

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. (NYSE:CBU)

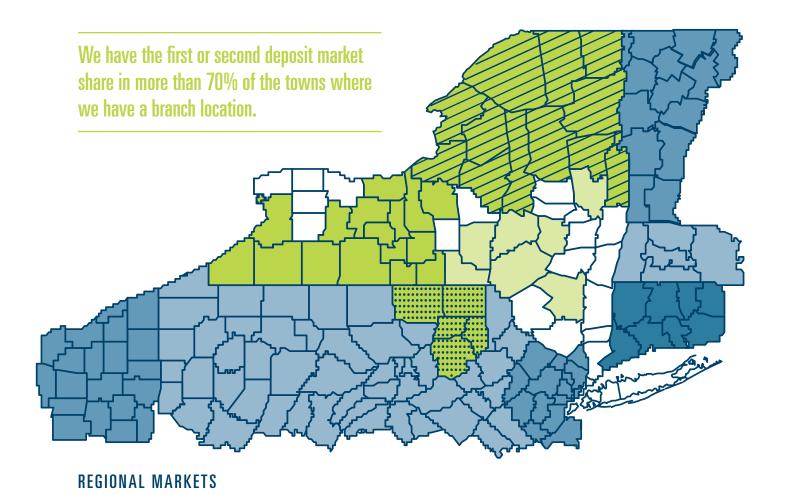
Our principal business focus is building additional value into our enterprise through organic growth in core relationships, disciplined lending, selective and strategic acquisitions and a consistent approach to business regardless of economic conditions.

Marc Lichtenfeld, author of Get Rich With Dividends, had this to say about CBU in a Bloomberg Radio interview recorded in July 2012:

They did not take a dime of TARP money, so right off the bat, that's a good sign. They basically bank the way banks used to conduct business. They know their customers, they didn't get into trouble with mortgages. They have a dividend yield just under 4% and they've been raising the dividend every year for 19 years. Excellent management.

Approximately 30% of our revenue is derived from non-interest sources with nearly half attributable to our benefits administration and wealth management businesses. Our asset quality metrics have remained consistently and significantly better than industry and peer group averages. This approach has contributed to our being named one of the nation's best large banks in each of the last four years, ranking 7th in 2009 and 2010, 4th in 2011 and 11th in 2012 in the annual Forbes.com analysis of America's 100 largest financial institutions. As a result of our history of consistently improving performance, we've increased our cash dividend for 20 consecutive years, a significant milestone and evidence of our belief that payment of a meaningful and growing dividend is an important component of providing favorable long-term returns to our shareholders. As of December 31, 2012, our 5-year cumulative total return to shareholders of 69.7% was the 3rd best among the current 100 largest US banks by asset size.





REGIONAL SUMMARIES

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NORTHER	N NEW YORK	SOUTHERN NEW YORK	CENTRAL NEW YORK	PENNSYLVANIA
Branches	55	77	21	26
Deposits	\$2.0 billion	\$2.1 billion	\$0.7 billion	\$0.8 billion
Towns 1 st /2 nd Market Share	36	39	13	13
Financial Service Centers	5	5	1	1
Administrative/Operations Centers	1	2		1
Counties in Region	12	16	7	5
Total Market Population*	1.0 million	2.6 million	0.8 million	0.7 million

^{*}US Census estimate - 2011

BE ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST BANKS

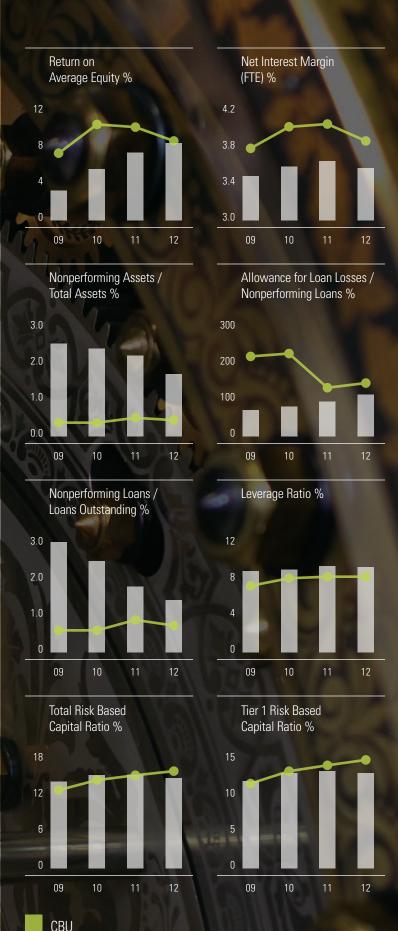
Community Bank operates with a clear vision of being the best bank our customers, employees, shareholders and regulators do business with. It is a vision which drives us to deliver exceptional service, products, relationships, and – above all – shareholder returns.

