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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

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 September 30, 2013

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 001-14793

FIRST BANCORP.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Puerto Rico
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

66-0561882
(I.R.S. employer
identification number)

1519 Ponce de León Avenue, Stop 23

Santurce, Puerto Rico
(Address of principal executive offices)
(787) 729-8200

00908
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a 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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common stock: 207,067,156 shares outstanding as of October 31, 2013.

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Forward Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this Form 10-Q or future filings by First BanCorp. (the Corporation) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), in the Corporation s press releases or in other public or stockholder communications, or in oral statements made with the approval of an authorized executive officer, the word or phrases would be, will allow, intends to, will likely result, are expected to, should, anticipate and similar expressions are meant to identify forward-looking statements.

Such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made, and various factors, including, but not limited to, the following, could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by such forward-looking statements :

uncertainty about whether the Corporation and FirstBank Puerto Rico (FirstBank or the Bank) will be able to fully comply with the written agreement dated June 3, 2010 (the Written Agreement) that the Corporation entered into with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the New York FED or Federal Reserve) and the consent order dated June 2, 2010 (the FDIC Order) and together with the Written Agreement, (the Agreements) that the Corporation s banking subsidiary, FirstBank entered into with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (OCIF) that, among other things, require the Bank to maintain certain capital levels and reduce its special mention, classified, delinquent and non-performing assets;

the risk of being subject to possible additional regulatory actions;

uncertainty as to the availability of certain funding sources, such as retail brokered certificates of deposit (brokered CDs);

the Corporation s reliance on brokered CDs and its ability to obtain, on a periodic basis, approval from the FDIC to issue brokered CDs to fund operations and provide liquidity in accordance with the terms of the FDIC Order;

the risk of not being able to fulfill the Corporation s cash obligations or resume paying dividends to the Corporation s stockholders in the future due to the Corporation s inability to receive approval from the New York FED and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve Board) to receive dividends from FirstBank or FirstBank s failure to generate sufficient cash flow to make a dividend payment to the Corporation;

the strength or weakness of the real estate markets and of the consumer and commercial credit sectors and their impact on the credit quality of the Corporation s loans and other assets, which has contributed and may continue to contribute to, among other things, the high levels of non-performing assets,

charge-offs and provisions and may subject the Corporation to further risk from loan defaults and foreclosures;

the ability of FirstBank to realize the benefit of the deferred tax asset;

adverse changes in general economic conditions in Puerto Rico, the United States (U.S.) and the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), and British Virgin Islands (BVI), including the interest rate environment, market liquidity, housing absorption rates, real estate prices, and disruptions in the U.S. capital markets, which may reduce interest margins, impact funding sources, and affect demand for all of the Corporation s products and services and reduce the Corporation s revenues and earnings, and the value of the Corporation s assets;

an adverse change in the Corporation s ability to attract new clients and retain existing ones;

a decrease in demand for the Corporation s products and services and lower revenues and earnings because of the continued recession in Puerto Rico, the current fiscal problems and budget deficit of the Puerto Rico government and recent credit downgrades of the Puerto Rico government;

a credit default by the Puerto Rico government or any of its public corporations or other instrumentalities, and recent and/or future downgrades of the long-term debt ratings of the Puerto Rico government, which could adversely affect economic conditions in Puerto Rico;

the risk that any portion of the unrealized losses in the Corporation s investment portfolio is determined to be other-than-temporary, including unrealized losses on Puerto Rico government obligations;

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uncertainty about regulatory and legislative changes for financial services companies in Puerto Rico, the U.S., the USVI, and the BVI, which could affect the Corporation's financial condition or performance and could cause the Corporation's actual results for future periods to differ materially from prior results and anticipated or projected results;

uncertainty about the effectiveness of the various actions undertaken to stimulate the U.S. economy and stabilize the U.S. financial markets, and the impact such actions may have on the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations;

changes in the fiscal and monetary policies and regulations of the federal government, including those determined by the Federal Reserve Board, the New York FED, the FDIC, government-sponsored housing agencies, and regulators in Puerto Rico, the USVI and the BVI;

the risk of possible failure or circumvention of controls and procedures and the risk that the Corporation's risk management policies may not be adequate;

the risk that the FDIC may further increase the deposit insurance premium and/or require special assessments to replenish its insurance fund, causing an additional increase in the Corporation's non-interest expenses;

the impact on the Corporation's results of operations and financial condition of acquisitions and dispositions;

a need to recognize additional impairments on financial instruments, goodwill or other intangible assets relating to acquisitions;

the risk that downgrades in the credit ratings of the Corporation's long-term senior debt will adversely affect the Corporation's ability to access necessary external funds;

the impact of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act) on the Corporation's businesses, business practices and cost of operations;

the risk of losses in the value of the Corporation's investment in an unconsolidated entity that the Corporation does not control; and

general competitive factors and industry consolidation.

The Corporation does not undertake, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to update any of the forward-looking statements to reflect occurrences or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements except as

required by the federal securities laws.

Investors should refer to the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, as well as Part II, Item 1A, Risk Factors in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, for a discussion of such factors and certain risks and uncertainties to which the Corporation is subject.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
(In thousands, except for share information)		
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 623,019	\$ 730,016
Money market investments:		
Time deposits with other financial institutions	300	505
Other short-term investments	201,065	216,330
Total money market investments	201,365	216,835
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value:		
Securities pledged that can be repledged	1,050,006	1,070,968
Other investment securities	997,324	660,109
Total investment securities available for sale	2,047,330	1,731,077
Other equity securities	32,096	38,757
Investment in unconsolidated entity	13,172	23,970
Loans, net of allowance for loan and lease losses of \$289,379 (2012 - \$435,414)	9,219,255	9,618,700
Loans held for sale, at lower of cost or market	114,592	85,394
Total loans, net	9,333,847	9,704,094
Premises and equipment, net	172,371	181,363
Other real estate owned	133,284	185,764
Accrued interest receivable on loans and investments	49,848	51,671
Other assets	181,118	236,194
Total assets	\$ 12,787,450	\$ 13,099,741
LIABILITIES		
Non-interest-bearing deposits	\$ 845,917	\$ 837,387
Interest-bearing deposits	9,108,280	9,027,159
Total deposits	9,954,197	9,864,546
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	900,000	900,000

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Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)	353,440	508,440
Other borrowings	231,959	231,959
Accounts payable and other liabilities	127,261	109,773
Total liabilities	11,566,857	11,614,718

STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Preferred stock, authorized, 50,000,000 shares:		
Non-cumulative Perpetual Monthly Income Preferred Stock: issued - 22,004,000 shares, outstanding 2,521,872 shares, aggregate liquidation value of \$63,047		
	63,047	63,047
Common stock, \$0.10 par value, authorized, 2,000,000,000 shares; issued, 207,588,787 shares (2012 - 206,730,318 shares issued)		
	20,759	20,673
Less: Treasury stock (at par value)	(55)	(49)
Common stock outstanding, 207,042,785 shares outstanding (2012 - 206,235,465 shares outstanding)		
	20,704	20,624
Additional paid-in capital	887,437	885,754
Retained earnings	307,890	487,166
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax expense of \$7,757 (2012 - \$7,749)	(58,485)	28,432
Total stockholders equity	1,220,593	1,485,023
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 12,787,450	\$ 13,099,741

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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FIRST BANCORP.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)
(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share information)	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Interest income:				
Loans	\$ 147,325	\$ 155,225	\$ 443,954	\$ 437,990
Investment securities	14,422	11,344	37,650	33,513
Money market investments	456	395	1,494	1,220
Total interest income	162,203	166,964	483,098	472,723
Interest expense:				
Deposits	21,453	29,953	70,915	100,176
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	6,531	6,707	19,418	21,825
Advances from FHLB	1,524	2,953	5,180	9,222
Notes payable and other borrowings	1,790	1,848	5,299	5,426
Total interest expense	31,298	41,461	100,812	136,649
Net interest income	130,905	125,503	382,286	336,074
Provision for loan and lease losses	22,195	28,952	220,782	90,033
Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses	108,710	96,551	161,504	246,041
Non-interest income (loss):				
Service charges on deposit accounts	3,157	3,267	9,635	9,754
Mortgage banking activities	3,521	4,728	12,924	13,260
Net gain (loss) on sale of investments (includes \$42 accumulated other comprehensive income reclassification for other-than-temporary impairment on equity securities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013)		10	(42)	36
Other-than-temporary impairment losses on available-for-sale debt securities:				
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses				
Portion of other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in other comprehensive income		(557)	(117)	(1,933)
Net impairment losses on available-for-sale debt securities		(557)	(117)	(1,933)
Equity in loss of unconsolidated entity	(5,908)	(2,199)	(10,798)	(10,926)
Impairment of collateral pledged to Lehman			(66,574)	

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Insurance income	1,303	1,429	4,831	4,221
Other non-interest income	7,987	8,448	22,167	23,211
Total non-interest income (loss)	10,060	15,126	(27,974)	37,623
Non-interest expenses:				
Employees compensation and benefits	32,823	31,058	99,493	93,770
Occupancy and equipment	15,134	15,208	45,150	46,065
Business promotion	3,538	4,004	10,726	10,026
Professional fees	11,840	7,469	36,707	19,768
Taxes, other than income taxes	4,693	3,499	13,921	10,350
Insurance and supervisory fees	11,513	13,023	37,018	39,333
Net loss on other real estate owned (OREO) and OREO operations	7,052	8,686	29,191	18,915
Credit and debit card processing expenses	2,682	2,574	8,040	3,516
Communications	1,866	1,797	5,565	5,276
Other non-interest expenses	8,013	4,525	22,676	16,959
Total non-interest expenses	99,154	91,843	308,487	263,978
Income (loss) before income taxes	19,616	19,834	(174,957)	19,686
Income tax expense	(3,676)	(761)	(4,319)	(4,439)
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,940	\$ 19,073	\$ (179,276)	\$ 15,247
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 15,940	\$ 19,073	\$ (179,276)	\$ 15,247
Net earnings (loss) per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.87)	\$ 0.07
Diluted	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.87)	\$ 0.07
Dividends declared per common share	\$	\$	\$	\$

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(In thousands)	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,940	\$ 19,073	\$ (179,276)	\$ 15,247
Available-for-sale debt securities on which other-than-temporary impairment has been recognized:				
Subsequent unrealized gain on debt securities on which an other-than-temporary impairment has been recognized	1,304	898	2,739	4,443
Reclassification adjustment for other-than-temporary impairment on debt securities included in net income		557	117	1,933
All other unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities:				
All other unrealized holding (losses) gains arising during the period	(20,061)	14,868	(89,807)	17,009
Reclassification adjustment for other-than-temporary impairment on equity securities			42	
Income tax benefit (expense) related to items of other comprehensive income	414	(442)	(8)	(92)
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period, net of tax	(18,343)	15,881	(86,917)	23,293
Total comprehensive (loss) income	\$ (2,403)	\$ 34,954	\$ (266,193)	\$ 38,540

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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(In thousands)	Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net (loss) income	\$ (179,276)	\$ 15,247
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	17,911	18,404
Amortization and impairment of intangible assets	4,558	2,311
Provision for loan and lease losses	220,782	90,033
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense	(2,577)	775
Stock-based compensation	2,088	395
Other-than-temporary impairments on debt securities	117	1,933
Other-than-temporary impairments on equity securities	42	
Equity in loss of unconsolidated entity	10,798	10,926
Impairment of collateral pledged to Lehman	66,574	
Derivative instruments and financial liabilities measured at fair value, gain	(762)	(955)
(Gain) loss on sale of premises and equipment and other assets	(4)	259
Net gain on sales of loans	(1,603)	(3,155)
Net amortization of premiums, discounts and deferred loan fees and costs	(3,248)	1,126
Originations and purchases of loans held for sale	(400,614)	(295,607)
Sales and repayments of loans held for sale	456,860	304,750
Loans held for sale valuation adjustment	6,553	
Amortization of broker placement fees	6,094	7,607
Net amortization of premium and discounts on investment securities	7,473	10,087
Increase (decrease) in accrued income tax payable	1,130	(1,048)
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest receivable	1,823	(909)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable	1,345	(293)
Decrease in other assets	22,400	20,819
Increase in other liabilities	24,076	8,059
Net cash provided by operating activities	262,540	190,764
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Principal collected on loans	2,081,371	2,227,673
Loans originated and purchased	(2,362,492)	(2,284,750)
Proceeds from sale of loans held for investment	309,024	22,203
Proceeds from sale of repossessed assets	70,805	59,442
Purchases of securities available for sale	(690,377)	(788,191)
Proceeds from principal repayments and maturities of securities available for sale	280,694	1,127,667

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Additions to premises and equipment	(8,919)	(7,494)
Proceeds from sale of premises and equipments and other assets	4	1,040
Proceeds from securities litigation settlement and other proceeds		36
Net redemptions (purchases) of other equity securities	6,661	(1,705)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(313,229)	355,921
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net increase (decrease) in deposits	83,557	(19,611)
Net repayments of securities sold under agreements to repurchase		(100,000)
Net FHLB advances (paid) proceeds	(155,000)	151,000
Repurchase of outstanding common stock	(335)	
Repayments of medium-term notes		(21,957)
Proceeds from common stock sold		1,037
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(71,778)	10,469
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(122,467)	557,154
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	946,851	446,566
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 824,384	\$ 1,003,720
Cash and cash equivalents include:		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 623,019	\$ 786,788
Money market instruments	201,365	216,932
	\$ 824,384	\$ 1,003,720

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(In thousands)	Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30,	September 30,
	2013	2012
Preferred Stock	\$ 63,047	\$ 63,047
Common Stock outstanding:		
Balance at beginning of period	20,624	20,513
Common stock issued as compensation	15	
Repurchase of common stock	(5)	
Common stock sold		29
Restricted stock grants	74	76
Restricted stock forfeited	(4)	
Balance at end of period	20,704	20,618
Additional Paid-In-Capital:		
Balance at beginning of period	885,754	884,002
Restricted stock grants	(74)	(76)
Restricted stock forfeited	4	
Common stock sold		1,008
Stock-based compensation	2,088	395
Repurchase of common stock	(335)	
Balance at end of period	887,437	885,329
Retained Earnings:		
Balance at beginning of period	487,166	457,384
Net (loss) income	(179,276)	15,247
Balance at end of period	307,890	472,631
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax:		
Balance at beginning of period	28,432	19,198
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(86,917)	23,294
Balance at end of period	(58,485)	42,492
Total stockholders equity	\$ 1,220,593	\$ 1,484,117

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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FIRST BANCORP.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) of First BanCorp. (the Corporation) have been prepared in conformity with the accounting policies stated in the Corporation s Audited Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Corporation s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted from these statements pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC and, accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2012, included in the Corporation s 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K. All adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the statement of financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods have been reflected. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The results of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

Adoption of new accounting requirements and recently issued but not yet effective accounting requirements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has issued the following accounting pronouncements and guidance relevant to the Corporation s operations:

In December 2011, the FASB updated the Accounting Standards Codification (the Codification) to enhance and require converged disclosures about financial and derivative instruments that are either offset on the balance sheet, or are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement (or other similar arrangement). Entities are required to disclose both gross information and net information about both instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the statement of financial position and instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. In January 2013, the FASB updated the Codification to clarify the scope of the disclosure to include only derivatives, including bifurcated embedded derivatives, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and securities lending that are either offset or subject to an enforceable master netting agreement or similar agreement. The amendments in this Update are effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The Corporation adopted this guidance in 2013. Refer to Note 10 for required disclosures about offsetting assets and liabilities.

In February 2013, the FASB updated the Codification to improve the reporting of reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income (OCI). The amendments in this Update seek to attain that objective by requiring an entity to report the effect of significant reclassifications out of accumulated OCI on the respective line items in net income if the amount being reclassified is required under GAAP to be reclassified in its entirety to net income. For other amounts that are not required under GAAP to be reclassified in their entirety to net income in the same reporting period, an entity is required to cross-reference other disclosures required under GAAP that provide additional detail about those amounts. This would be the case when a portion of the amount reclassified out of accumulated OCI is reclassified to a balance sheet account (for example, inventory) instead of directly to income or expense in the same

reporting period. The amendments in this Update are effective prospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 31, 2012. The Corporation adopted this guidance in 2013 with no effect on the Corporation's financial condition or results of operations since it impacted presentation only. The reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income of the Corporation during the first nine-months of 2013 and 2012 were primarily related to credit losses on debt securities for which other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) was previously recognized. The disclosure of credit losses on debt securities, and required identification in the statement of income (loss), is already required by Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 320-10-50.

In July 2013, the FASB updated the Codification to add the Fed Funds Effective Swap Rates (or Overnight Index Swap Rate) as a U.S. benchmark interest rate for hedge accounting purposes. Previously, only the direct Treasury obligations of the U.S. government and the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) swap rate were used. This Update is effective prospectively for qualifying new or redesignated hedging relationships entered into on or after July 17, 2013. The adoption of this guidance did not have an effect on the Corporation's financial condition or results of operations as the Corporation's derivative instruments are not designated or do not qualify for hedge accounting.

In July 2013, the FASB updated the Codification to provide explicit guidelines on how to present an unrecognized tax benefit in a financial statement when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. An unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, should be presented in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward, except as follows. To the extent a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward is not available at the reporting date under the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction to settle any additional income taxes that would result from the disallowance of a tax position or the tax law

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of the applicable jurisdiction does not require the entity to use, and the entity does not intend to use, the deferred tax asset for such purpose, the unrecognized tax benefit should be presented in the financial statements as a liability and should not be combined with deferred tax assets. The assessment of whether a deferred tax asset is available is based on the unrecognized tax benefit and deferred tax asset that exist at the reporting date and should be made presuming disallowance of the tax position at the reporting date. The amendments are effective for public entities with fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2013. Early adoption is permitted. The Corporation is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this guidance on its financial statements.

NOTE 2 EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

The calculations of earnings (losses) per common share for the quarters and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

	Quarter Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands, except per share information)			
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,940	\$ 19,073	\$ (179,276)	\$ 15,247
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 15,940	\$ 19,073	\$ (179,276)	\$ 15,247
Weighted-Average Shares:				
Basic weighted-average common shares outstanding	205,579	205,415	205,512	205,349
Average potential common shares	1,737	508		348
Diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	207,316	205,923	205,512	205,697
Earnings (Loss) per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.87)	\$ 0.07
Diluted	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.87)	\$ 0.07

Earnings (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares issued and outstanding. Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders represents net income (loss) adjusted for preferred stock dividends, including dividends declared, cumulative dividends related to the current dividend period that have not been declared as of the end of the period, and the accretion of discount on preferred stock issuances, if any. Basic weighted average common shares outstanding exclude unvested shares of restricted stock.

Potential common shares consist of common stock issuable under the assumed exercise of stock options, unvested shares of restricted stock, and outstanding warrants using the treasury stock method. This method assumes that the potential common shares are issued and the proceeds from the exercise, in addition to the amount of compensation

cost attributable to future services, are used to purchase common stock at the exercise date. The difference between the number of potential shares issued and the shares purchased is added as incremental shares to the actual number of shares outstanding to compute diluted earnings per share. Stock options, unvested shares of restricted stock, and outstanding warrants that result in lower potential shares issued than shares purchased under the treasury stock method are not included in the computation of dilutive earnings per share since their inclusion would have an antidilutive effect on earnings per share. Stock options not included in the computation of outstanding shares because they were antidilutive amounted to 104,499 and 114,757 for the quarters and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Warrants outstanding to purchase 1,285,899 shares of common stock and 1,435,220 unvested shares of restricted stock were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 because the Corporation reported a net loss attributable to common stockholders for the period and their inclusion would have an antidilutive effect.

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Between 1997 and January 2007, the Corporation had the 1997 stock option plan that authorized the granting of up to 579,740 options on shares of the Corporation's common stock to eligible employees. The options granted under the plan could not exceed 20% of the number of common shares outstanding. The maximum term to exercise these options is 10 years.

On January 21, 2007, the 1997 stock option plan expired; all outstanding awards granted under this plan continue in full force and effect, subject to their original terms. No awards for shares could be granted under the 1997 stock option plan as of its expiration.

The activity of stock options granted under the 1997 stock option plan for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 is set forth below:

	Number of Options	Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Contractual Term (Years)	Weighted-Average Remaining Aggregate Contractual Intrinsic Value (In thousands)
Beginning of period outstanding and exercisable	113,158	\$ 206.96		
Options expired	(7,795)	192.90		
Options cancelled	(864)	222.05		
End of period outstanding and exercisable	104,499	\$ 207.94	2.3	\$

On April 29, 2008, the Corporation's stockholders approved the First BanCorp. 2008 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended (the Omnibus Plan). The Omnibus Plan provides for equity-based compensation incentives (the awards) through the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, and other stock-based awards. The Omnibus Plan authorizes the issuance of up to 8,169,807 shares of common stock, subject to adjustments for stock splits, reorganizations and other similar events. The Corporation's Board of Directors, upon receiving the relevant recommendation of the Compensation Committee, has the power and authority to determine those eligible to receive awards and to establish the terms and conditions of any awards subject to various limits and vesting restrictions that apply to individual and aggregate awards.

Under the Omnibus Plan, during the third quarter of 2013, 22,218 shares of restricted stock were awarded to the Corporation's independent directors subject to a one-year vesting period. In addition, during the first nine months of 2013, the Corporation issued 716,405 shares of restricted stock that will vest based on the employees' continued service with the Corporation. Fifty percent (50%) of those shares vest in two years from the grant date and the remaining 50% vest in three years from the grant date. Included in those 716,405 shares of restricted stock are 582,905 shares granted to certain senior officers consistent with the requirements of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) Interim Final Rule, which permit TARP recipients to grant long-term restricted stock without violating the prohibition on paying or accruing a bonus payment if it satisfies certain requirements: (i) the value of the grant may not exceed one-third of the amount of the employee's annual compensation, (ii) no portion of the grant may vest before two years after the grant date and (iii) the grant must be subject to a further restriction on transfer or payment as described below. Hence, notwithstanding the vesting period mentioned above, the employees covered by TARP are restricted from transferring the shares. Specifically, the stock that has otherwise vested may not become

transferable at any time earlier than as permitted under the schedule set forth by TARP, which is based on the repayment in 25% increments of the aggregate financial assistance received from the U.S. Department of Treasury (the Treasury).

The fair value of the shares of restricted stock granted in 2013 was based on the market price of the Corporation's outstanding common stock on the date of the grant. For the 582,905 shares of restricted stock granted under the TARP requirements, the market price was discounted due to post-vesting restrictions. For purposes of computing the discount, the Corporation estimated an appreciation of 13% in the value of the common stock using the Capital Asset Pricing Model as a basis of what would be a market participant's expected return on the Corporation's stock and assumed a holding period by the Treasury of its outstanding common stock of the Corporation of 2 years, resulting in a fair value of \$3.02 for restricted shares granted under the TARP requirements. Also, the Corporation uses empirical data to estimate employee termination; separate groups of employees that have similar historical exercise behavior are considered separately for valuation purposes.

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The following table summarizes the restricted stock activity in 2013 under the Omnibus Plan for both executive officers covered by the TARP requirements and other employees as well as for independent directors:

	Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2013	
	Number of shares of restricted stock	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Non-vested shares at beginning of year	770,507	\$ 2.51
Granted	738,623	3.69
Forfeited	(36,485)	3.82
Vested	(37,425)	3.34
Non-vested shares at September 30, 2013	1,435,220	\$ 3.07

For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the Corporation recognized \$0.5 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation expense related to restricted stock awards, compared to \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million for the same periods in 2012. As of September 30, 2013, there was \$2.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested shares of restricted stock. The weighted average period over which the Corporation expects to recognize such cost is 1.8 years.

During the third quarter of 2012, 44,910 shares of restricted stock were awarded to the Corporation's independent directors subject to a one-year vesting period. In addition, early in 2012, the Corporation issued 719,500 shares of restricted stock that will vest based on the employees' continued service with the Corporation. Fifty percent (50%) of those shares vest in two years from the grant date and the remaining 50% percent vest in three years from the grant date. Included in those 719,500 shares of restricted stock are 557,000 shares granted to certain senior officers consistent with the requirements of TARP. The employees covered by TARP are restricted from transferring the shares, subject to certain conditions as explained above.

The fair value of the shares of restricted stock granted in 2012 was based on the market price of the Corporation's outstanding common stock on the date of the grant, \$3.34 for restricted stocks granted during the third quarter of 2012 and \$4.00 for the restricted stocks granted earlier in 2012. For the 557,000 shares of restricted stock granted under the TARP requirements, the market price was discounted due to post-vesting restrictions. For purposes of computing the discount, the Corporation assumed appreciation of 25% in the value of the common stock and a holding period by the Treasury of its outstanding common stock of the Corporation of 3 years, resulting in a fair value of \$2.00 for restricted shares granted under the TARP requirements in 2012.

Stock-based compensation accounting guidance requires the Corporation to develop an estimate of the number of share-based awards that will be forfeited due to employee or director turnover. Quarterly changes in the estimated forfeiture rate may have a significant effect on share-based compensation, as the effect of adjusting the rate for all expense amortization is recognized in the period in which the forfeiture estimate is changed. If the actual forfeiture rate is higher than the estimated forfeiture rate, then an adjustment is made to increase the estimated forfeiture rate, which will result in a decrease in the expense recognized in the financial statements. If the actual forfeiture rate is lower than the estimated forfeiture rate, an adjustment is made to decrease the estimated forfeiture rate, which will result in an increase in the expense recognized in the financial statements. When unvested options or shares of

restricted stock are forfeited, any compensation expense previously recognized on the forfeited awards is reversed in the period of the forfeiture. Approximately \$0.1 million of compensation expense was reversed in 2013 related to forfeited awards.

Also, under the Omnibus Plan, effective April 1, 2013, the Corporation's Board of Directors determined to increase the salary amounts paid to certain executive officers for fiscal year 2013 primarily by paying the increased salary amounts in the form of shares of the Corporation's common stock, instead of cash. During the first nine months of 2013, the Corporation issued 156,331 shares of common stock with a weighted average market value of \$6.43 for compensation according to this determination. This resulted in a compensation expense of \$1.0 million recorded in the first nine-months of 2013.

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The amortized cost, non-credit loss component of OTTI recorded in OCI, gross unrealized gains and losses recorded in OCI, approximate fair value, weighted average yield and contractual maturities of investment securities available for sale as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 were as follows:

	September 30, 2013				
	Noncredit Loss Component of OTTI Recorded		Gross Unrealized		Weighted
	Amortized cost	in OCI	gains	losses	Fair value average yield%
	(Dollars in thousands)				
U.S. Treasury securities:					
Due within one year	\$ 7,495	\$	\$ 3	\$	\$ 7,498 0.12
Obligations of U.S. government-sponsored agencies:					
After 1 to 5 years	50,000			1,207	48,793 1.05
After 5 to 10 years	214,284			11,394	202,890 1.31
Puerto Rico government obligations:					
Due within one year	10,000			235	9,765 3.50
After 5 to 10 years	39,779			14,569	25,210 4.49
After 10 years	21,210			6,986	14,224 5.79
United States and Puerto Rico government obligations	342,768		3	34,391	308,380 1.96
Mortgage-backed securities:					
FHLMC certificates:					
After 10 years	341,854		750	6,924	335,680 2.15
	341,854		750	6,924	335,680 2.15
GNMA certificates:					
After 1 to 5 years	97		4		101 3.51
After 5 to 10 years	745		38		783 2.59
After 10 years	442,842		23,460		466,302 3.82
	443,684		23,502		467,186 3.81
FNMA certificates:					
After 1 to 5 years	1,533		70		1,603 4.88

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After 5 to 10 years	8,207		491		8,698	4.11
After 10 years	902,038		4,450	23,052	883,436	2.34
	911,778		5,011	23,052	893,737	2.36
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued or guaranteed by the FHLMC:						
After 1 to 5 years	122			1	121	3.01
	122			1	121	3.01
Other mortgage pass-through trust certificates:						
Over 5 to 10 years	132		1		133	7.27
After 10 years	57,683	15,631			42,052	2.25
	57,815	15,631	1		42,185	2.25
Total mortgage-backed securities	1,755,253	15,631	29,264	29,977	1,738,909	2.68
Equity securities (without contractual maturity) ⁽¹⁾	36		5		41	
Total investment securities available for sale	\$ 2,098,057	\$ 15,631	\$ 29,272	\$ 64,368	\$ 2,047,330	2.56

(1) Represents common shares of another financial institution in Puerto Rico.

