



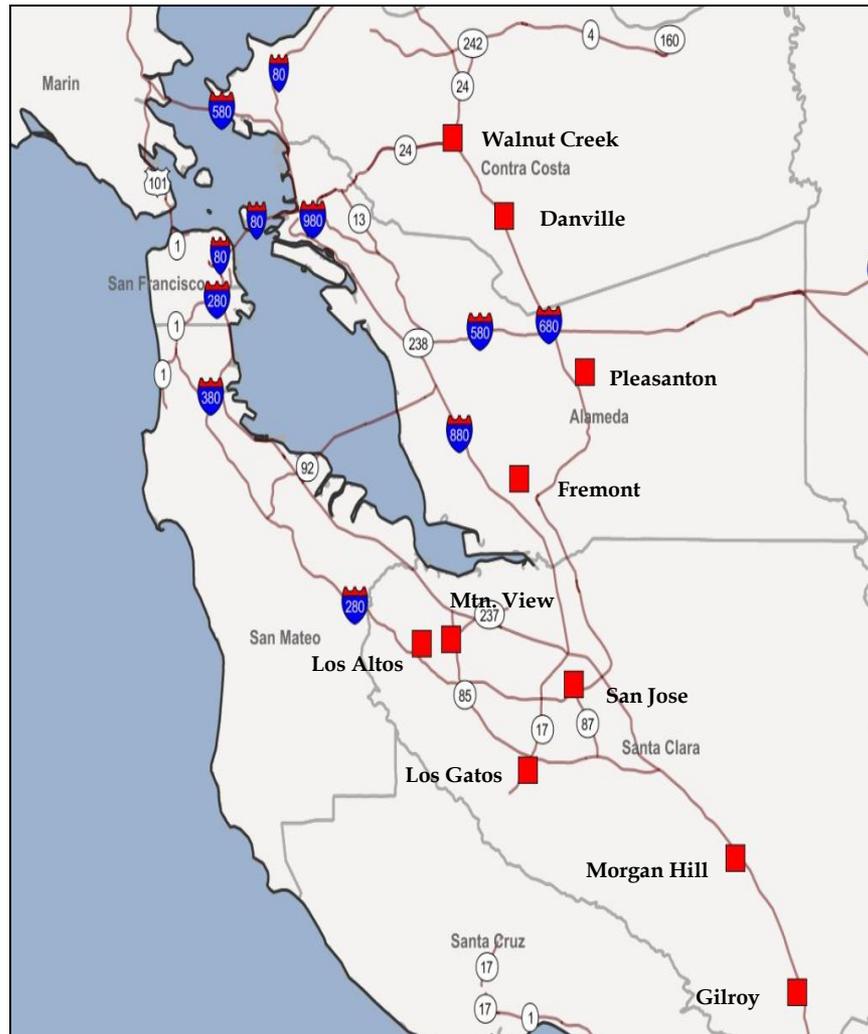
HERITAGE
COMMERCE CORP

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Heritage Snapshot – 10 Branches



■ Financial Highlights 3/31/12

■ Total Assets	\$	1.3 billion
■ Total Loans	\$	756.9 million
■ Total Deposits	\$	1.1 billion
■ Total Shareholders' Equity	\$	159.9 million
■ Tangible Common Equity	\$	138.0 million
■ TCE/Tangible Assets		10.6%
■ Tier 1 RBC Ratio		16.6%
■ Total RBC Ratio		17.9%
■ Loans/Deposits		70.1%
■ Yield on Earning Assets ⁽¹⁾		4.46%
■ Cost of Deposits ⁽¹⁾		0.27%
■ Cost of Funds ⁽¹⁾		0.44%
■ Net Interest Margin ⁽¹⁾		4.06%
■ Efficiency Ratio ⁽¹⁾		77.64%
■ 1Q12 Net Income ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$	2.1 million

⁽¹⁾ For the quarter ended 3/31/12

⁽²⁾ Before dividends and discount accretion in preferred stock

Market Share

- Attractive footprint of 10 branch locations in the San Francisco East Bay Area & Silicon Valley
- Ranks fifth in its market⁽¹⁾ amongst Independent Community Banks headquartered in its footprint.

