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HINGHAM REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2019 RESULTS

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS (NASDAQ: HIFS), Hingham, Massachusetts announced third quarter results for 2019.

Net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 was \$9,033,000 or \$4.23 per share basic and \$4.14 per share diluted, as compared to \$8,848,000 or \$4.15 per share basic and \$4.05 per share diluted for the same period last year. The Bank's annualized return on average equity for the third quarter of 2019 was 15.33%, and the annualized return on average assets was 1.40%, as compared to 17.06% and 1.52% for the same period in 2018. Net income per share (diluted) for the third quarter of 2019 increased by 2% over the same period of 2018.

Excluding the after-tax gains and losses on securities, both realized and unrealized, core net income for the third quarter of 2019 was \$8,801,000 or \$4.12 per share basic and \$4.03 per share diluted, as compared to \$8,424,000 or \$3.95 per share basic and \$3.85 per share diluted for the same period last year. The Bank's annualized core return on average equity for the third quarter of 2019 was 14.94%, and the annualized core return on average assets was 1.37%, as compared to 16.24% and 1.45% for the same period in 2018. Core net income per share (diluted) for the third quarter of 2019 increased by 5% over the same period in 2018.

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was \$27,563,000 or \$12.92 per share basic and \$12.63 per share diluted, as compared to \$25,735,000 or \$12.07 per share basic and \$11.77 per share diluted for the same period last year. The Bank's annualized return on average equity for the first nine months of 2019 was 16.17%, and the annualized return on average assets was 1.47%, as compared to 17.17% and 1.49% for the same period last year. Net income per share (diluted) for the first nine months of 2019 increased by 7% over the same period in 2018.

Excluding the after-tax gains and losses on securities, both realized and unrealized, core net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was \$24,182,000 or \$11.33 per share basic and \$11.08 per share diluted, as compared to \$24,729,000 or \$11.60 per share basic and \$11.31 per share diluted for the same period last year. The Bank's annualized core return on average equity for the first nine months of 2019 was 14.19% and the annualized core return on average assets was 1.29%, as compared

to 16.50% and 1.43% for the same period last year. Core net income per share (diluted) for the first nine months of 2019 declined by 2% over the same period in 2018.

Balance sheet growth was mixed, as deposits were \$1.706 billion at September 30, 2019, representing 11% annualized growth year-to-date and 1% decline from September 30, 2018. The growth during the first nine months of 2019 reflected strong growth in retail and business deposits. The decline over the trailing year was driven by a substantial decline in wholesale deposits, offset by growth in retail and business deposits. Net loans were \$2.141 billion at September 30, 2019, representing 9% annualized growth year-to-date and 8% growth from September 30, 2018. Total assets were \$2.480 billion, representing 4% annualized growth year-to-date and 5% growth from September 30, 2018. During the third quarter of 2019, the Bank used a portion of its cash balances to reduce outstanding Federal Home Loan Bank advances and brokered time deposits, in order to minimize the carrying cost of its on-balance sheet liquidity. Book value per share was \$111.47 as of September 30, 2019, representing 16% annualized growth year-to-date and 13% growth from September 30, 2018. In addition to the increase in book value per share, the Bank declared \$2.04 in dividends per share since September 30, 2018, including a special dividend of \$0.50 per share declared during the fourth quarter of 2018.

Key credit and operational metrics remained strong in the third quarter of 2019. At September 30, 2019, non-performing assets totaled 0.05% of total assets, compared to 0.02% at December 31, 2018 and 0.02% at September 30, 2018. Non-performing loans as a percentage of the total loan portfolio totaled 0.06% at September 30, 2019, compared to 0.02% at December 31, 2018 and 0.02% at September 30, 2018. The Bank recorded \$1,000 in net recoveries for both the first nine months of 2019 and 2018. At September 30, 2019, December 31 and September 30, 2018, the Bank did not own any foreclosed property. The efficiency ratio was 29.28% for the third quarter of 2019, as compared to 29.17% for the same period last year. Operating expenses as a percentage of average assets fell to 0.81% in the third quarter of 2019, as compared to 0.86% for the same period last year.

Chairman Robert H. Gaughen, Jr. stated, "Although returns on equity and assets were adequate in the third quarter of 2019, we continue to face significant headwinds from a now-inverted yield curve and an extraordinarily competitive market for both high-quality lending and deposit relationships. Given the unique structure and composition of our balance sheet, this is a particularly challenging environment. As always, we remain focused on careful capital allocation, defensive underwriting, and disciplined cost control - the keys to compounding shareholder capital through all stages of the credit cycle."

The Bank's quarterly financial results are summarized in the earnings release, but shareholders are encouraged to read the Bank's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, which are generally available several weeks after the earnings release. The Bank expects to file Form 10-Q for the third quarter of 2019 with the FDIC on or about November 5, 2019.

Hingham Institution for Savings is a Massachusetts-chartered savings bank located in Hingham, Massachusetts. Incorporated in 1834, it is one of America's oldest banks. The Bank's Main Office is located in Hingham and the Bank maintains offices on the South Shore, in Boston (South End and Beacon Hill), and on the island of Nantucket. The Bank also maintains a commercial lending office in Washington, D.C.