CBU's five-year cumulative total return to shareholders was 70% — third highest among America's 100 largest banks.

In 2012 Forbes.com once again recognized our success in achieving this vision. In its fourth annual ranking of "America's Best and Worst Banks," Forbes® ranked Community Bank 11th best among America's 100 largest banks and thrifts. We have ranked 11th or higher in each of the past four years, reflecting a consistent ability to deliver superior performance across important financial health metrics.

Forbes

These charts display the eight financial metrics used in the annual Forbes® analysis of the "Best and Worst Banks." Comparing CBU to the median values of the institutions included in the Forbes® analysis illustrates why we've ranked among the country's best performing banks during the four years this comparison has been published.



Median of Top 100 Banks

SHAREHOLDER LETTER - A CLEAR VISION OF SUCCESS

In 2012 we achieved what Community Bank aims to accomplish each and every year: growing and sustainable returns to our shareholders. It was with a clear vision of success that we set out to meet the challenges we knew would be in store for 2012 — persistently low interest rates, margin compression, ultra-competitive lending markets and a low-growth economy. The vision of success which steered every decision and strategy in 2012 is the same we've looked to for direction year-in and year-out. It focuses on just four key principles: achieve market leadership, foster local decision making, continually diversify our revenue streams and prudently pursue acquired and organic growth. Strategies change with the times, but our guiding vision of success remains clear and consistent.

Success means being a leader in each of the markets we serve. It means promoting local decision making within our markets, empowering our bankers to make decisions in the best interest of both their customers and our bank, on the ground and in person. It means ensuring we have growing and varied sources of revenue, in order to maintain stable earnings streams while also providing services and products of distinct value to our customers. And, it means pursuing balanced and measured growth, simultaneously executing toward both organic expansion and value-adding acquisitions.

This year our success in executing on our vision was once again nationally recognized by Forbes.com. In January 2013, Forbes named Community Bank the 11th best bank in 2012, as measured across eight financial health metrics, among the largest 100 U.S. banks and thrifts by assets. Among 2012's top 100 banks, Community Bank ranked third for cumulative total return to shareholders over the last five years ending December 31, 2012. Since the end of 2007 – across the entire downturn, over the course of cataclysmic shifts in regulation, and in a period when 465 banks and thrifts failed - Community Bank delivered a five-year 70% cumulative return to shareholders. Not only is this higher than all but two of the largest 100 banks in the nation, but it measures in stark contrast to the negative 6% cumulative return for the group median. We also find it powerful to see that of the top twenty banks ranked by 5-year total return, three-quarters have less than \$15 billion in assets. This reality affirms our longstanding belief that bigger is not necessarily better. It's how you extract value from the balance sheet you have which truly determines success.

For that reason, we have always remained committed to a long-term growth strategy which focuses first and foremost on the potential for increased shareholder returns.

Celebrating 20 Consecutive Years of Dividend Growth

Dividends, of course, are a critical component of growing shareholder returns. Therefore, in 2012 we were very excited to celebrate our 20th consecutive year of increasing dividends. Once again, our success in executing on our vision did not go unnoticed. In July 2012 Community Bank was added to the "S&P 1500 Dividend Aristocrats," an index comprised of just 105 companies — and only five banks — that have increased their annual regular cash dividend payments for at least 20 consecutive years. Our annual common stock dividend has increased at a rate of 8.1% per year over the last 20 years. There is no question that our enduring vision of success paved the way for this wonderful achievement.

Considering that there are more than 1,000 publicly traded banks and thrifts in the US, 91 of which are in the S&P 1500, and only five of those are "Dividend Aristocrats," we are delighted that our vision of success continues to benefit our loyal shareholders. What's more: of the five "Dividend Aristocrat" banks, CBU had the highest annual total return to shareholders (12.1%) over the 20 years ended December 31, 2012. We've done so without boasting the highest annual dividend growth rate among the banks on the list. In fact, we maintain a conservative dividend payout ratio of just over 50%. Rather, we've achieved superior total return by ensuring we've always maintained considerable capital retention to continue funding ongoing organic and acquired growth, which in turn grows the earnings power of our franchise.



