and the daily VaR at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 (*in thousands*):

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2014			VaR Calculation at Daily	
	High	Low	Average	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Daily VaR	\$ 8,844	\$ 2,072	\$ 3,896	\$ 5,420	\$ 3,427

Stifel Bank's interest rate risk is principally associated with changes in market interest rates related to residential, consumer, and commercial lending activities, as well as FDIC-insured deposit accounts to customers of our broker-dealer subsidiaries and to the general public.

Our primary emphasis in interest rate risk management for Stifel Bank is the matching of assets and liabilities of similar cash flow and repricing time frames. This matching of assets and liabilities reduces exposure to interest rate movements and aids in stabilizing positive interest spreads. Stifel Bank has established limits for acceptable interest rate risk and acceptable portfolio value risk. To ensure that Stifel Bank is within the limits established for net interest margin, an analysis of net interest margin based on various shifts in interest rates is prepared each quarter and presented to Stifel Bank's Board of Directors. Stifel Bank utilizes a third-party model to analyze the available data.

The following table illustrates the estimated change in net interest margin at June 30, 2014, based on shifts in interest rates of up to positive 200 basis points and negative 200 basis points:

Hypothetical change in interest rates	Projected change in net interest margin
+200	20.9%
+100	8.2%
0	0.0%
-100	n/a
-200	n/a

The following GAP Analysis table indicates Stifel Bank's interest rate sensitivity position at June 30, 2014 (*in thousands*):

	Repricing Opportunities			
	0-6 Months	7-12 Months	1-5 Years	5+ Years
Interest-earning assets:				
Loans	\$ 1,242,779	\$ 499,247	\$ 184,815	\$ 23,691
Securities	1,378,848	166,459	825,255	556,806
Interest-bearing cash	132,665			
	\$ 2,754,292	\$ 665,706	\$ 1,010,070	\$ 580,497

Interest-bearing liabilities:

Transaction accounts and savings	\$ 3,654,128	\$ 151,342	\$ 613,726	\$ 96,180
Certificates of deposit	51,077	43,530	36,152	248
Borrowings				16,792
	\$ 3,705,205	\$ 194,872	\$ 649,878	\$ 113,220
GAP	(950,913)	470,834	360,192	467,406
Cumulative GAP	\$ (950,913)	\$ (480,079)	\$ (119,887)	\$ 347,519

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We maintain a risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings caused by interest rate volatility. Our goal is to manage sensitivity to changes in rates by hedging the maturity characteristics of Fed funds-based affiliated deposits, thereby limiting the impact on earnings. By using derivative instruments, we are exposed to credit and market risk on those derivative positions. We manage the market risk associated with interest rate contracts by establishing and monitoring limits as to the types and degree of risk that may be undertaken. Our interest rate hedging strategies may not work in all market environments and, as a result, may not be effective in mitigating interest rate risk.

Equity Price Risk

We are exposed to equity price risk as a consequence of making markets in equity securities. We attempt to reduce the risk of loss inherent in our inventory of equity securities by monitoring those security positions constantly throughout each day.

Our equity securities inventories are repriced on a regular basis, and there are no unrecorded gains or losses. Our activities as a dealer are client-driven, with the objective of meeting clients' needs while earning a positive spread.

Credit Risk

We are engaged in various trading and brokerage activities, with the counterparties primarily being broker-dealers. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, we may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. We manage this risk by imposing and monitoring position limits for each counterparty, monitoring trading counterparties, conducting regular credit reviews of financial counterparties, reviewing security concentrations, holding and marking to market collateral on certain transactions, and conducting business through clearing organizations, which guarantee performance.

Our client activities involve the execution, settlement, and financing of various transactions on behalf of our clients. Client activities are transacted on either a cash or margin basis. Credit exposure associated with our private client business consists primarily of customer margin accounts, which are monitored daily and are collateralized. We monitor exposure to industry sectors and individual securities and perform analyses on a regular basis in connection with our margin lending activities. We adjust our margin requirements if we believe our risk exposure is not appropriate based on market conditions.

