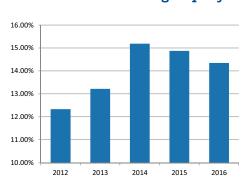
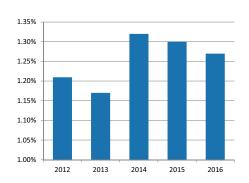


FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

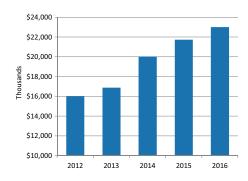
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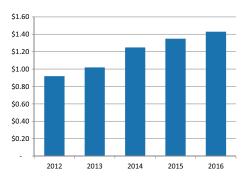
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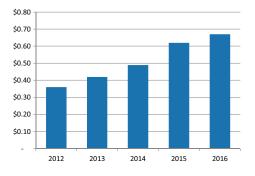
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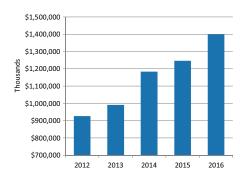
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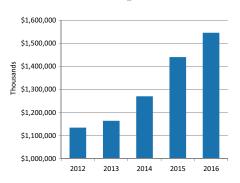
Dividends per share



Total loans



Total deposits





Dear Stockholders:

Your Company had another great year. In fact, 2016 was another record year - the second consecutive record year, which includes a string of ten consecutive record quarters (for each respective quarter). While we may not believe this string of record performance will last forever, it is fun while it lasts. What you can count on is every employee putting forth their best effort to achieve at a level that is enviable in our industry. Based upon the most recent information available, we continue to perform in the upper quartile of our peer group. Our vision is not about being a certain size by a certain time. Our vision is to achieve and sustain a position of industry envy and admiration.



Along with our record performance, our dividends are at record levels and our stock price hit a record high during December 2016.

Late in 2016, our new Rochester, Minnesota, office opened. Together with our facility in eastern Iowa, which opened during 2015, we now have new, efficient facilities to serve both of those markets. These stunning buildings are in stark contrast to our early Valley Junction headquarters 123 years ago, all of which are pictured within this annual report.

Our loan portfolio totaled approximately \$1.4 billion at the end of 2016. This was an increase of 12.3 percent for the year. Keeping pace, our deposits grew 7.3 percent to total approximately \$1.5 billion at December 31, 2016. All three markets (central Iowa, eastern Iowa and Rochester, Minnesota) contributed to our growth. This growth was accomplished with only a 3.6 percent increase in operating expenses.

Over time, credit quality is arguably the most important measure of a financial institution. Our credit quality remains at a high level by all measures. The credit quality measure we focus on is the Texas ratio. This ratio divides total nonperforming assets by the sum of tangible common equity plus the allowance for loan losses. The lower the value of this ratio, the better. Our ratio at December 31, 2016 was 0.56 percent. The average Texas ratio for all bank holding companies in the United States with total assets between \$1 billion and \$3 billion as of September 30, 2016 (latest number available) was 6.9 percent.

But by far, the most significant factor contributing to our success is our people. We have knowledgeable, long-term employees. Our turnover is low. In fact, we had 100 percent retention of key personnel during 2016!

We look forward to 2017 with reserved confidence. Potential changes in Washington, D.C., that would be beneficial to our Company include a lower corporate tax rate and reduced red tape. Time will tell if we experience actual progress in these areas. Even absent these changes, we believe we are well positioned to continue delivery of superior service to our customers, which should, in turn, result in positive performance for our stockholders.