The success of that approach can be seen in our results over that same period: we have delivered 12.4% compound annual growth in net income over the last 20 years. Such tremendous long-term value creation is no mistake. While we are committed to a long-term approach to value creation, we of course also aim to grow in a disciplined manner over the short term; this is evidenced perhaps best in the recently concluded year.

2012 Results

To execute on our clear and consistent vision, in 2012 we strategically focused on expanding our balance sheet, growing non-interest revenues, managing expenses, and integrating and extracting value from our HSBC and First Niagara branch transaction. In this productive year we accomplished each of these goals.

Community Bank System earned \$77.1 million in 2012, an increase of more than 5% from 2011. Improved efficiency and meaningful growth in net interest income and non-interest income helped mitigate the impact of margin compression and acquisition costs related to the HSBC and First Niagara branch transactions. Excluding nonrecurring acquisition and litigation costs in 2012, earnings per share of \$2.08 compared very well to \$2.10 earned in 2011, particularly after considering that the industry-wide decline in net interest margin lowered our 2012 earnings by \$0.21 per share. Like all of our banking peers, we are experiencing substantial earnings headwinds due to the low-interest rate environment. Our net interest margin declined to 3.88% in 2012 from 4.07% in 2011. However, we effectively worked to combat this compression by expanding our average balance sheet by more than 15%.

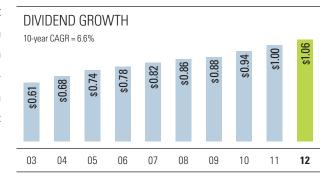
Balance sheet expansion stemmed from both organic efforts and acquisition growth. Excluding the impact of loans acquired from the branch transactions this year and last year's addition of Wilber

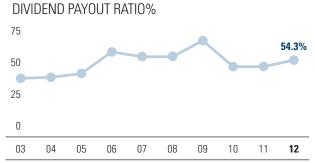
TOTAL AVERAGE SHAREHOLDER RETURN

Through December 31, 2012, Including Reinvestment of Dividends

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
CBU	16.9 %	11.1 %	9.8 %	7.8 %
S&P 600 Commercial Bank	11.0 %	(5.4 %)	(1.1 %)	1.6 %
NASDAQ Bank	6.6 %	(4.4 %)	0.7 %	1.7 %
S&P 500	10.9 %	1.7 %	7.1 %	4.5 %
Dow Jones Ind. Avg.	10.9 %	2.6 %	7.3 %	5.8 %

SOURCE: Bloomberg





National Bank, organic loan growth totaled 7%, or over \$200 million, in 2012. We saw increases across all portfolios, once again led by consumer lending with particular strength in residential mortgage and auto lending. Our strong and sustainable core deposit base and capital position allowed us to successfully compete for and fund our retail customers' borrowing needs in a time of historically low rates. With funding costs averaging just 83 basis points for the year, we were well-positioned to compete for quality credit opportunities.

Mortgage originations reached record levels in 2012, growing 36% compared to 2011. With pristine asset quality (losses have averaged less than seven basis points of average loans over the last nine quarters) and new yields averaging around 4.1%, we are very pleased with the growth of this portfolio and continue to hold the production on our balance sheet as a high quality, low risk earning asset. Likewise, auto loan originations reached record levels in 2012, growing our total portfolio to \$650 million at December 31, 2012. We primarily provide customers with financing for used car purchases, and valuations on these autos have been stable and favorable.

Business loan demand was muted again in 2012 as the economic environment remains weak in our "Main Street" markets and across the country. Nevertheless, business lending continues to be an important component of our business model, particularly as a source of critical deposit funding and complementary fee-generating products

and services. Of course, we continue to support those credit-worthy customers in our markets who meet our unwavering risk-adjusted return requirements. Regardless of whether they seek credit in this challenging environment, business customers continue to value Community Bank as a trusted partner to support all their financial services needs and safeguard their deposits.

Community Bank System was one of only 14 companies to become a new member of the S&P 1500 Dividend Aristocrats Index in 2012, signifying that the Company has raised its annual regular cash dividend payment for at least 20 consecutive years.

Core deposits grew more than 7%, or \$268.4 million, on an organic basis in 2012. Including those we acquired, our total deposit base at December 31, 2012 was \$5.6 billion, with core deposits comprising 82% compared to 77% at the end of 2011. Total core deposits, which exclude certificates of deposit, grew 26% from the end of 2011 to the end of 2012, reflecting one of the many benefits of the First Niagara and HSBC branch transactions completed in the third quarter of 2012.