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	December 31, 2012					
	Noncredit Loss Component of OTTI Recorded		Gross Unrealized			Weighted
	Amortized cost	in OCI	gains	losses	Fair value	average yield %
U.S. Treasury securities:						
Due within one year	\$ 7,497	\$	\$ 2	\$	\$ 7,499	0.17
Obligations of U.S. government-sponsored agencies:						
After 1 to 5 years	25,650		7		25,657	0.35
After 5 to 10 years	214,323		8	415	213,916	1.31
Puerto Rico government obligations:						
After 1 to 5 years	10,000				10,000	3.50
After 5 to 10 years	39,753			553	39,200	4.49
After 10 years	21,099		948	47	22,000	5.78
United States and Puerto Rico government obligations	318,322		965	1,015	318,272	1.97
Mortgage-backed securities:						
FHLMC certificates:						
Due within one year	63				63	3.34
After 10 years	125,747		3,430		129,177	2.13
	125,810		3,430		129,240	2.13
GNMA certificates:						
After 1 to 5 years	143		7		150	3.57
After 5 to 10 years	479		37		516	3.52
After 10 years	564,376		39,630		604,006	3.98
	564,998		39,674		604,672	3.98
FNMA certificates:						
Due within one year	119				119	2.93
After 1 to 5 years	2,270		149		2,419	4.88
After 5 to 10 years	10,963		874		11,837	3.91
After 10 years	602,623		10,638		613,261	2.49
	615,975		11,661		627,636	2.52
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued or guaranteed by the FHLMC:						
After 5 to 10 years	301			1	300	3.01
	301			1	300	3.01

Other mortgage pass-through trust certificates:

Over 5 to 10 years	143		1	144	7.27	
After 10 years	69,269	18,487		50,782	2.29	
	69,412	18,487	1	50,926	2.29	
Total mortgage-backed securities	1,376,496	18,487	54,766	1	1,412,774	3.07
Equity securities (without contractual maturity) ⁽¹⁾	77			46	31	
Total investment securities available for sale	\$ 1,694,895	\$ 18,487	\$ 55,731	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,731,077	2.87

(1) Represents common shares of another financial institution in Puerto Rico.

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Maturities of mortgage-backed securities are based on contractual terms assuming no prepayments. Expected maturities of investments might differ from contractual maturities because they may be subject to prepayments and/or call options. The weighted average yield on investment securities available for sale is based on amortized cost and, therefore, does not give effect to changes in fair value. The net unrealized gain or loss on securities available for sale and the noncredit loss component of OTTI are presented as part of OCI.

The following tables show the Corporation's available-for-sale investments' fair value and gross unrealized losses, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012. It also includes debt securities for which an OTTI was recognized and only the amount related to a credit loss was recognized in earnings. Unrealized losses for which OTTI had been recognized have been reduced by any subsequent recoveries in fair value.

	As of September 30, 2013					
	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Unrealized		Unrealized		Unrealized	
	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses
	(In thousands)					
Debt securities:						
Puerto Rico government obligations	\$ 47,956	\$ 20,946	\$ 1,243	\$ 844	\$ 49,199	\$ 21,790
US government agencies obligations	251,683	12,601			251,683	12,601
Mortgage-backed securities:						
FNMA	722,735	23,052			722,735	23,052
FHLMC	263,628	6,924			263,628	6,924
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued or guaranteed by FHLMC			121	1	121	1
Other mortgage pass-through trust certificates			42,052	15,631	42,052	15,631
	\$ 1,286,002	\$ 63,523	\$ 43,416	\$ 16,476	\$ 1,329,418	\$ 79,999

	As of December 31, 2012					
	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Unrealized		Unrealized		Unrealized	
	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses
	(In thousands)					
Debt securities:						
Puerto Rico government obligations	\$ 41,243	\$ 600	\$	\$	\$ 41,243	\$ 600
US government agencies obligations	183,709	415			183,709	415
Mortgage-backed securities:						
Collateralized mortgage obligations issued or guaranteed by FHLMC	300	1			300	1
Other mortgage pass-through trust certificates			50,782	18,487	50,782	18,487
Equity securities	31	46			31	46

\$ 225,283 \$ 1,062 \$ 50,782 \$ 18,487 \$ 276,065 \$ 19,549

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Assessment for OTTI

On a quarterly basis, the Corporation performs an assessment to determine whether there have been any events or economic circumstances indicating that a security with an unrealized loss has suffered an OTTI. A debt security is considered impaired if the fair value is less than its amortized cost basis at the reporting date. The accounting literature requires the Corporation to assess whether the unrealized loss is other than temporary.

OTTI losses must be recognized in earnings if an investor has the intent to sell the debt security or it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. However, even if an investor does not expect to sell a debt security, it must evaluate expected cash flows to be received and determine if a credit loss has occurred.

An unrealized loss is generally deemed to be other-than-temporary and a credit loss is deemed to exist if the present value of the expected future cash flows is less than the amortized cost basis of the debt security. The credit loss component of an OTTI, if any, is recorded as a component of net impairment losses on investment securities in the accompanying consolidated statements of income (loss), while the remaining portion of the impairment loss is recognized in OCI, provided the Corporation does not intend to sell the underlying debt security and it is more likely than not that the Corporation will not have to sell the debt security prior to recovery.

Debt securities issued by U.S. government agencies, government-sponsored entities and the Treasury accounted for approximately 96% of the total available-for-sale portfolio as of September 30, 2013 and no credit losses are expected, given the explicit and implicit guarantees provided by the U.S. federal government. The Corporation's assessment was concentrated mainly on private label mortgage-backed securities with an amortized cost of \$57.7 million for which credit losses are evaluated on a quarterly basis. The Corporation considered the following factors in determining whether a credit loss exists and the period over which the debt security is expected to recover:

The length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than the amortized cost basis;

Changes in the near term prospects of the underlying collateral of a security, such as changes in default rates, loss severity given default, and significant changes in prepayment assumptions;

The level of cash flows generated from the underlying collateral supporting the principal and interest payments of the debt securities; and

Any adverse change to the credit conditions and liquidity of the issuer, taking into consideration the latest information available about the overall financial condition of the issuer, credit ratings, recent legislation and government actions affecting the issuer's industry and actions taken by the issuer to deal with the present economic climate.

The Corporation recorded OTTI losses on available-for-sale debt securities as follows:

	Private Label MBS Quarter ended September 30,		Private Label MBS Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
(In thousands)				
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses	\$	\$	\$	\$
Credit loss on debt securities for which an OTTI was not previously recognized				
Portion of other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in OCI		(557)	(117)	(1,933)
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	\$	\$ (557)	\$ (117)	\$ (1,933)

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The following table summarizes the roll-forward of credit losses on debt securities held by the Corporation for which a portion of an OTTI is recognized in OCI:

	Quarter ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012
(In thousands)				
Credit losses at the beginning of the period	\$ 5,389	\$ 5,199	\$ 5,272	\$ 3,823
Additions:				
Credit losses on debt securities for which an OTTI was previously recognized		557	117	1,933
Ending balance of credit losses on debt securities held for which a portion of an OTTI was recognized in OCI	\$ 5,389	\$ 5,756	\$ 5,389	\$ 5,756

During the first nine months of 2013, the \$0.1 million credit-related impairment loss was related to private label MBS, which are collateralized by fixed-rate mortgages on single-family, residential properties in the United States. The interest rate on these private-label MBS is variable, tied to 3-month LIBOR and limited to the weighted-average coupon of the underlying collateral. The underlying mortgages are fixed-rate single-family loans with original high FICO scores (over 700) and moderate original loan-to-value ratios (under 80%), as well as moderate delinquency levels.

Based on the expected cash flows derived from the model, and since the Corporation does not have the intention to sell the securities and has sufficient capital and liquidity to hold these securities until a recovery of the fair value occurs, only the credit loss component was reflected in earnings. Significant assumptions in the valuation of the private label MBS were as follows:

	September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Weighted Average	Range	Weighted Average	Range
Discount rate	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%
Prepayment rate	32%	20.41%-100.00%	32%	21.85%-69.97%
Projected Cumulative Loss Rate	6.6%	.69%-38.58%	8%	0.73%-38.79%

The Corporation recorded OTTI losses of \$42,000 on equity securities held in the available-for-sale investment portfolio in the first nine months of 2013. No OTTI losses on equity securities were recognized in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012.

As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation held approximately \$71.0 million of Puerto Rico government and agencies bond obligations as part of its available-for-sale investment securities portfolio that were reflected at their aggregate fair value of \$49.2 million, down \$18.2 million from June 30, 2013. In May, the 30-year general obligation bonds of the Puerto Rico government, which are widely held by mutual funds, carried a yield of about 5.3%, which increased during the third quarter, surpassing 10% at one point in September amid a general run-up in interest rates and significant selling by investors after Detroit filed for the largest municipal bankruptcy in United States history. The

debt carried a yield of approximately 8.5% as of September 30, 2013. The debt ratings have suffered downgrades in the last ten months, and such downgrades could have an adverse impact on economic conditions, but the ultimate impact is unpredictable and may not be immediately apparent. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico debt is rated Baa3 with a negative outlook by Moody's Investor Service (Moody's), BBB- with a negative outlook by Standard & Poor's (S&P), and BBB- with a negative outlook by Fitch, Inc., all one notch above noninvestment grade. Based on the Corporation's ability and intent to hold these securities until a recovery of the fair value occurs, the unrealized losses are considered temporary. The Corporation will continue to closely monitor Puerto Rico's political and economic status and evaluate the portfolio for any declines in value that could be considered other-than-temporary.

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NOTE 5 OTHER EQUITY SECURITIES

Institutions that are members of the FHLB system are required to maintain a minimum investment in FHLB stock. Such minimum is calculated as a percentage of aggregate outstanding mortgages, and an additional investment is required that is calculated as a percentage of total FHLB advances, letters of credit, and the collateralized portion of interest-rate swaps outstanding. The stock is capital stock issued at \$100 par value. Both stock and cash dividends may be received on FHLB stock.

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Corporation had investments in FHLB stock with a book value of \$30.8 million and \$37.5 million, respectively. The net realizable value is a reasonable proxy for the fair value of these instruments. Dividend income from FHLB stock for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$0.3 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, compared to \$0.3 million and \$1.1 million for the comparable periods in 2012.

The shares of FHLB stock owned by the Corporation are issued by the FHLB of New York and by the FHLB of Atlanta. Both Banks are part of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, a national wholesale banking network of 12 regional, stockholder-owned congressionally chartered banks. The Federal Home Loan Banks are all privately capitalized and operated by their member stockholders. The system is supervised by the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which ensures that the Home Loan Banks operate in a financially safe and sound manner, remain adequately capitalized and able to raise funds in the capital markets, and carry out their housing finance mission.

The Corporation has other equity securities that do not have a readily available fair value. The carrying value of such securities as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 was \$1.3 million.

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The following table provides information about the loan portfolio held for investment:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Residential mortgage loans, mainly secured by first mortgages	\$ 2,519,457	\$ 2,747,217
Commercial loans:		
Construction loans ⁽¹⁾	163,610	361,875
Commercial mortgage loans ⁽¹⁾	1,857,794	1,883,798
Commercial and Industrial loans ^{(1) (2)}	2,663,793	2,793,157
Loans to local financial institutions collateralized by real estate mortgages	244,554	255,390
Commercial loans	4,929,751	5,294,220
Finance leases	243,553	236,926
Consumer loans	1,815,873	1,775,751
Loans held for investment	9,508,634	10,054,114
Allowance for loan and lease losses	(289,379)	(435,414)
Loans held for investment, net ⁽³⁾	\$ 9,219,255	\$ 9,618,700

- (1) During the second quarter of 2013, after a comprehensive review of substantially all of the loans in the commercial portfolios, the classification of certain loans was revised to more accurately depict the nature of the underlying loans. This reclassification resulted in a net increase of \$269.0 million in commercial mortgage loans, since the principal source of repayment for such loans is derived primarily from the operation of the underlying real estate, with a corresponding decrease of \$246.8 million in commercial and industrial loans and a \$22.2 million decrease in construction loans. The Corporation evaluated the impact of this reclassification on the provision for loan losses and determined that the effect of this adjustment was not material to any previously reported results.
- (2) As of September 30, 2013, includes \$1.2 billion of commercial loans that are secured by real estate (owner-occupied commercial loans secured by real estate) but are not dependent upon the real estate for repayment.
- (3) During the first half of 2013, the Corporation completed two separate bulk sales of assets including: (i) non-performing residential mortgage loans with a book value before allowance for loan losses of \$203.8 million, and (ii) adversely classified loans, mainly commercial loans, with a book value before allowance for loan losses of \$211.4 million. In addition the Corporation transferred \$181.6 million of commercial non-performing

loans to held for sale as further discussed below.

Loans held for investment on which accrual of interest income had been discontinued were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Non-performing loans:		
Residential mortgage	\$ 142,002	\$ 313,626
Commercial mortgage	127,374	214,780
Commercial and Industrial	127,584	230,090
Construction	64,241	178,190
Consumer:		
Auto loans	19,481	19,210
Finance leases	2,603	3,182
Other consumer loans	15,100	16,483
 Total non-performing loans held for investment ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎	 \$ 498,385	 \$ 975,561

- (1) As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, excludes \$80.2 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, in non-performing loans held for sale.
- (2) Amount excludes purchased credit impaired (PCI) loans with a carrying value of approximately \$6.0 million and \$10.6 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, acquired as part of the credit card portfolio purchased in the second quarter of 2012.

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The Corporation's aging of the loans held for investment portfolio is as follows:

As of September 30, 2013	90 days or more Past Due ⁽¹⁾		Purchased Credit- Impaired Loans ⁽⁴⁾		Total loans held for investment		90 days past due and still accruing ⁽⁵⁾	
(In thousands)	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Total Past Due ⁽⁴⁾	Loans ⁽⁴⁾	Current			
Residential mortgage:								
FHA/VA and other government-guaranteed loans ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	\$	\$ 9,857	\$ 78,925	\$ 88,782	\$	\$ 115,385	\$ 204,167	\$ 78,925
Other residential mortgage loans ⁽³⁾		85,819	155,090	240,909		2,074,381	2,315,290	13,088
Commercial:								
Commercial and Industrial loans	18,419	16,336	150,692	185,447		2,722,900	2,908,347	23,108
Commercial mortgage loans ⁽³⁾		2,399	135,734	138,133		1,719,661	1,857,794	8,360
Construction loans ⁽³⁾		318	64,368	64,686		98,924	163,610	127
Consumer:								
Auto loans	77,243	15,616	19,481	112,340		986,796	1,099,136	
Finance leases	9,870	2,645	2,603	15,118		228,435	243,553	
Other consumer loans	12,486	9,227	19,227	40,940	5,963	669,834	716,737	4,127
Total loans held for investment	\$ 118,018	\$ 142,217	\$ 626,120	\$ 886,355	\$ 5,963	\$ 8,616,316	\$ 9,508,634	\$ 127,735

- (1) Includes non-performing loans and accruing loans that are contractually delinquent 90 days or more (i.e., FHA/VA guaranteed loans and credit cards). Credit card loans continue to accrue finance charges fees until charged-off at 180 days.
- (2) As of September 30, 2013, includes \$7.8 million of defaulted loans collateralizing GNMA securities for which the Corporation has an unconditional option (but not an obligation) to repurchase the defaulted loans.
- (3) According to the Corporation's delinquency policy and consistent with the instructions for the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements for Bank Holding Companies (FR Y-9C) required by the Federal Reserve Board, residential mortgage, commercial mortgage, and construction loans are considered past due when the borrower is in arrears on two or more monthly payments. FHA/VA government guaranteed loans, other residential mortgage loans, commercial mortgage loans and construction loans past due 30-59 days amounted to \$23.8 million, \$199.6 million, \$80.4 million and \$1.5 million, respectively.
- (4) Purchased credit impaired loans are excluded from delinquency and non-performing statistics as further discussed below.
- (5) It is the Corporation's policy to report delinquent residential mortgage loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA as past-due loans 90 days and still accruing as opposed to non-performing loans since the principal repayment is insured. These balances include \$36.9 million of residential mortgage loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA, that are over 18 months delinquent, and are no longer accruing interest as of

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As of December 31, 2012			90 days or more Past Due ⁽¹⁾	Total Past Due ⁽⁴⁾	Purchased Credit- Impaired Loans ⁽⁴⁾	Current	Total loans held for investment	90 days past due and still accruing ⁽⁵⁾
(In thousands)	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due						
Residential mortgage:								
FHA/VA and other government-guaranteed loans ^{(2) (3) (5)}	\$	\$ 10,592	\$ 93,298	\$ 103,890	\$	\$ 104,723	\$ 208,613	\$ 93,298
Other residential mortgage loans ⁽³⁾		83,807	324,965	408,772		2,129,832	2,538,604	11,339
Commercial:								
Commercial and Industrial loans	22,323	8,952	258,989	290,264		2,758,283	3,048,547	28,899
Commercial mortgage loans ⁽³⁾		6,367	218,379	224,746		1,659,052	1,883,798	3,599
Construction loans ⁽³⁾		843	178,876	179,719		182,156	361,875	686
Consumer:								
Auto loans	64,991	15,446	19,210	99,647		926,579	1,026,226	
Finance leases	10,938	2,682	3,182	16,802		220,124	236,926	
Other consumer loans	12,268	6,850	20,674	39,792	10,602	699,131	749,525	4,191
Total loans held for investment	\$ 110,520	\$ 135,539	\$ 1,117,573	\$ 1,363,632	\$ 10,602	\$ 8,679,880	\$ 10,054,114	\$ 142,012

- (1) Includes non-performing loans and accruing loans that are contractually delinquent 90 days or more (i.e. FHA/VA guaranteed loans and credit cards). Credit card loans continue to accrue finance charges and fees until charged-off at 180 days.
- (2) As of December 31, 2012, includes \$14.8 million of defaulted loans collateralizing GNMA securities for which the Corporation has an unconditional option (but not an obligation) to repurchase the defaulted loans.
- (3) According to the Corporation's delinquency policy and consistent with the instructions for the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements for Bank Holding Companies (FR Y-9C) required by the Federal Reserve Board, residential mortgage, commercial mortgage, and construction loans are considered past due when the borrower is in arrears on two or more monthly payments. FHA/VA government guaranteed loans, other residential mortgage loans, commercial mortgage loans, and construction loans past due 30-59 days amounted to \$22.2 million, \$186.3 million, \$164.9 million, and \$21.1 million, respectively.
- (4) Purchased credit-impaired loans are excluded from delinquency and non-performing statistics as further discussed below.
- (5) It is the Corporation's policy to report delinquent residential mortgage loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA as past-due loans 90 days and still accruing as opposed to non-performing loans since the principal repayment is insured. These balances include \$35.3 million of residential mortgage loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA, that are over 18 months delinquent, and are no longer accruing interest as of December 31, 2012.

The Corporation's credit quality indicators by loan type as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are summarized below:

**Commercial Credit Exposure-Credit Risk Profile Based on
Creditworthiness
category:**

September 30, 2013	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total Adversely Classified ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Total Portfolio
				(In thousands)	
Commercial mortgage	\$ 325,334	\$ 15,426	\$	\$ 340,760	\$ 1,857,794
Construction	74,475	9,179		83,654	163,610
Commercial and Industrial	181,343	25,576	1,185	208,104	2,908,347

**Commercial Credit Exposure-Credit Risk Profile Based on
Creditworthiness
category:**

December 31, 2012	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total Adversely Classified ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Total Portfolio
				(In thousands)	
Commercial mortgage	\$ 401,597	\$ 6,867	\$	\$ 408,464	\$ 1,883,798
Construction	184,977	14,556	605	200,138	361,875
Commercial and Industrial	372,100	30,651	1,143	403,894	3,048,547

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- (1) During the first quarter of 2013, the Corporation completed a bulk sale of assets, mainly commercial adversely classified loans with a book value before allowance for loan losses of \$211.4 million and, in addition, transferred \$181.6 million of non-performing loans to held for sale as further discussed below.
- (2) Excludes \$80.2 million (\$30.4 million commercial mortgage; \$49.8 million construction) and \$2.2 million (\$1.1 million commercial mortgage and \$1.1 million commercial and industrial) as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, of non-performing loans held for sale.

The Corporation considers a loan to be adversely classified if its risk rating is Substandard, Doubtful or Loss. These categories are defined as follows:

Substandard- A Substandard asset is inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Assets so classified must have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the institution will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Doubtful- Doubtful classifications have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified Substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable. A Doubtful classification may be appropriate in cases where significant risk exposures are perceived, but Loss cannot be determined because of specific reasonable pending factors which may strengthen the credit in the near term.

Loss- Assets classified Loss are considered uncollectible and of such little value that their continuance as bankable assets is not warranted. This classification does not mean that the asset has absolutely no recovery or salvage value, but rather it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off this basically worthless asset even though partial recovery may be affected in the future. There is little or no prospect for near term improvement and no realistic strengthening action of significance pending.

September 30, 2013	Consumer Credit Exposure-Credit Risk Profile based on payment activity				
	Residential Real-Estate		Consumer		
	FHA/VA/ Guaranteed ⁽¹⁾	Other residential loans	Auto	Finance Leases	Other Consumer
	(In thousands)				
Performing	\$ 204,167	\$ 2,173,288	\$ 1,079,655	\$ 240,950	\$ 695,674
Purchased Credit-Impaired					5,963
Non-performing		142,002	19,481	2,603	15,100
Total	\$ 204,167	\$ 2,315,290	\$ 1,099,136	\$ 243,553	\$ 716,737

- (1) It is the Corporation's policy to report delinquent residential mortgage loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA as past due loans 90 days and still accruing as opposed to non-performing loans since the principal

repayment is insured. These balances include \$36.9 million of residential mortgage loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA, that are over 18 months delinquent, and are no longer accruing interest as of September 30, 2013.

December 31, 2012	Consumer Credit Exposure-Credit Risk Profile based on payment activity				
	Residential Real-Estate		Consumer		
	FHA/VA/Guaranteed ⁽¹⁾	Other residential loans	Auto	Finance Leases	Other Consumer
	(In thousands)				
Performing	\$ 208,613	\$ 2,224,978	\$ 1,007,016	\$ 233,744	\$ 722,440
Purchased Credit-Impaired					10,602
Non-performing		313,626	19,210	3,182	16,483
Total	\$ 208,613	\$ 2,538,604	\$ 1,026,226	\$ 236,926	\$ 749,525

- (1) It is the Corporation's policy to report delinquent residential mortgage loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA as past due loans 90 days and still accruing as opposed to non-performing loans since the principal repayment is insured. These balances include \$35.3 million of residential mortgage loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the VA, that are over 18 months delinquent, and are no longer accruing interest as of December 31, 2012.

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The following tables present information about impaired loans excluding purchased credit-impaired loans, which are reported separately as discussed below:

Impaired Loans

(In thousands)

	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Specific Allowance	Year-To-Date Average Recorded Investment	Quarter ended / Nine-month Period Ended September 30, 2013			
					Interest Income Recognized Accrual Basis	Interest Income Recognized Cash Basis	Interest Income Recognized Accrual Basis	Interest Income Recognized Cash Basis
As of September 30, 2013								
With no related allowance recorded:								
FHA/VA-Guaranteed loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other residential mortgage loans	219,685	232,295		222,764	2,768	255	7,359	1,013
Commercial:								
Commercial mortgage loans	45,489	46,384		46,126	307	243	767	467
Commercial and Industrial Loans	36,095	76,965		40,092	14	37	22	49
Construction Loans	16,418	19,001		18,918	9	8	13	25
Consumer:								
Auto loans								
Finance leases								
Other consumer loans	2,997	4,418		3,261	31	14	81	42
	\$ 320,684	\$ 379,063	\$	\$ 331,161	\$ 3,129	\$ 557	\$ 8,242	\$ 1,596
With an allowance recorded:								
FHA/VA-Guaranteed loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other residential mortgage loans	177,340	191,181	17,982	179,713	1,518	310	4,251	870
Commercial:								
Commercial mortgage loans	160,165	167,579	28,316	167,019	444	500	1,230	1,480
Commercial and Industrial Loans	164,190	180,335	34,438	178,565	1,285	7	2,955	115
Construction Loans	57,064	69,448	21,785	59,519	256	51	676	234
Consumer:								

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Auto loans	13,731	13,731	2,364	12,607	242		726	
Finance leases	2,290	2,290	77	2,183	57		167	
Other consumer loans	9,045	9,595	1,213	8,982	421	16	1,050	28
	\$ 583,825	\$ 634,159	\$ 106,175	\$ 608,588	\$ 4,223	\$ 884	\$ 11,055	\$ 2,727

Total:

FHA/VA-Guaranteed loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other residential mortgage loans	397,025	423,476	17,982	402,477	4,286	565	11,610	1,883
Commercial:								
Commercial mortgage loans	205,654	213,963	28,316	213,145	751	743	1,997	1,947
Commercial and Industrial Loans	200,285	257,300	34,438	218,657	1,299	44	2,977	164
Construction Loans	73,482	88,449	21,785	78,437	265	59	689	259
Consumer:								
Auto loans	13,731	13,731	2,364	12,607	242		726	
Finance leases	2,290	2,290	77	2,183	57		167	
Other consumer loans	12,042	14,013	1,213	12,243	452	30	1,131	70
	\$ 904,509	\$ 1,013,222	\$ 106,175	\$ 939,749	\$ 7,352	\$ 1,441	\$ 19,297	\$ 4,323

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(In thousands)

	Recorded Investments	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Specific Allowance	Year-To-Date Average Recorded Investment
As of December 31, 2012				
With no related allowance recorded:				
FHA/VA-Guaranteed loans	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other residential mortgage loans	122,056	130,306		148,125
Commercial:				
Commercial mortgage loans	44,495	54,753		45,420
Commercial and Industrial Loans	35,673	41,637		22,780
Construction Loans	21,179	44,797		35,379
Consumer:				
Auto loans				
Finance leases				
Other consumer loans	2,615	3,570		2,443
	\$ 226,018	\$ 275,063	\$	\$ 254,147
With an allowance recorded:				
FHA/VA-Guaranteed loans	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other residential mortgage loans	462,663	518,446	47,171	447,491
Commercial:				
Commercial mortgage loans	310,030	330,117	50,959	316,535
Commercial and Industrial Loans	284,357	363,012	80,167	239,757
Construction Loans	159,504	275,398	39,572	154,680
Consumer:				
Auto loans				
Auto loans	11,432	11,432	1,456	11,090
Finance leases	2,019	2,019	78	1,987
Other consumer loans	9,271	10,047	2,346	8,912
	\$ 1,239,276	\$ 1,510,471	\$ 221,749	\$ 1,180,452
Total:				
FHA/VA-Guaranteed loans	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other residential mortgage loans	584,719	648,752	47,171	595,616
Commercial:				
Commercial mortgage loans	354,525	384,870	50,959	361,955
Commercial and Industrial Loans	320,030	404,649	80,167	262,537
Construction Loans	180,683	320,195	39,572	190,059
Consumer:				
Auto loans				
Auto loans	11,432	11,432	1,456	11,090
Finance leases	2,019	2,019	78	1,987
Other consumer loans	11,886	13,617	2,346	11,355
	\$ 1,465,294	\$ 1,785,534	\$ 221,749	\$ 1,434,599

Interest income of approximately \$8.7 and \$24.2 million was recognized on impaired loans for the third quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, respectively.