We have accepted collateral in connection with resale agreements, securities borrowed transactions, and customer margin loans. Under many agreements, we are permitted to sell or repledge these securities held as collateral and use these securities to enter into securities lending arrangements or to deliver to counterparties to cover short positions. At June 30, 2014, the fair value of securities accepted as collateral where we are permitted to sell or repledge the securities was \$1.3 billion, and the fair value of the collateral that had been sold or repledged was \$289.6 million.

By using derivative instruments, we are exposed to credit and market risk on those derivative positions. Credit risk is equal to the fair value gain in a derivative, if the counterparty fails to perform. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, this generally indicates that the counterparty owes our company and, therefore, creates a repayment risk for our company. When the fair value of a derivative contract is negative, we owe the counterparty and, therefore, have no repayment risk. We minimize the credit (or repayment) risk in derivative instruments by entering into transactions with high-quality counterparties that are reviewed periodically by senior management.

Stifel Bank extends credit to individual and commercial borrowers through a variety of loan products, including residential and commercial mortgage loans, home equity loans, construction loans, and non-real-estate commercial

and consumer loans. Bank loans are generally collateralized by real estate, real property, or other assets of the borrower. Stifel Bank's loan policy includes criteria to adequately underwrite, document, monitor, and manage credit risk. Underwriting requires reviewing and documenting the fundamental characteristics of credit, including character, capacity to service the debt, capital, conditions, and collateral. Benchmark capital and coverage ratios are utilized, which include liquidity, debt service coverage, credit, working capital, and capital to asset ratios. Lending limits are established to include individual, collective, committee, and board authority. Monitoring credit risk is accomplished through defined loan review procedures, including frequency and scope.

We are subject to concentration risk if we hold large positions, extend large loans to, or have large commitments with a single counterparty, borrower, or group of similar counterparties or borrowers (i.e., in the same industry). Securities purchased under agreements to resell consist of securities issued by the U.S. government or its

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agencies. Receivables from and payables to clients and stock borrow and lending activities, both with a large number of clients and counterparties, and any potential concentration is carefully monitored. Stock borrow and lending activities are executed under master netting agreements, which gives our company right of offset in the event of counterparty default. Inventory and investment positions taken and commitments made, including underwritings, may involve exposure to individual issuers and businesses. We seek to limit this risk through careful review of counterparties and borrowers and the use of limits established by our senior management group, taking into consideration factors including the financial strength of the counterparty, the size of the position or commitment, the expected duration of the position or commitment, and other positions or commitments outstanding.

Operational Risk

Operational risk generally refers to the risk of loss resulting from our operations, including, but not limited to, improper or unauthorized execution and processing of transactions, deficiencies in our technology or financial operating systems, and inadequacies or breaches in our control processes. We operate different businesses in diverse markets and are reliant on the ability of our employees and systems to process a large number of transactions. These risks are less direct than credit and market risk, but managing them is critical, particularly in a rapidly changing environment with increasing transaction volumes. In the event of a breakdown or improper operation of systems or improper action by employees, we could suffer financial loss, regulatory sanctions, and damage to our reputation. In order to mitigate and control operational risk, we have developed and continue to enhance specific policies and procedures that are designed to identify and manage operational risk at appropriate levels throughout the organization and within such departments as Accounting, Operations, Information Technology, Legal, Compliance, and Internal Audit. These control mechanisms attempt to ensure that operational policies and procedures are being followed and that our various businesses are operating within established corporate policies and limits. Business continuity plans exist for critical systems, and redundancies are built into the systems as deemed appropriate.