Of course, deposit growth and lower funding costs could not match the significant decline in earning asset yields we and the industry experienced in 2012. Average loan yields fell 44 basis points, while average funding costs declined 31 basis points. We expect our principal challenge in 2013 will be to continue defending and growing our earnings power in a prolonged declining margin environment.

Revenue Growth a Key Factor of 2012 Success

Efforts to grow our balance sheet and revenue sources were very successful in achieving revenue expansion this year. Even as net interest margin declined 19 basis points in 2012, net interest income grew \$21.0 million, or 10%, to \$230.4 million. Non-interest income, or fee income, grew \$10.0 million, or 11%, to \$99.2 million. Fee income growth was an important component of our strategy in 2012, with focused investment in our financial services offerings providing key momentum.

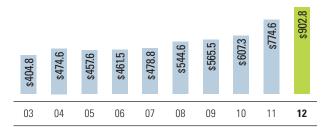
Our benefits administration and consulting businesses posted a 14% increase in revenues, principally from the CAI Benefits acquisition

completed in December 2011. Reaching \$35.9 million in revenues in 2012, we are pleased with the growth potential our businesses in this field offers. We reach a national client base with our diverse offerings, and our highly skilled and experienced teams continuously develop our product and skill sets in response to marketplace needs and regulatory changes. Likewise, our wealth management business generated 20% revenue improvement from 2011, reflecting solid organic growth in trust and asset management services. Combined, our financial services revenue grew more than 15% to \$48.8 million in 2012 from \$42.3 million in 2011. Over the last 10 years this revenue grew at a compound annual rate of over 15%, clearly demonstrating our ability to execute on our vision of diverse fee income growth. Perhaps most advantageously, these businesses require very little capital to operate because of their balance sheet, and so we continue to seek opportunities to grow this area both organically and through acquisitions.

We are particularly pleased to report that our solid revenue growth outpaced core expense growth in 2012, driving an improvement in our core recurring efficiency ratio to 57.4% from 57.6% in 2011. One-time costs in 2012 were principally attributable to our acquisition of 19 branches from First Niagara and HSBC in the third quarter – a terrific transaction which deepened our market presence in Upstate New York and met all our key criteria for acquisition success.

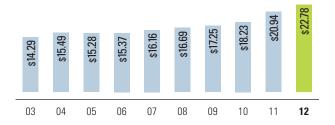
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY in millions

10-Year CAGR = 10.8%



BOOK VALUE PER SHARE

10-year CAGR = 6.2%



Acquisition Growth Remains a Key Component of Success

One of the key elements to our growth strategy is high value acquisitions. We take a disciplined approach to identifying and evaluating opportunities that arise, and we continue to have an ongoing appetite for acquisition prospects which will first and foremost create value for our shareholders.

We evaluate whether we can generate earnings in a fashion that's commensurate with the risk associated with the transaction, and whether the transaction will enable us to grow and sustain our earnings and dividend. Essentially, we appraise each opportunity to ensure its ability to create solid accretive value for our shareholders.

Our 2012 acquisition of 19 branches from First Niagara and HSBC fully met these qualifications. In the third quarter we successfully completed the deal, announced in the first quarter, consisting of 16 branches from HSBC and three branches from First Niagara. We added a total of \$800 million in deposits and \$160 million in loans while welcoming 145 new employees to Community Bank. By proactively raising \$55 million in net proceeds from a common stock offering in January, we also improved our capital position going into this transaction.

CBU is a component company in more than 20 U.S. stock indices including: Russell 3,000; Russell 2,000; NYSE Financial; S&P 1500; S&P 1500 Dividend Aristocrats.

With this acquisition, we were pleased to strengthen our ability to provide exceptional service to consumer, business banking and private banking clients in Upstate New York while growing our presence and acquiring new customers. We deepened our market leadership, executed an efficient and timely conversion, and subsequently consolidated five acquired branches into existing Community Bank branches to further enhance the economic and operating efficiency of the transaction. Marking our 13th whole-bank or branch acquisition since 2000, the First Niagara and HSBC deal allowed us to once again leverage strong acquisition competencies developed over the course of our growth in size and shareholder value.