Top Regional Banks			
2011 Rank	Bank	Branch Count	Deposits in Market (\$000)
1	Silicon Valley Bank	2	11,422,694
2	First Republic Bank	10	2,271,791
3	The Mechanics Bank	23	2,135,115
4	Fremont Bank	18	1,862,634
5	Heritage Bank of Commerce	10	1,028,171
6	Bridge Bank, N.A.	2	889,175
7	Avidbank	1	275,053
8	Luther Burbank Savings	1	275,029
9	Bank of Alameda	6	218,329
10	California Bank of Commerce	1	204,099

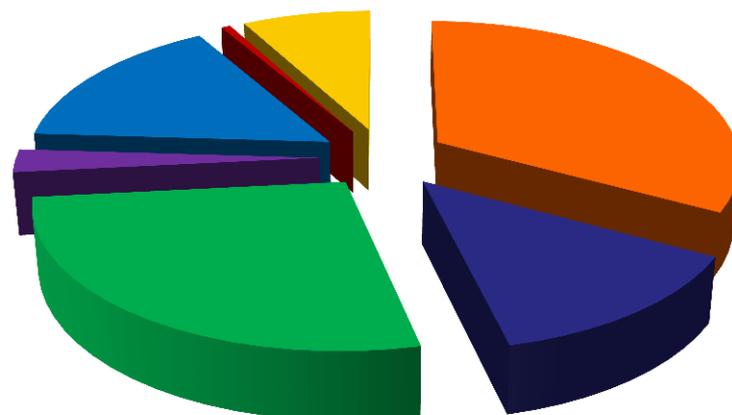
Top National Franchises			
2011 Rank	Bank	Branch Count	Deposits in Market (\$000)
1	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	145	32,836,191
2	Bank of America, N.A.	128	27,185,296
3	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	110	9,250,736
4	Citibank, N.A.	64	7,811,887

Totals for Market ⁽¹⁾			
		Branch Count	Deposits in Market (\$000)
		869	126,372,799

(1) Market refers to Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties. Source: FDIC, Summary of Deposits as of June 30, 2011.

Strong Deposit Base (in \$000's)

March 31, 2012

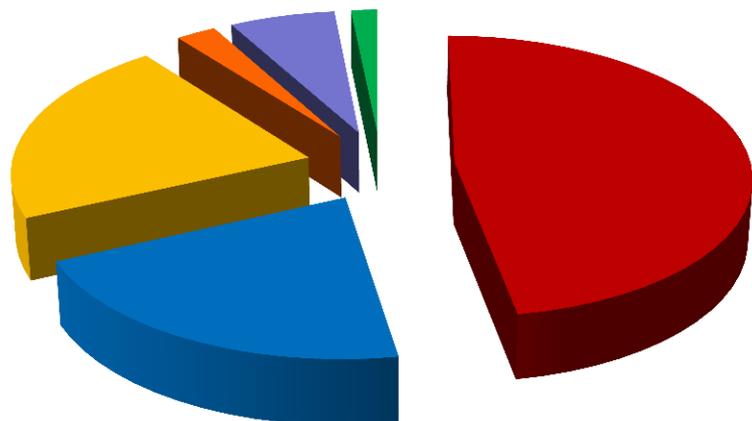


■ Demand, noninterest-bearing	■ Demand, interest-bearing
■ Savings and money market	■ Time deposits - under \$100
■ Time deposits - \$100 and over	■ Time deposits - CDARS
■ Time deposits - brokered	

Demand, noninterest-bearing	\$ 356,618	33.0%
Demand, interest-bearing	144,022	13.3%
Savings and money market	292,009	27.0%
Time deposits - under \$100	27,949	2.6%
Core Deposits	820,598	75.9%
Time deposits - \$100 and over	168,726	15.6%
Time deposits - CDARS	6,198	0.6%
Time deposits - brokered	84,728	7.9%
Total	\$ 1,080,250	100.0%

Diversified Loan Portfolio (in \$000's)