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The following tables show the activity for impaired loans and the related specific reserve for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013:

	Quarter Ended	Nine-Month
	September 30, 2013	Period Ended
	(In thousands)	
Impaired Loans:		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 908,245	\$ 1,465,294
Loans determined impaired during the period	57,520	208,298
Net charge-offs	(19,703)	(291,675)
Loans sold, net of charge-offs		(201,409)
Increases to impaired loans- additional disbursements	383	6,403
Transfer of loans to held for sale, net of charges-offs		(147,100)
Foreclosures	(2,306)	(25,151)
Loans no longer considered impaired	(12,412)	(38,201)
Paid in full or partial payments	(27,218)	(71,950)
Balance at end of period	\$ 904,509	\$ 904,509

	Quarter	Nine-Month
	Ended	Period Ended
	September 30, 2013	
	(In thousands)	
Specific Reserve:		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 114,953	\$ 221,749
Provision for loan losses	10,925	176,101
Net charge-offs	(19,703)	(291,675)
Balance at end of period	\$ 106,175	\$ 106,175

Acquired loans including PCI Loans

On May 30, 2012, the Corporation reentered the credit card business with the acquisition of an approximate \$406 million portfolio of FirstBank-branded credit card loans from FIA Card Services (FIA). These loans were recorded on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition at estimated fair value on the acquisition date of \$368.9 million. The Corporation concluded that a portion of these acquired loans were PCI loans. PCI loans are acquired loans with evidence of credit quality deterioration since origination for which it is probable at the date of purchase that the Corporation will be unable to collect all contractually required payments. The loans that the Corporation concluded

were credit impaired had a contractual outstanding unpaid principal and interest balance at acquisition of \$34.6 million and an estimated fair value of \$15.7 million. Given that the initial fair value of these loans included an estimate of credit losses expected to be realized over the remaining lives of the loans, the Corporation's subsequent accounting for PCI loans differs from the accounting for non-PCI loans; therefore, the Corporation separately tracks and reports PCI loans and excludes these loans from delinquency and non-performing loan statistics.

Initial Fair Value and Accretable Yield of PCI Loans

At acquisition, the Corporation estimated the cash flows the Corporation expected to collect on credit card loans acquired with a deteriorated credit quality. Under the accounting guidance for PCI loans, the difference between the contractually required payments and the cash flows expected to be collected at acquisition is referred to as the nonaccretable difference. This difference is neither accreted into income nor recorded on the Corporation's Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition. The excess of cash flows expected to be collected over the estimated fair value is referred to as the accretable yield and is recognized in interest income over the remaining life of the loans, using the effective-yield method. The table below displays the contractually required principal and interest, cash flows expected to be collected and the fair value at acquisition of PCI loans that the Corporation acquired. The table also displays the nonaccretable difference and the accretable yield at acquisition.

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(In thousands)	At acquisition Purchased Credit- Impaired Loans
Contractually outstanding principal and interest at acquisition	\$ 34,577
Less: Nonaccretable difference	(15,408)
Cash flows expected to be collected at acquisition	19,169
Less: Accretable yield	(3,451)
Fair value of loans acquired	\$ 15,718

Outstanding balance and Carrying value of PCI loans

The table below presents the outstanding contractual balance and carrying value of the PCI Loans as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

(In thousands)	Purchased Credit- Impaired Loans (September 30, 2013)	Purchased Credit- Impaired Loans (December 31, 2012)
Contractual balance	\$ 23,921	\$ 28,778
Carrying value	5,963	10,602

Changes in accretable yield of acquired loans

Subsequent to acquisition, the Corporation is required to periodically evaluate its estimate of cash flows expected to be collected. These evaluations, performed quarterly, require the continued use of key assumptions and estimates, similar to the initial estimate of fair value. Subsequent changes in the estimated cash flows expected to be collected may result in changes in the accretable yield and nonaccretable difference or reclassifications from nonaccretable yield to accretable. Increases in the cash flows expected to be collected will generally result in an increase in interest income over the remaining life of the loan or pool of loans. Decreases in expected cash flows due to further credit deterioration will generally result in an impairment charge recognized in the Corporation's provision for loan and lease losses, resulting in an increase to the allowance for loan losses. During the first nine months of 2013, the Corporation did not record charges to the provision for loan losses related to PCI loans.

The following table presents changes in the accretable yield related to the PCI loans acquired from FIA:

(In thousands)	PCI Loans
Accretable yield at acquisition	\$ 3,451
Accretion recognized in earnings	(1,280)
Accretable yield as of December 31, 2012	2,171
Reclassification to nonaccretable	(1,352)
Accretion recognized in earnings	(819)

Accretable yield as of September 30, 2013 \$

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During the first nine months of 2013, the Corporation purchased \$185.4 million of residential mortgage loans consistent with a strategic program established by the Corporation in 2005 to purchase ongoing residential mortgage loan production from mortgage bankers in Puerto Rico. Generally, the loans purchased from mortgage bankers were conforming residential mortgage loans. Purchases of conforming residential mortgage loans provide the Corporation the flexibility to retain or sell the loans, including through securitization transactions depending upon whether the Corporation wants to retain high-yielding loans and improve net interest margins or generate profits by selling loans. When the Corporation sells such loans, it generally keeps the servicing of the loans.

In the ordinary course of business, the Corporation sells residential mortgage loans (originated or purchased) to the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) and government-sponsored entities (GSEs). GNMA and GSEs, such as Fannie Mae (FNMA) and Freddie Mac (FHLMC), generally securitize the transferred loans into mortgage-backed securities for sale into the secondary market. The Corporation sold approximately \$189.8 million of performing residential mortgage loans to FNMA and FHLMC during the first nine months of 2013. Also, the Corporation securitized \$300.2 million of FHA/VA mortgage loans into GNMA mortgage-backed securities during the first nine months of 2013. The Corporation's continuing involvement in these loan sales consists primarily of servicing the loans. In addition, the Corporation agreed to repurchase loans when it breaches any of the representations and warranties included in the sale agreement. These representations and warranties are consistent with the GSEs' selling and servicing guidelines (i.e., ensuring that the mortgage was properly underwritten according to established guidelines).

For loans sold to GNMA, the Corporation holds an option to repurchase individual delinquent loans issued on or after January 1, 2003 when the borrower fails to make any payment for three consecutive months. This option gives the Corporation the ability, but not the obligation, to repurchase the delinquent loans at par without prior authorization from GNMA.

Under ASC Topic 860, once the Corporation has the unilateral ability to repurchase the delinquent loan, it is considered to have regained effective control over the loan and is required to recognize the loan and a corresponding repurchase liability on the balance sheet regardless of the Corporation's intent to repurchase the loan.

During the first nine months of 2013, the Corporation repurchased pursuant to its repurchase option with GNMA \$27.6 million of loans previously sold to GNMA. The principal balance of these loans is fully guaranteed and the risk of loss related to repurchases is generally limited to the difference between the delinquent interest payment advanced to GNMA computed at the loan's interest rate and the interest payments reimbursed by FHA, which are computed at a pre-determined debenture rate. Repurchases of GNMA loans allow the Corporation, among other things, to maintain acceptable delinquency rates on outstanding GNMA pools and remain as a seller and servicer in good standing with GNMA. The Corporation generally remediates any breach of representations and warranties related to the underwriting of such loans according to established GNMA guidelines without incurring losses. The Corporation does not maintain a liability for estimated losses as a result of breaches in representations and warranties.

Loan sales to FNMA and FHLMC are without recourse in relation to the future performance of the loans. The Corporation repurchased at par loans previously sold to FNMA and FHLMC in the amount of \$4.0 million during the first nine months of 2013. The Corporation's risk of loss with respect to these loans is also minimal as these repurchased loans are generally performing loans with documentation deficiencies. The amount of loan repurchases over the last three years represents less than 2% of total sales of loans to FNMA and FHLMC and subsequent losses are estimated to have been less than \$0.3 million. As a consequence, the Corporation does not maintain a liability for estimated losses on loans expected to be repurchased as a result of breaches in loan and servicer representations and warranties.

Bulk Sales of Assets and Transfer of Loans to Held For Sale

On June 21, 2013, the Corporation announced that it had completed a sale of non-performing residential mortgage loans with a book value of \$203.8 million and OREO properties with a book value of \$19.2 million in a cash transaction. The sales price of this bulk sale was \$128.3 million. Approximately \$30.1 million of reserves had already been allocated to the loans. This transaction resulted in total charge-offs of \$98.0 million and an incremental loss of \$69.8 million, reflected in the provision for loan and lease losses for the first nine months of 2013. In addition, the Corporation recorded \$3.1 million of professional service fees specifically related to this bulk sale of non-performing residential assets. This transaction resulted in a total pre-tax loss of \$72.9 million.

On March 28, 2013, the Corporation completed the sale of adversely classified loans with a book value of \$211.4 million (\$100.1 million of commercial and industrial loans, \$68.8 million of commercial mortgage loans, \$41.3 million of construction loans, and \$1.2 million of residential mortgage loans), and \$6.3 million of OREO properties in a cash transaction. Included in the bulk sale was \$185.0 million of non-performing assets. The sales price of this bulk sale was \$120.2 million. Approximately \$39.9 million of reserves had already been allocated to the loans. This transaction resulted in total charge-offs of \$98.5 million and an incremental loss of \$58.9 million, reflected in the provision for loan and lease losses for the first nine months of 2013. In addition, the Corporation recorded \$3.9 million of professional fees specifically related to this bulk sale of assets. This transaction resulted in a total pre-tax loss of \$62.8 million.

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In addition, during the first quarter of 2013, the Corporation transferred to held for sale non-performing loans with an aggregate book value of \$181.6 million. These transfers resulted in charge-offs of \$36.0 million and an incremental loss of \$5.2 million reflected in the provision for loan and lease losses for the first nine months of 2013.

During the second quarter of 2013, the Corporation completed the sale of a \$40.8 million non-performing commercial mortgage loan that was among the loans transferred to held for sale in the first quarter without incurring additional losses.

In a separate transaction during the second quarter, the Corporation entered into an agreement to receive foreclosed real estate in partial satisfaction of debt related to one of the loans written-off and transferred to held for sale in the first quarter. The remaining balance of such partially satisfied commercial mortgage loan held for sale was restructured, resulting in a loss of \$3.4 million recorded as part of Other income in the second quarter of 2013.

Furthermore, in the third quarter of 2013, approximately \$6.4 million of construction loan held for sale participations were paid-off, resulting in a gain of \$0.3 million included as part of Other income in the third quarter of 2013.

The Corporation's primary goal with respect to these sales is to accelerate the disposition of non-performing assets, which is the main priority of the Corporation's Strategic Plan. The opportunistic sale of distressed assets is a pivotal and tactical step in the Corporation's efforts to reduce balance sheet risk, improve earnings in the future through reductions of credit related costs and enhance credit quality consistent with regulators' expectations of adequate levels of adversely classified assets for financial institutions.

Loan Portfolio Concentration

The Corporation's primary lending area is Puerto Rico. The Corporation's banking subsidiary, First Bank, also lends in the USVI and BVI markets and in the United States (principally in the state of Florida). Of the total gross loans held for investment of \$9.5 billion as of September 30, 2013, approximately 85% have credit risk concentration in Puerto Rico, 9 % in the United States, and 6 % in the USVI and BVI.

As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation had \$326.7 million outstanding in credit facilities granted to the Puerto Rico government, its municipalities and public corporations, compared to \$158.4 million as of December 31, 2012, and \$40.9 million granted to the government of the Virgin Islands, compared to \$35.5 million as of December 31, 2012. Approximately \$199.0 million of the granted facilities to the Puerto Rico government or political subdivisions consists of loans to municipalities for which, in most cases, the good faith, credit, and unlimited taxing power of the applicable municipality has been pledged to their repayment. Approximately \$79.6 million consists of loans to public corporations that obtain revenues from rates charged for services or products, such as electric power. Public corporations have varying degrees of independence from the central government and many receive appropriations or other payments from it. Approximately \$48.1 million consists of loans to units of the Puerto Rico central government. Furthermore, the Corporation had \$198.9 million outstanding as of September 30, 2013 in financing to the hotel industry in Puerto Rico guaranteed by the Puerto Rico Tourism Development Fund.

The Puerto Rico economy has been in a recession since March 2006. For fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, the Puerto Rico's real gross national product decreased by 1.2%, 2.9%, 3.8%, 3.6%, and 1.6%, respectively. According to the latest information and projections issued by the Puerto Rico Planning Board, in fiscal year 2012, the Puerto Rico's real gross national product, increased by 0.1% and, is projected to decrease by 0.03% for fiscal year 2013 and 0.8% for 2014.

The Puerto Rico government has faced fiscal challenges, including an imbalance between its General Fund total revenues and expenditures. The imbalance reached its highest level in fiscal year 2009, when the deficit was approximately \$2.86 billion. Since that time, the Puerto Rico government has been able to reduce its deficit every year, except fiscal year 2012, through various measures designed to increase revenues and reduce expenses. The projected deficit for fiscal year 2014 is expected to decline to \$820 million.

The Corporation cannot predict at this time the impact that the current fiscal situation of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the various legislative and other measures adopted and to be adopted by the Puerto Rico government in response to such fiscal situation will have on the Puerto Rico economy and on the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations.

In addition to loans extended to government entities, the largest loan to one borrower as of September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$244.6 million is with one mortgage originator in Puerto Rico, Doral Financial Corporation. This commercial loan is secured by individual real-estate loans, mostly 1-4 single family residential mortgage loans.

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The Corporation provides homeownership preservation assistance to its customers through a loss mitigation program in Puerto Rico that is similar to the U.S. government's Home Affordable Modification Program guidelines. Depending upon the nature of borrowers' financial condition, restructurings or loan modifications through this program as well as other restructurings of individual commercial, commercial mortgage, construction, and residential mortgage loans in the U.S. mainland fit the definition of a troubled debt restructuring (a TDR). A restructuring of a debt constitutes a TDR if the creditor for economic or legal reasons related to the debtor's financial difficulties grants a concession to the debtor that it would not otherwise consider. Modifications involve changes in one or more of the loan terms that bring a defaulted loan current and provide sustainable affordability. Changes may include the refinancing of any past-due amounts, including interest and escrow, the extension of the maturity of the loan and modifications of the loan rate. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation's total TDR loans held for investment of \$636.9 million consisted of \$335.0 million of residential mortgage loans, \$102.0 million of commercial and industrial loans, \$154.5 million of commercial mortgage loans, \$19.3 million of construction loans, and \$26.2 million of consumer loans. Outstanding unfunded commitments on TDR loans amounted to \$0.8 million as of September 30, 2013.

The Corporation's loss mitigation programs for residential mortgage and consumer loans can provide for one or a combination of the following: movement of interest past due to the end of the loan, extension of the loan term, deferral of principal payments for a significant period of time, and reduction of interest rates either permanently (offered up to 2010) or for a period of up to two years (step-up rates). Additionally, in certain cases, the restructuring may provide for the forgiveness of contractually due principal or interest. Uncollected interest is added to the end of the loan term at the time of the restructuring and not recognized as income until collected or when the loan is paid off.

These programs are available only to those borrowers who have defaulted, or are likely to default, permanently on their loan and would lose their homes in a foreclosure action absent some lender concession. Nevertheless, if the Corporation is not reasonably assured that the borrower will comply with its contractual commitment, properties are foreclosed.

Prior to permanently modifying a loan, the Corporation may enter into trial modifications with certain borrowers. Trial modifications generally represent a six-month period during which the borrower makes monthly payments under the anticipated modified payment terms prior to a formal modification. Upon successful completion of a trial modification, the Corporation and the borrower enter into a permanent modification. TDR loans that are participating in or that have been offered a binding trial modification are classified as TDRs when the trial offer is made and continue to be classified as TDRs regardless of whether the borrower enters into a permanent modification. As of September 30, 2013, we classified an additional \$3.2 million of residential mortgage loans as TDRs that were participating in or had been offered a trial modification.

For the commercial real estate, commercial and industrial, and construction portfolios, at the time of a restructuring, the Corporation determines, on a loan-by-loan basis, whether a concession was granted for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulty. Concessions granted for commercial loans could include: reductions in interest rates to rates that are considered below market; extension of repayment schedules and maturity dates beyond original contractual terms; waivers of borrower covenants; forgiveness of principal or interest; or other contract changes that would be considered a concession. The Corporation mitigates loan defaults for its commercial loan portfolios through its collections function. The function's objective is to minimize both early stage delinquencies and losses upon default of commercial loans. In the case of the commercial and industrial, commercial mortgage and construction loan portfolios, the Special Asset Group (SAG) focuses on strategies for the accelerated reduction of non-performing assets through note sales, short sales, loss mitigation programs, and sales of OREO. In addition to the management of the resolution process for problem loans, the SAG oversees collection efforts for all loans to prevent

migration to the non-performing and/or adversely classified status. The SAG utilizes relationship officers, collection specialists, and attorneys. In the case of residential construction projects, the workout function monitors project specifics, such as project management and marketing, as deemed necessary. The SAG utilizes its collections infrastructure of workout collection officers, credit work-out specialists, in-house legal counsel, and third-party consultants. In the case of residential construction projects and large commercial loans, the function also utilizes third-party specialized consultants to monitor the residential and commercial construction projects in terms of construction, marketing and sales, and assists with the restructuring of large commercial loans. In addition, the Corporation extends, renews, and restructures loans with satisfactory credit profiles. Many commercial loan facilities are structured as lines of credit, which are mainly one year in term and therefore are required to be renewed annually. Other facilities may be restructured or extended from time to time based upon changes in the borrower's business needs, use of funds, timing of completion of projects, and other factors. If the borrower is not deemed to have financial difficulties, extensions, renewals, and restructurings are done in the normal course of business and not considered concessions, and the loans continue to be recorded as performing.

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Selected information on TDRs that includes the recorded investment by loan class and modification type is summarized in the following tables. This information reflects all TDRs:

(In thousands)	September 30, 2013					
	Combination of reduction in interest rate and Maturity or term extension of maturity			Forgiveness of principal and/or interest		Total
	Interest rate below market	extension	of maturity	Other ⁽¹⁾		
Troubled Debt Restructurings:						
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	\$ 22,907	\$ 6,455	\$ 273,691	\$	\$ 31,902	\$ 334,955
Commercial Mortgage Loans	37,960	13,033	84,989	7	18,471	154,460
Commercial and Industrial Loans	12,304	16,371	7,188	7,365	58,728	101,956
Construction Loans	6,911	2,212	8,996		1,207	19,326
Consumer Loans - Auto		773	8,446		4,511	13,730
Finance Leases		1,066	1,224			2,290
Consumer Loans - Other	356	309	7,778		1,699	10,142
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings⁽²⁾	\$ 80,438	\$ 40,219	\$ 392,312	\$ 7,372	\$ 116,518	\$ 636,859

- (1) Other concessions granted by the Corporation include deferral of principal and/or interest payments for a period longer than what would be considered insignificant, payment plans under judicial stipulation or a combination of the concessions listed in the table.
- (2) Included in the bulk sales of assets completed during the first half of 2013 was \$188.1 million of TDRs, and the transfer of loans to held for sale included TDRs with a book value of \$158.4 million at the time of the transfer. The carrying value of TDRs held for sale amounted to \$71.0 million as of September 30, 2013.

(In thousands)	December 31, 2012					
	Combination of reduction in interest rate and Maturity or term extension of maturity			Forgiveness of principal and/or interest		Total
	Interest rate below market	extension	of maturity	Other ⁽²⁾	Forbearance agreement ⁽¹⁾	
Troubled Debt Restructurings:						
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	\$ 21,288	\$ 4,178	\$ 338,731	\$	\$	\$ 47,687
						\$ 411,884

Commercial Mortgage Loans	103,203	15,578	105,695	46,855		16,332	287,663
Commercial and Industrial Loans	28,761	15,567	26,054	11,951	9,492	41,244	133,069
Construction Loans	6,441	4,195	9,160		61,898	4,499	86,193
Consumer Loans - Auto		1,012	7,452			2,968	11,432
Finance Leases		1,512	507				2,019
Consumer Loans - Other	451	438	6,472			2,109	9,470
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	\$ 160,144	\$ 42,480	\$ 494,071	\$ 58,806	\$ 71,390	\$ 114,839	\$ 941,730

- (1) Mainly related to one construction relationship amounting to \$53.4 million transferred to held for sale in 2013.
- (2) Other concessions granted by the Corporation include deferral of principal and/or interest payments for a period longer than what would be considered insignificant, payment plans under judicial stipulation or a combination of the concessions listed in the table.

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The following table presents the Corporation's TDR activity:

(In thousands)	September 30, 2013	
	Quarter Ended	Nine-Month Period Ended
Beginning balance of TDRs	\$ 613,129	\$ 941,730
New TDRs	46,089	110,687
Increases to existing TDRs - additional disbursements	284	2,802
Charge-offs post modification	(1,497)	(125,257)
Sales, net of charge-offs		(104,915)
Foreclosures	(1,425)	(7,537)
Removed from TDR classification	(185)	(6,603)
TDRs transferred to held for sale		(131,649)
Paid-off and partial payments	(19,536)	(42,399)
Ending balance of TDRs	\$ 636,859	\$ 636,859

TDRs are classified as either accrual or nonaccrual loans. A loan on nonaccrual and restructured as a TDR will remain on nonaccrual status until the borrower has proven the ability to perform under the modified structure generally for a minimum of six months and there is evidence that such payments can and are likely to continue as agreed.

Performance prior to the restructuring, or significant events that coincide with the restructuring, are included in assessing whether the borrower can meet the new terms and may result in the loans being returned to accrual at the time of the restructuring or after a shorter performance period. If the borrower's ability to meet the revised payment schedule is uncertain, the loan remains classified as a nonaccrual loan. Loan modifications increase the Corporation's interest income by returning a non-performing loan to performing status, if applicable, increase cash flows by providing for payments to be made by the borrower, and avoid increases in foreclosure and OREO costs. The Corporation continues to consider a modified loan as an impaired loan for purposes of estimating the allowance for loan and lease losses. A TDR loan that specifies an interest rate that at the time of the restructuring is greater than or equal to the rate the Corporation is willing to accept for a new loan with comparable risk may not be reported as a TDR or an impaired loan in the calendar years subsequent to the restructuring if it is in compliance with its modified terms. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, \$6.6 million was removed from the TDR classification, as reflected in the table above.

The following table provides a breakdown between accrual and nonaccrual status of TDRs:

(In thousands)	September 30, 2013		
	Accrual	Nonaccrual ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Total TDRs
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	\$ 270,211	\$ 64,744	\$ 334,955
Commercial Mortgage Loans	83,572	70,888	154,460
Commercial and Industrial Loans	53,664	48,292	101,956
Construction Loans	1,164	18,162	19,326
Consumer Loans - Auto	8,163	5,567	13,730
Finance Leases	2,207	83	2,290

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Consumer Loans - Other	8,163	1,979	10,142
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	\$ 427,144	\$ 209,715	\$ 636,859

- (1) Included in non-accrual loans are \$78.4 million in loans that are performing under the terms of the restructuring agreement but are reported in non-accrual status until the restructured loans meet the criteria of sustained payment performance under the revised terms for reinstatement to accrual status and there is no doubt about full collectability.
- (2) Excludes non-accrual TDRs held for sale with a carrying value of \$71.0 million as of September 30, 2013.

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(In thousands)	December 31, 2012		
	Accrual	Nonaccrual ⁽¹⁾	Total TDRs
Non- FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	\$ 287,198	\$ 124,686	\$ 411,884
Commercial Mortgage Loans	163,079	124,584	287,663
Commercial and Industrial Loans	36,688	96,381	133,069
Construction Loans	2,554	83,639	86,193
Consumer Loans - Auto	6,615	4,817	11,432
Finance Leases	1,900	119	2,019
Consumer Loans - Other	6,744	2,726	9,470
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	\$ 504,778	\$ 436,952	\$ 941,730

- (1) Included in non-accrual loans are \$197.2 million in loans that are performing under the terms of the restructuring agreement but are reported in non-accrual status until the restructured loans meet the criteria of sustained payment performance under the revised terms for reinstatement to accrual status and there is no doubt about full collectability.

TDRs exclude restructured mortgage loans that are government guaranteed (i.e., FHA/VA loans) in an amount totaling \$94.4 million. The Corporation excludes government guaranteed loans from TDRs given that in the event that the borrower defaults on the loan, the principal and interest (debenture rate) are guaranteed by the U.S. government; therefore, the risk of loss on these types of loans is very low. The Corporation does not consider loans with government guarantees to be impaired loans for the purpose of calculating the allowance for loan and lease losses.

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Loan modifications that are considered TDRs completed during the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)

	Quarter ended September 30, 2013		
	Number of contracts	Pre-modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
Troubled Debt Restructurings:			
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	140	\$ 29,530	\$ 29,984
Commercial Mortgage Loans	15	4,481	4,586
Commercial and Industrial Loans	13	8,528	7,925
Construction Loans	3	133	136
Consumer Loans - Auto	149	2,006	2,006
Finance Leases	16	334	334
Consumer Loans - Other	271	1,118	1,118
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	607	\$ 46,130	\$ 46,089

(Dollars in thousands)

	Nine-Month period ended September 30, 2013		
	Number of contracts	Pre-modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
Troubled Debt Restructurings:			
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	253	\$ 42,628	\$ 43,106
Commercial Mortgage Loans	16	4,972	5,077
Commercial and Industrial Loans	21	76,579	50,588
Construction Loans	8	536	539
Consumer Loans - Auto	434	5,874	5,874
Finance Leases	54	1,063	1,063
Consumer Loans - Other	1,001	4,440	4,440
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	1,787	\$ 136,092	\$ 110,687

(Dollars in thousands)

	Quarter ended September 30, 2012		
	Number of contracts	Pre-modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
Troubled Debt Restructurings:			
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	147	\$ 23,421	\$ 23,431
Commercial Mortgage Loans	14	57,100	57,100
Commercial and Industrial Loans	11	1,278	1,271

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Construction Loans	3	4,380	4,380
Consumer Loans - Auto	156	2,044	2,044
Finance Leases	24	462	462
Consumer Loans - Other	304	1,986	1,986
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	659	\$ 90,671	\$ 90,674

**Nine-Month period ended September 30,
2012**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Number of contracts	Pre-modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
Troubled Debt Restructurings:			
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	403	\$ 64,412	\$ 64,773
Commercial Mortgage Loans	35	100,036	100,072
Commercial and Industrial Loans	47	33,162	29,593
Construction Loans	8	9,671	9,661
Consumer Loans - Auto	445	5,473	5,430
Finance Leases	76	1,384	1,384
Consumer Loans - Other	827	5,289	5,289
Total Troubled Debt Restructurings	1,841	\$ 219,427	\$ 216,202

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Recidivism, or the borrower defaulting on its obligation pursuant to a modified loan, results in the loan once again becoming a non-performing loan. Recidivism occurs at a notably higher rate than do defaults on new origination loans, so modified loans present a higher risk of loss than do new origination loans. The Corporation considers a loan to have defaulted if the borrower has failed to make payments of either principal, interest, or both for a period of 90 days or more.