INVESTMENT RATIONALE

- Disciplined approach to revenue and profitability growth
- Successful and effective operating strategy
- Excellent asset quality metrics
- Dominant market share 1st or 2nd in more than 70% of our markets
- Substantial non-interest income approximately 30% of operating revenues
- Diversified financial services businesses with \$48.8 million in 2012 revenues
- Record of successful and accretive acquisitions
- Meaningful dividend with 20 year history of increased payouts
- Effective capital management strategies
- NYSE listed with significant liquidity

2012 TOTAL REVENUE Grew by 10.4% in 2012

Total Revenue = \$329.7 million

Net Interest Income \$230.4 million Non-interest Income

30%



FINANCIAL SERVICES REVENUE in millions

10-year CAGR = 15.2%

\$99.2 million



A Clear Vision for Success in 2013

Community Bank's success in achieving solid shareholder value creation is the outcome of daily efforts to enhance our value proposition to customers and deepen engagement within our communities. It is a proven model built on discipline and framed from the beginning with a clear vision of what constitutes success for Community Bank.

Our vision for success was unclouded by the economic challenges of 2012, and it remains so as we look ahead in 2013. We expect our operating strength to continue with solid earnings, a larger balance sheet, operating efficiency, plentiful and growing capital levels and sound asset quality. With our expanded service footprint and growing investment in non-banking businesses, we are well-equipped to defend Community Bank's earnings power in challenging economic times. Most importantly, we maintain our clear vision of value creation and will execute the necessary strategies to pursue its growth. We're proud of our consistent track record of growing shareholder returns, and we thank you for your continued support of Community Bank System, Inc.

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Nicholas A. DiCerbo Chairman of the Board

Mark E. Tryniski

President and Chief Executive Officer

OUR FOCUS - MARKET LEADERSHIP

Operating as a community bank with local decision-making, principally in non-urban markets, and offering a broad array of banking and financial services to retail, commercial, and municipal customers — this describes our business philosophy. Following this approach, Community Bank System has grown into not only one of the largest community banks based in Upstate New York, but one of the 100 largest banks in North America, with \$7.5 billion in assets and \$5.6 billion in deposits. We operate more than 180 customer facilities throughout 35 counties of Upstate New York and in five counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania. We focus on mostly non-urban markets, where leadership positions can be earned. This focus has produced a market leading branch system in which we have the first or second deposit market share in more than 70% of the towns where we have a retail customer location.

Our branch locations dominate the financial landscape of the non-urban communities across Upstate New York.

Expanding Our Northern Leadership Position

Our position as a formidable banking competitor in the North Country of Upstate New York was further cemented by acquiring 18 branch-banking centers from Citizens Financial Group, Inc. in November 2008 and six additional branches from HSBC in July of 2012. We have built a very strong market presence in the 12 counties which reach from Oswego north to the Vermont and Quebec borders and cover nearly 18,000 square miles. Our 55 branch locations dominate the financial landscape in the communities of the Northern Tier where approximately one in every seven retail bank locations in the region proudly displays the Community Bank, N.A. logo.

Our Solid Southern Tier

We also dominate the banking landscape across the Finger Lakes to the southwest corner of Upstate New York in the area stretching from Jamestown to Elmira and north to Lake Ontario. With our strong retail franchise of 77 branch locations, we hold the number one or number two market position in eight of the 16 counties in this region, as well as in 39 local communities. Our 2012 branch acquisitions from First Niagara and HSBC further strengthened our Southern New York Region market position.

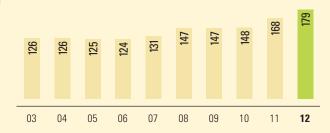
Establishing a Strong Presence in Central New York

In 2011 we entered the Central New York region by acquiring the former Wilber National Bank to extend our service area in the Central, Greater Capital District and Catskill regions. This transaction provided a significant retail presence, as well as attractive deposit share in markets contiguous to our existing service area with demographic characteristics very similar to our existing markets. With 13 Central Region branches now located in towns where we have the first or second ranked deposit market share, and with over 40% of the total deposits for Otsego County, we have a substantial presence in our newest region.

Our Growing Presence in Northeast Pennsylvania

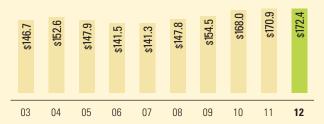
We took our successful community banking philosophy to Northeast Pennsylvania by acquiring First Liberty Bank & Trust in 2001. We expanded our market position by acquiring Grange National Bank and First Heritage Bank, both becoming part of First Liberty. The recent development of more efficient methods for extracting natural gas from the Marcellus Shale have had a positive economic impact on many small towns throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. Rents and royalty payments to land owners have become a source of substantial deposit growth for banks in the region, including First Liberty.

BRANCH LOCATIONS



REVENUE PER EMPLOYEE¹ in thousands

10-year CAGR = 2.0%



¹ Per average full time equivalent employee



RESPONSIVE LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

We recently expanded our Operations Center in Canton, NY to ensure we have the capacity to accommodate future growth.