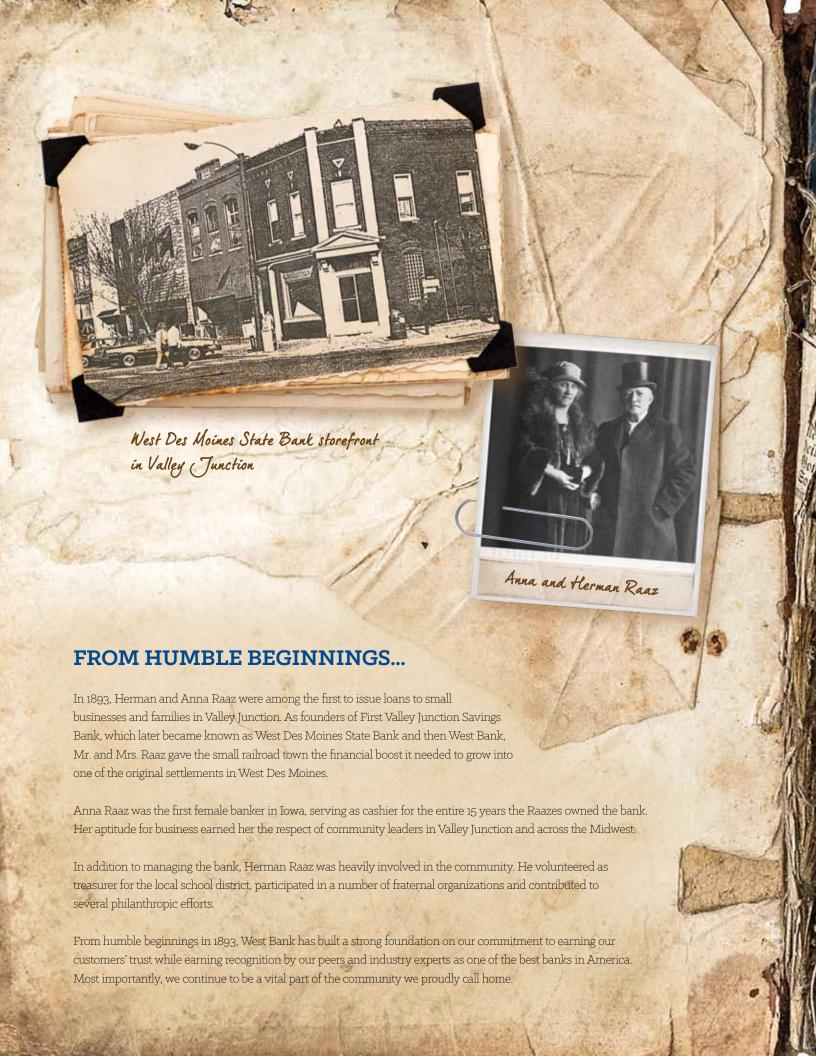
Sincerely,

David D. Nelson

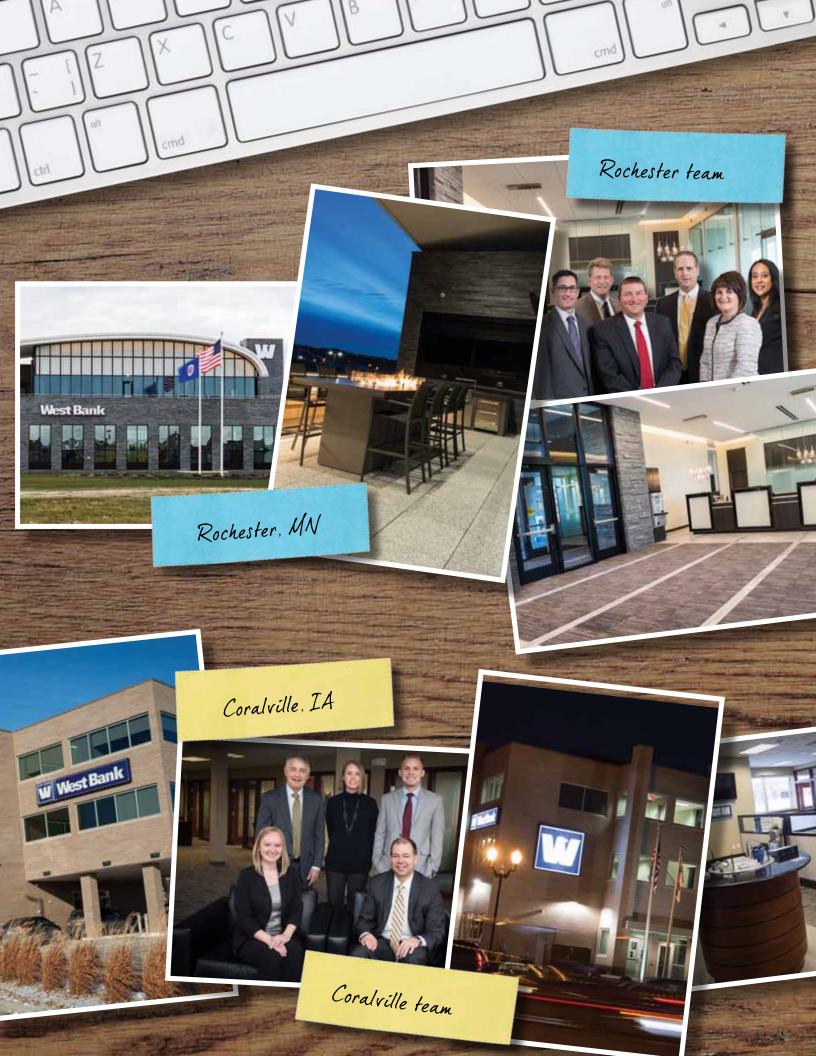
CEO and President, West Bancorporation, Inc.;