Loan modifications considered TDRs that defaulted during the quarters and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2012 and had become TDRs during the 12-months preceding the default date were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Quarter ended September 30,			
	2013		2012	
	Number of contracts	Recorded Investment	Number of contracts	Recorded Investment
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	11	\$ 1,934	49	\$ 8,031
Commercial Mortgage Loans			1	338
Commercial and Industrial Loans			1	1,910
Construction Loans				
Consumer Loans - Auto			3	38
Consumer Loans - Other			6	37
Finance Leases	1	18		
Total	12	\$ 1,952	60	\$ 10,354

(Dollars in thousands)	Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,			
	2013		2012	
	Number of contracts	Recorded Investment	Number of contracts	Recorded Investment
Non-FHA/VA Residential Mortgage loans	75	\$ 11,549	137	\$ 20,841
Commercial Mortgage Loans	1	46,102	9	5,549
Commercial and Industrial Loans	2	3,829	5	8,189
Construction Loans	3	252	2	8,382
Consumer Loans - Auto	7	54	39	431
Consumer Loans - Other	40	219	12	155
Finance Leases	3	38	1	27
Total	131	\$ 62,043	205	\$ 43,574

For certain TDRs, the Corporation splits the loans into two new notes, A and B notes. The A note is restructured to comply with the Corporation's lending standards at current market rates, and is tailored to suit the customer's ability to make timely interest and principal payments. The B note includes the granting of the concession to the borrower and varies by situation. The B note is charged off but the obligation is not forgiven to the borrower, and any payments collected are accounted for as recoveries. At the time of restructuring, the A note is identified and classified as a TDR.

If the loan performs for at least six months according to the modified terms, the A note may be returned to accrual status. The borrower's payment performance prior to the restructuring is included in assessing whether the borrower can meet the new terms and may result in the loan being returned to accrual status at the time of the restructuring. In the periods following the calendar year in which a loan is restructured, the A note may no longer be reported as a TDR if it is on accrual, is in compliance with its modified terms, and yields a market rate (as determined and documented at the time of the restructure).

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The recorded investment in loans held for investment restructured using the A/B note restructure workout strategy was approximately \$90.9 million at September 30, 2013. The following table provides additional information about the volume of this type of loan restructuring and the effect on the allowance for loan and lease losses in the first nine months of 2013 and 2012:

(In thousands)	September 30, 2013		September 30, 2012	
Principal balance deemed collectible at end of period	\$	90,914	\$	128,651
Amount charged off	\$	25,389	\$	2,735
Charges to the provision for loan losses	\$	567	\$	1,939
Allowance for loan losses at end of period	\$	1,588	\$	5,951

Of the loans held for investment comprising the \$90.9 million that have been deemed collectible, approximately \$89.1 million were placed in accrual status as the borrowers have exhibited a period of sustained performance. These loans continue to be individually evaluated for impairment purposes.

NOTE 7 ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

The changes in the allowance for loan and lease losses were as follows:

(In thousands)	Residential Mortgage Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Commercial & Industrial Loans	Construction Loans	Consumer Loans	Total
Quarter ended September 30, 2013						
Allowance for loan and lease losses:						
Beginning balance	\$ 35,581	\$ 88,013	\$ 87,677	\$ 34,728	\$ 55,048	\$ 301,047
Charge-offs	(8,698)	(5,944)	(7,419)	(1,824)	(15,559)	(39,444)
Recoveries	241	26	1,701	1,895	1,718	5,581
Provision	4,663	(59)	1,090	1,304	15,197	22,195
Ending balance	\$ 31,787	\$ 82,036	\$ 83,049	\$ 36,103	\$ 56,404	\$ 289,379
Ending balance: specific reserve for impaired loans	\$ 17,982	\$ 28,316	\$ 34,438	\$ 21,785	\$ 3,654	\$ 106,175
Ending balance: purchased credit-impaired loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$ 13,805	\$ 53,720	\$ 48,611	\$ 14,318	\$ 52,750	\$ 183,204

Ending balance: general allowance

Loans held for investment:

Ending balance	\$ 2,519,457	\$ 1,857,794	\$ 2,908,347	\$ 163,610	\$ 2,059,426	\$ 9,508,634
Ending balance: impaired loans	\$ 397,025	\$ 205,654	\$ 200,285	\$ 73,482	\$ 28,063	\$ 904,509
Ending balance: purchased credit-impaired loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5,963	\$ 5,963
Ending balance: loans with general allowance	\$ 2,122,432	\$ 1,652,140	\$ 2,708,062	\$ 90,128	\$ 2,025,400	\$ 8,598,162

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(In thousands)	Residential Mortgage Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Commercial & Industrial Loans	Construction Loans	Consumer Loans	Total
Nine-Month period ended September 30, 2013						
Allowance for loan and lease losses:						
Beginning balance	\$ 68,354	\$ 97,692	\$ 146,900	\$ 61,600	\$ 60,868	\$ 435,414
Charge-offs	(25,351)	(25,214)	(54,849)	(30,070)	(46,673)	(182,157)
Charge-offs related to bulk sales	(98,972)	(40,057)	(44,678)	(12,784)		(196,491)
Recoveries	868	64	3,460	2,042	5,397	11,831
Provision	86,888	38,860	41,656	16,566	36,812	220,782
Reclassification ⁽¹⁾		10,691	(9,440)	(1,251)		
Ending balance	\$ 31,787	\$ 82,036	\$ 83,049	\$ 36,103	\$ 56,404	\$ 289,379
Ending balance: specific reserve for impaired loans	\$ 17,982	\$ 28,316	\$ 34,438	\$ 21,785	\$ 3,654	\$ 106,175
Ending balance: purchased credit-impaired loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ending balance: general allowance	\$ 13,805	\$ 53,720	\$ 48,611	\$ 14,318	\$ 52,750	\$ 183,204
Loans held for investment:						
Ending balance	\$ 2,519,457	\$ 1,857,794	\$ 2,908,347	\$ 163,610	\$ 2,059,426	\$ 9,508,634
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Ending balance: loans with general allowance	\$ 2,122,432	\$ 1,652,140	\$ 2,708,062	\$ 90,128	\$ 2,025,400	\$ 8,598,162

(1) Refer to Note 6 for information about the reclassification of certain loans between commercial and industrial, construction, and commercial mortgage made in the second quarter of 2013.

(In thousands)	Residential Mortgage Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Commercial & Industrial Loans	Construction Loans	Consumer Loans	Total
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**Quarter ended
September 30, 2012**
Allowance for loan and lease
losses:

Beginning balance	\$ 67,440	\$ 100,846	\$ 166,021	\$ 67,858	\$ 54,988	\$ 457,153
Charge-offs	(7,586)	(5,681)	(12,795)	(9,012)	(9,444)	(44,518)
Recoveries	228	679	534	686	1,817	3,944
Provision (release)	9,083	(6,617)	8,117	6,379	11,990	28,952

Ending balance	\$ 69,165	\$ 89,227	\$ 161,877	\$ 65,911	\$ 59,351	\$ 445,531
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Ending balance: specific reserve for impaired loans	\$ 49,640	\$ 51,351	\$ 57,001	\$ 33,349	\$ 2,813	\$ 194,154
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Ending balance: purchased credit-impaired loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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Ending balance: general allowance	\$ 19,525	\$ 37,876	\$ 104,876	\$ 32,562	\$ 56,538	\$ 251,377
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Loans held for investment:

Ending balance	\$ 2,762,418	\$ 1,459,118	\$ 3,627,646	\$ 352,891	\$ 1,986,091	\$ 10,188,164
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Ending balance: impaired loans	\$ 594,788	\$ 363,533	\$ 238,512	\$ 178,462	\$ 24,843	\$ 1,400,138
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Ending balance: purchased credit-impaired loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 12,741	\$ 12,741
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Ending balance: loans with general allowance	\$ 2,167,630	\$ 1,095,585	\$ 3,389,134	\$ 174,429	\$ 1,948,507	\$ 8,775,285
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(In thousands)	Residential Mortgage Loans	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Commercial & Industrial Loans	Commercial Construction Loans	Consumer Loans	Total
Nine-Month period ended September 30, 2012						
Allowance for loan and lease losses:						
Beginning balance	\$ 68,678	\$ 108,991	\$ 164,490	\$ 91,386	\$ 60,372	\$ 493,917
Charge-offs	(27,976)	(15,588)	(35,494)	(42,908)	(29,327)	(151,293)
Recoveries	676	721	2,179	4,004	5,294	12,874
Provision	27,787	(4,897)	30,702	13,429	23,012	90,033
Ending balance	\$ 69,165	\$ 89,227	\$ 161,877	\$ 65,911	\$ 59,351	\$ 445,531
Ending balance: specific reserve for impaired loans	\$ 49,640	\$ 51,351	\$ 57,001	\$ 33,349	\$ 2,813	\$ 194,154
Ending balance: purchased credit-impaired loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ending balance: general allowance	\$ 19,525	\$ 37,876	\$ 104,876	\$ 32,562	\$ 56,538	\$ 251,377
Loans held for investment:						
Ending balance	\$ 2,762,418	\$ 1,459,118	\$ 3,627,646	\$ 352,891	\$ 1,986,091	\$ 10,188,164
Ending balance: impaired loans	\$ 594,788	\$ 363,533	\$ 238,512	\$ 178,462	\$ 24,843	\$ 1,400,138
Ending balance: purchased credit-impaired loans	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 12,741	\$ 12,741
Ending balance: loans with general allowance	\$ 2,167,630	\$ 1,095,585	\$ 3,389,134	\$ 174,429	\$ 1,948,507	\$ 8,775,285

The bulk sale of approximately \$217.7 million of adversely classified assets in the first quarter of 2013, mainly commercial loans, resulted in charge-offs of approximately \$98.5 million. In determining the historical loss rate for the computation of the general reserve for commercial loans, the Corporation includes the portion of these charge-offs that was related to the acceleration of previously reserved credit losses amounting to approximately \$39.9 million. The Corporation considered that the portion not deemed to be credit-related losses was not indicative of the ultimate losses that may have occurred had the assets been resolved on an individual basis, over time and not in a steeply discounted bulk sale. A transaction, such as this one, entered into to expedite the reduction of non-performing and adversely classified assets, can result in charge-offs that are not reflective of true credit-related charge-off history since there is a component related to the discounted value realized on a bulk sale basis. Accordingly, the Corporation concluded that it is reasonable to exclude the component related to the discounted value from its historical charge-offs analysis used in estimating its allowance for loan losses.

As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation maintained a \$0.9 million reserve for unfunded loan commitments mainly related to outstanding construction and commercial and industrial loan commitments. The reserve for unfunded loan commitments is an estimate of the losses inherent in off-balance sheet loan commitments at the balance sheet date. It is calculated by multiplying an estimated loss factor by an estimated probability of funding, and then by the period-end amounts for unfunded commitments. The reserve for unfunded loan commitments is included as part of accounts payable and other liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

NOTE 8 LOANS HELD FOR SALE

The Corporation's loans held-for-sale portfolio was composed of:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Residential mortgage loans	\$ 34,358	\$ 82,753
Construction loans	49,824	
Commercial and Industrial loans		1,178
Commercial mortgage loans	30,410	1,463
Total	\$ 114,592	\$ 85,394

Non-performing loans held for sale totaled \$80.2 million as of September 30, 2013 (\$30.4 million commercial mortgage and \$49.8 million construction loans) and \$2.2 million (\$1.1 million commercial and industrial and \$1.1 million commercial mortgage) as of December 31, 2012. As previously discussed, during the first quarter of 2013, the Corporation transferred to held for sale \$181.6 million of non-performing loans. In connection with the transfer, the Corporation recorded charge-offs of \$36.0 million in the first quarter of 2013.

During the second quarter of 2013, the Corporation completed the sale of a \$40.8 million non-performing commercial mortgage loan that was among the loans transferred to held for sale in the first quarter without incurring additional losses.

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In a separate transaction during the second quarter, the Corporation entered into an agreement to receive foreclosed real estate in partial satisfaction of debt related to one of the loans written-off and transferred to held for sale in the first quarter. The remaining balance of such partially satisfied commercial mortgage loan held for sale was restructured, resulting in a loss of \$3.4 million recorded as part of Other income in the second quarter of 2013.

Furthermore, in the third quarter of 2013 approximately \$6.4 million of construction loan held for sale participations were paid-off, resulting in a gain of \$0.3 million, recorded as part of Other income in the third quarter of 2013.

The Corporation continues with its effort to resolve and dispose its non-performing commercial and construction loans held for sale.

NOTE 9 DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

One of the market risks facing the Corporation is interest rate risk, which includes the risk that changes in interest rates will result in changes in the value of the Corporation's assets or liabilities and the risk that net interest income from its loan and investment portfolios will be adversely affected by changes in interest rates. The overall objective of the Corporation's interest rate risk management activities is to reduce the variability of earnings caused by changes in interest rates.

The Corporation designates a derivative as a fair value hedge, a cash flow hedge or an economic undesignated hedge when it enters into the derivative contract. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, all derivatives held by the Corporation were considered economic undesignated hedges. These undesignated hedges are recorded at fair value with the resulting gain or loss recognized in current earnings.

The following summarizes the principal derivative activities used by the Corporation in managing interest rate risk:

Interest rate cap agreements - Interest rate cap agreements provide the right to receive cash if a reference interest rate rises above a contractual rate. The value increases as the reference interest rate rises. The Corporation enters into interest rate cap agreements for protection from rising interest rates. Specifically, the interest rate on certain of the Corporation's commercial loans to other financial institutions is generally a variable rate limited to the weighted average coupon of the referenced residential mortgage collateral, less a contractual servicing fee.

Interest rate swaps - Interest rate swap agreements generally involve the exchange of fixed and floating-rate interest payment obligations without the exchange of the underlying notional principal amount. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, most of the interest rate swaps outstanding are used for protection against rising interest rates. Similar to unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in fair value, net interest settlements on interest rate swaps are recorded as an adjustment to interest income or interest expense depending on whether an asset or liability is being economically hedged.

Forward Contracts - Forward contracts are sales of to-be-announced (TBA) mortgage-backed securities that will settle over the standard delivery date and do not qualify as regular way security trades. Regular-way security trades are contracts with no net settlement provision and no market mechanism to facilitate net settlement and they provide for delivery of a security within the time generally established by regulations or conventions in the market place or exchange in which the transaction is being executed. The forward sales are considered derivative instruments that need to be marked-to-market. These securities are used to economically hedge the FHA/VA residential mortgage loan securitizations of the mortgage-banking operations. Unrealized gains (losses) are recognized as part of mortgage banking activities in the Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss).

To satisfy the needs of its customers, the Corporation may enter into nonhedging transactions. On these transactions, generally, the Corporation participates as a buyer in one of the agreements and as a seller in the other agreement under the same terms and conditions.

In addition, the Corporation enters into certain contracts with embedded derivatives that do not require separate accounting as these are clearly and closely related to the economic characteristics of the host contract. When the embedded derivative possesses economic characteristics that are not clearly and closely related to the economic characteristics of the host contract, it is bifurcated, carried at fair value, and designated as a trading or non-hedging derivative instrument.

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The following table summarizes the notional amounts of all derivative instruments:

	Notional Amounts	
	As of September 30, 2013	As of December 31, 2012
(In thousands)		
Economic undesignated hedges:		
Interest rate contracts:		
Interest rate swap agreements used to hedge loans	\$ 31,187	\$ 38,097
Written interest rate cap agreements	38,697	
Purchased interest rate cap agreements	38,697	
Forward Contracts:		
Sale of TBA GNMA MBS pools	33,500	6,000
	\$ 142,081	\$ 44,097

Notional amounts are presented on a gross basis with no netting of offsetting exposure positions.

The following table summarizes the fair value of derivative instruments and the location of the derivative instruments in the Statement of Financial Condition:

	Asset Derivatives			Liability Derivatives		
	Statement of Financial Condition Location	September 30, 2013 Fair Value	December 31, 2012 Fair Value	Statement of Financial Condition Location	September 30, 2013 Fair Value	December 31, 2012 Fair Value
(In thousands)						
Economic undesignated hedges:						
Interest rate contracts:						
Interest rate swap agreements used to hedge loans	Other assets	\$ 193	\$ 288	Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 4,350	\$ 5,776
Written interest rate cap agreements	Other assets			Accounts payable and other liabilities	80	
Purchased interest rate cap agreements	Other assets	79		Accounts payable and other liabilities		
Forward Contracts:						
Sales of TBA GNMA MBS pools	Other assets	2	3	Accounts payable and other liabilities	582	5
		\$ 274	\$ 291		\$ 5,012	\$ 5,781

The following table summarizes the effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Income (Loss):

(In thousands)	Location of Gain or (loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Gain (or Loss) Quarter Ended		Gain (or Loss) Nine-Month Period Ended	
		September 30, 2013	2012	September 30, 2013	2012
Economic undesignated hedges:					
Interest rate contracts:					
Interest rate swap agreements used to					
hedge fixed-rate loans	Interest income - Loans	\$ 232	\$ 170	\$ 1,331	\$ 469
Written and purchased interest rate cap					
agreements	Interest income - Loans			9	
Forward contracts:					
Sales of TBA GNMA MBS pools	Mortgage banking activities	(1,444)	(47)	(578)	(4)
Total (loss) gain on derivatives		\$ (1,212)	\$ 123	\$ 762	\$ 465

Derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps, are subject to market risk. As is the case with investment securities, the market value of derivative instruments is largely a function of the financial market's expectations regarding the future direction of interest rates. Accordingly, current market values are not necessarily indicative of the future impact of derivative instruments on earnings. This will depend, for the most part, on the shape of the yield curve, the level of interest rates, as well as the expectations for rates in the future.

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A summary of interest rate swaps follows:

	As of September 30, 2013	As of December 31, 2012
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Pay fixed/receive floating :		
Notional amount	\$ 31,187	\$ 38,097
Weighted-average receive rate at period end ⁽¹⁾	1.87%	2.06%
Weighted-average pay rate at period end	6.78%	6.82%

(1) Floating rates range from 167 to 187 basis points over 3-month LIBOR

As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation has not entered into any derivative instrument containing credit-risk-related contingent features.

NOTE 10 OFFSETTING OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The Corporation enters into master agreements with counterparties that may allow for netting of exposures in the event of default, primarily related to derivatives and repurchase agreements. The following table presents information about the offsetting of financial assets and liabilities as well as derivative assets and liabilities:

Offsetting of Financial Assets and Derivative Assets

In thousands

As of September 30, 2013

Description	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Financial Position		Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral	Net Amount
	Gross Amounts Recognized Assets	Offset in the Statement of Financial Position				
Derivatives	\$ 79	\$	\$ 79	\$ (79)	\$	\$

As of December 31, 2012

**Gross Amounts Not Offset in the
Statement of Financial Position**

Description	Net Amounts of Gross Assets Amounts Presented in the		Financial Position	Financial Position	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral	Net Amount
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Offset in the Statement of Financial Position					
Derivatives	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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In thousands

As of September 30, 2013

Description	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Financial Position					
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Offset in the Financial Position	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral	Net Amount
Derivatives	\$ 4,350	\$	\$ 4,350	\$ (4,350)	\$	\$
Repurchase agreements	600,000		600,000	(600,000)		
Total	\$ 604,350	\$	\$ 604,350	\$ (604,350)	\$	\$

As of December 31, 2012

Description	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Financial Position					
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Offset in the Financial Position	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral	Net Amount
Derivatives	\$ 5,486	\$	\$ 5,486	\$ (5,486)	\$	\$
Repurchase agreements	600,000		600,000	(600,000)		
Total	\$ 605,486	\$	\$ 605,486	\$ (605,486)	\$	\$

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Goodwill as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 amounted to \$28.1 million, recognized as part of Other Assets in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition. The Corporation conducted its annual evaluation of goodwill and intangibles during the fourth quarter of 2012.

The Corporation bypassed the qualitative assessment in 2012 and proceeded directly to perform the first step of the two-step goodwill impairment test. The Step 1 evaluation of goodwill allocated to the Florida reporting unit under both valuation approaches (market and discounted cash flow analysis) indicated that the fair value of the unit was above the carrying amount of its equity book value as of the valuation date (October 1); therefore, the completion of Step 2 was not required. Based on the analysis under both the market and discounted cash flow analysis, the estimated fair value of the equity of the reporting unit was \$181.5 million, which is above the carrying amount of the entity, including goodwill, which approximated \$160.4 million. There have been no events related to the Florida reporting unit that could indicate potential goodwill impairment since the date of the last evaluation; therefore, no goodwill impairment evaluation was performed during the first nine months of 2013. Goodwill and other indefinite life intangibles are reviewed at least annually for impairment.

In connection with the acquisition of the FirstBank-branded credit card loan portfolio, in the second quarter of 2012, the Corporation recognized a purchased credit card relationship intangible of \$24.5 million, which is being amortized over the next 8.2 years on an accelerated basis based on the estimated attrition rate of the purchased credit card accounts, which reflects the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible asset are consumed. These benefits are consumed as the revenue stream generated by the cardholder relationship is realized.

The following table shows the gross amount and accumulated amortization of the Corporation's intangible assets recognized as part of Other Assets in the consolidated statement of financial condition:

	As of September 30, 2013	As of December 31, 2012
Core deposit intangible:		
Gross amount	\$ 45,844	\$ 45,844
Accumulated amortization	(38,274)	(36,509)
Net carrying amount	\$ 7,570	\$ 9,335
Remaining amortization period	9.5 years	10.4 years
Purchased credit card relationship intangible:		
Gross amount	\$ 24,465	\$ 24,465
Accumulated amortization	(3,747)	(954)
Net carrying amount	\$ 20,718	\$ 23,511
Remaining amortization period	8.2 years	9.0 years

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For each of the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, the amortization expense of core deposit intangibles amounted to \$0.6 million and \$1.8 million, respectively. For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the amortization expense of the purchased credit card relationship intangible amounted to \$0.9 million and \$2.8 million (2012 - \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million).

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NOTE 12 NON CONSOLIDATED VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES AND SERVICING ASSETS

The Corporation transfers residential mortgage loans in sale or securitization transactions in which it has continuing involvement, including servicing responsibilities and guarantee arrangements. All such transfers have been accounted for as sales as required by applicable accounting guidance.

When evaluating transfers and other transactions with Variable Interest Entities (VIEs) for consolidation, the Corporation first determines if the counterparty is an entity for which a variable interest exists. If no scope exception is applicable and a variable interest exists, the Corporation then evaluates if it is the primary beneficiary of the VIE and whether the entity should be consolidated or not.

Below is a summary of transfers of financial assets to VIEs for which the Corporation has retained some level of continuing involvement:

Ginnie Mae

The Corporation typically transfers first lien residential mortgage loans in conjunction with GNMA securitization transactions in which the loans are exchanged for cash or securities that are readily redeemed for cash proceeds and servicing rights. The securities issued through these transactions are guaranteed by the issuer and, as such, under seller/servicer agreements the Corporation is required to service the loans in accordance with the issuers servicing guidelines and standards. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation serviced loans securitized through GNMA with a principal balance of \$977.1 million.

Trust Preferred Securities

In 2004, FBP Statutory Trust I, a financing subsidiary of the Corporation, sold to institutional investors \$100 million of its variable rate trust-preferred securities. The proceeds of the issuance, together with the proceeds of the purchase by the Corporation of \$3.1 million of FBP Statutory Trust I variable rate common securities, were used by FBP Statutory Trust I to purchase \$103.1 million aggregate principal amount of the Corporation s Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures. Also in 2004, FBP Statutory Trust II, a statutory trust that is wholly owned by the Corporation, sold to institutional investors \$125 million of its variable rate trust-preferred securities. The proceeds of the issuance, together with the proceeds of the purchase by the Corporation of \$3.9 million of FBP Statutory Trust II variable rate common securities, were used by FBP Statutory Trust II to purchase \$128.9 million aggregate principal amount of the Corporation s Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures. The debentures are presented in the Corporation s consolidated statement of financial condition as Other Borrowings, net of related issuance costs. The variable rate trust-preferred securities are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Corporation. The \$100 million Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures issued by the Corporation in April 2004 and the \$125 million issued in September 2004 mature on June 17, 2034 and September 20, 2034, respectively; however, under certain circumstances, the maturity of Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures may be shortened (such shortening would result in a mandatory redemption of the variable rate trust-preferred securities). The trust-preferred securities, subject to certain limitations, qualify as Tier I regulatory capital under current applicable rules and regulations. The Collins Amendment to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act eliminates certain trust-preferred securities from Tier 1 Capital. Bank Holding Companies, such as the Corporation, must fully phase out these instruments from Tier I capital by January 1, 2016 (25% allowed in 2015 and 0% in 2016); however, these instruments may remain in Tier 2 capital until the instruments are redeemed or mature.

Grantor Trusts

During 2004 and 2005, a third party to the Corporation, from now on identified as the seller, established a series of statutory trusts to effect the securitization of mortgage loans and the sale of trust certificates. The seller initially provided the servicing for a fee, which is senior to the obligations to pay trust certificate holders. The seller then entered into a sales agreement through which it sold and issued the trust certificates in favor of the Corporation's banking subsidiary. Currently, the Bank is the sole owner of the trust certificates; the servicing of the underlying residential mortgages that generate the principal and interest cash flows, is performed by another third party, which receives a servicing fee. The securities are variable rate securities indexed to 90-day LIBOR plus a spread. The principal payments from the underlying loans are remitted to a paying agent (servicer) who then remits interest to the Bank; interest income is shared to a certain extent with the FDIC, which has an interest only strip (IO) tied to the cash flows of the underlying loans and, is entitled to receive the excess of the interest income less a servicing fee over the variable rate income that the Bank earns on the securities. This IO is limited to the weighted average coupon of the securities. The FDIC became the owner of the IO upon the intervention of the seller, a failed financial institution. No recourse agreement exists and the risk from losses on non accruing loans and repossessed collateral is absorbed by the Bank as the sole holder of the certificates. As of September 30, 2013, the amortized balance and carrying value of Grantor Trusts amounted to \$57.7 million and \$42.1 million, respectively, with a weighted average yield of 2.25%.