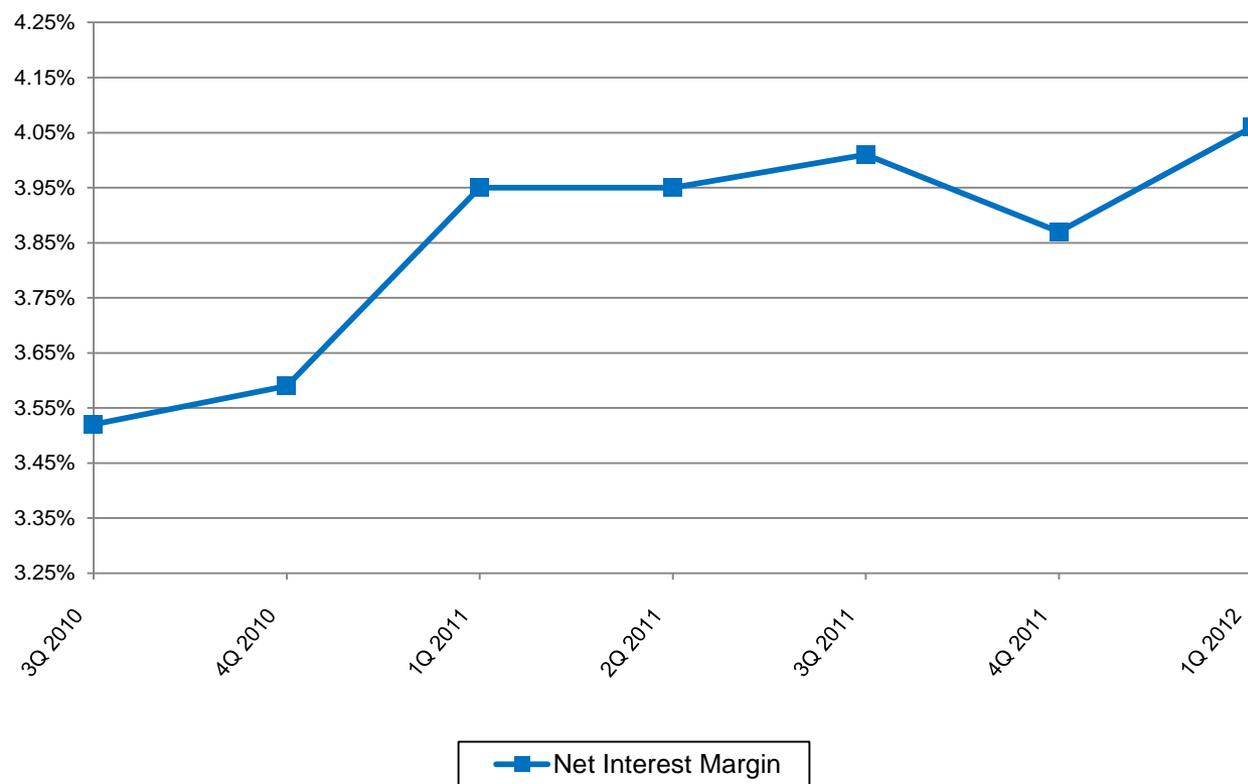
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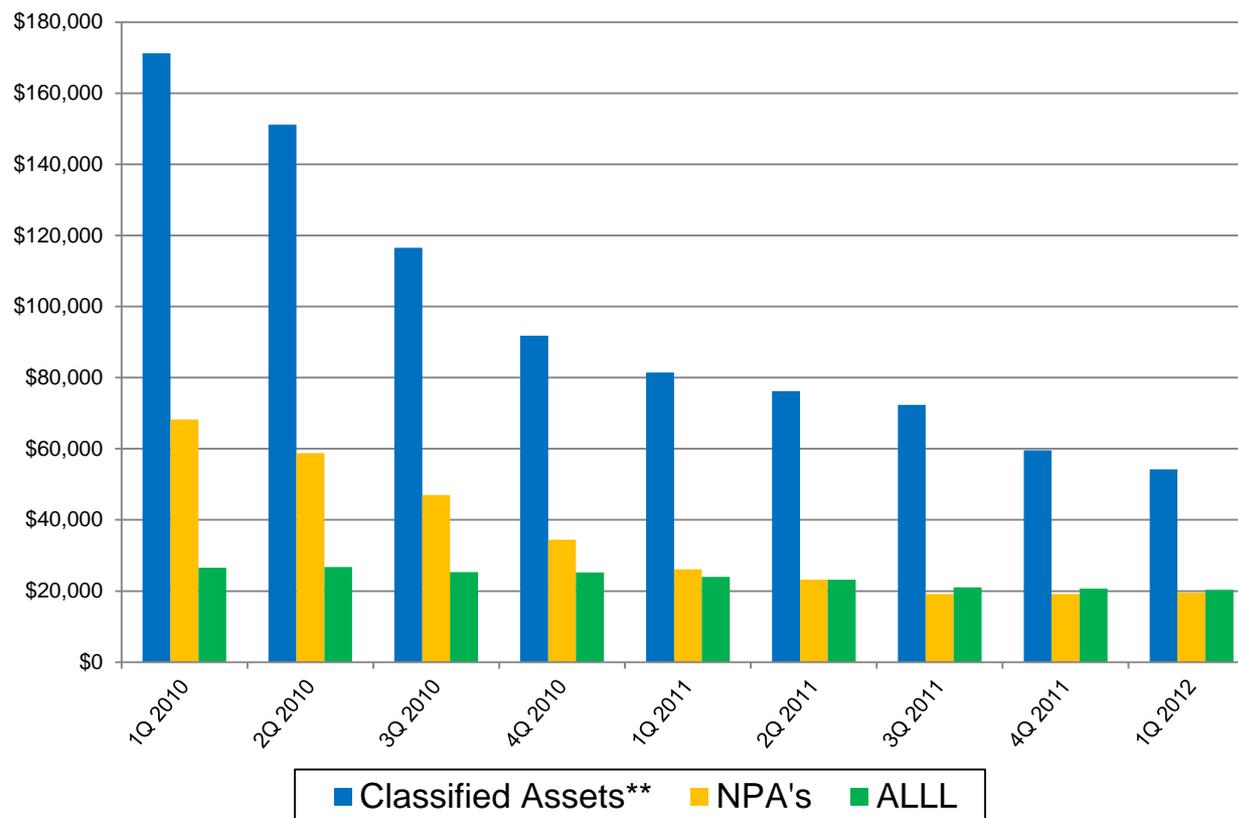
Commercial	\$357,906	47.3%
CRE - Owner Occupied	157,414	20.8%
CRE - Investor/Other	162,500	21.5%
Equity Lines	48,444	6.4%
Land & Construction	18,583	2.4%
Consumer & Other	12,047	1.6%
Total	\$756,894	100.0%