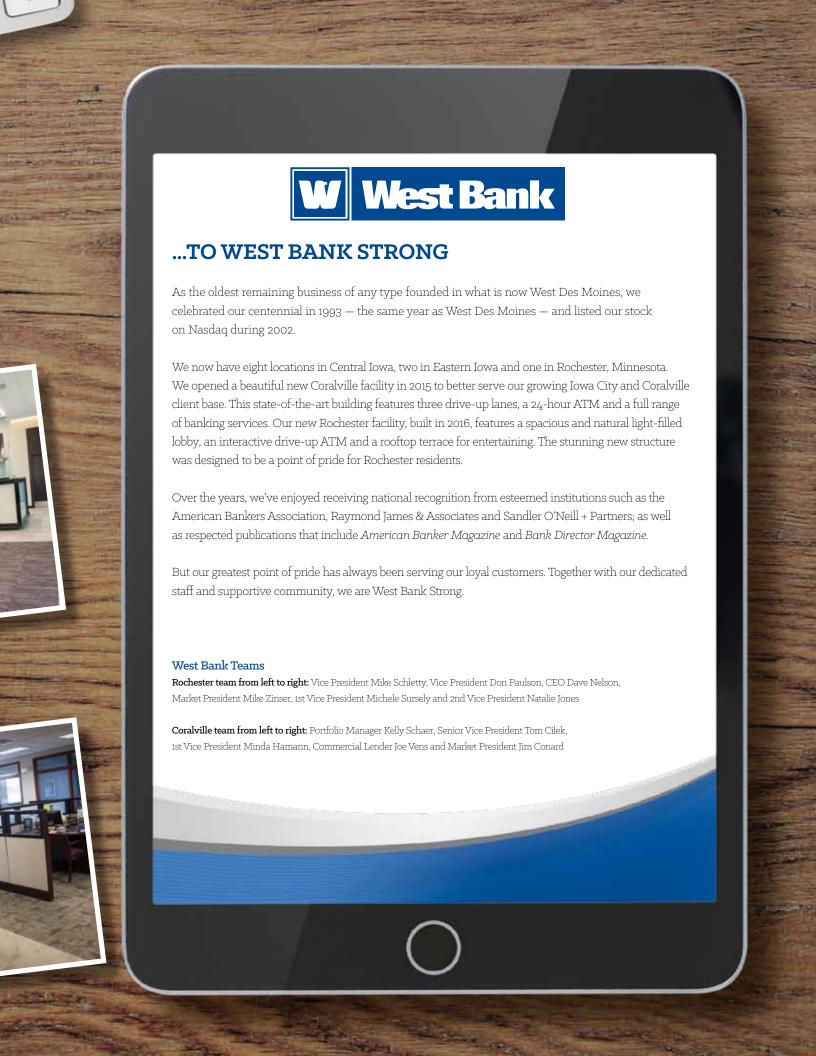
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