The Bank's shares of common stock are listed and traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol HIFS.

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS Selected Financial Ratios

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Month Septemb	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
(Unaudited)				
Key Performance Ratios				
Return on average assets (1)	1.52 %	1.40 %	1.49 %	1.47 %
Return on average equity (1)	17.06	15.33	17.17	16.17
Core return on average assets (1) (5)	1.45	1.37	1.43	1.29
Core return on average equity (1) (5)	16.24	14.94	16.50	14.19
Interest rate spread (1) (2)	2.67	2.42	2.72	2.36
Net interest margin (1) (3)	2.93	2.77	2.93	2.69
Operating expenses to average assets (1)	0.86	0.81	0.88	0.83
Efficiency ratio (4)	29.17	29.28	29.84	30.70
Average equity to average assets	8.91	9.16	8.69	9.08
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-				

119.39

120.49

118.61

120.31

	Se	eptember 30, 2018	Do	ecember 31, 2018	S	eptember 30, 2019
(Unaudited)	-					
Asset Quality Ratios						
Allowance for loan losses/total loans		0.68 %		0.68 %		0.70 %
Allowance for loan losses/non-performing loans		2,807.44		2,852.89		1,138.01
Non-performing loans/total loans		0.02		0.02		0.06
Non-performing loans/total assets		0.02		0.02		0.05
Non-performing assets/total assets		0.02		0.02		0.05
Share Related						
Book value per share	\$	98.35	\$	99.67	\$	111.47
Market value per share	\$	219.81	\$	197.74	\$	189.00
Shares outstanding at end of period		2,132,750		2,132,750		2,133,750

(1) Annualized.

bearing liabilities

- (2) Interest rate spread represents the difference between the yield on interest-earning assets and the cost of interest-bearing liabilities.
- (3) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.
- (4) The efficiency ratio represents total operating expenses, divided by the sum of net interest income and total other income, excluding gain on equity securities, net.
- (5) Non-GAAP measurements that represent return on average assets and return on average equity, excluding the after-tax gain on equity securities, net.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share amounts)		tember 30, 2018	Dec	cember 31, 2018	September 30, 2019		
(Unaudited)							
ASSETS							
Cash and due from banks	\$	10,043	\$	8,004	\$	10,233	
Federal Reserve and other short-term investments		286,449	·	287,971		221,022	
Cash and cash equivalents		296,492		295,975		231,255	
CRA investment		7,605		7,680		7,948	
Debt securities available for sale		15		14		11	
Other marketable equity securities		32,099		30,766		38,981	
Securities, at fair value		39,719		38,460		46,940	
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost		21,682		28,696		23,615	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$13,588		,		,		,	
at September 30, 2018, \$13,808 at December 31, 2018							
and \$15,090 at September 30, 2019		1,976,422		2,009,288		2,140,514	
Foreclosed assets						_	
Bank-owned life insurance		12,414		12,476		12,661	
Premises and equipment, net		14,458		14,553		14,339	
Accrued interest receivable		5,066		4,581		4,912	
Deferred income tax asset, net		1,128		2,258		1,303	
Other assets		2,981		2,300		4,833	
Total assets	\$	2,370,362	\$	2,408,587	\$	2,480,372	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							
Interest-bearing deposits	\$	1,494,193	\$	1,359,581	\$	1,474,113	
Non-interest-bearing deposits		220,943		213,573		231,616	
Total deposits		1,715,136		1,573,154		1,705,729	
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		431,242		606,600		519,900	
Mortgage payable		766		751		703	
Mortgagors' escrow accounts		6,901		7,402		7,544	
Accrued interest payable		1,687		2,187		2,198	
Other liabilities		4,883		5,917		6,445	
Total liabilities		2,160,615		2,196,011		2,242,519	
Stockholders' equity:							
Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value,							
2,500,000 shares authorized, none issued							
Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 5,000,000 shares		2,133		2 122		2 124	
authorized; 2,132,750 shares issued and outstanding at September 30 and December 31, 2018 and 2,133,750 shares		2,133		2,133		2,134	
issued and outstanding at September 30, 2019							
Additional paid-in capital		11,843		11,863		12,073	
Undivided profits		195,771		198,580		223,646	
Accumulated other comprehensive income							
Total stockholders' equity		209,747		212,576		237,853	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	2,370,362	\$	2,408,587	\$	2,480,372	
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Consolidated Statements of Income