Regulatory and Legal Risk

Legal risk includes the risk of large numbers of private client group customer claims for sales practice violations. While these claims may not be the result of any wrongdoing, we do, at a minimum, incur costs associated with investigating and defending against such claims. See further discussion on our legal reserves policy under Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates in Item 7, Part II and Legal Proceedings in Item 3, Part I of this report. In addition, we are subject to potentially sizable adverse legal judgments or arbitration awards, and fines, penalties, and other sanctions for non-compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements. We are generally subject to extensive regulation by the SEC, FINRA, and state securities regulators in the different jurisdictions in which we conduct business. As a bank holding company, we are subject to regulation by the Federal Reserve. Stifel Bank is subject to regulation by the FDIC. As a result, we are subject to a risk of loss resulting from failure to comply with banking laws. We have comprehensive procedures addressing issues such as regulatory capital requirements, sales and trading practices, use of and safekeeping of customer funds, the extension of credit, including margin loans, collection activities, money laundering, and record keeping. We act as an underwriter or selling group member in both equity and fixed income product offerings. Particularly when acting as lead or co-lead manager, we have potential legal exposure to claims relating to these securities offerings. To manage this exposure, a committee of senior executives review proposed underwriting commitments to assess the quality of the offering and the adequacy of due diligence investigation.

Our company, as a bank and financial holding company, is subject to regulation, including capital requirements, by the Federal Reserve. Stifel Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and state banking authorities. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could

have a direct material effect on our company's and Stifel Bank's financial statements.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the period covered by this report, an evaluation was carried out by Stifel Financial Corp.'s management with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report. In addition, no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The following supplements and amends our discussion set forth under Item 3. Legal Proceedings in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Our company and its subsidiaries are named in and subject to various proceedings and claims arising primarily from our securities business activities, including lawsuits, arbitration claims, class actions, and regulatory matters. Some of these claims seek substantial compensatory, punitive, or indeterminate damages. Our company and its subsidiaries are also involved in other reviews, investigations, and proceedings by governmental and self-regulatory organizations regarding our business, which may result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, injunctions, and other relief. We are contesting the allegations in these claims, and we believe that there are meritorious defenses in each of these lawsuits, arbitrations, and regulatory investigations. In view of the number and diversity of claims against the company, the number of jurisdictions in which litigation is pending, and the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of litigation and other claims, we cannot state with certainty what the eventual outcome of pending litigation or other claims will be.

We have established reserves for potential losses that are probable and reasonably estimable that may result from pending and potential legal actions, investigations and regulatory proceedings. In many cases, however, it is inherently difficult to determine whether any loss is probable or even possible or to estimate the amount or range of any potential loss, particularly where proceedings may be in relatively early stages or where plaintiffs are seeking substantial or indeterminate damages. Matters frequently need to be more developed before a loss or range of loss can reasonably be estimated.

In our opinion, based on currently available information, review with outside legal counsel, and consideration of amounts provided for in our consolidated financial statements with respect to these matters, including the matters described below, the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position and results of operations. However, resolution of one or more of these matters may have a material effect on the results of operations in any future period, depending upon the ultimate resolution of those matters and depending upon the level of income for such period. For matters where a reserve has not been established and for which we believe a loss is reasonably possible, as well as for matters where a reserve has been recorded but for which an exposure to loss in excess of the amount accrued is reasonably possible, based on currently available information, we believe that such losses will not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

SEC/Wisconsin Lawsuit

The SEC filed a civil lawsuit against our company in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin on August 10, 2011. The action arises out of our role in investments made by five Southeastern Wisconsin school districts (the school districts) in transactions involving collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). These transactions are described in more detail below in connection with the civil lawsuit filed by the school districts. The SEC has asserted claims under Section 15c(1)(A), Section 10b and Rule 10b-5 of the Exchange Act and Sections 17a(1), 17a(2) and 17a(3) of the Securities Act. The claims are based upon both alleged misrepresentations and omissions in connection with the sale of the CDOs to the school districts, as well as the allegedly unsuitable nature of the CDOs. On October 31, 2011, we filed a motion to dismiss the action for failure to state a claim. The District Court granted in part and denied in part our motion to dismiss, and as a result the SEC has amended its complaint. We answered, denied the substantive allegations of the amended complaint and asserted various affirmative defenses. The parties are currently taking written discovery and depositions, with discovery scheduled to close in January 2015. After close of discovery,

we anticipate the District Court will set the case for trial. We believe, based upon currently available information and review with outside counsel, that we have meritorious defenses to the SEC's lawsuit and intend to vigorously defend the SEC's claims.