David Milligan* Chairman, West Bancorporation



Dave Nelson*
CEO and President,
West Bancorporation;
Chairman and CEO,
West Bank



Douglas Gulling**
EVP, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer,
West Bancorporation;
EVP and Chief Financial
Officer, West Bank



Brad Winterbottom**
EVP,
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President,
West Bank



Harlee Olafson**
EVP and Chief Risk Officer,
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EVP and Chief Risk Officer,
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Lou Ann Sandburg*
Retired



Jason Worth*
Gilcrest/Jewett
Lumber Company

^{*} Director of West Bancorporation, Inc. and West Bank ** Director of West Bank

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Jerry Deegan Dowling Catholic High School



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Greg LaMair *LMC Insurance and Risk Service*



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Kirk Tyler *Atlantic Bottling Company*



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Mark Wackerbarth
Denman & Company



Nancy Williams American Land and Redevelopment, Corp.



Jeff Yurgae *Mueller-Yurgae*

West Bank invests a great deal in relationships because we believe they're the cornerstone of our success — it's one of the reasons we form a community board wherever we do business. We turn to these leaders for their insight, perspective and collective wisdom. We know it's impossible to be a community bank without local connections and support, so we're grateful for their assistance in helping us achieve our business, government and community relations goals

^{*} All three of our community boards are non-voting advisory boards with knowledge of the communities we serve.

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY BOARD*



Jesse Allen
Allen Homes, Inc.



Rodney Anderson *Pancheros Mexican Grill*



Jill Armstrong *Skogman Realty*



David Barker *Barker Apartments*



Kevin Digmann *Hodge Construction*



Andy Meardon *In Memorium 1960-2016*



Mark Mysnyk Steindler Orthopedic Clinic, PLC



Ravi Patel *Hawkeye Hotels*



Luke Recker Stryker Instruments



Chuck Skaugstad
The Mansion



Leighton Smith *BerganKDV*

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Patrick Deutsch
Pace International



Greg Groves *Universal Marine & RV, Inc.*



Norb Harrington Retired Regional Banking President



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Kuehn Motors



Dick Kuehn *Kuehn Motors*



David Pederson *Dunlap & Seeger, P.A.*



Joe Powers *Powers Ventures*



Peter Schuller A.B. Systems, Inc.



Ed Stanley Merit Building Enclosure Systems



Tim Weir Olmsted Medical Center

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	2016	2015	2014
Results of operation	2010		
Net interest income	\$ 57,118	\$ 54,154	\$ 49,145
Provision for loan losses	1,000	850	750
Noninterest income	7,982	8,203	10,296
Noninterest expense	31,148	30,068	32,002
Income before income taxes	32,952	31,439	26,689
Net income	23,016	21,742	20,040
Per common share			
Cash dividends	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.49
Basic earnings	1.43	1.35	1.25
Diluted earnings	1.42	1.35	1.25
Closing stock price	24.70	19.75	17.02
Book value	10.25	9.49	8.75
Year-end balances			
Assets	\$1,854,204	\$1,748,396	\$1,615,566
Investment securities	319,794	384,420	339,208
Loans	1,399,870	1,246,688	1,184,045
Nonperforming loans	1,022	1,461	1,937
Other real estate owned	-	-	2,235
Deposits	1,546,605	1,440,729	1,270,462
Stockholders' equity	165,376	152,377	140,175
Ratios			
Return on average assets	1.27%	1.30%	1.32%
Return on average equity	14.35%	14.88%	15.19%
Texas ratio*	0.56%	0.87%	2.71%
Efficiency ratio*	46.03%	46.30%	49.93%
Dividend payout ratio	46.92%	45.77%	39.13%
Dividend yield	2.71%	3.14%	2.88%
Net interest margin	3.49%	3.59%	3.59%
Allowance for loan losses as % of loans	1.15%	1.20%	1.15%
Net charge-offs (recoveries) as % of average loans	(0.01)%	(0.04)%	0.09%
Nonperforming loans as % of loans	0.07%	0.12%	0.16%
Tangible common equity to tangible assets	8.92%	8.71%	8.68%

^{*}A lower ratio is better.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 2016 and 2015