■ Commercial	■ CRE - Owner Occupied
■ CRE - Investor/Other	■ Land & Construction
■ Equity Lines	■ Consumer & Other

Net Interest Margin Trend



Solid Credit Quality Metrics (in \$000's)



Selected Ratios for 1Q12

1. NPA's/Total Assets = 1.49%
2. ALLL/ NPL's* = 125.66%

*excluding nonaccrual loans held-for-sale

**net of SBA quarantees

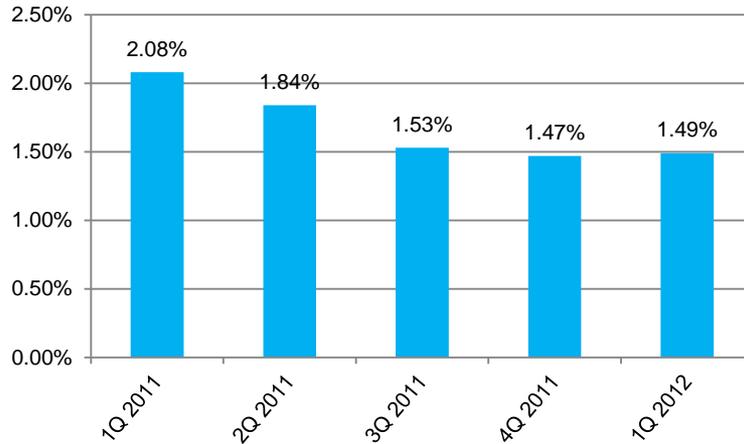
Balance at 1Q12

(in \$000's)

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| 1. Classified Assets | \$54,196** |
| 2. NPA's | \$19,511 |
| 3. ALLL | \$20,306 |