Wisconsin School Districts/RBC OPEB lawsuit

We were named in a civil lawsuit filed in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (the Wisconsin State Court) on September 29, 2008. The lawsuit was filed against our company, Stifel, as well as Royal Bank of Canada Europe Ltd. (RBC), and certain other RBC entities (collectively the RBC entities) by the school districts and the individual trustees for other post-employment benefit (OPEB) trusts established by those school districts (collectively the Plaintiffs). This lawsuit relates to the same transactions that are the subject of the SEC action noted above. As we previously disclosed, we entered into a settlement of the Plaintiffs' lawsuit against our company and Stifel in March, 2012. The settlement provides the potential for the Plaintiffs to obtain significant

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additional damages from the RBC entities. The school districts are continuing their lawsuit against RBC, and we are pursuing claims against the RBC entities to recover payments we have made to the school districts and for amounts owed to the OPEB trusts. Subsequent to the settlement, RBC asserted claims against the school districts, our company and Stifel for fraud, negligent misrepresentation, strict liability misrepresentation and information negligently provided for the guidance of others based upon our role in connection with the school districts' purchase of the CDOs. RBC has also asserted claims against Stifel for civil conspiracy and conspiracy to injure its business based upon the settlement by Stifel with the school districts and pursuit of claims against the RBC entities. We have filed our Answer, denying RBC's claims, and discovery continues in the case. We believe we have meritorious legal and factual defenses to the claims asserted by RBC and we intend to vigorously defend those claims.

EDC Bond Issuance Matter

In January 2008, our company was the initial purchaser of a \$50.0 million bond offering under Rule 144A by the Lake of the Torches Economic Development Corporation (EDC) which is associated with Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (together with the EDC, the Tribe). We then sold all of the bonds to LDF Acquisition LLC, a special purpose vehicle created by Saybrook Tax Exempt Investors LLC (collectively, Saybrook), with Wells Fargo Bank, NA (Wells Fargo) as the indenture trustee for the bonds. In 2009 Saybrook and Wells Fargo brought an action in a Wisconsin federal court against the Tribe to enforce the bonds (the 2009 federal action). The Wisconsin federal court declared, in relevant part, the Bond Indenture to be void ab initio, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed but remanded the case for further proceedings as to enforceability of the other bond documents. In April 2012 Saybrook dismissed the 2009 federal action.

On January 16, 2012, Saybrook filed a new action in Wisconsin state court (the State Action), naming as defendants our company, Stifel, the Tribe, and the law firm of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. (G&K), which served as both issuer's and bond counsel. Saybrook seeks enforcement of the obligations under the bonds, a judgment for rescission, restitution, including the amounts paid by Saybrook for the bonds, and costs. Alternatively, if Saybrook fails to recover from the Tribe, Saybrook seeks to recover damages, costs and attorneys' fees from us and/or G&K. In the State Action, Saybrook asserts a claim against our company for fraud under the Wisconsin Uniform Securities Law, and with respect to Stifel, claims for breaches of implied warranties of validity and title, securities fraud and statutory misrepresentation under Wisconsin state law, and intentional and negligent misrepresentations relating to the validity of the bond documents and their sovereign immunity waivers. Saybrook also asserts claims against Stifel for rescission based on alleged misrepresentation or mutual mistake.

We have answered the Complaint in the State Action, denying the claims, and filed cross claims against the Tribe and G&K. The Tribe moved to dismiss our cross claim, and we opposed that motion. Additionally, G&K filed a cross-claim against us seeking contribution and alleging that if G&K is found negligent then we too must have been negligent. We have answered G&K's cross-claim, denying those allegations. Additionally, G&K filed a third party complaint against Dentons US LLP. Discovery is on-going between the non-Tribal Parties, but the Court has stayed discovery against the Tribal Parties until it rules on the Tribal Parties' motions to dismiss the various claims against them. The Court has scheduled a hearing for October 23, 2014 on the Tribal Parties' motions to dismiss.

Additionally, on April 25, 2013, the Tribe filed a suit against Saybrook, our company, Stifel, G&K, and Wells Fargo in the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Court, seeking a declaration that all of the bond documents are void (the Tribal Action). Our motion to dismiss the Tribal Action was denied, and on August 27, 2013 we filed an Answer, denying the claims.