(dollars in thousands)

Accets	2016	2015
Assets Cash and due from banks	\$ 40,943	
Federal funds sold		\$ 57,329
	35,893	15,322
Cash and cash equivalents	76,836	72,651
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	260,637	320,714
Investment securities held to maturity, at amortized cost (fair value of \$47,789 and \$51,918 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively)	48,386	51,259
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	10,771	12,447
Loans	1,399,870	1,246,688
Allowance for loan losses	(16,112)	(14,967)
Loans, net	1,383,758	1,231,721
Premises and equipment, net	23,314	11,562
Accrued interest receivable	5,321	4,688
Bank-owned life insurance	33,111	32,834
Deferred tax assets, net	6,957	6,670
Other assets	5,113	3,850
Total assets	\$1,854,204	\$1,748,396
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Liabilities		
Deposits		
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$ 479,311	\$ 486,707
Interest-bearing demand	282,592	267,824
Savings	668,688	570,391
Time of \$250,000 or more	10,446	14,749
Other time	105,568	101,058
Total deposits	1,546,605	1,440,729
Federal funds purchased	9,690	2,760
Short-term borrowings	-	19,000
Subordinated notes, net	20,398	20,385
Federal Home Loan Bank advances, net	99,886	98,385
Long-term debt, net	5,126	8,405
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	7,123	6,355
Total liabilities	1,688,828	1,596,019
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015	-	
Common stock, no par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; 16,137,999 and 16,064,435 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016		
and 2015, respectively	3,000	3,000
Additional paid-in capital	21,462	20,067
Retained earnings	141,956	129,740
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	(1,042)	(430)_
Total stockholders' equity	165,376	152,377
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$1,854,204</u>	<u>\$1,748,396</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Interest income	2016	2015	2014
Loans, including fees	\$57,419	\$52,556	\$47,440
Investment securities:	,,.	,	, ,
Taxable	4,201	4,363	4,938
Tax-exempt	3,266	3,147	2,878
Federal funds sold	108	81	45
Total interest income	64,994	60,147	55,301
Interest expense	`		<u>-</u>
Deposits	3,391	2,185	2,426
Federal funds purchased	5	9	11
Short-term borrowings	42	37	40
Subordinated notes	728	705	754
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	3,565	2,825	2,628
Long-term debt	145	232	297
Total interest expense	7,876	5,993	6,156
Net interest income	57,118	54,154	49,145
Provision for loan losses	1,000	850	750
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	56,118	53,304	48,395
Noninterest Income			
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,461	2,609	2,790
Debit card usage fees	1,825	1,830	1,764
Trust services	1,310	1,286	1,327
Revenue from residential mortgage banking	151	163	1,394
Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance	647	727	731
Gain from bank-owned life insurance	443	-	-
Gain (loss) on disposition of premises and equipment	(4)	(6)	1,069
Realized investment securities gains, net	66	47	223
Other income	1,083	1,547	998
Total noninterest income	7,982	8,203	10,296
Noninterest expense			
Salaries and employee benefits	16,731	16,065	16,086
Occupancy	4,033	4,105	4,165
Data processing	2,510	2,329	2,241
FDIC insurance	937	839	757
Other real estate owned	-	10	1,865
Professional fees	774	748	944
Director fees	888	881	714
Other expenses	5,275	5,091	5,230
Total noninterest expense	31,148	30,068	32,002
Income before income taxes	32,952	31,439	26,689
Income taxes	9,936	9,697	6,649
Net income	\$23,016	\$21,742	\$20,040
Earnings per common share:	<u></u>		
Basic	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.25
Diluted	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.25