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Investment in unconsolidated entity

On February 16, 2011, FirstBank sold an asset portfolio consisting of performing and non-performing construction, commercial mortgage and C&I loans with an aggregate book value of \$269.3 million to CPG/GS, an entity organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and majority owned by PRLP Ventures LLC (PRLP), a company created by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Caribbean Property Group. In connection with the sale, the Corporation received \$88.5 million in cash and a 35% interest in CPG/GS, and made a loan in the amount of \$136.1 million representing seller financing provided by FirstBank. The loan has a 7-year maturity, bears variable interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 300 basis points and is secured by a pledge of all of the acquiring entity's assets as well as the PRLP's 65% ownership interest in CPG/GS. As of September 30, 2013, the carrying amount of the loan was \$46.2 million, which was included in the Corporation's Commercial and Industrial loans held for investment portfolio; the carrying value of FirstBank's equity interest in CPG/GS was \$13.2 million as of September 30, 2013, accounted for under the equity method and included as part of Investment in unconsolidated entity in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. When applying the equity method, the Bank follows the Hypothetical Liquidation Book Value method (HLBV) to determine its share in CPG/GS's earnings or loss. Under HLBV, the Bank determines its share in CPG/GS's earnings or loss by determining the difference between its claim on CPG/GS's book value at the end of the period as compared to the beginning of the period. This claim is calculated as the amount the Bank would receive if CPG/GS were to liquidate all of its assets at recorded amounts determined in accordance with GAAP and distribute the resulting cash to the investors, PRLP and FirstBank, according to their respective priorities as provided in the contractual agreement. The Bank reports its share of CPG/GS's operating results on a one-quarter lag basis. In addition, as a result of using HLBV, the difference between the Bank's investment in CPG/GS and its claim on the book value of CPG/GS at the date of the investment, known as the basis difference, is amortized over the estimated life of the investment, or five years. CPG/GS records its loans receivable under the fair value option. Equity in loss of unconsolidated entity for the nine month period ended September 30, 2013 of \$10.8 million, includes \$3.4 million related to the amortization of the basis differential, compared to equity in loss of unconsolidated entity of \$10.9 million for the first nine months of 2012.

FirstBank also provided an \$80 million advance facility to CPG/GS to fund unfunded commitments and costs to complete projects under construction, which was fully disbursed in 2011, and a \$20 million working capital line of credit to fund certain expenses of CPG/GS. During 2012, CPG/GS repaid the outstanding balance of the advance facility to fund unfunded commitments, and the funds became available to redraw under a one-time revolver agreement. These loans bear variable interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 300 basis points. As of September 30, 2013, the carrying value of the revolver agreement and working capital line were \$20.8 million and \$0, respectively, which was included in the Corporation's Commercial & Industrial loans held for investment portfolio.

Cash proceeds received by CPG/GS are first used to cover operating expenses and debt service payments, including the note receivable, the advance facility, and the working capital line, described above, which must be fully repaid before proceeds can be used for other purposes, including the return of capital to both PRLP and FirstBank. FirstBank will not receive any return on its equity interest until PRLP receives an aggregate amount equivalent to its initial investment and a priority return of at least 12%, resulting in FirstBank's interest in CPG/GS being subordinate to PRLP's interest. CPG/GS will then begin to make payments pro rata to PRLP and FirstBank, 35% and 65%, respectively, until FirstBank has achieved a 12% return on its invested capital and the aggregate amount of distributions is equal to FirstBank's capital contributions to CPG/GS. FirstBank may experience further losses associated with this transaction due to this subordination in an amount equal to up to the value of its interest in CPG/GS. Factors that could impact FirstBank's recoverability of its equity interest include lower than expected sale prices of units underlying CPG/GS assets and/or lower than projected liquidation value of the underlying collateral and changes in the expected timing of cash flows, among others.

The Bank has determined that CPG/GS is a VIE in which the Bank is not the primary beneficiary. In determining the primary beneficiary of CPG/GS, the Bank considered applicable guidance that requires the Bank to qualitatively assess the determination of the primary beneficiary (or consolidator) of CPG/GS based on whether it has both the power to direct the activities of CPG/GS that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and the obligation to absorb losses of CPG/GS that could potentially be significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE.

The Bank determined that it does not have the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of CPG/GS as it does not have the right to manage the loan portfolio, impact foreclosure proceedings, or manage the construction and sale of the property; therefore, the Bank concluded that it is not the primary beneficiary of CPG/GS. As a creditor to CPG/GS, the Bank has certain rights related to CPG/GS; however, these are intended to be protective in nature and do not provide the Bank with the ability to manage the operations of CPG/GS. Since CPG/GS is not a consolidated subsidiary of the Bank and the transaction met the criteria for sale accounting under authoritative guidance, the Bank accounted for this transaction as a true sale, recognizing the cash received, the notes receivable, and the interest in CPG/GS and derecognizing the loan portfolio sold.

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The following table shows summarized unaudited income statement information of CPG/GS for the quarters and nine-months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

	Quarter Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
Revenues, including net realized gains on sale of investments in loans and OREO	\$ 526	\$ 1,177	\$ 2,245	\$ 5,598
Gross Profit (loss)	\$ (2,889)	\$ (2,018)	\$ (6,557)	\$ (4,827)
Net Loss	\$ (3,709)	\$ (7,872)	\$ (1,516)	\$ (5,805)

Servicing Assets

The Corporation is actively involved in the securitization of pools of FHA-insured and VA-guaranteed mortgages for issuance of GNMA mortgage-backed securities. Also, certain conventional conforming loans are sold to FNMA or FHLMC with servicing retained. The Corporation recognizes as separate assets the rights to service loans for others, whether those servicing assets are originated or purchased.

The changes in servicing assets are shown below:

	Quarter ended		Nine-Month period ended	
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 19,979	\$ 16,592	\$ 17,524	\$ 15,226
Capitalization of servicing assets	2,653	1,389	6,467	4,486
Amortization	(765)	(834)	(2,351)	(2,220)
Adjustment to servicing assets for loans repurchased ⁽¹⁾	(14)	(124)	(344)	(629)
Adjustment to fair value	32	(363)	589	(203)
Balance at end of period	\$ 21,885	\$ 16,660	\$ 21,885	\$ 16,660

(1) Amount represents the adjustment to fair value related to the repurchase of loans serviced for others. Impairment charges are recognized through a valuation allowance for each individual stratum of servicing assets. The valuation allowance is adjusted to reflect the amount, if any, by which the cost basis of the servicing asset for a given stratum of loans being serviced exceeds its fair value. Any fair value in excess of the cost basis of the servicing asset for a given stratum is not recognized.

Changes in the impairment allowance were as follows:

	Quarter ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 115	\$ 118	\$ 672	\$ 2,725
Temporary impairment charges	32	378	147	565
OTTI of servicing assets				(2,447)
Recoveries	(64)	(15)	(736)	(362)
Balance at end of period	\$ 83	\$ 481	\$ 83	\$ 481

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The components of net servicing income are shown below:

	Quarter ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30, 2013	2012	September 30, 2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Servicing fees	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,399	\$ 5,513	\$ 4,161
Late charges and prepayment penalties	101	463	532	925
Adjustment for loans repurchased	(14)	(124)	(344)	(629)
Other	(273)		(421)	
Servicing income, gross	1,714	1,738	5,280	4,457
Amortization and impairment of servicing assets	(733)	(1,197)	(1,762)	(2,423)
Servicing income, net	\$ 981	\$ 541	\$ 3,518	\$ 2,034

The Corporation's servicing assets are subject to prepayment and interest rate risks. Key economic assumptions used in determining the fair value at the time of sale ranged as follows:

	Maximum	Minimum
Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2013:		
Constant prepayment rate:		
Government guaranteed mortgage loans	10.5%	9.1%
Conventional conforming mortgage loans	10.9%	9.2%
Conventional non-conforming mortgage loans	14.3%	13.0%
Discount rate:		
Government guaranteed mortgage loans	12.0%	11.5%
Conventional conforming mortgage loans	10.0%	9.5%
Conventional non-conforming mortgage loans	14.3%	13.8%
Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2012:		
Constant prepayment rate:		
Government guaranteed mortgage loans	12.4%	11.6%
Conventional conforming mortgage loans	12.8%	12.6%
Conventional non-conforming mortgage loans	13.8%	13.3%
Discount rate:		
Government guaranteed mortgage loans	12.0%	12.0%
Conventional conforming mortgage loans	10.0%	10.0%
Conventional non-conforming mortgage loans	14.3%	14.3%

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As of September 30, 2013, fair values of the Corporation's servicing assets were based on a valuation model that incorporates market driven assumptions, regarding discount rates and mortgage prepayment rates, adjusted by the particular characteristics of the Corporation's servicing portfolio. The weighted-averages of the key economic assumptions used by the Corporation in its valuation model and the sensitivity of the current aggregate fair value to immediate 10% and 20% adverse changes in those assumptions for mortgage loans as of September 30, 2013, were as follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)
Carrying amount of servicing assets	\$ 21,885
Fair value	\$ 23,887
Weighted-average expected life (in years)	9.65
Constant prepayment rate (weighted-average annual rate)	9.37%
Decrease in fair value due to 10% adverse change	\$ 895
Decrease in fair value due to 20% adverse change	\$ 1,734
Discount rate (weighted-average annual rate)	10.59%
Decrease in fair value due to 10% adverse change	\$ 1,001
Decrease in fair value due to 20% adverse change	\$ 1,926

These sensitivities are hypothetical and should be used with caution. As the figures indicate, changes in fair value based on a 10% variation in assumptions generally cannot be extrapolated because the relationship between the change in assumption and the change in fair value may not be linear. Also, in this table, the effect of a variation in a particular assumption on the fair value of the servicing asset is calculated without changing any other assumption; in reality, changes in one factor may result in changes in another (for example, increases in market interest rates may result in lower prepayments), which may magnify or counteract the sensitivities.

NOTE 13 DEPOSITS

The following table summarizes deposit balances:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Type of account:		
Non-interest bearing checking accounts	\$ 845,917	\$ 837,387
Savings accounts	2,356,318	2,295,766
Interest-bearing checking accounts	1,147,025	1,108,053
Certificates of deposit	2,424,395	2,248,896
Brokered certificates of deposit	3,180,542	3,374,444
	\$ 9,954,197	\$ 9,864,546

Brokered certificates of deposit mature as follows:

	September 30, 2013 (In thousands)
Three months or less	\$ 411,531
Over three months to six months	380,847
Over six months to one year	838,678
One to three years	1,324,887
Three to five years	219,306
Over five years	5,293
Total	\$ 3,180,542

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The following are the components of interest expense on deposits:

	Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 2012 (In thousands)		Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2013 2012 (In thousands)	
Interest expense on deposits	\$ 19,541	\$ 27,653	\$ 64,821	\$ 92,569
Amortization of broker placement fees	1,912	2,300	6,094	7,607
Interest expense on deposits	\$ 21,453	\$ 29,953	\$ 70,915	\$ 100,176

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Securities sold under agreements to repurchase (repurchase agreements) consist of the following:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Repurchase agreements, interest ranging from 2.45% to 3.35% (December 31, 2012- 2.45% to 3.39%)	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000

Repurchase agreements mature as follows:

	September 30, 2013	
	(In thousands)	
Three years or less	\$	100,000
Three to five years		700,000
Over five years		100,000
Total ⁽¹⁾	\$	900,000

(1) Includes \$700 million of repurchase agreements that are callable at the option of the counterparties at different dates beginning on October 9, 2013. Also includes \$700 million which are currently tied to variable rates. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the securities underlying such agreements were delivered to the dealers with which the repurchase agreements were transacted.

Repurchase agreements as of September 30, 2013, grouped by counterparty, were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands) Counterparty	Amount	Weighted-Average Maturity (In Months)
Citigroup Global Markets	\$ 300,000	37
JP Morgan Chase	200,000	41
Dean Witter / Morgan Stanley	100,000	49
Credit Suisse First Boston	300,000	51
	\$ 900,000	

NOTE 15 ADVANCES FROM THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK (FHLB)

The following is a summary of the advances from the FHLB:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Fixed-rate advances from FHLB, with a weighted-average interest rate of 1.69% (December 31, 2012 - 2.26%)	\$ 353,440	\$ 508,440

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Advances from FHLB mature as follows:

	September 30, 2013 (In thousands)
One to thirty days	\$ 53,440
Over thirty days to ninety days	
Over ninety days to one year	
Over one year to three years	100,000
Over three years	200,000
Total	\$ 353,440

As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation had additional capacity of approximately \$390.7 million on its credit facility with the FHLB based on collateral pledged at the FHLB, including a haircut reflecting the perceived risk associated with holding the collateral.

NOTE 16 OTHER BORROWINGS

Other borrowings consist of:

	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(In thousands)	
Junior subordinated debentures due in 2034, interest-bearing at a floating rate of 2.75% over 3-month LIBOR (3.00% as of September 30, 2013 and 3.06% as of December 31, 2012)	\$ 103,093	\$ 103,093
Junior subordinated debentures due in 2034, interest-bearing at a floating rate of 2.50% over 3-month LIBOR (2.75% as of September 30, 2013 and 2.81% as of December 31, 2012)	128,866	128,866
	\$ 231,959	\$ 231,959

NOTE 17 STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**Common Stock**

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Corporation had 2,000,000,000 authorized shares of common stock with a par value of \$0.10 per share. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, there were 207,588,787 and 206,730,318 shares issued, respectively, and 207,042,785 and 206,235,465 shares outstanding, respectively. On July 30, 2009, the Corporation announced the suspension of common and preferred stock dividends effective with the

preferred dividend for the month of August 2009.

In August 2013 the Corporation awarded 22,218 shares of restricted stock under the Omnibus Plan, to the independent directors subject to a one year vesting period. Also in the first nine months of 2013, the Corporation granted 716,405 shares of restricted stock to certain senior officers and certain other employees. The restrictions on such restricted stock will lapse 50% over a two-year period and 50% over a three-year period. Included in the 716,405 shares of restricted stock are 582,905 shares granted to certain senior officers consistent with the requirements of TARP. In addition, in 2013 the Corporation issued 156,331 shares of common stock as increased compensation to certain executive officers. Refer to Note 3 for additional details. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, there were 1,435,220 and 770,507 shares of unvested restricted stock outstanding. During the first nine months of 2013, 36,485 shares of restricted stock were forfeited and the restrictions on 37,425 shares of restricted stock lapsed.

Preferred Stock

The Corporation has 50,000,000 authorized shares of preferred stock with a par value of \$1, redeemable at the Corporation's option subject to certain terms. This stock may be issued in series and the shares of each series will have such rights and preferences as are fixed by the Board of Directors when authorizing the issuance of that particular series. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation has five outstanding series of non-convertible non-cumulative preferred stock: 7.125% non-cumulative perpetual monthly income preferred stock, Series A; 8.35% non-cumulative perpetual monthly income preferred stock, Series B; 7.40% non-cumulative perpetual monthly income preferred stock, Series C; 7.25% non-cumulative perpetual monthly income preferred stock, Series D; and 7.00% non-cumulative perpetual monthly income preferred stock, Series E. The liquidation value per share is \$25.

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Effective January 17, 2012, the Corporation delisted all of its outstanding series of non-convertible, non-cumulative preferred stock from the New York Stock Exchange. The Corporation has not arranged for listing and/or registration on another national securities exchange or for quotation of the Series A through E preferred stock in a quotation medium. During the first quarter of 2013, the Corporation commenced an offer to issue shares of its common stock in exchange for any and all of the issued and outstanding shares of Series A through E non-cumulative perpetual monthly income preferred stock. The offer was terminated in April 2013. The Corporation did not receive the consent required from holders of shares of the Series A through E preferred stock to amend the certificate of designation of each series of Preferred Stock. Such consent was a condition to the completion of the offer.

Stock repurchase plan and treasury stock

The Corporation has a stock repurchase program under which, from time to time, it repurchases shares of common stock in the open market and holds them as treasury stock. The Corporation withheld approximately 51,149 shares from the common stock paid to certain senior officers as additional compensation to cover employee payroll and income tax withholding liabilities; these shares are also held as treasury shares. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 the Corporation had 546,002, and 494,853 shares held as treasury stock, respectively.

FirstBank Statutory Reserve

The Banking Act of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico requires that a minimum of 10% of FirstBank's net income for the year be transferred to legal surplus until such surplus equals the total of paid-in-capital on common and preferred stock. Amounts transferred to the legal surplus account from the retained earnings account are not available for distribution to the stockholders without the prior consent of the Puerto Rico Commissioner of Financial Institutions. The net loss experienced in 2011 exhausted FirstBank's statutory reserve fund. The Bank cannot pay dividends until it can replenish the reserve fund to an amount of at least 20% of the original capital contributed. As of September 30, 2013, the reserve fund amounted to \$3.8 million.

NOTE 18 - INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense includes Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands income taxes as well as applicable U.S. federal and state taxes. The Corporation is subject to Puerto Rico income tax on its income from all sources. As a Puerto Rico corporation, First BanCorp. is treated as a foreign corporation for U.S. income tax purposes and is generally subject to United States income tax only on its income from sources within the United States or income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Any such tax paid is also creditable against the Corporation's Puerto Rico tax liability, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

On June 30, 2013, the Puerto Rico Government approved Act No. 40 (Act 40), known as the Tax Burden Adjustment and Redistribution Act, which amended the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 2011 (the 2011 PR Code), and Act No. 46 (Act 46), which brings changes to the sales and use tax regime. The main provisions of Act 40 that impact financial institutions include:

- (i) A new national gross receipts tax that in the case of financial institutions is 1% of gross income which is not deductible for purposes of computing net taxable income and is not part of the alternative minimum tax (AMT). This provision is retroactive to January 1, 2013. An expense of \$4.9 million was recorded in the first nine months of 2013 related to the national gross receipts tax. This expense is included as part of Taxes, other than income taxes in the Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss). Subject to certain limitations, a

financial institution will be able to claim a credit of 0.5% of its gross income against its regular income tax or the alternative minimum tax. A \$2.5 million benefit related to this credit was recorded as a reduction to the provision for income taxes in the first nine months of 2013.

- (ii) A decrease in the deduction available to corporations for the computation of the additional surtax from \$750,000 to \$25,000 and a change in the surtax rate to rates that range from 5% to 19%, resulting in an increase in the maximum statutory tax rate from 30% to 39%. This provision is also retroactive to January 1, 2013. The effect on operating results in the second quarter of 2013 related to these changes was a net benefit of approximately \$0.5 million, mainly due to the increase in the deferred tax asset of profitable subsidiaries. The deferred tax valuation allowance increased to \$519.8 million as of September 30, 2013 from \$359.9 million at December 31, 2012, as a result of changes in tax rates and operating results for the first nine months of 2013.

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- (iii) A higher AMT rate (30% of the alternative minimum net income, as compared to 20% previously) and various parallel computations required to be made before determining whether an AMT liability exists. This change did not have an impact on the Corporation's provision for income taxes recorded in the first nine months of 2013.
- (iv) The Net Operating Loss (NOL) carryover period increased from 10 years to 12 years for losses incurred in taxable years that commenced after December 31, 2004 and ended before January 1, 2013. The carryover period for NOL incurred during taxable years commencing after December 31, 2012 will be 10 years. The NOL deduction is now limited to 90% of taxable income for regular income tax purpose and 80% for AMT purposes.

Significant changes to the sales and use tax regime include adjustments to the Business to Business exclusion. The business to business exclusion applicable to services rendered from one registered business to another registered business remains in effect, except for certain services, that will be taxable including, among others, service charges imposed by financial institutions to other businesses (commercial clients), collection services, repairs and maintenance services of real and personal property, and computer programming including modifications to previously designed systems. The sales and use tax provisions were effective beginning on July 1, 2013.

On October 14, 2013, the Governor of Puerto Rico signed into law Act No. 117 (Act 117) providing additional changes and transitional provisions in connection with Act 40. In relation to the national gross receipts tax, Act 117 clarifies, among other things, that gross income subject to the special tax does not include the following:

- (i) Dividends received from a 100% controlled domestic subsidiary. During the nine-months ended September 30, 2013, no dividends subject to this exception were received by any of the Corporation's entities.
- (ii) Income attributable to a trade or business outside of Puerto Rico. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation accrued approximately \$0.5 million of gross receipts tax expense related to income attributable to the trade or business outside of Puerto Rico. Based on Act 117 dispositions, this expense will be reversed during the fourth quarter of 2013 when the Act was enacted.

Under the 2011 PR Code, the Corporation and its subsidiaries are treated as separate taxable entities and are not entitled to file consolidated tax returns and, thus, the Corporation is not able to utilize losses from one subsidiary to offset gains in another subsidiary. Accordingly, in order to obtain a tax benefit from a net operating loss, a particular subsidiary must be able to demonstrate sufficient taxable income within the applicable carry forward period. The 2011 PR Code provides a dividend received deduction of 100% on dividends received from controlled subsidiaries subject to taxation in Puerto Rico and 85% on dividends received from other taxable domestic corporations.

The Corporation has maintained an effective tax rate lower than the maximum statutory rate mainly by investing in government obligations and mortgage-backed securities exempt from U.S. and Puerto Rico income taxes and by doing business through an International Banking Entity (IBE) of the Bank and through the Bank's subsidiary, FirstBank Overseas Corporation, whose interest income and gain on sales is exempt from Puerto Rico and U.S. income taxation. The IBE and FirstBank Overseas Corporation were created under the International Banking Entity Act of Puerto Rico, which provides for total Puerto Rico tax exemption on net income derived by IBEs operating in Puerto Rico. An IBE that operates as a unit of a bank pays income taxes at normal rates to the extent that the IBE net income exceeds 20% of the bank's total net taxable income.

For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the Corporation recorded income tax expense of \$3.7 million and \$4.3 million, respectively, compared to income tax expense of \$0.8 million and \$4.4 million for the same periods in 2012. The increase for the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, was mainly driven by an increase in reserves for uncertain tax positions as further discussed below. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the impact of the \$3.0 million increase in reserves for uncertain tax positions was offset by the \$2.5 million benefit related to the credit that the Corporation will be able to claim against its regular income tax or the alternative minimum tax (50% of the national gross receipts tax assessed), and the net benefit of \$0.5 million related to the increase in the deferred tax asset of profitable subsidiaries due to changes in statutory tax rates. The income tax in the interim financial statements is calculated based on the income of the individual subsidiaries and the currently valid tax rates as a best possible estimate. As of September 30, 2013, the deferred tax asset, net of a valuation allowance of \$519.8 million, amounted to \$7.4 million compared to \$4.9 million as of December 31, 2012. The increase in the deferred tax asset valuation allowance to \$519.8 million as of September 30, 2013 from \$359.9 million as of December 31, 2012 was mainly due to the increase in statutory tax rates and the operating results for the first nine months of 2013.

Accounting for income taxes requires that companies assess whether a valuation allowance should be recorded against their deferred tax asset based on an assessment of the amount of the deferred tax asset that is more likely than not to be realized. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. In making such assessment, significant weight is given to evidence that can be objectively verified, including both positive

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and negative evidence. Consideration must be given to all sources of taxable income available to realize the deferred tax asset, including the future reversal of existing temporary differences, future taxable income exclusive of the reversal of temporary differences and carryforwards, taxable income in carryback years and tax planning strategies. In estimating taxes, management assesses the relative merits and risks of the appropriate tax treatment of transactions taking into account statutory, judicial and regulatory guidance, and recognizes tax benefits only when deemed probable of realization.

In assessing the weight of positive and negative evidence, a significant negative factor that resulted in the maintenance of the valuation allowance was that the Corporation's banking subsidiary, FirstBank Puerto Rico, was in a three-year historical cumulative loss position as of September 30, 2013, mainly due to significant charges to the provision for loan and lease losses in prior years as a result of the economic downturn and the bulk sales of assets completed in 2013. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation had a gross deferred tax asset of \$529.2 million, including \$372.7 million associated with net operating losses (NOLs). The Bank incurred all of the NOLs on or after 2009. As mentioned before, the Corporation maintained a valuation allowance of \$519.8 million as of September 30, 2013 against the deferred tax asset. As of September 30, 2013, management concluded that \$7.4 million of the deferred tax asset will be realized as it relates to profitable subsidiaries and to amounts that can be realized through future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences. To the extent the realization of a portion, or all, of the tax asset becomes more likely than not based on changes in circumstances (such as, improved earnings, changes in tax laws or other relevant changes), a reversal of that portion of the deferred tax asset valuation allowance will then be recorded.

The authoritative accounting guidance prescribes a comprehensive model for the financial statement recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of income tax uncertainties with respect to positions taken or expected to be taken on income tax returns. Under this guidance, income tax benefits are recognized and measured based upon a two-step analysis: 1) a tax position must be more likely than not to be sustained based solely on its technical merits in order to be recognized, and 2) the benefit is measured as the largest dollar amount of that position that is more likely than not to be sustained upon settlement. The difference between the benefit recognized under this analysis and the tax benefit claimed on a tax return is referred to as an unrecognized tax benefit (UTB).

The following table reconciles the balance of UTBs:

	Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
(In thousands)		
Balance beginning of the year	\$ 2,374	\$ 2,374
Increases related to positions taken during prior years	3,102	
Balance at end of period	\$ 5,476	\$ 2,374

The Corporation recorded UTBs of \$5.5 million, all of which would, if recognized, affect the Corporation's effective tax rate. The Corporation classified all interest and penalties, if any, related to tax uncertainties as income tax expense. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation's accrued interest that relates to tax uncertainties amounted to \$1.2 million and there was no need to accrue for the payment of penalties. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2013, the total amount of interest recognized by the Corporation as part of income tax expense related to tax uncertainties was \$0.1 million. The years 2007 through 2009 have been examined by the United States Internal Revenue Service

(IRS) and disputed issues were taken to administrative appeals during 2011. During the third quarter of 2013, the Corporation increased its UTBs by \$3.1 million, mainly due to changes in management judgment given the lengthy administrative appeals process and expectations as to resolution. The amount of the Corporation's UTBs may increase or decrease for various reasons, including changes in the amounts for current tax year positions, the expiration of open income tax returns due to the expiration of statutes of limitations, changes in management's judgment about the level of uncertainty, the status of examinations, litigation and legislative activity, and the addition, or elimination, of uncertain tax positions. During October 2013, the Corporation filed a mediation request with the IRS appeals office in an effort to expedite the resolution of the audits under their examination. Subsequent to the filing of the mediation request, the Corporation has exchanged communications with the IRS appeals office and management is working and expects the prompt resolution of this matter. However, the Corporation currently cannot reasonably estimate a range of possible changes to existing reserves.

The Corporation's liability for income taxes includes its liability for UTBs, and interest that relates to tax years still subject to review by taxing authorities. Audit periods remain open for review until the statute of limitations has passed. The statute of limitations under the 2011 PR Code is 4 years; the statute of limitations for the Virgin Islands and for U.S. income tax purposes is 3 years after a tax return is due or filed, whichever is later. The completion of an audit by the taxing authorities or the expiration of the statute of limitations for a given audit period could result in an adjustment to the Corporation's liability for income taxes. Any such adjustment could be material to results of operations for any given quarterly or annual period based, in part, upon the results of operations for the given period. For Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands income tax purposes, all tax years subsequent to 2009 and 2010, respectively, remain open to examination. Tax year 2010 is currently under examination by the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury. The examination is at a preliminary stage. Taxable years from 2007 remain open to examination for U.S. income tax purpose.