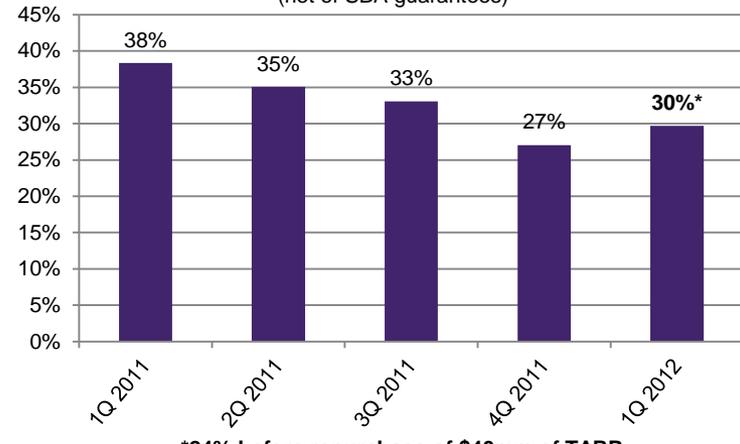
Solid Credit Quality Metrics (continued)

NPA's/Total Assets



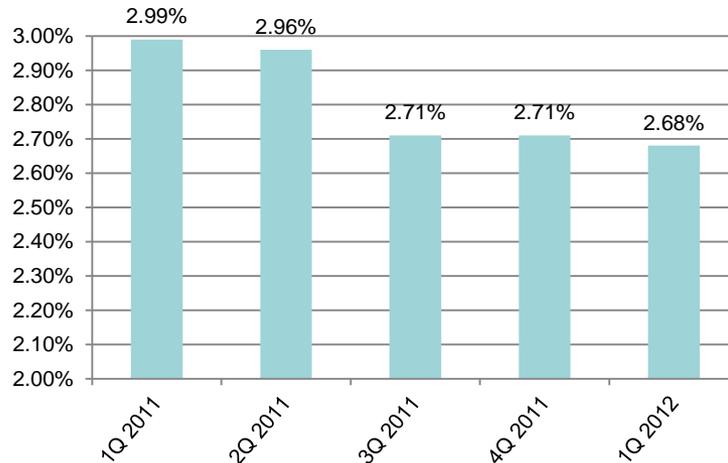
Classified Assets/Tier1 + ALLL

(net of SBA guarantees)