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Preferred stock	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Total
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ -	\$3,000	\$18,411	\$105,752	\$(3,538)	\$123,625
Net income	-	-	-	20,040	-	20,040
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	-	3,792	3,792
Cash dividends declared, \$0.49 per common share	-	-	-	(7,842)	-	(7,842)
Stock-based compensation costs	-	-	633	-	-	633
Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes	-	-	(189)	-	-	(189)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units	<u>-</u>		116	<u> </u>		116
Balance, December 31, 2014	-	3,000	18,971	117,950	254	140,175
Net income	=	-	-	21,742	-	21,742
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	-	-	-	-	(684)	(684)
Cash dividends declared, \$0.62 per common share	-	-	-	(9,952)	-	(9,952)
Stock-based compensation costs	-	-	1,166	-	-	1,166
Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes	-	-	(225)	-	-	(225)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units	-	-	155	-	-	155
Balance, December 31, 2015	-	3,000	20,067	129,740	(430)	152,377
Net income	_	_	-	23,016	_	23,016
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	-	-	-	-	(612)	(612)
Cash dividends declared, \$0.67 per common share	-	-	-	(10,800)	-	(10,800)
Stock-based compensation costs	-	-	1,684	-	-	1,684
Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes	-	-	(394)	-	-	(394)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units			105			105
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ -	\$3,000	\$21,462	\$141,956	\$(1,042)	\$165,376

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of West Bancorporation, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of West Bancorporation, Inc. and subsidiary as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income (not presented herein), stockholders' equity, and cash flows (not presented herein) for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016, and in our report dated March 1, 2017, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated financial statements from which it has been derived.

ESM US LLP

Des Moines, Iowa | March 1, 2017

STOCK INFORMATION

West Bancorporation's common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, and quotations are furnished by the Nasdaq System. We had 194 common stockholders of record on December 31, 2016, and an estimated 2,400 additional beneficial holders whose stock was held in street name by brokerages or fiduciaries.

	High	Low	Close	Dividends
2016				
4th Quarter	\$ 25.05	\$ 18.75	\$ 24.70	\$ 0.17
3rd Quarter	20.52	17.65	19.60	0.17
2nd Quarter	19.65	17.33	18.59	0.17
1st Quarter	19.58	16.04	18.23	0.16
Total				\$ 0.67
2015				
4th Quarter	\$ 21.09	\$ 17.74	\$ 19.75	\$ 0.16
3rd Quarter	20.99	17.67	18.75	0.16
2nd Quarter	20.46	17.98	19.84	0.16
1st Quarter	19.94	16.00	19.89	0.14
Total				\$ 0.62

⁽¹⁾ The prices shown are the high, low and closing sale prices for the Company's common stock. The market quotations, reported by Nasdaq, do not include retail markup, markdown or commissions.

FORM 10-K

A copy of the Company's annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K will be available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov and through a link on the Company's website, WestBankStrong.com, at Investor Relations, SEC Filings. A copy of the annual report can also be obtained upon request to Alice Jensen at 515-222-2300 or ajensen@westbankstrong.com.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this report, other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to the Company's business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are "forward-looking statements" within the meanings of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements may appear throughout this report. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "projects," "future," "may," "should," "will," "strategy," "plan," "opportunity," "will be," "will likely result," "will continue" or similar references, or references to estimates, predictions or future events. Such forward-looking statements are based upon certain underlying assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Because of the possibility that the underlying assumptions are incorrect or do not materialize as expected in the future, actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that may affect future results include: interest rate risk; competitive pressures; pricing pressures on loans and deposits; changes in credit and other risks posed by the Company's loan and investment portfolios, including declines in commercial or residential real estate values or changes in the allowance for loan losses dictated by new market conditions or regulatory requirements; actions of bank and nonbank competitors; changes in local, national and international economic conditions; changes in regulatory requirements, limitations and costs; changes in customers' acceptance of the Company's products and services; cyber-attacks; unexpected outcomes of existing or new litigation involving the Company; and any other risks described in the "Risk Factors" sections of other reports filed by the Company with the Secu

Branch Locations

CENTRAL IOWA

Main Bank 1601 22nd St. West Des Moines City Center Branch Drive-up only express 809 6th Ave. Des Moines

Grand Branch 125 Grand Ave. West Des Moines East Branch 2440 E Euclid Ave. Des Moines North Branch Drive-up only express 3839 Merle Hay Rd. Des Moines

South Branch 3920 SW 9th St. Des Moines Urbandale Branch Drive-up only express 3255 99th St. Urbandale

Waukee Branch 955 E Hickman Rd. Waukee

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