We emphasize responsive, local decision-making and customer support, and we're committed to the philosophy of serving the financial needs of customers within our local markets. Our branches are located primarily in smaller towns and cities within Upstate New York and Northeastern Pennsylvania where we have built meaningful market presence. We're firmly convinced that the local character of our business, knowledge of our customers and their needs, and a comprehensive line of retail and business products enable us to compete effectively in our markets. With the addition of 14 branches (after consolidations) from HSBC and First Niagara, we continue working to solidify and expand the service relationship with our new customers.

Focused on the Right Relationships

We have always been an in-footprint lender, to customers we know in the communities we serve.

Our focus on identifying and satisfying the needs of our customers continues to yield solid results, as we ended 2012 with total loans of \$3.9 billion, up \$394 million or 11% from year-end 2011 reflecting both our branch acquisitions and strong organic growth in our consumer mortgage and consumer indirect installment portfolios. Business lending, which represents approximately one-third of our portfolio, and includes commercial and industrial loans and mortgages on commercial properties, increased modestly during 2012 reflecting the continued soft demand and conservative growth characteristics that exist across most markets. While we remain focused on growing our business portfolio, we are committed to doing so in a manner that adheres to our strong asset quality standards and produces acceptable margins. We continuously invest in personnel, technology and business development resources which further strengthen our competitive capabilities.

A Core Deposit Focus

Our deposit mix has been steadily evolving over the last several years reflecting the success of our focus on growing core deposit relationships through a combination of proactive marketing efforts, competitive product offerings and high quality customer service. Core deposit "non-time" accounts were 82% of our total deposits of \$5.6 billion at the end of 2012. Core deposits have grown by \$2.8 billion, a compound annual growth rate of 20.3%, from the end of 2007 through our 2012 year-end. This increase was a reflection of



strong organic growth during this period, as well as the branch and whole-bank acquisitions completed over the past five years.

A Consistent Focus on Asset Quality

Prudent credit management has been, and continues to be, a foundational strength of this institution.

Our credit quality continues to rank among the strongest in the banking industry, as it has consistently throughout the credit crisis and economic downturn. During 2012, our net charge-offs were 23 basis points, compared to 111 basis points for the banking industry, and our non-performing loans to total loans at year-end were 75 basis points, compared to the industry average of 362 basis points. Our success at keeping non-performing and delinquency ratios at manageable levels reflects our continued focus on maintaining strict underwriting standards, as well as our extensive knowledge of our local markets, economic factors and most importantly, our customers.

EXCEPTIONAL ASSET QUALITY

At or for the twelve months ended December 31, 2012

	CBU	ACBN ¹	ACBN¹ Assets > \$1 B
Loan loss allowance/ NPLs ²	148%	60%	58%
NPLs ² / loans outstanding	0.75%	3.62%	3.76%
Net charge- offs/ average loans ³	0.23%	1.11%	1.17%

¹ ACBN = All Commercial Banks, National ² NPLs = Nonperforming loans

³ FDIC Statistics - Net charge-off to loans



INVESTMENT IN NON-INTEREST REVENUES

Non-interest income growth has long been a key component of our strategy to create value for our shareholders and customers alike. We aim to continually diversify into new service areas while growing our existing revenue sources. Our focused investment on financial services offerings has expanded our revenue sources beyond traditional banking services. With this diversification, we've successfully developed stable earnings streams which are less dependent on interest rate cycles or capital resources. Most importantly, non-interest income is a meaningful driver of earnings power derived from services and products of distinct value to our customers.

This includes the traditional products such as ATM service, debit cards and risk protection programs offered throughout the Community Bank, NA and First Liberty Bank and Trust branch network, as well as additional specialized service offerings available beyond our branch banking footprint.

Employee Benefit Trust, Administration, Actuarial and Consulting Services

We entered this business in 1996 by acquiring a small benefits administration firm in Central New York. Since then, we've expanded through solid organic growth and four subsequent acquisitions which increased our services and product offerings and added meaningful expertise and structural support.

Our Benefit Plans Administrative Services, Inc. (BPAS) is truly a nationwide business with wide-ranging capabilities including: defined contribution plan benefit administration; health care and benefit plan consulting; flexible benefit plan administration; actuarial services; and collective investment fund administration.

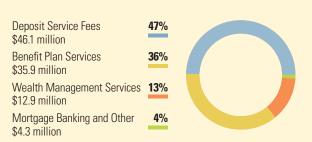
Our recent acquisition of CAI Benefits in December 2011 contributed to the growing revenue prospects and strong operating returns of our



Our wealth management professionals are focused on the needs and goals of our clients.