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The FASB authoritative guidance for fair value measurement defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. This guidance also establishes a fair value hierarchy for classifying financial instruments. The hierarchy is based on whether the inputs to the valuation techniques used to measure fair value are observable or unobservable. Three levels of inputs may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Valuations of Level 1 assets and liabilities are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities. Level 1 assets and liabilities include equity securities that trade in an active exchange market, as well as certain U.S. Treasury and other U.S. government and agency securities and corporate debt securities that are traded by dealers or brokers in active markets.
- Level 2** Valuations of Level 2 assets and liabilities are based on observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Level 2 assets and liabilities include (i) mortgage-backed securities for which the fair value is estimated based on the value of identical or comparable assets, (ii) debt securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments and (iii) derivative contracts and financial liabilities (e.g., medium-term notes elected to be measured at fair value) whose value is determined using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3** Valuations of Level 3 assets and liabilities are based on unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models for which the determination of fair value required significant management judgments estimation.

For 2013, there were no transfers into or out of Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 measurement of the fair value hierarchy.

Financial Instruments Recorded at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis***Investment securities available for sale***

The fair value of investment securities was the market value based on quoted market prices (as is the case with equity securities, Treasury notes and non-callable U.S. Agency debt securities), when available (Level 1), or market prices for identical or comparable assets (as is the case with MBS and callable U.S. agency debt) that are based on observable market parameters including benchmark yields, reported trades, quotes from brokers or dealers, issuer spreads, bids, offers and reference data including market research operations (Level 2). Observable prices in the market already consider the risk of nonperformance. If listed prices or quotes are not available, fair value is based upon models that use unobservable inputs due to the limited market activity of the instrument, as is the case with certain private label mortgage-backed securities held by the Corporation (Level 3).

Private label MBS are collateralized by fixed-rate mortgages on single-family residential properties in the United States; the interest rate on the securities is variable, tied to 3-month LIBOR and limited to the weighted-average coupon of the underlying collateral. The market valuation represents the estimated net cash flows over the projected

life of the pool of underlying assets applying a discount rate that reflects market observed floating spreads over LIBOR, with a widening spread based on a nonrated security. The market valuation is derived from a model that utilizes relevant assumptions such as prepayment rate, default rate, and loss severity on a loan level basis. The Corporation modeled the cash flow from the fixed-rate mortgage collateral using a static cash flow analysis according to collateral attributes of the underlying mortgage pool (i.e. loan term, current balance, note rate, rate adjustment type, rate adjustment frequency, rate caps, and others) in combination with prepayment forecasts obtained from a commercially available prepayment model (ADCO). The variable cash flow of the security is modeled using the 3-month LIBOR forward curve. Loss assumptions were driven by the combination of default and loss severity estimates, taking into account loan credit characteristics (loan-to-value, state, origination date, property type, occupancy loan purpose, documentation type, debt-to-income ratio, other) to provide an estimate of default and loss severity.

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Refer to the table below for further information regarding qualitative information for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3).

Derivative instruments

The fair value of most of the Corporation's derivative instruments is based on observable market parameters and takes into consideration the credit risk component of paying counterparties when appropriate, except when collateral is pledged. That is, on interest rate swaps, the credit risk of both counterparties is included in the valuation; and, on options and caps, only the seller's credit risk is considered. The derivative instruments, namely swaps and caps, were valued using a discounted cash flow approach using the related LIBOR and swap rate for each cash flow. Derivatives include interest rate swaps used for protection against rising interest rates. For these interest rate swaps, a credit component was not considered in the valuation since the Corporation has fully collateralized with investment securities any marked-to-market loss with the counterparty and, if there were market gains, the counterparty had to deliver collateral to the Corporation.

Although most of the derivative instruments are fully collateralized, a credit spread is considered for those that are not secured in full. The cumulative mark-to-market effect of credit risk in the valuation of derivative instruments for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was immaterial.

The information about the estimated fair value of financial instruments required by GAAP is presented hereunder. The fair value amounts presented do not necessarily represent management's estimate of the underlying value of the Corporation.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, are summarized below:

(In thousands)	As of September 30, 2013				As of December 31, 2012			
	Fair Value Measurements Using				Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Assets/Liabilities at Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Assets/Liabilities at Fair Value
Assets:								
Securities available for sale:								
Equity securities	\$ 41	\$	\$	\$ 41	\$ 31	\$	\$	\$ 31
U.S. Treasury Securities	7,498			7,498	7,499			7,499
Noncallable U.S. agency debt		202,890		202,890		159,252		159,252
Callable U.S. agency debt and MBS		1,745,516		1,745,516		1,442,169		1,442,169
Puerto Rico government obligations		46,464	2,735	49,199		67,509	3,691	71,200
Private label MBS			42,185	42,185			50,926	50,926

Derivatives, included in assets:				
Interest rate swap agreements	193	193	288	288
Purchased interest rate cap agreements	79	79		
Forward contracts	2	2	3	3
Liabilities:				
Derivatives, included in liabilities:				
Interest rate swap agreements	4,350	4,350	5,776	5,776
Written interest rate cap agreement	80	80		
Forward contracts	582	582	5	5

The table below presents a reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the quarters and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

Level 3 Instruments Only (In thousands)	Quarter ended September 30,	
	2013 Securities Available For Sale	2012 Securities Available For Sale ⁽¹⁾
Beginning balance	\$ 48,660	\$ 61,838
Total gains or (losses) (realized/unrealized):		
Included in earnings		(557)
Included in other comprehensive income	903	1,666
Sales		(1,450)
Principal repayments and amortization	(4,643)	(3,065)
Ending balance	\$ 44,920	\$ 58,432

(1) Amounts mostly related to private label mortgage-backed securities.

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Level 3 Instruments Only (In thousands)	Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
	Securities Available For Sale	Securities Available For Sale⁽¹⁾
Beginning balance	\$ 54,617	\$ 65,463
Total gains or (losses) (realized/unrealized):		
Included in earnings	(117)	(1,933)
Included in other comprehensive income	1,763	6,722
Sales		(1,450)
Principal repayments and amortization	(11,343)	(10,370)
Ending balance	\$ 44,920	\$ 58,432

(1) Amounts mostly related to private label mortgage-backed securities.

The table below presents qualitative information for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) at September 30, 2013:

(In thousands)	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	September 30, 2013 Unobservable Input	Range
Investment securities available-for-sale:				
Private label MBS	\$ 42,185	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	14.5%
			Prepayment rate	20.41% -100% (Weighted Average 32%)
			Projected cumulative loss rate	.69% -38.58% (Weighted Average 6.6%)
Puerto Rico Government Obligations	2,735	Discounted cash flow	Prepayment rate	5.95%

Information about Sensitivity to Changes in Significant Unobservable Inputs

Private label MBS: The significant unobservable inputs in the valuation include probability of default, the loss severity assumption and the prepayment rates. Shifts in those inputs would result in different fair value measurements. Increases in the probability of default, loss severity assumptions, and pre-payments rates in isolation would generally result in an adverse effect in the fair value of the instruments. Meaningful and possible shifts of each input were modeled to assess the effect on the fair value estimation.

Puerto Rico Government Obligations: The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement is the assumed prepayment rate. A significant increase (decrease) in the assumed rate would lead to a higher (lower) fair value estimate. Loss severity and probability of default are not included as significant unobservable variables because the obligations are guaranteed by the Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority (PRHFA). The PRHFA credit risk is modeled by discounting the cash flows using a curve appropriate to the PRHFA credit rating.

The tables below summarize changes in unrealized gains and losses recorded in earnings for the quarters and nine month period ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 for Level 3 assets and liabilities that are still held at the end of each period:

Level 3 Instruments Only	Changes in Unrealized Losses Quarter ended September 30, 2013	Changes in Unrealized Losses Quarter ended September 30, 2012
(In thousands)	Securities Available For Sale	Securities Available For Sale
Changes in unrealized losses relating to assets still held at reporting date:		
Net impairment losses on investment securities (credit component)	\$	\$ (557)

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Level 3 Instruments Only	Changes in Unrealized Losses Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2013	Changes in Unrealized Losses Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2012
(In thousands)	Securities Available For Sale	Securities Available For Sale

**Changes in unrealized losses relating to assets
still held at reporting date:**

Net impairment losses on investment securities (credit component)	\$ (117)	\$ (1,933)
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Additionally, fair value is used on a nonrecurring basis to evaluate certain assets in accordance with GAAP.

Adjustments to fair value usually result from the application of lower-of-cost or market accounting (e.g., loans held for sale carried at the lower-of-cost or fair value and repossessed assets) or write downs of individual assets (e.g., goodwill, loans).

As of September 30, 2013, impairment or valuation adjustments were recorded for assets recognized at fair value on a non-recurring basis as shown in the following table:

	Carrying value as of September 30, 2013			(Losses) Gain recorded for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2013	(Losses) Gain recorded for the Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2013
	Level				
	Level 1	2	Level 3		
	(In thousands)				
Loans receivable ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$	\$ 450,267	\$ (7,034)	\$ (24,431)
OREO ⁽²⁾			133,284	(4,479)	(15,505)
Mortgage servicing rights ⁽³⁾			21,885	32	589
Loans Held For Sale ⁽⁴⁾			80,234	(397)	(10,073)

(1) Mainly impaired commercial and construction loans. The impairment was generally measured based on the fair value of the collateral. The fair values are derived from external appraisals that take into consideration prices in observed transactions involving similar assets in similar locations but adjusted for specific characteristics and assumptions of the collateral (e.g. absorption rates), which are not market observable.

(2) The fair value is derived from appraisals that take into consideration prices in observed transactions involving similar assets in similar locations but adjusted for specific characteristics and assumptions of the properties (e.g. absorption rates), which are not market observable. Losses are related to market valuation adjustments after the transfer from the loan to the OREO portfolio.

(3)

Fair value adjustments to mortgage servicing rights were mainly due to assumptions associated with mortgage prepayment rates. The Corporation carries its mortgage servicing rights at the lower of cost or market, and, accordingly, they are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. Assumptions for the value of mortgage servicing rights include: Prepayment rate 9.37%, Discount Rate 10.59%.

- (4) The value of these loans was derived from external appraisals, adjusted for specific characteristics of the loans, and for loans with signed sale agreements, the value was determined based on the sales price on such agreements. As of September 30, 2012, impairment or valuation adjustments were recorded for assets recognized at fair value on a non-recurring basis as shown in the following table:

	Carrying value as of September 30, 2012			(Losses) Gain recorded for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2012	(Losses) Gain recorded for the Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2012
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
	(In thousands)				
Loans receivable ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$	\$ 702,308	\$ (19,676)	\$ (80,172)
Other Real Estate Owned ⁽²⁾			177,001	(3,264)	(7,860)
Mortgage servicing rights ⁽³⁾			16,660	(363)	(203)

- (1) Mainly impaired commercial and construction loans. The impairment was generally measured based on the fair value of the collateral. The fair values are derived from external appraisals that take into consideration prices in observed transactions involving similar assets in similar locations but adjusted for specific characteristics and assumptions of the collateral (e.g. absorption rates), which are not market observable.
- (2) The fair value is derived from appraisals that take into consideration prices in observed transactions involving similar assets in similar locations but adjusted for specific characteristics and assumptions of the properties (e.g. absorption rates), which are not market observable. Losses are related to market valuation adjustments after the transfer from the loan to the OREO portfolio.
- (3) Fair value adjustments to the mortgage servicing rights were mainly due to assumptions associated with mortgage prepayments rates. The Corporation carries its mortgage servicing rights at the lower of cost or market, and, accordingly, they are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. Assumptions for the value mortgage servicing rights include: Prepayment Rate 12.66%, Discount Rate 11.09%.

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Qualitative information regarding the fair value measurements for Level 3 financial instruments are as follows:

		September 30, 2013
	Method	Inputs
Loans	Income, Market, Comparable Sales, Discounted Cash Flows	External appraised values; probability weighting of broker price opinions; management assumptions regarding market trends or other relevant factors
OREO	Income, Market, Comparable Sales, Discounted Cash Flows	External appraised values; probability weighting of broker price opinions; management assumptions regarding market trends or other relevant factors
Mortgage servicing rights	Discounted Cash Flow	Weighted average prepayment rate 9.37%; weighted average discount rate 10.59%

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments that are not measured and reported at fair value on a recurring basis or reported at fair value on a non-recurring basis. The estimated fair value was calculated using certain facts and assumptions, which vary depending on the specific financial instrument.

Cash and due from banks and money market investments

The carrying amounts of cash and due from banks and money market investments are reasonable estimates of their fair value. Money market investments include held-to-maturity securities, which have a contractual maturity of three months or less. The fair value of these securities is based on quoted market prices in active markets that incorporate the risk of nonperformance.

Other equity securities

Equity or other securities that do not have a readily available fair value are stated at their net realizable value, which management believes is a reasonable proxy for their fair value. This category is principally composed of stock that is owned by the Corporation to comply with FHLB regulatory requirements. The realizable value of the FHLB stock equals its cost as this stock can be freely redeemed at par.

Loans receivable, including loans held for sale

The fair value of loans held for investment and for mortgage loans held for sale was estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, based on interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms and credit quality and with adjustments that the Corporation's management believes a market participant would consider in determining fair value. Loans were classified by type, such as commercial, residential mortgage, and automobile. These asset categories were further segmented into fixed- and adjustable-rate categories. Valuations are carried out based on categories and not on a loan-by-loan basis. The fair values of performing fixed-rate and adjustable-rate loans were calculated by discounting expected cash flows through the estimated maturity date. This fair value is not currently an indication of an exit price as that type of assumption could result in a different fair value estimate. The fair value of credit card loans was estimated using a discounted cash flow method and excludes any value related to a customer account relationship. Other loans with no stated maturity, like credit lines, were valued at book value. Prepayment assumptions were considered for non-residential loans. For residential mortgage loans, prepayment estimates were based on a prepayments model that combined both a historical calibration and current market prepayment expectations. Discount rates were based on the Treasury and LIBOR/Swap Yield Curves at the date of the analysis, and included appropriate adjustments for expected credit losses and liquidity. For impaired collateral dependent loans, the impairment was

primarily measured based on the fair value of the collateral, which is derived from appraisals that take into consideration prices in observable transactions involving similar assets in similar locations.

Deposits

The estimated fair value of demand deposits and savings accounts, which are deposits with no defined maturities, equals the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair values of retail fixed-rate time deposits, with stated maturities, are based on the present value of the future cash flows expected to be paid on the deposits. The cash flows were based on contractual maturities; no early repayments were assumed. Discount rates were based on the LIBOR yield curve.

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The estimated fair value of total deposits excludes the fair value of core deposit intangibles, which represent the value of the customer relationship measured by the value of demand deposits and savings deposits that bear a low or zero rate of interest and do not fluctuate in response to changes in interest rates. The fair value of brokered CDs, which are included within deposits, is determined using discounted cash flow analyses over the full term of the CDs.

The fair value of the CDs is computed using the outstanding principal amount. The discount rates used were based on brokered CD market rates as of September 30, 2013. The fair value does not incorporate the risk of nonperformance, since interests in brokered CDs are generally sold by brokers in amounts of less than \$250,000 and, therefore, insured by the FDIC.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase

Some repurchase agreements reprice at least quarterly, and their outstanding balances are estimated to be their fair value. Where longer commitments are involved, fair value is estimated using exit price indications of the cost of unwinding the transactions as of the end of the reporting period. The brokers who are the counterparties provide these indications. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are fully collateralized by investment securities.

Advances from FHLB

The fair value of advances from FHLB with fixed maturities is determined using discounted cash flow analyses over the full term of the borrowings, using indications of the fair value of similar transactions. The cash flows assume no early repayment of the borrowings. Discount rates are based on the LIBOR yield curve. Advances from FHLB are fully collateralized by mortgage loans and, to a lesser extent, investment securities.

Other borrowings

Other borrowings consist of junior subordinated debentures. Projected cash flows from the debentures were discounted using the Bloomberg BB Finance curve plus a credit spread. This credit spread was estimated using the difference in yield curves between Swap rates and a yield curve that considers the industry and credit rating of the Corporation as issuer of the note at a tenor comparable to the time to maturity of the debentures.

The following table presents the estimated fair value and carrying value of financial instruments as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012

	Total Carrying Amount in Statement of Financial Condition		Fair Value Estimated		
	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(In thousands)				
Assets:	\$ 824,384	\$ 824,384	\$ 824,384	\$	\$

Cash and due from banks and money market
investments

Investment securities available for sale	2,047,330	2,047,330	7,539	1,994,871	44,920
Other equity securities	32,096	32,096		32,096	
Loans held for sale	114,592	115,913		35,679	80,234
Loans, held for investment	9,508,634				
Less: allowance for loan and lease losses	(289,379)				

Loans held for investment, net of allowance	\$ 9,219,255	9,066,357			9,066,357
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Derivatives, included in assets	274	274		274	
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Liabilities:

Deposits	9,954,197	9,966,416		9,966,416	
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	900,000	979,659		979,659	
Advances from FHLB	353,440	350,534		350,534	
Other borrowings	231,959	87,187			87,187
Derivatives, included in liabilities	5,012	5,012		5,012	

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	Total Carrying Amount in Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2012	Fair Value Estimated December 31, 2012	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	(In thousands)				
Assets:					
Cash and due from banks and money market investments	\$ 946,851	\$ 946,851	\$ 946,851	\$	\$
Investment securities available for sale	1,731,077	1,731,007	7,530	1,668,930	54,617
Other equity securities	38,757	38,757		38,757	
Loans held for sale	85,394	87,995		85,354	2,641
Loans, held for investment	10,054,114				
Less: allowance for loan and lease losses	(435,414)				
Loans held for investment, net of allowance	\$ 9,618,700	9,545,505			147,995
Derivatives, included in assets	291	291		291	
Liabilities:					
Deposits	9,864,546	9,901,297		9,901,297	
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	900,000	999,663		999,663	
Advances from FHLB	508,440	512,089		512,089	
Other borrowings	231,959	134,058			134,058
Derivatives, included in liabilities	5,781	5,781		5,781	

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Supplemental cash flow information is as follows:

	Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
	(In thousands)	
Cash paid for:		
Interest on borrowings	\$ 93,373	\$ 128,193
Income tax	3,508	5,139
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Additions to other real estate owned	54,937	133,124
Additions to auto and other repossessed assets	52,146	39,383
Capitalization of servicing assets	6,467	4,486
Loan securitizations	300,241	165,318
Loans held for investment transferred to held for sale	181,620	

NOTE 21 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Based upon the Corporation's organizational structure and the information provided to the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and, to a lesser extent, the Board of Directors, the operating segments are driven primarily by the Corporation's lines of business for its operations in Puerto Rico, the Corporation's principal market, and by geographic areas for its operations outside of Puerto Rico. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation had six reportable segments: Commercial and Corporate Banking; Mortgage Banking; Consumer (Retail) Banking; Treasury and Investments; United States Operations, and Virgin Islands Operations. Management determined the reportable segments based on the internal reporting used to evaluate performance and to assess where to allocate resources. Others factors such as the Corporation's organizational chart, nature of the products, distribution channels, and the economic characteristics of the product were also considered in the determination of the reportable segments.

The Commercial and Corporate Banking segment consists of the Corporation's lending and other services for large customers represented by specialized and middle-market clients and the public sector. The Commercial and Corporate Banking segment offers commercial loans, including commercial real estate and construction loans, and floor plan financings, as well as other products, such as cash management and business management services. The Mortgage Banking segment operations consist of the origination, sale, and servicing of a variety of residential mortgage loans. The Mortgage Banking segment also acquires and sells mortgages in the secondary markets. In addition, the Mortgage Banking segment includes mortgage loans purchased from other local banks and mortgage bankers. The Consumer (Retail) Banking segment consists of the Corporation's consumer lending and deposit-taking activities conducted mainly through its branch network and loan centers. The Treasury and Investments segment is responsible for the Corporation's investment portfolio and treasury functions executed to manage and enhance liquidity. This segment lends funds to the Commercial and Corporate Banking, Mortgage Banking and Consumer (Retail) Banking segments to finance their lending activities and borrows from those segments and from the United States Operations segment. The Consumer (Retail) Banking and the United States Operations segments also lend funds to other segments. The interest rates charged or credited by Treasury and Investments, the Consumer (Retail) Banking and the United States Operations segments are allocated based on market rates. The difference between the allocated interest income or expense and the Corporation's actual net interest income from centralized management of funding costs is reported in

the Treasury and Investments segment. The United States Operations segment consists of all banking activities conducted by FirstBank in the United States mainland, including commercial and retail banking services. The Virgin Islands Operations segment consists of all banking activities conducted by the Corporation in the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, including commercial and retail banking services and insurance activities.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those referred to in Note 1- Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies .

The Corporation evaluates the performance of the segments based on net interest income, the estimated provision for loan and lease losses, non-interest income and direct non-interest expenses. The segments are also evaluated based on the average volume of their interest-earning assets less the allowance for loan and lease losses.

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The following table presents information about the reportable segments (in thousands):

(In thousands)	Mortgage Banking	Consumer (Retail) Banking	Commercial and Corporate and Investments	Treasury and Investments	United States Operations	Virgin Islands Operations	Total
For the quarter ended September 30, 2013:							
Interest income	\$ 27,307	\$ 57,967	\$ 43,085	\$ 14,801	\$ 9,201	\$ 9,842	\$ 162,203
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(8,948)	771	(3,294)	9,223	2,248		
Interest expense		(6,933)		(18,330)	(5,088)	(947)	(31,298)
Net interest income	18,359	51,805	39,791	5,694	6,361	8,895	130,905
(Provision) release for loan and lease losses	(6,040)	(15,190)	(4,516)		2,473	1,078	(22,195)
Non-interest income (loss)	4,812	9,261	1,133	(1,390)	281	1,871	15,968
Direct non-interest expenses	(10,073)	(30,954)	(14,039)	(3,022)	(6,847)	(10,192)	(75,127)
Segment income	\$ 7,058	\$ 14,922	\$ 22,369	\$ 1,282	\$ 2,268	\$ 1,652	\$ 49,551
Average earnings assets	\$ 1,981,707	\$ 2,086,403	\$ 3,842,877	\$ 2,666,427	\$ 766,405	\$ 665,812	\$ 12,009,631

(In thousands)	Mortgage Banking	Consumer (Retail) Banking	Commercial and Corporate and Investments	Treasury and Investments	United States Operations	Virgin Islands Operations	Total
For the quarter ended September 30, 2012:							
Interest income	\$ 27,792	\$ 60,306	\$ 46,104	\$ 11,563	\$ 9,031	\$ 12,168	\$ 166,964
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(12,357)	(756)	(5,933)	15,991	3,055		
Interest expense		(7,289)		(26,191)	(6,903)	(1,078)	(41,461)
Net interest income	15,435	52,261	40,171	1,363	5,183	11,090	125,503
	(8,453)	(12,000)	(5,892)		6,860	(9,467)	(28,952)

Provision for loan and lease losses							
Non-interest income (loss)	4,312	9,487	1,993	(538)	491	1,580	17,325
Direct non-interest expenses	(10,330)	(26,865)	(12,607)	(1,795)	(7,735)	(9,053)	(68,385)
Segment income (loss)	\$ 964	\$ 22,883	\$ 23,665	\$ (970)	\$ 4,799	\$ (5,850)	\$ 45,491

Average earnings assets	\$ 2,084,719	\$ 1,784,630	\$ 4,478,267	\$ 2,259,288	\$ 704,780	\$ 797,332	\$ 12,109,016
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Mortgage Banking Consumer (Retail) Banking Commercial and Corporate Banking Treasury and Investments United States Operations Virgin Islands Operations Total

Nine-month period ended September 30, 2013:							
Interest income	\$ 82,996	\$ 174,210	\$ 128,890	\$ 38,845	\$ 26,905	\$ 31,252	\$ 483,098
Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(28,850)	(948)	(11,034)	33,738	7,094		
Interest expense		(20,774)		(60,305)	(16,788)	(2,945)	(100,812)
Net interest income	54,146	152,488	117,856	12,278	17,211	28,307	382,286
(Provision) release for loan and lease losses	(83,572)	(37,513)	(96,848)		4,907	(7,756)	(220,782)
Non-interest income	9,400	29,558	3,922	(67,123)	1,168	5,899	(17,176)
Direct non-interest expenses	(38,291)	(90,820)	(45,620)	(6,977)	(21,101)	(34,686)	(237,495)
Segment (loss) income	\$ (58,317)	\$ 53,713	\$ (20,690)	\$ (61,822)	\$ 2,185	\$ (8,236)	\$ (93,167)

Average earnings assets	\$ 2,057,792	\$ 1,970,184	\$ 4,067,908	\$ 2,710,260	\$ 731,143	\$ 666,989	\$ 12,204,276
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Mortgage Banking Consumer (Retail) Banking Commercial and Corporate Banking Treasury and Investments United States Operations Virgin Islands Operations Total

Nine-month period ended September 30, 2012:							
Interest income	\$ 82,550	\$ 147,641	\$ 142,375	\$ 34,077	\$ 28,566	\$ 37,514	\$ 472,723

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Net (charge) credit for transfer of funds	(37,848)	1,827	(18,964)	45,559	9,426		
Interest expense		(23,818)		(86,551)	(22,702)	(3,578)	(136,649)
Net interest income (loss)	44,702	125,650	123,411	(6,915)	15,290	33,936	336,074
Provision for loan and lease losses	(29,541)	(21,576)	(37,449)		12,216	(13,683)	(90,033)
Non-interest income	12,070	23,827	8,215	(1,779)	1,264	4,952	48,549
Direct non-interest expenses	(31,142)	(73,964)	(37,356)	(5,107)	(20,912)	(28,506)	(196,987)
Segment (loss) income	\$ (3,911)	\$ 53,937	\$ 56,821	\$ (13,801)	\$ 7,858	\$ (3,301)	\$ 97,603
Average earnings assets	\$ 2,061,036	\$ 1,572,342	\$ 4,635,264	\$ 2,368,164	\$ 735,889	\$ 820,510	\$ 12,193,205

The following table presents a reconciliation of the reportable segment financial information to the consolidated totals:

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net income (loss):				
Total income (loss) for segments and other	\$ 49,551	\$ 45,491	\$ (93,167)	\$ 97,603
Other non-interest loss ⁽¹⁾	(5,908)	(2,199)	(10,798)	(10,926)
Other operating expenses ⁽²⁾	(24,027)	(23,458)	(70,992)	(66,991)
Income (loss) before income taxes	19,616	19,834	(174,957)	19,686
Income tax expense	(3,676)	(761)	(4,319)	(4,439)
Total consolidated net income (loss)	\$ 15,940	\$ 19,073	\$ (179,276)	\$ 15,247
Average assets:				
Total average earning assets for segments	\$ 12,009,631	\$ 12,109,016	\$ 12,204,276	\$ 12,193,205
Other average earning assets ⁽¹⁾	18,382	34,403	19,983	38,215
Average non-earning assets	558,349	707,816	641,427	692,083
Total consolidated average assets	\$ 12,586,362	\$ 12,851,235	\$ 12,865,686	\$ 12,923,503

- (1) The activities related to the Bank's equity interest in CPG/GS are presented as an Other non-interest income (loss) and as Other average earning assets in the table above.
- (2) Expenses pertaining to corporate administrative functions that support the operating segment but are not specifically attributable to or managed by any segment are not included in the reported financial results of the operating segments. The unallocated corporate expenses include certain general and administrative expenses and related depreciation and amortization expenses.

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The Corporation is subject to various regulatory capital requirements imposed by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can result in certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Corporation's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Corporation must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the Corporation's assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Corporation's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgment and adjustment by the regulators with respect to minimum capital requirements, components, risk weightings and other factors.