In response to the Tribal Action, on May 24, 2013 we, together with Saybrook, Wells Fargo and G&K, also filed an action in a Wisconsin federal court (the Federal Action) seeking to enjoin the Tribal Action. On May 16, 2014 the

Wisconsin federal court preliminarily enjoined the Tribal Parties from litigating the Tribal Action. The Tribal Parties have appealed the preliminary injunction to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. In light of the Tribal Parties' appeal, the Tribal Action is stayed pending the resolution of the appeal.

While there can be no assurance that we will be successful, based upon currently available information and review with outside counsel, we believe that we have meritorious legal and factual defenses to the matter, and we intend to vigorously defend the substantive claims as well as the procedural attempt to move the litigation to the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Court.

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On December 13, 2012, the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin (the Tribe) filed a civil lawsuit against Stifel in the Tribe s Tribal Court (the Tribal Lawsuit). In December 2006, the Tribe issued two series of taxable municipal bonds as a means of raising revenue to fund various projects (the 2006 Bond Transaction), including the refinancing of two series of bonds the Tribe issued in 2003. The Complaint alleges that we undertook to advise the Tribe regarding its financing options in 2006 but failed to disclose certain information before the 2006 Bond Transaction. On February 19, 2013 we filed a declaratory judgment action in a Wisconsin federal court seeking to establish that the Tribal Court lacks jurisdiction over the Tribal Lawsuit (the Federal Action). On February 20, 2013, we filed a motion to dismiss the Tribal Lawsuit, challenging the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court, which motion was denied by the Tribal Court. The Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the Federal Action. Shortly thereafter, the Tribe agreed to withdraw its motion to dismiss the Federal Action and agreed to stay the Tribal Lawsuit pending a determination by the Wisconsin federal court as to whether the Tribal Court has jurisdiction over the claims. Basic discovery was taken in the Federal Action, and we filed a summary judgment motion with the U.S. District Court, asking the court for a determination that the Tribal Court does not have jurisdiction over the claims brought by the Tribe. On June 19, 2014, the District Court issued a conditional Order finding the Tribal Court has jurisdiction over the dispute. The conditional Order was issued subject to additional briefing of the issues by Stifel, which briefing has been filed with the District Court. We are currently waiting for a final decision from the District Court. If the District Court issues a final Order finding the Tribal Court has jurisdiction over the dispute, we intend to appeal the decision to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. In the event of an appeal, the stay of proceedings in Tribal Court will remain in effect during the pendency of the appeal. While there can be no assurance that we will be successful, based upon currently available information and review with outside counsel, we believe that we have meritorious defenses to the Tribe s claims and we intend to vigorously defend the allegations.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The discussion of our business and operations should be read together with the risk factors contained in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC. These risk factors describe various risks and uncertainties to which we are or may become subject. These risks and uncertainties have the potential to affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, strategies or prospects in a material and adverse manner.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

There were no unregistered sales of equity securities during the quarter ended June 30, 2014. There were also no purchases made by or on behalf of Stifel Financial Corp. or any affiliated purchaser (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), of our common stock during the quarter ended June 30, 2014.

We have an ongoing authorization from the Board of Directors to repurchase our common stock in the open market or in negotiated transactions. At June 30, 2014, the maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under this plan was 3.5 million.

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Exhibit No.	Description
11.1	Statement Re: Computation of per Share Earnings (The calculation of per share earnings is included in Part I, Item 1 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Earnings Per Share) and is omitted here in accordance with Section (b)(11) of Item 601 of Regulation S-K).
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.
32.1	Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer.*
32.2	Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer.*
101.INS	Interactive Data Files Pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T: (i) Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013; (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013; and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

* The certifications attached as Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 that accompany this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, are not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Stifel Financial Corp. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date of this Form 10-Q, irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

/s/ Ronald J. Kruszewski
Ronald J. Kruszewski

Chairman of the Board and

Chief Executive Officer

/s/ James M. Zemlyak
James M. Zemlyak

Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 11, 2014