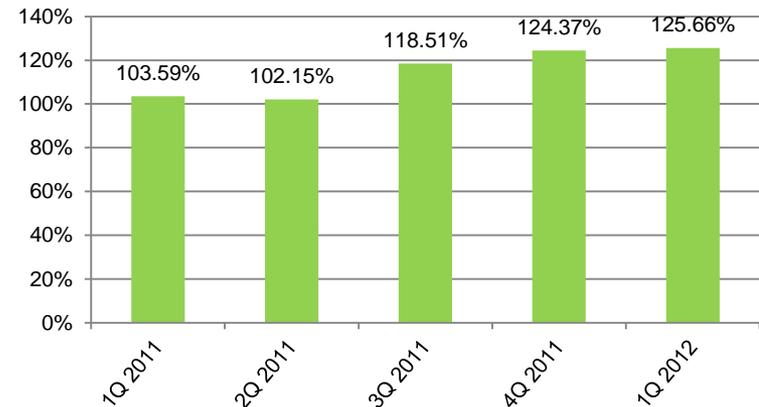


*24% before repurchase of \$40mm of TARP preferred stock on March 7, 2012

ALLL/Total Loans



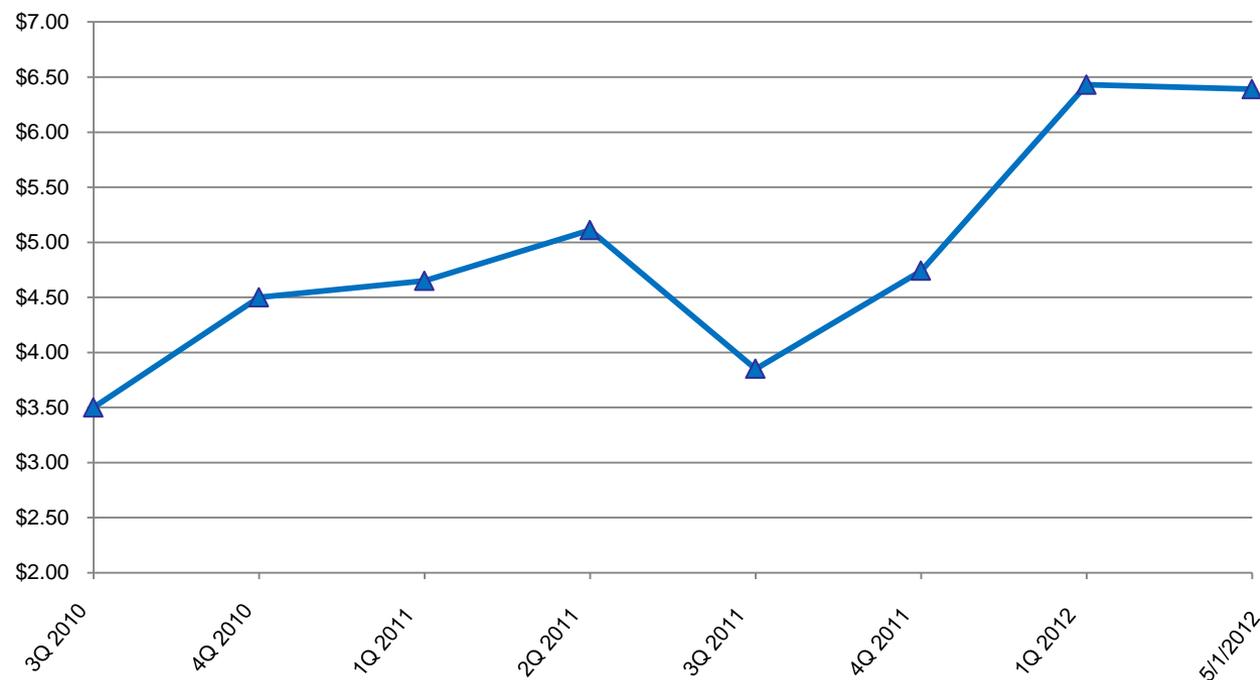
ALLL/NPL's (excluding nonaccrual loans held-for-sale)



Financial Highlights

	<u>1Q12</u>	<u>1Q11</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
▪ Core deposits	\$821mm	\$756mm	\$789mm	\$740mm
▪ Total loans	\$757mm	\$803mm	\$765mm	\$846mm
▪ TARP preferred stock	-	\$40mm	\$40mm	\$40mm
▪ Net income (loss) (Before dividends and discount accretion on preferred stock)	\$2.1mm	\$1.6mm	\$11.4mm	\$(55.9)mm
▪ Credit metrics:				
• Classified assets (net of SBA guarantees)	\$54.2mm	\$81.4mm	\$59.5mm	\$91.8mm
• NPA's	\$19.5mm	\$26.1mm	\$19.1mm	\$34.4mm
• NPA's/ total assets	1.49%	2.08%	1.47%	2.76%
• ALLL / NPL's (excluding nonaccrual loans held-for-sale)	125.66%	103.59%	124.37%	81.10%
▪ Cost of deposits	0.27%	0.52%	0.39%	0.76%
▪ Net interest margin	4.06%	3.95%	3.94%	3.69%

Closing Stock Price



NASDAQ Ticker:	HTBK
Recent Price (5/1/2012)	\$ 6.39
Tangible Book Value (3/31/2012)	\$ 5.25
Tangible Book Value* (3/31/2012)	\$ 4.94
EPS (trailing twelve months)	\$ 0.28
Price / Tangible Book (5/1/2012)	1.22%
Price / Tangible Book* (5/1/2012)	1.29%
P / E (5/1/2012)	22.8x

*Assuming Series C Preferred Stock was converted into common stock

2012 Tactical Initiatives

■ **Maintain Asset Quality**

- Continue to reduce problem assets
- Maintain strong ALLL ratio

■ **Improve Core Earnings**

- Focus on net interest margin
- Increase fee income
- Reduce costs and improve efficiency ratios

■ **Grow Franchise**

- Stay focused on customer relationship banking to grow core deposit base
- Increase C&I and SBA market share
 - Organically by adding new loan products and aggressive marketing
 - Add key relationship officers in markets
- Expand San Francisco Bay Area franchise
 - Hire loan teams
 - Take advantage of M&A opportunities

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