Capital standards established by regulations require the Corporation to maintain minimum amounts and ratios for Leverage (Tier 1 capital to average total assets) and ratios of Tier 1 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets and Total Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets as defined in the regulations. The total amount of risk-weighted assets is computed by applying risk-weighting factors to the Corporation's assets and certain off-balance sheet items, which generally vary from 0% to 100% depending on the nature of the asset.

Effective June 2, 2010, FirstBank, by and through its Board of Directors, entered into a Consent Order with the FDIC and the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions of Puerto Rico. The FDIC Order provides for various things, including (among other things) the following: (1) having and retaining qualified management; (2) increased participation in the affairs of FirstBank by its Board of Directors; (3) development and implementation by FirstBank of a capital plan to attain a leverage ratio of at least 8%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 10% and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 12%; (4) adoption and implementation of strategic, liquidity and fund management and profit and budget plans and related projects within certain timetables set forth in the FDIC Order and on an ongoing basis; (5) adoption and implementation of plans for reducing FirstBank's positions in certain classified assets and delinquent and non-accrual loans within timeframes set forth in the FDIC Order; (6) refraining from lending to delinquent or classified borrowers already obligated to FirstBank on any extensions of credit so long as such credit remains uncollected, except where FirstBank's failure to extend further credit to a particular borrower would be detrimental to the best interests of FirstBank, and any such additional credit is approved by the FirstBank's Board of Directors; (7) refraining from accepting, increasing, renewing or rolling over brokered CDs without the prior written approval of the FDIC; (8) establishment of a comprehensive policy and methodology for determining the allowance for loan and lease losses and the review and revision of FirstBank's loan policies, including the non-accrual policy; and (9) adoption and implementation of adequate and effective programs of independent loan review, appraisal compliance and an effective policy for managing FirstBank's sensitivity to interest rate risk. The foregoing summary is not complete and is qualified in all respects by reference to the actual language of the FDIC Order. Although all of the regulatory capital ratios exceed the minimum capital ratios for well capitalized levels, as well as the minimum capital ratios required by the FDIC Order, as of September 30, 2013, FirstBank cannot be treated as a well capitalized institution under regulatory guidance while operating under the FDIC Order.

Effective June 3, 2010, First BanCorp. entered into the Written Agreement with the New York FED. The Written Agreement provides, among other things, that the holding company must serve as a source of strength to FirstBank, and that, except upon consent generally of the New York FED and the Federal Reserve Board, (1) the holding company may not pay dividends to stockholders or receive dividends from FirstBank, (2) the holding company and its nonbank subsidiaries may not make payments on trust-preferred securities or subordinated debt, and (3) the holding company cannot incur, increase, or guarantee debt or repurchase any capital securities. The Written Agreement also requires that the holding company submit a capital plan that reflects sufficient capital at First BanCorp. on a consolidated basis, which must be acceptable to the New York FED, and follow certain guidelines with respect to the appointment or change in responsibilities of senior officers. The foregoing summary is not complete and is qualified

in all respects by reference to the actual language of the Written Agreement.

The Corporation submitted its capital plan setting forth how it plans to improve capital positions to comply with the FDIC Order and the Written Agreement over time. In addition to the Capital Plan, the Corporation has submitted to its regulators a liquidity and brokered CD plan, including a contingency funding plan, a non-performing asset reduction plan, a budget and profit plan, a strategic

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plan, and a plan for the reduction of classified and special mention assets. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation had completed all of the items included in the Capital Plan and is continuing to work on reducing non-performing loans. Further, the Corporation has reviewed and enhanced the Corporation's loan review program, various credit policies, the Corporation's treasury and investment policy, the Corporation's asset classification and allowance for loan and lease losses and non-accrual policies, the Corporation's charge-off policy and the Corporation's appraisal program. The Regulatory Agreements also require the submission to the regulators of quarterly progress reports.

The FDIC Order imposes no other restrictions on FirstBank's products or services offered to customers, nor does it or the Written Agreement impose any type of penalties or fines upon FirstBank or the Corporation. Concurrent with the FDIC Order, the FDIC has granted FirstBank temporary waivers to enable it to continue accessing the brokered CD market through September 30, 2013. FirstBank is currently expecting the approval for the fourth quarter of 2013.

In July 2013, U.S. banking regulators approved a revised regulatory capital framework for U.S. banking organizations that is based on international regulatory capital requirements adopted by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision over the past several years (the Basel 3 rules). The Basel 3 rules introduce new minimum capital ratios and capital conservation buffer requirements, change the composition of regulatory capital, require a number of new adjustments to and deductions from regulatory capital, and introduce a new Standardized Approach for the calculation of risk-weighted assets that will replace the risk-weighting requirements under the current U.S. regulatory capital rules. The new minimum regulatory capital requirements and the Standardized Approach for the calculation of risk-weighted assets will become effective for the Corporation and FirstBank on January 1, 2015. The capital conservation buffer requirements, and the regulatory capital adjustments and deductions under the Basel 3 rules will be implemented over several multi-year transition periods ending as of December 31, 2018, although the phase-in of required regulatory capital adjustments and deductions generally will end as of January 1, 2018.

The Basel 3 rules introduce a new and separate ratio of Common Equity Tier 1 capital (CET1) to risk-weighted assets. CET1, a component of total Tier 1 capital, generally consists of common stock and related surplus, retained earnings, accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) and qualifying minority interests. In addition, the Basel 3 rules also will require the Corporation to maintain an additional CET1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5%. Thus, when the Basel 3 rules are fully phased in as of January 1, 2019, the Corporation will be required to maintain (i) a minimum CET1 to risk-weighted assets ratio of at least 4.5%, plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer, resulting in a required minimum CET1 ratio of at least 7% upon full implementation, (ii) a minimum ratio of total Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 6.0%, plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer, resulting in a required minimum Tier 1 capital ratio of 8.5% upon full implementation, (iii) a minimum ratio of total Tier 1 plus Tier 2 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 8.0%, plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer, resulting in a required minimum total capital ratio of 10.5% upon full implementation, and (iv) a required minimum leverage ratio of 4%, calculated as the ratio of Tier 1 capital to average on-balance sheet (non-risk adjusted) assets. The phase-in of the capital conversation buffer will begin on January 1, 2016 with a first year requirement of 0.625% of additional CET1, and be progressively increased over a four-year period, increasing by that same percentage amount on each subsequent January 1 until it reaches the fully-phased in 2.5% CET1 requirement on January 1, 2019.

In addition, the Basel 3 rules require a number of new deductions from and adjustments to CET1, including deductions from CET1 for goodwill, mortgage servicing rights, and deferred tax assets dependent upon future taxable income. In the case of mortgage servicing assets and deferred tax assets, among others, these items would be required to be deducted to the extent that any one such category exceeds 10% of CET1 or all such categories in the aggregate exceed 15% of CET1. Under current regulatory capital requirements, the effect of AOCI is excluded for the purposes of calculating the required regulatory capital ratios. By comparison, under the Basel 3 rules, the effects of certain AOCI items are not excluded. Certain banking organizations, however, including the Corporation and FirstBank, will be allowed to make a one-time permanent election in early 2015 to continue to exclude AOCI items. The Corporation

has not determined at this time whether it will make that one-time election.

In addition, the Basel 3 rules will require that certain non-qualifying capital instruments, including cumulative preferred stock and Trust Preferred Securities (TRuPs), be excluded from Tier 1 capital. In general, banking organizations such as the Corporation and the Bank, that are not advanced approaches banks, must begin to phase out TRuPs from Tier 1 capital by January 1, 2015. The Corporation will be allowed to include 25% of the \$225 million outstanding qualifying TRuPs as Tier 1 capital in 2015 and the TRuPs must be fully phased out from Tier 1 capital by January 1, 2016. However, the Corporation's TRuPs may continue to be included in Tier 2 capital until the instruments are redeemed or mature.

The Basel 3 rules also revise the prompt corrective action (PCA) regulations that apply to depository institutions, including FirstBank, pursuant to Section 38 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act by (i) introducing a separate CET1 ratio requirement for each PCA capital category (other than critically undercapitalized), with the required CET1 ratio being 6.5% for well-capitalized status; (ii) increasing the minimum Tier 1 capital ratio requirement for each PCA capital category, with the minimum Tier 1 capital ratio for well-capitalized status being 8% (as compared to the current 6%); and (iii) eliminating the current provision that allows a bank with a composite supervisory rating of 1 to have a 3% leverage ratio and still be adequately capitalized and maintaining the minimum leverage ratio for well-capitalized status at 5%. The Basel 3 rules do not change the total risk-based capital requirement (10% for well-capitalized status) for any PCA capital category. The new PCA requirements become effective on January 1, 2015.

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The Basel 3 rules separately impose a Standardized Approach for risk-weightings that expands the risk-weighting categories from the four major risk-weighting categories under the current regulatory capital rules (0%, 20%, 50% and 100%) to a much larger and more risk-sensitive number of categories, depending on the nature of the assets. In a number of cases, the Standardized Approach will result in higher risk weights for a variety of asset categories. Specific changes to the risk-weightings of assets under the current regulatory capital rules include, among other things: (i) applying a 150% risk weight instead of a 100% risk weight for certain high volatility commercial real estate acquisition, development and construction loans, (ii) assigning a 150% risk weight to exposures that are 90 days past due (other than qualifying residential mortgage exposures, which remain at an assigned risk-weighting of 100%), and (iii) establishing a 20% credit conversion factor for the unused portion of a commitment with an original maturity of one year or less that is not unconditionally cancellable, in contrast to the 0% risk-weighting under the current rules.

The Corporation's total capital, Tier I and leverage ratios as of September 30, 2013 were 16.89%, 15.61% and 11.65%, respectively. Meanwhile, the total capital, Tier I capital, and leverage ratios as of September 30, 2013 of the banking subsidiary, FirstBank Puerto Rico, were 16.48%, 15.20% and 11.35%, respectively.

Based on the Corporation's review of the U.S. Basel 3 final rule, the Corporation currently anticipates exceeding the fully phased-in minimum capital ratios these rules establish.

The Corporation enters into financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments may include commitments to extend credit and commitments to sell mortgage loans at fair value. As of September 30, 2013, commitments to extend credit amounted to approximately \$1.1 billion, of which \$677.0 million relates to credit card loans. Commercial and Financial standby letters of credit amounted to approximately \$62.9 million. Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any conditions established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. For most of the commercial lines of credit, the Corporation has the option to reevaluate the agreement prior to additional disbursements. In the case of credit cards and personal lines of credit, the Corporation can cancel at any time and without cause the unused credit facility. Generally, the Corporation's mortgage banking activities do not enter into interest rate lock agreements with prospective borrowers.

Lehman Brothers Special Financing, Inc. (Lehman) was the counterparty to the Corporation on certain interest rate swap agreements. During the third quarter of 2008, Lehman failed to pay the scheduled net cash settlement due to the Corporation, which constituted an event of default under those interest rate swap agreements. The Corporation terminated all interest rate swaps with Lehman and replaced them with other counterparties under similar terms and conditions. In connection with the unpaid net cash settlement under the swap agreements, the Corporation has an unsecured counterparty exposure with Lehman, which filed for bankruptcy on October 3, 2008, of approximately \$1.4 million. This exposure was reserved in the third quarter of 2008. The Corporation had pledged collateral with a \$63.6 million face value to guarantee its performance under the swap agreements in the event payment thereunder was required.

The Corporation believes that the securities pledged as collateral should not be part of the Lehman bankruptcy estate given the fact that the posted collateral constituted a performance guarantee under the swap agreements and was not part of a financing agreement, and that ownership of the securities was never transferred to Lehman. Upon termination of the interest rate swap agreements, Lehman's obligation was to return the collateral to the Corporation. During the fourth quarter of 2009, the Corporation discovered that Lehman Brothers, Inc. (LBI), acting as agent of Lehman, had deposited the securities in a custodial account at JP Morgan Chase, and that, shortly before the filing of the Lehman bankruptcy proceedings, it had provided instructions to have most of the securities transferred to Barclays Capital (Barclays) in New York. After Barclays's refusal to turn over the securities, the Corporation filed a lawsuit against Barclays in federal court in New York demanding the return of the securities in December 2009. During February

2010, Barclays filed a motion with the court requesting that the Corporation's claim be dismissed on the grounds that the allegations of the complaint are not sufficient to justify the granting of the remedies therein sought. Shortly thereafter, the Corporation filed its opposition motion. A hearing on the motions was held in court on April 28, 2010. The court, on that date, after hearing the arguments by both sides, concluded that the Corporation's equitable-based causes of action, upon which the return of the investment securities is being demanded, contain allegations that sufficiently plead facts warranting the denial of Barclays' motion to dismiss the Corporation's claim. Accordingly, the judge ordered the case to proceed to trial.

Subsequent to the court decision, the district court judge transferred the case to the Lehman bankruptcy court for trial. On May 10, 2013, the Bankruptcy Court issued a decision denying the Bank's Motion for Summary Judgment and granting the Motion for Summary Judgment of Barclays. The Bank has filed a notice of appeal of that decision, which appeal is now pending. We may not succeed in our litigation against Barclays to recover all or a substantial portion of the securities.

Barclays has filed a motion in the Bankruptcy Court in an effort to impose sanctions on the Bank for seeking the relief sought in the litigation, and the Bank has opposed that motion. Briefing on the sanctions motion is complete, a hearing for oral arguments has been held and the parties are awaiting a decision from the Bankruptcy Court.

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Because of the Bankruptcy Court's May 10, 2013 decision, the Corporation has determined that it is probable that the asset has been impaired and recognized in the second quarter of 2013 a non-cash charge of \$66.6 million associated with the write-off of the carrying value of the pledged securities and related accrued interest. The Corporation does not anticipate that this impairment charge will result in future cash expenditures by the Corporation other than additional costs relating to the appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's decision.

Additionally, the Corporation continues to pursue its claim filed in January 2009 in the proceedings under the Securities Protection Act with regard to LBI in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

As of September 30, 2013, First BanCorp and its subsidiaries were defendants in various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Management believes that the final disposition of these matters, to the extent not previously provided for, will not have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, on the Corporation's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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The following condensed financial information presents the financial position of the Holding Company only as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and the results of its operations for the quarters and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

Statements of Financial Condition

	As of September 30, 2013		As of December 31, 2012	
	2013		2012	
	(In thousands)			
Assets				
Cash and due from banks	\$	31,887	\$	35,139
Money market investments		6,111		6,111
Investment securities available for sale, at market:				
Equity investments		41		31
Other investment securities		1,285		1,300
Investment in First Bank Puerto Rico, at equity		1,405,086		1,663,139
Investment in First Bank Insurance Agency, at equity		10,778		7,697
Investment in FBP Statutory Trust I		3,093		3,093
Investment in FBP Statutory Trust II		3,866		3,866
Other assets		4,041		4,891
Total assets		\$ 1,466,188		\$ 1,725,267
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity				
Liabilities:				
Other borrowings	\$	231,959	\$	231,959
Accounts payable and other liabilities		13,636		8,285
Total liabilities		245,595		240,244
Stockholders equity		1,220,593		1,485,023
Total liabilities and stockholders equity		\$ 1,466,188		\$ 1,725,267

Statements of (Loss) Income

	Quarter Ended		Nine-Month Period	
	September 30,		Ended	
	2013 2012		September 30,	
	(In thousands)		2013 2012	
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	

Income:				
Interest income on money market investments	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 16	\$ 12
Other income	54	55	178	165
	59	61	194	177
Expense:				
Notes payable and other borrowings	1,790	1,849	5,299	5,529
Other operating expenses	2,484	783	5,093	2,618
	4,274	2,632	10,392	8,147
Impairment on equity securities			(42)	
Loss before income taxes and equity in undistributed earnings (losses) of subsidiaries	(4,215)	(2,571)	(10,240)	(7,970)
Equity in undistributed earnings (losses) of subsidiaries	20,155	21,644	(169,036)	23,217
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,940	\$ 19,073	\$ (179,276)	\$ 15,247
Other Comprehensive (loss) income	(18,343)	15,881	(86,917)	23,293
Comprehensive (loss) income	\$ (2,403)	\$ 34,954	\$ (266,193)	\$ 38,540

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NOTE 24 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Corporation has performed an evaluation of events occurring subsequent to September 30, 2013; management has determined that there are no additional events occurring in this period that required disclosure in or adjustment to the accompanying financial statements.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (MD&A)
SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

(In thousands, except for per share and financial ratios)	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Condensed Income Statements:				
Total interest income	\$ 162,203	\$ 166,964	\$ 483,098	\$ 472,723
Total interest expense	31,298	41,461	100,812	136,649
Net interest income	130,905	125,503	382,286	336,074
Provision for loan and lease losses	22,195	28,952	220,782	90,033
Non-interest income (loss)	10,060	15,126	(27,974)	37,623
Non-interest expenses	99,154	91,843	308,487	263,978
Income (loss) before income taxes	19,616	19,834	(174,957)	19,686
Income tax expense	(3,676)	(761)	(4,319)	(4,439)
Net income (loss)	15,940	19,073	(179,276)	15,247
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	15,940	19,073	(179,276)	15,247
Per Common Share Results:				
Net earnings (loss) per share basic	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.87)	\$ 0.07
Net earnings (loss) per share diluted	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.87)	\$ 0.07
Cash dividends declared	\$	\$	\$	\$
Average shares outstanding	205,579	205,415	205,512	205,349
Average shares outstanding diluted	207,316	205,923	205,512	205,697
Book value per common share	\$ 5.59	\$ 6.89	\$ 5.59	\$ 6.89
Tangible book value per common share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5.32	\$ 6.59	\$ 5.32	\$ 6.59
Selected Financial Ratios (In Percent):				
Profitability:				
Return on Average Assets	0.50	0.59	(1.86)	0.16
Interest Rate Spread ⁽²⁾	4.15	3.77	3.94	3.31
Net Interest Margin ⁽²⁾	4.34	4.02	4.15	3.59
Return on Average Total Equity	5.19	5.19	(17.65)	1.41
Return on Average Common Equity	5.47	5.43	(18.51)	1.47
Average Total Equity to Average Total Assets	9.68	11.37	10.56	11.20
Tangible common equity ratio ⁽¹⁾	8.65	10.39	8.65	10.39
Dividend payout ratio				
Efficiency ratio ⁽³⁾	70.34	65.31	87.07	70.64
Asset Quality:				
Allowance for loan and lease losses to total loans held for investment	3.04	4.37	3.04	4.37
Net charge-offs (annualized) to average loans ^{(4) (6)}	1.41	1.58	4.97	1.79
Provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs ⁽⁵⁾	65.54	71.36	60.19	65.04
Non-performing assets to total assets ⁽⁶⁾	5.68	9.58	5.68	9.58
Non-performing loans held for investment to total loans held for investment ⁽⁶⁾	5.24	9.89	5.24	9.89
	58.06	44.20	58.06	44.20

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Allowance to total non-performing loans held for investment (6)					
Allowance to total non-performing loans held for investment excluding residential real estate loans (6)	81.20	64.84	81.20	64.84	
Other Information:					
Common Stock Price: End of period	\$ 5.68	\$ 4.42	\$ 5.68	\$ 4.42	

	As of September 30, 2013		As of December 31, 2012	
Balance Sheet Data:				
Loans, including loans held for sale	\$	9,623,226	\$	10,139,508
Allowance for loan and lease losses		289,379		435,414
Money market and investment securities		2,280,790		1,986,669
Intangible assets		56,386		60,944
Deferred tax asset, net		7,436		4,867
Total assets		12,787,450		13,099,741
Deposits		9,954,197		9,864,546
Borrowings		1,485,399		1,640,399
Total preferred equity		63,047		63,047
Total common equity		1,216,031		1,393,546
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax		(58,485)		28,430
Total equity		1,220,593		1,485,023

- (1) Non-GAAP measure. Refer to Capital discussion below for additional information about the components and a reconciliation of these measures.
- (2) On a tax-equivalent basis and excluding the changes in fair value of derivative instruments and financial liabilities measured at fair value (see Net Interest Income discussion below for a reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure).
- (3) Non-interest expense to the sum of net interest income and non-interest income. The denominator includes non-recurring income and changes in the fair value of derivative instruments and financial instruments measured at fair value.
- (4) The net charge-offs to average loans ratio, excluding the impact of the bulk sales of assets and the transfer of loans to held for sale, was 1.87% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013.
- (5) The provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs ratio, excluding the impact of the bulk sales of assets and the transfer of loans to held for sale, was 66.07% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013.
- (6) Loans used in the denominator in calculating net charge-off, non-performing loan and non-performing asset rates include purchased credit-impaired (PCI) loans. However, the Corporation separately tracks and reports PCI loans and excludes these from delinquency, non-performing loan and non-performing asset statistics.

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The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations relates to the accompanying consolidated unaudited financial statements of First BanCorp. (the Corporation or First BanCorp.) and should be read in conjunction with such financial statements and the notes thereto.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

First BanCorp. is a diversified financial holding company headquartered in San Juan, Puerto Rico offering a full range of financial products to consumers and commercial customers through various subsidiaries. First BanCorp. is the holding company of FirstBank Puerto Rico (FirstBank or the Bank) and FirstBank Insurance Agency. Through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, the Corporation operates offices in Puerto Rico, the United States and British Virgin Islands and the State of Florida (USA) concentrating in commercial banking, residential mortgage loan originations, finance leases, credit card loans, personal loans, small loans, auto loans, insurance agency and broker-dealer activities.

As described in Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Regulatory Matters, Commitment and Contingencies, FirstBank is currently operating under a Consent Order (the FDIC Order) with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and First BanCorp. has entered into a Written Agreement (the Written Agreement) and collectively with the FDIC Order, (the Regulatory Agreements) with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the New York FED).

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The Puerto Rico's real gross national product, which increased by 0.1% in fiscal year 2012, is projected to decrease by 0.03% for fiscal year 2013 and 0.8% for 2014. The most recent Economic Activity Index (EAI), which is a coincident economic index developed by the Government Development Bank of Puerto Rico (GDB), continued to show contraction during the third quarter. The average cumulative value of the EAI for the eight months of calendar year 2013 (January to August 2013) showed a reduction of 3.7% compared to the same period of 2012. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported an unemployment rate of 13.9% for the month of August 2013.

In June 2013, the Puerto Rico Government approved the budget for fiscal year 2014. The projected deficit for fiscal year 2014, according to statistics published by GDB, is expected to decline to \$820 million, which represents a decline of \$470 million compared to the estimated deficit for the previous fiscal year. The budget includes tax measures expected to result in \$1.071 billion of additional revenues. In addition, the Puerto Rico Government has implemented other measures to strengthen its financial position, including a comprehensive reform of the Employees Retirement System to address its unfunded status and annual funding shortfalls and a rise in utility fees. Revenue collections totaled \$1,699 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 (July-September). This figure exceeded collections for the same period of fiscal 2013 by \$88 million and exceeded budget estimates for this period by \$10.4 million.

Puerto Rico has about \$70 billion of outstanding debt. In May, the 30-Year general obligation bonds, which are widely held by mutual funds, carried a yield of about 5.3%, which increased during the third quarter, surpassing 10% at one point in September amid a general run-up in interest rates and significant selling by investors after Detroit filed for the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history. The debt carried a yield of approximately 8.5% as of September 30, 2013.

After the increase in yields on Puerto Rico's outstanding bonds, the Puerto Rico Government announced that their financing plan for the remainder of the current calendar year includes the issuance of between \$500 million and \$1.2 billion of debt, depending on market conditions, and that the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has the financial flexibility to adjust such financing as necessary.

As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation had \$326.7 million outstanding in credit facilities granted to the Puerto Rico Government, its municipalities and public corporations, compared to \$250.4 million as of June 30, 2013. Approximately \$199.0 million of the granted credit facilities consists of loans to municipalities in Puerto Rico for which, in most cases, the good faith, credit and unlimited taxing power of the applicable municipality has been pledged to their repayment. Approximately \$79.6 million consists of loans to public corporations that obtain revenues from rates charged for services or products, such as electric power, and approximately \$48.1 million consists of loans to units of the central government. Furthermore, the Corporation had \$198.9 million outstanding in financings to the hotel industry in Puerto Rico guaranteed by the Puerto Rico Tourism Development Fund.

In addition, the Corporation had outstanding \$71.0 million in bond obligations of the Puerto Rico government and agencies as part of its available-for-sale investment securities portfolio carried in books at its fair value of \$49.2 million as of September 30, 2013, compared to \$67.4 million as of June 30, 2013.

As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation had \$584.1 million of public sector deposits in Puerto Rico. Approximately 25% come from municipalities in Puerto Rico and 75% come from public corporations and the central government.

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On August 16, 2013, certain of the Corporation's existing stockholders completed a secondary offering of the Corporation's common stock. The United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) sold 12 million shares of common stock, funds affiliated with Thomas H. Lee Partners (THL) sold 8 million shares of common stock, and funds managed by Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. (Oaktree) sold 8 million shares of common stock. Subsequently, on September 11, 2013, the underwriters exercised their option to purchase an additional 2.9 million shares of common stock from the selling stockholders (1,261,356 shares from the Treasury, and 840,904 shares from each of THL and Oaktree). The Corporation did not receive any proceeds from the offering. Non-interest expenses for the third quarter of 2013 included approximately \$1.7 million in costs associated with the secondary offering, including \$1.1 million paid by the Corporation for underwriting discounts and commissions. As of September 30, 2013, each of THL and Oaktree owns 20.22% of the Corporation's outstanding common stock and the U.S. Treasury owns 9.51% of such stock.

Regulatory Capital Changes

In July 2013, U.S. banking regulators approved a revised regulatory capital framework for U.S. banking organizations that is based on international regulatory capital requirements adopted by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision over the past several years (the Basel 3 rules). The Basel 3 rules introduce new minimum capital ratios and capital conservation buffer requirements, change the composition of regulatory capital, require a number of new adjustments to and deductions from regulatory capital, and introduce a new Standardized Approach for the calculation of risk-weighted assets that will replace the risk-weighting requirements under the current U.S. regulatory capital rules. The new minimum regulatory capital requirements and the Standardized Approach for the calculation of risk-weighted assets will become effective for the Corporation and FirstBank on January 1, 2015. The capital conservation buffer requirements, and the regulatory capital adjustments and deductions under the Basel 3 rules, will be implemented over several multi-year transition periods ending as of December 31, 2018, although the phase-in of required regulatory capital adjustments and deductions generally will end as of January 1, 2018.

The Basel 3 rules introduce a new and separate ratio of Common Equity Tier 1 capital (CET1) to risk-weighted assets. CET1, a component of total Tier 1 capital, generally consists of common stock and related surplus, retained earnings, accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) and qualifying minority interests. In addition, the Basel 3 rules also will require the Corporation to maintain an additional CET1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5%. Thus, when the Basel 3 rules are fully phased in as of January 1, 2019, the Corporation will be required to maintain (i) a minimum CET1 to risk-weighted assets ratio of at least 4.5%, plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer, resulting in a required minimum CET1 ratio of at least 7% upon full implementation, (ii) a minimum ratio of total Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 6.0%, plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer, resulting in a required minimum Tier 1 capital ratio of 8.5% upon full implementation, (iii) a minimum ratio of total Tier 1 plus Tier 2 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 8.0%, plus the 2.5% capital conservation buffer, resulting in a required minimum total capital ratio of 10.5% upon full implementation, and (iv) a required minimum leverage ratio of 4%, calculated as the ratio of Tier 1 capital to average on-balance sheet (non-risk adjusted) assets. The phase-in of the capital conservation buffer will begin on January 1, 2016 with a first year requirement of 0.625% of additional CET1, and be progressively increased over a four-year period, increasing by that same percentage amount on each subsequent January 1 until it reaches the fully-phased in 2.5% CET1 requirement on January 1, 2019.