2012 Total Non-interest Income = \$99.2 million



FINANCIAL SERVICES REVENUE COMPOSITION

2012 Total Financial Services Revenue = \$48.8 million

Benefit Plan Services \$35.9 million

Wealth Management \$12.9 million

benefits administration offerings, which generated \$35.9 million in revenue in 2012, up 14% from 2011.

Wealth Management, Investments, Insurance and Asset Advisory Services

As with BPAS, the success of our wealth management group is a result of consistent organic growth mixed with productive acquisitions. Our wealth management services are offered across our service footprint, primarily utilizing our branch system, and include: personal trust services; investment advisory and brokerage services; auto, homeowners, commercial and life insurance programs; and asset management. In 2012, our wealth management group continued to grow principally through organic means, and generated \$12.9 million of revenues, up 20% from 2011.

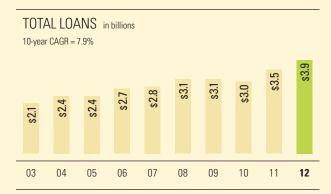
Over the last 10 years our financial services revenue grew at a compound annual rate of over 15%, clearly demonstrating our ability to execute on our vision of diverse fee income growth. These non-capital intensive businesses provide key earnings momentum through economic cycles and across an expanded service area beyond our branch network footprint. We're confident that we'll continue to realize success in these non-banking arenas as a result of continued new client generation and expanded service offerings.



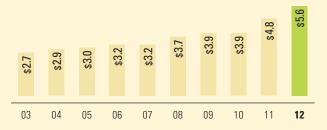
LEVERAGE ORGANIC AND ACQUIRED GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

One of Community Bank's greatest strengths is our discipline in pursuing balanced and measured growth. Our vision of success has always pointed clearly to both organic expansion and value-adding acquisitions. We operate a growth model which leverages all opportunities and directs capital to those which offer the strongest prospects for sustainable value creation.

We believe that acquisition growth sets the stage for organic growth. As we've expanded and deepened our presence across our footprint, and as we've invested in non-banking businesses as a core revenue driver, we've gained access to new customers, geographies, products and services. With each acquisition we elevate our platforms and profile, allowing us to provide a wider range of products, enhanced service and improved convenience to our existing customers. It is a virtuous cycle with results that are illustrated by our loan and deposit growth over the last 10 years.



TOTAL DEPOSITS in billions 10-year CAGR = 8.4%



Our vision of success clearly focuses on value-creating growth opportunities, and we have an ongoing appetite for acquisitions which make strategic and financial sense. We have a proven core competency for both whole-bank transactions and for multi-branch acquisitions within or adjacent to our existing geographic footprint. Our focus has been and remains primarily on non-urban markets which offer the potential to earn meaningful deposit market share.

The First Niagara and HSBC branch acquisition marked our 13th whole-bank or branch acquisition since 2000.

We also continue to seek financial services opportunities with the potential to contribute meaningfully to our fee income growth, and which are scalable businesses that can operate both within and outside our banking network. The relatively small amounts of capital required to acquire and operate these businesses, as well as the stable earnings streams makes them a compelling alternative.

For all opportunities, we evaluate the potential to generate earnings commensurate with the risk associated with the transaction, as well as whether the transaction will enable us to grow and sustain our earnings and dividend.

Recent Strategic Acquisitions

2008

Acquired Philadelphia based Alliance Benefit Group MidAtlantic

Acquired 18 branches from Citizens Financial Group, Inc. in Northern New York

201

Acquired Wilber Corporation, parent company of Wilber National Bank, in Central New York

Acquired CAI Benefits, Inc., a New York City and New Jersey based actuarial and retirement benefits firm

2012

Acquired 19 branches from First Niagara and HSBC in Upstate New York



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE









FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

Mark Tryniski, Scott

Kingsley, Brian Donahue
and Joe Getman

The strongest champions of Community Bank System's vision for the future are the members of its executive management team. Led by President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Tryniski, the executive leadership includes: Scott Kingsley, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Brian Donahue, Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer; and Joe Getman, Executive Vice President and General Counsel. With over 40 years of collective experience at Community Bank, the executive leadership understand and execute on the bank's sound strategy year in and year out.

Mark Tryniski has been President and Chief Executive Officer of CBU since 2006. Mark first joined the company in 2003, serving as the company's Chief Financial Officer and later as its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining Community Bank, Mark was a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Scott Kingsley has held his current role as Chief Financial Officer since 2004. Prior to joining CBU, Scott was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ohio-based Carlisle Engineered Products, Inc.