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months Ended September 30,			
(In thousands, except per share amounts)	2018			2019		2018	2019		
(Unaudited)									
Interest and dividend income:									
Loans	\$	22,523	\$	26,153	\$	64,306	\$	74,049	
Equity securities		503		518		1,487		1,503	
Federal Reserve and other short-term investments		1,317		1,527		3,814		4,716	
Total interest and dividend income		24,343		28,198		69,607		80,268	
Interest expense:									
Deposits		5,291		7,585		13,202		20,805	
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		2,294		3,099		6,653		9,766	
Mortgage payable		12		11		36		33	
Total interest expense		7,597		10,695		19,891		30,604	
Net interest income		16,746		17,503		49,716		49,664	
Provision for loan losses		350		302		1,050		1,282	
Net interest income, after provision for loan losses		16,396		17,201		48,666		48,382	
Other income:									
Customer service fees on deposits		216		213		638		598	
Increase in bank-owned life insurance		65		61		193		185	
Gain on equity securities, net		544		298		1,290		4,337	
Miscellaneous		42		42		129		125	
Total other income		867		614		2,250		5,245	
Operating expenses:									
Salaries and employee benefits		3,146		3,290		9,534		9,614	
Occupancy and equipment		421		453		1,313		1,354	
Data processing		353		419		1,042		1,154	
Deposit insurance		258		22		757		530	
Foreclosure		(33)		34		(41)		101	
Marketing		139		188		488		497	
Other general and administrative		695		811		2,028		2,276	
Total operating expenses		4,979		5,217		15,121		15,526	
Income before income taxes		12,284		12,598		35,795		38,101	
Income tax provision		3,436		3,565		10,060		10,538	
Net income	\$	8,848	\$	9,033	\$	25,735	\$	27,563	
Cash dividends declared per share	\$	0.36	\$	0.40	\$	1.05	\$	1.17	
Weighted average shares outstanding:									
Basic		2,133		2,134		2,133		2,133	
Diluted		2,188		2,183		2,187		2,182	
Earnings per share:									
Basic	\$	4.15	\$	4.23	\$	12.07	\$	12.92	
Diluted	\$	4.05	\$	4.14	\$	11.77	\$	12.63	

Net Interest Income Analysis

	Three Months Ended September 30,								
		2018		2019					
	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST	YIELD/ RATE (8)	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST	YIELD/ RATE (8)			
(Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)									
Loans (1) (2)	\$ 1,973,987	\$ 22,523	4.56 %	\$ 2,191,324	\$ 26,153	4. 77 %			
Securities (3) (4)	52,166	503	3.86	58,133	518	3.56			
Federal Reserve and other short-term investments	262,943	1,317	2.00	279,802	1,527	2.18			
Total interest-earning assets	2,289,096	24,343	4.25	2,529,259	28,198	4.46			
Other assets	38,380			43,578					
Total assets	\$ 2,327,476			\$ 2,572,837					
Interest-bearing deposits (5)	\$ 1,503,771	5,291	1.41	\$ 1,616,151	7,585	1.88			
Borrowed funds	413,497	2,306	2.23	482,975	3,110	2.58			
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,917,268	7,597	1.58	2,099,126	10,695	2.04			
Demand deposits	197,838			230,505					
Other liabilities	4,927			7,514					
Total liabilities	2,120,033			2,337,145					
Stockholders' equity	207,443			235,692					
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,327,476			\$ 2,572,837					
Net interest income		\$ 16,746			\$ 17,503				
Weighted average spread			2.67 %			2.42 %			
Net interest margin (6)			2.93 %			<u>2.77</u> %			
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities (7)	119.39	0/0		120.49	%				

- (1) Before allowance for loan losses.
- (2) Includes non-accrual loans.
- (3) Excludes the impact of the average net unrealized gain or loss on securities.
- (4) Includes Federal Home Loan Bank stock.
- (5) Includes mortgagors' escrow accounts.
- (6) Net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.
- (7) Total interest-earning assets divided by total interest-bearing liabilities.
- (8) Annualized.

Net Interest Income Analysis

	Nine Months Ended September 30,								
		2018							
	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST	YIELD/ RATE (8)	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST	YIELD/ RATE (8)			
(Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)						(,,			
Loans (1) (2)	\$ 1,918,239	\$ 64,306	4.47 %	\$ 2,134,186	\$ 74,049	4.63 %			
Securities (3) (4)	52,870	1,487	3.75	57,118	1,503	3.51			
Federal Reserve and other short-term investments	289,018	3,814	1.76	270,882	4,716	2.32			
Total interest-earning assets	2,260,127	69,607	4.11	2,462,186	80,268	4.35			
Other assets	38,668			41,483					
Total assets	\$ 2,298,795			\$ 2,503,669					
Interest-bearing deposits (5)	\$ 1,430,524	13,202	1.23	\$ 1,548,791	20,805	1.79			
Borrowed funds	475,050	6,689	1.88	497,694	9,799	2.63			
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,905,574	19,891	1.39	2,046,485	30,604	1.99			
Demand deposits	188,441			222,280					
Other liabilities	4,954			7,635					
Total liabilities	2,098,969			2,276,400					
Stockholders' equity	199,826			227,269					
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,298,795			\$ 2,503,669					
Net interest income		\$ 49,716			\$ 49,664				
Weighted average spread			2.72 %			2.36 %			
Net interest margin (6)			2.93 %			<u>2.69</u> %			
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities (7)	118.61	0%		120.31	0%				

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