The Company's Chief Banking Officer, **Brian Donahue**, has helped to develop the company's banking operations over the past 20 years. During that time, he has held the positions of Chief Credit Officer and Senior Loan Officer of the Southern Region.

Joe Getman has served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of our company since 2008. Before joining the executive management team, Joe was a senior partner at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, during which time he provided corporate counsel to the company.

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GLOSSARY

Consumer direct lending

Direct lending to consumers through the bank's branches, largely on an installment basis, for the purchase of automobiles and durable (long-lasting) goods for the home, and for educational and general purposes. Also includes loans secured by the equity in a borrower's home.

Consumer indirect lending

Loans originated through applications taken on the premises of automobile, boat, and other dealers selling substantially priced goods, electronically submitted to the bank, and approved within a very short time period while the consumer remains on premises.

Core deposits

The total of checking, interest checking, savings and money market deposits. Generally considered a bank's most stable and affordable source of funds.

Coverage ratio

The ratio of loan loss allowance to nonperforming loans (loans for which payment is delinquent 90 days or more and loans for which interest is not being accrued) or nonperforming assets (additionally includes collateral acquired by a bank after a loan has defaulted) is considered an indicator of the strength of a financial institution's allowance for loan losses.

Diluted shares (or fully diluted)

A calculation which includes those shares issued and outstanding or issuable upon the exercise of in-the-money stock options held by employees or Directors, offset by the number of shares which the company could repurchase on the open market with the cash received upon exercise. Shares held in treasury are excluded.

Efficiency ratio

A measure of a bank's operating leverage or productivity, derived by dividing overhead expense by revenues (net interest income (FTE) plus non-interest income), excluding the effect of gains or losses on the sale of securities or the extinguishment of debt, amortization of intangibles, and acquisition-related expenses. The lower the ratio, the better the efficiency.

Fully tax equivalent (FTE)

Restatement of tax-exempt interest income as if it was fully taxable. Enables tax-exempt interest income to be compared to taxable interest income on a consistent basis.

IPC deposits

Deposits from individuals, partnerships and corporations (i.e., all consumer and commercial deposits). Excludes deposits from local governments/municipalities. Constitutes the major component of core deposits (see above).

Loan loss provision

The charge against earnings to increase the allowance for loan losses (net of current period charge-offs) sufficient to absorb losses inherent in the company's loan portfolios.

Net interest income

Banking revenues generated from standard lending and investment activities, equaling the difference between interest income on loans and investments and interest expense on deposits and borrowings. The primary source of earnings before expenses for most banks.

Net interest margin

A performance measure or ratio which is calculated by dividing net interest income by average interest-earning assets. The most basic indicator of the relative return on lending, investing, and depository activities before overhead and loan loss provision. Interest rate spread is a component of the net interest margin.

Non-interest income

Revenues generated from fee-based depositor and borrowing services (including interchange and overdraft fees), the sale of financial services products, and gains or losses from the sale of securities and extinguishment of debt, if any.

Nonperforming assets

Represent loans delinquent as to interest or principal for a period of 90 days or more, loans for which interest is not being accrued (no payments expected), restructured loans, and real estate acquired through foreclosure.

Tangible equity/assets

Shareholders' equity, net of goodwill and other intangible assets, divided by the assets of the company, net of goodwill and intangible assets.

Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP)

A program of the United States government to purchase assets from, and provide capital to, financial institutions in order to strengthen the financial sector. It was the largest component of the government's measures to address the crisis in the financial services industry over the past few years. The company chose not to participate in this program.

Tier 1 capital

Shareholders' equity, adjusted for the unrealized gain or loss on securities held for sale and for certain assets, such as goodwill and other intangibles. The primary measure of a bank's capital as defined by various bank regulatory agencies.

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Stock Listing

Common stock of Community Bank System, Inc. is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol: CBU. Newspaper listing for common stock: CmntyBkSys.

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
1:00 P.M. EST
Riveredge Resort
17 Holland Street
Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

Transfer Agent and Registrant of Stock

Shareholders requiring a change of name, address or ownership of stock, or information about shareholder records, lost or stolen certificates, and dividend checks, direct deposit and reinvestment should contact:

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Investor Information

Investor and shareholder information regarding Community Bank System, Inc., including all filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is available through the company's website:

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December 31, 2012

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discussed in these statements. These risks are detailed in the company's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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