In addition, the Basel 3 rules require a number of new deductions from and adjustments to CET1, including deductions from CET1 for goodwill, mortgage servicing rights, and deferred tax assets dependent upon future taxable

income. In the case of mortgage servicing assets and deferred tax assets, among others, these items would be required to be deducted to the extent that any one such category exceeds 10% of CET1 or all such categories in the aggregate exceed 15% of CET1. Under current regulatory capital requirements, the effect of AOCI is excluded for the purposes of calculating the required regulatory capital ratios. By comparison, under the Basel 3 rules, the effects of certain AOCI items are not excluded. Certain banking organizations, however, including the Corporation and FirstBank, will be allowed to make a one-time permanent election in early 2015 to continue to exclude AOCI items. The Corporation has not determined at this time whether it will make that one-time election.

In addition, the Basel 3 rules will require that certain non-qualifying capital instruments, including cumulative preferred stock and Trust Preferred Securities (TRuPs), be excluded from Tier 1 capital. In general, banking organizations such as the Corporation and the Bank, that are not advanced approaches banks, must begin to phase out TRuPs from Tier 1 capital by January 1, 2015. The Corporation will be allowed to include 25% of the \$225 million outstanding qualifying TRuPs as Tier 1 capital in 2015 and the TRuPs must be fully phased out from Tier 1 capital by January 1, 2016. However, the Corporation s TRuPs may continue to be included in Tier 2 capital until the instruments are redeemed or mature.

Based on our review of the Basel 3 rules, we currently anticipate that we will exceed the fully phased-in minimum capital ratios these rules establish.

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First BanCorp.'s results of operations generally depend primarily upon its net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on its interest-earning assets, including investment securities and loans, and the interest expense incurred on its interest-bearing liabilities, including deposits and borrowings. Net interest income is affected by various factors, including: the interest rate scenario; the volumes, mix and composition of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities; and the re-pricing characteristics of these assets and liabilities. The Corporation's results of operations also depend on the provision for loan and lease losses, which have significantly affected the results of operations in recent years, non-interest expenses (such as personnel, occupancy, deposit insurance premiums and other costs), non-interest income (mainly service charges and fees on deposits, insurance income and revenues from broker-dealer operations), gains (losses) on sales of investments, gains (losses) on mortgage banking activities, and income taxes.

Net income was \$15.9 million, or \$0.08 per diluted common share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 compared to net income of \$19.1 million, or \$0.09 per diluted common share, for the same period in 2012. The most significant changes compared to the third quarter of 2012 were: (i) a \$7.3 million increase in non-interest expenses driven by various factors including \$3.4 million in non-recurring expenses related to the secondary stock offering and the conversion of the credit card processing platform, a \$4.4 million increase in professional fees mainly related to the multi-year technology outsourcing agreement executed by the Corporation in the second quarter of 2013, a \$1.8 million increase in employees' compensation and benefits, and a \$1.7 million charge related to the new Puerto Rico national gross receipts tax, (ii) a \$5.1 million decrease in non-interest income mainly due to a \$3.7 million higher loss on the investment in the unconsolidated entity to which the Corporation sold loans in 2011, and a \$1.2 million decrease in revenues from the mortgage banking business driven by lower gains on residential mortgage loan sales and securitizations activity, and (iii) a \$2.9 million increase in the income tax expense driven by an increase in reserves for uncertain tax positions. These changes were partially offset by a \$6.8 million decrease in the provision for loan and lease losses reflecting a lower volume of adversely classified and non-performing loans driven, among other things, by bulk sales completed in the first half of 2013. Furthermore, net income increased by \$5.4 million mainly achieved through reductions in the overall cost of funding.

The key drivers of the Corporation's financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 include the following:

Net interest income increased \$5.4 million to \$130.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. The increase was primarily due to a 38 basis points reduction in the average cost of funding achieved through lower deposit pricing, improved deposit mix, and the maturity of high-cost borrowings. In addition, the net interest income and margin was favorably impacted by the higher volume of U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and decreases in MBS prepayment activity levels that resulted in lower premium amortization expenses. The net interest margin, excluding fair value adjustments, increased 21 basis points to 4.19% for the third quarter of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012 as it was favorably impacted by the aforementioned items as well as the reduction in non-performing loans. For a definition and reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure, refer to "Net Interest Income" discussion below.

The provision for loan and lease losses decreased \$6.8 million to \$22.2 million for the third quarter of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. The decrease is mainly attributable to lower provision requirements for the commercial and industrial, construction and residential mortgage loan portfolios

commensurate with the decrease in non-performing and adversely classified loans as well as lower charge-offs. Refer to the discussions under Provision for loan and lease losses and Risk Management below for an analysis of the allowance for loan and lease losses and non-performing assets and related ratios.

As previously reported, the Corporation completed two separate bulk sales of assets in the first half of 2013 including: (i) a bulk sale of non-performing residential mortgage loans with a book value of \$203.8 million and OREO properties with a book value of \$19.2 million, completed in the second quarter of 2013 and (ii) a bulk sale of adversely classified assets, mainly commercial loans with a book value of \$211.4 million and OREO properties with a book value of \$6.3 million, completed in the first quarter of 2013. In addition, during the first quarter of 2013, the Corporation transferred to held for sale non-performing loans with an aggregate book value of \$181.6 million. The following table shows the impact of the bulk sales on net charge-offs, provision for loan and lease losses and non-interest expenses for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013.

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(Dollars in thousands)	As Reported (GAAP)	Bulk Sales Transactions Impact	Loans Transferred To Held For Sale Impact (Non-GAAP)	Excluding Bulk Sales and Loans Transferred To Held For Sale Impact (Non-GAAP)
2013				
Total net charge-offs (1)	\$ 366,817	\$ 196,491	\$ 35,953	\$ 134,373
Total net charge-offs to average loans	4.97%			1.87%
Residential mortgage	123,455	98,972		24,483
Residential mortgage loans net charge-offs to average loans	6.03%			1.26%
Commercial mortgage	65,207	40,057	14,553	10,597
Commercial mortgage loans net charge-offs to average loans	4.80%			0.81%
Commercial and Industrial	96,067	44,678		51,389
Commercial and Industrial loans net charge-offs to average loans	4.30%			2.33%
Construction	40,812	12,784	21,400	6,628
Construction loans net charge-offs to average loans	18.60%			3.50%
Provision for loan and lease losses	\$ 220,782	\$ 126,780	\$ 5,222	\$ 88,780
Residential mortgage	86,888	68,838		18,050
Commercial Mortgage	49,551	29,753	(1,033)	20,831
Commercial & Industrial	32,216	20,766		11,450
Construction	15,315	7,423	6,255	1,637
Non-interest expenses	\$ 308,487	\$ 8,840	\$	\$ 299,647
Professional fees	36,707	6,938		29,769
Net loss on OREO operations	29,191	1,879		27,312
Other expenses	22,676	23		22,653

1 - Charge-off percentages annualized

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Net charge-offs totaled \$33.9 million for the third quarter of 2013, or 1.41% of average loans on an annualized basis, compared to \$40.6 million, or 1.58% of average loans for the same period in 2012. The decrease in net charge-offs was driven by credit quality improvement primarily achieved through the sales of adversely classified and non-performing loans. Refer to the discussions under [Provision for loan and lease losses](#) and [Risk Management](#) below for an analysis of the allowance for loan and lease losses and non-performing assets and related ratios.

The Corporation recorded non-interest income of \$10.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013, compared to \$15.1 million for the same period in 2012. The decrease was mainly related to a higher loss on the investment in the unconsolidated entity to which the Corporation sold loans in 2011. The Corporation recorded \$5.9 million of equity in loss of unconsolidated entity in the third quarter of 2013 compared to a loss of \$2.2 million for the same period in 2012. In addition, revenues from the mortgage banking business decreased \$1.2 million, mainly due to lower profit margins on sales and securitization of residential mortgage loans.

Non-interest expenses increased \$7.3 million to \$99.2 million for the third quarter of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. The increase was driven by various factors including: (i) a \$4.4 million increase in professional fees mainly related to the outsourcing of technology services provided by FIS under a multi-year agreement executed in the second quarter of 2013, (ii) a \$1.7 million increase in expenses attributed to costs of the secondary offering, (iii) a \$1.7 million increase in expenses associated with the conversion of the credit card processing platform completed in the third quarter of 2013, (iv) a \$1.8 million increase in employees' compensation and benefits driven by higher incentives and stock-based compensation expenses, and (v) a \$1.7 million charge related to the Puerto Rico national gross receipts tax. These variances were partially offset by a \$1.2 million decrease in the FDIC insurance premium expense and a \$1.6 million decrease in losses on other real estate owned (OREO) operations. Refer to the [Non Interest Expenses](#) discussion below for additional information.

For the third quarter of 2013, the Corporation recorded an income tax expense of \$3.7 million, compared to \$0.8 million for the same period in 2012. The variance is mainly attributable to the increase in reserves for uncertain tax positions. Refer to the [Income Taxes](#) discussion below for additional information.

As of September 30, 2013, total assets were \$12.8 billion, a decrease of \$312.3 million, or 2%, from December 31, 2012. The decrease was mainly related to a \$516.3 million decrease in total loans and a \$52.5 million decrease in the OREO inventory. This decrease was driven by the two bulk sales of adversely classified and non performing assets completed during the first and second quarters of 2013 that aggregated \$415.2 million of loans and \$25.5 million of OREO properties, the individual sale of a non-performing commercial mortgage loan with a book value of \$40.8 million and the repayment of a \$35.6 million commercial loan in the third quarter of 2013. The decrease in total assets was also attributable to a decline of \$122.5 million in cash and cash equivalents and the \$66.6 million write-off of the collateral pledged to Lehman. These decreases were partially offset by a \$316.3 million increase in the available-for-sale investment securities portfolio, led by purchases of 15-20 year U.S. agency MBS during the first nine months of 2013. Refer to the [Financial Condition and Operating Data](#) discussion below for additional information.

As of September 30, 2013, total liabilities were \$11.6 billion, a decrease of \$47.9 million, from December 31, 2012. The decrease was mainly related to the repayment of \$155.0 million of matured FHLB advances and a \$193.9 million decrease in brokered certificates of deposit (brokered CDs). This was partially offset by an increase of \$283.6 million in non-brokered deposits and a \$17.5 million increase in accounts payable and other liabilities mainly due to increases in accrued expenses related to payroll and benefits, the national gross receipts tax, credit card processing conversion costs and the increase in reserves for uncertain tax positions. Refer to the Risk Management Liquidity and Capital Adequacy discussion below for additional information about the Corporation s funding sources.

As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation s stockholders equity was \$1.2 billion, a decrease of \$264.4 million from December 31, 2012. The decrease was mainly driven by the net loss of \$179.3 million for the first nine months of 2013 and a \$86.9 million decrease in other comprehensive income due to unrealized losses on available-for-sale MBS attributable to changes in market interest rates and a decrease in the fair value of Puerto Rico Government obligations. Refer to the Risk Management Capital section below for additional information.

Total loan production, including purchases, refinancing and draws from existing revolving and non-revolving commitments, was \$836.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013, excluding the utilization activity of the outstanding credit card portfolio, compared to \$660.2 million for the comparable period in 2012. The increase in loan production is mainly related to disbursements on credit facilities granted to government entities, primarily in Puerto Rico, and a higher production of commercial loans in both Florida and Puerto Rico.

Total non-performing loans, including non-performing loans held for sale, as of September 30, 2013, were \$578.6 million, a decrease of \$399.2 million, or 41%, from December 31, 2012. This reduction primarily reflects an aggregate of \$382.5 million of non-performing loans sold as part of the bulk sales of assets completed in the first and second quarters of 2013, and the individual sale of a \$40.8 million non-performing commercial mortgage loan.

Total non-performing assets were \$726.0 million, a decrease of \$512.2 million, or 41%, from December 31, 2012. The decrease was driven by the aforementioned sales of non-performing loans, a decrease of \$52.5 million in OREO, and the \$66.6 million write-off of the collateral pledged to Lehman. Refer to the Risk Management - Non-accruing and Non-performing Assets section below for additional information.

Table of Contents**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

The accounting principles of the Corporation and the methods of applying these principles conform to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP). The Corporation s critical accounting policies relate to the 1) allowance for loan and lease losses; 2) other-than-temporary impairments; 3) income taxes; 4) classification and values of investment securities; 5) valuation of financial instruments; 6) income recognition on loans; 7) loan acquisitions, and 8) equity method accounting for investment in unconsolidated entity. These critical accounting policies involve judgments, estimates and assumptions made by management that affect the amounts recorded for assets and liabilities and for contingent liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from estimates, if different assumptions or conditions prevail. Certain determinations inherently require greater reliance on the use of estimates, assumptions, and judgments and, as such, have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than those originally reported.

The Corporation s critical accounting policies are described in the Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in First BanCorp. s 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There have not been any material changes in the Corporation s critical accounting policies since December 31, 2012.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**Net Interest Income**

Net interest income is the excess of interest earned by First BanCorp. on its interest-earning assets over the interest incurred on its interest-bearing liabilities. First BanCorp. s net interest income is subject to interest rate risk due to the repricing and maturity mismatch of the Corporation s assets and liabilities. Net interest income for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$130.9 million and \$382.3 million, respectively, compared to \$125.5 million and \$336.1 million for the comparable periods in 2012. On a tax-equivalent basis and excluding the changes in the fair value of derivative instruments and unrealized gains and losses on liabilities measured at fair value, net interest income for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$135.1 million and \$390.0 million, respectively, compared to \$126.8 million and \$340.0 million for the comparable periods in 2012.

The following tables include a detailed analysis of net interest income. Part I presents average volumes and rates on an adjusted tax-equivalent basis and Part II presents, also on an adjusted tax-equivalent basis, the extent to which changes in interest rates and changes in volume of interest-related assets and liabilities have affected the Corporation s net interest income. For each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided on changes attributable to (i) changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior period rates), and (ii) changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior period volumes). Rate-volume variances (changes in rate multiplied by changes in volume) have been allocated to the changes in volume and rate based upon their respective percentage of the combined totals.

The net interest income is computed on an adjusted tax-equivalent basis and excluding: (1) the change in the fair value of derivative instruments and (2) unrealized gains or losses on liabilities measured at fair value. For a definition and reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure, refer to discussions below.

Table of Contents**Part I**

Quarter ended September 30, (Dollars in thousands)	Average Volume		Interest income ⁽¹⁾ / expense		Average Rate ⁽¹⁾	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Interest-earning assets:						
Money market & other short-term investments	\$ 639,285	\$ 553,283	\$ 456	\$ 395	0.28%	0.28%
Government obligations ⁽²⁾	342,739	336,598	2,008	1,069	2.32%	1.26%
Mortgage-backed securities	1,705,745	1,313,353	14,847	10,705	3.45%	3.24%
Corporate bonds		959		16	0.00%	6.64%
FHLB stock	30,884	33,131	311	318	4.00%	3.82%
Equity securities	1,320	1,377			0.00%	0.00%
Total investments ⁽³⁾	2,719,973	2,238,701	17,622	12,503	2.57%	2.22%
Residential mortgage loans	2,580,758	2,815,261	37,273	37,897	5.73%	5.36%
Construction loans	257,188	365,656	2,141	2,480	3.30%	2.70%
C&I and commercial mortgage loans	4,755,518	5,151,641	48,971	52,514	4.09%	4.06%
Finance leases	241,256	237,986	5,188	5,222	8.53%	8.73%
Consumer loans	1,804,892	1,727,291	55,196	57,641	12.13%	13.28%
Total loans ^{(4) (5)}	9,639,612	10,297,835	148,769	155,754	6.12%	6.02%
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 12,359,585	\$ 12,536,536	\$ 166,391	\$ 168,257	5.34%	5.34%
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Brokered CDs	\$ 3,149,417	\$ 3,400,984	\$ 8,295	\$ 15,435	1.04%	1.81%
Other interest-bearing deposits	5,773,400	5,589,449	13,158	14,516	0.90%	1.03%
Other borrowed funds	1,131,959	1,131,959	8,321	8,557	2.92%	3.01%
FHLB advances	355,016	395,777	1,524	2,953	1.70%	2.97%
Total interest-bearing liabilities ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 10,409,792	\$ 10,518,169	\$ 31,298	\$ 41,461	1.19%	1.57%
Net interest income			\$ 135,093	\$ 126,796		
Interest rate spread					4.15%	3.77%
Net interest margin					4.34%	4.02%

Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	Average Volume		Interest income ⁽¹⁾ / expense		Average Rate ⁽¹⁾	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012

(Dollars in thousands)

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Interest-earning assets:						
Money market & other short-term investments						
	\$ 709,240	\$ 570,639	\$ 1,494	\$ 1,220	0.28%	0.29%
Government obligations ⁽²⁾	337,156	655,056	5,847	8,238	2.32%	1.68%
Mortgage-backed securities	1,642,080	1,099,082	35,933	26,506	2.93%	3.22%
Corporate bonds		1,609		76	0.00%	6.31%
FHLB stock	31,775	34,057	1,048	1,072	4.41%	4.20%
Equity securities	1,348	1,377			0.00%	0.00%
Total investments ⁽³⁾	2,721,599	2,361,820	44,322	37,112	2.18%	2.10%
Residential mortgage loans						
Construction loans	292,594	399,078	7,032	7,695	3.21%	2.58%
C&I and commercial mortgage loans	4,787,841	5,358,916	145,371	163,478	4.06%	4.07%
Finance leases	239,407	240,415	15,396	15,760	8.60%	8.76%
Consumer loans	1,793,811	1,494,873	166,002	139,588	12.37%	12.47%
Total loans ^{(4) (5)}	9,844,495	10,290,132	446,489	439,980	6.06%	5.71%
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 12,566,094	\$ 12,651,952	\$ 490,811	\$ 477,092	5.22%	5.04%
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Brokered CDs	\$ 3,298,338	\$ 3,503,304	\$ 30,566	\$ 52,971	1.24%	2.02%
Other interest-bearing deposits	5,740,514	5,550,100	40,349	47,203	0.94%	1.14%
Other borrowed funds	1,131,959	1,184,930	24,717	27,743	2.92%	3.13%
FHLB advances	376,847	368,137	5,180	9,222	1.84%	3.35%
Total interest-bearing liabilities ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 10,547,658	\$ 10,606,471	\$ 100,812	\$ 137,139	1.28%	1.73%
Net interest income			\$ 389,999	\$ 339,953		
Interest rate spread					3.94%	3.31%
Net interest margin					4.15%	3.59%

(1) On an adjusted tax-equivalent basis. The adjusted tax-equivalent yield was estimated by dividing the interest rate spread on exempt assets by 1 less the Puerto Rico statutory tax rate (39.0% for 2013; 30% for 2012) and adding to it the cost of interest-bearing liabilities. The tax-equivalent adjustment recognizes the income tax savings when comparing taxable and tax-exempt assets. Management believes that it is a standard practice in the banking industry to present net interest income, interest rate spread and net interest margin on a fully tax-equivalent basis. Therefore, management believes these measures provide useful information to investors by allowing them to make peer comparisons. Changes in the fair value of derivative and unrealized gains or losses on liabilities measured at fair value are excluded from interest income and interest expense because the changes in valuation do not affect interest paid or received.

(2) Government obligations include debt issued by government sponsored agencies.

(3) Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities are excluded from the average volumes.

(4) Average loan balances include the average of non-performing loans.

- (5) Interest income on loans includes \$3.7 million for each of the quarters ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, and \$10.8 million and \$9.0 million for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, of income from prepayment penalties and late fees related to the Corporation's loan portfolio.
- (6) Unrealized gains and losses on liabilities measured at fair value are excluded from the average volumes.

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(In thousands)	Quarter ended September 30, 2013 compared to 2012 Increase (decrease)			Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2013 compared to 2012 Increase (decrease)		
	Due to:			Due to:		
	Volume	Rate	Total	Volume	Rate	Total
	In thousands					
Interest income on interest-earning assets:						
Money market & other short-term investments	\$ 62	\$ (1)	\$ 61	\$ 294	\$ (20)	\$ 274
Government obligations	33	906	939	(4,767)	2,376	(2,391)
Mortgage-backed securities	3,402	740	4,142	12,492	(3,065)	9,427
Corporate bonds	(16)		(16)	(76)		(76)
FHLB stock	(22)	15	(7)	(74)	50	(24)
Total investments	3,459	1,660	5,119	7,869	(659)	7,210
Residential mortgage loans	(3,901)	3,277	(624)	(2,758)	1,987	(771)
Construction loans	(812)	473	(339)	(2,314)	1,651	(663)
C&I and commercial mortgage loans	(3,974)	431	(3,543)	(17,487)	(620)	(18,107)
Finance leases	78	(112)	(34)	(69)	(295)	(364)
Consumer loans	2,533	(4,978)	(2,445)	27,752	(1,338)	26,414
Total loans	(6,076)	(909)	(6,985)	5,124	1,385	6,509
Total interest income	(2,617)	751	(1,866)	12,993	726	13,719
Interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities:						
Brokered CDs	(1,066)	(6,074)	(7,140)	(2,945)	(19,460)	(22,405)
Other interest-bearing deposits	460	(1,818)	(1,358)	1,470	(8,324)	(6,854)
Other borrowed funds		(236)	(236)	(1,216)	(1,810)	(3,026)
FHLB advances	(278)	(1,151)	(1,429)	171	(4,213)	(4,042)
Total interest expense	(884)	(9,279)	(10,163)	(2,520)	(33,807)	(36,327)
Change in net interest income	\$ (1,733)	\$ 10,030	\$ 8,297	\$ 15,513	\$ 34,533	\$ 50,046

Portions of the Corporation's interest-earning assets, mostly investments in obligations of some U.S. government agencies and sponsored entities, generate interest which is exempt from income tax, principally in Puerto Rico. Also, interest and gains on sales of investments held by the Corporation's international banking entities (IBE's) are tax-exempt under the Puerto Rico tax law (refer to the Income Taxes discussion below for additional information). To facilitate the comparison of all interest data related to these assets, the interest income has been converted to an adjusted taxable equivalent basis. The tax equivalent yield was estimated by dividing the interest rate spread on exempt assets by 1 less the Puerto Rico statutory tax rate as adjusted for changes to enacted tax rates (39.0% for 2013

and 30.0% for 2012) and adding to it the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities. The computation considers the interest expense disallowance required by Puerto Rico tax law. Refer to the Income Taxes discussion below for additional information about the Puerto Rico tax law.

The presentation of net interest income excluding the effects of the changes in the fair value of the derivative instruments and unrealized gains or losses on liabilities measured at fair value (valuations) provides additional information about the Corporation's net interest income and facilitates comparability and analysis. The changes in the fair value of the derivative instruments and unrealized gains or losses on liabilities measured at fair value have no effect on interest due or interest earned on interest-bearing liabilities or interest-earning assets, respectively, or on interest payments exchanged with interest rate swap counterparties.

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The following table reconciles net interest income in accordance with GAAP to net interest income, excluding valuations, and net interest income on an adjusted tax-equivalent basis. The table also reconciles net interest spread and net interest margin on a GAAP basis to these items excluding valuations and on an adjusted tax-equivalent basis:

(Dollars in thousands)

	Quarter Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2012
Interest Income - GAAP	\$ 162,203	\$ 166,964	\$ 483,098	\$ 472,723
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments	(232)	(170)	(1,340)	(469)
Interest income excluding valuations	161,971	166,794	481,758	472,254
Tax-equivalent adjustment	4,420	1,463	9,053	4,838
Interest income on a tax-equivalent basis excluding valuations	166,391	168,257	490,811	477,092
Interest Expense - GAAP	31,298	41,461	100,812	136,649
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments and liabilities measured at fair value				490
Interest expense excluding valuations	31,298	41,461	100,812	137,139
Net interest income - GAAP	\$ 130,905	\$ 125,503	\$ 382,286	\$ 336,074
Net interest income excluding valuations	\$ 130,673	\$ 125,333	\$ 380,946	\$ 335,115
Net interest income on a tax-equivalent basis excluding valuations	\$ 135,093	\$ 126,796	\$ 389,999	\$ 339,953
Average Balances				
Loans and leases	\$ 9,639,612	\$ 10,297,835	\$ 9,844,495	\$ 10,290,132
Total securities and other short-term investments	2,719,973	2,238,701	2,721,599	2,361,820
Average Interest-Earning Assets	\$ 12,359,585	\$ 12,536,536	\$ 12,566,094	\$ 12,651,952
Average Interest-Bearing Liabilities	\$ 10,409,792	\$ 10,518,169	\$ 10,547,658	\$ 10,606,471
Average Yield/Rate				
Average yield on interest-earning assets - GAAP	5.21%	5.30%	5.14%	4.99%
Average rate on interest-bearing liabilities - GAAP	1.19%	1.57%	1.28%	1.72%

Net interest spread - GAAP	4.02%	3.73%	3.86%	3.27%
Net interest margin - GAAP	4.20%	3.98%	4.06%	3.55%
Average yield on interest-earning assets excluding valuations	5.20%	5.29%	5.12%	4.99%
Average rate on interest-bearing liabilities excluding valuations	1.19%	1.57%	1.28%	1.73%
Net interest spread excluding valuations	4.01%	3.72%	3.84%	3.26%
Net interest margin excluding valuations	4.19%	3.98%	4.05%	3.54%
Average yield on interest-earning assets on a tax-equivalent basis and excluding valuations	5.34%	5.34%	5.22%	5.04%
Average rate on interest-bearing liabilities excluding valuations	1.19%	1.57%	1.28%	1.73%
Net interest spread on a tax-equivalent basis and excluding valuations	4.15%	3.77%	3.94%	3.31%
Net interest margin on a tax-equivalent basis and excluding valuations	4.34%	4.02%	4.15%	3.59%

Interest income on interest-earning assets primarily represents interest earned on loans held for investment and investment securities.

Interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities primarily represents interest paid on brokered CDs, branch-based deposits, repurchase agreements, advances from the FHLB and notes payable.

Unrealized gains or losses on derivatives represent changes in the fair value of derivatives, primarily interest rate swaps and caps used for protection against rising interest rates.

Unrealized gains or losses on liabilities measured at fair value represent the change in the fair value of medium-term notes elected to be measured at fair value, other than the accrual of interests. These medium-term notes were repaid in 2012.

Derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps, are subject to market risk. While the Corporation does have certain trading derivatives to facilitate customer transactions, the Corporation does not utilize derivative instruments for speculative purposes. As of September 30, 2013, most of the interest rate swaps outstanding are used for protection against rising interest rates, although not designated as hedges. Refer to Note 9 of the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements for further details concerning the notional amounts of derivative instruments and additional information. As is the case with investment securities, the market value of derivative instruments is largely a function of the financial market's expectations regarding the future direction of interest rates. Accordingly, current market values are not necessarily indicative of the future impact of derivative instruments on net interest income. This will depend, for the most part, on the shape of the yield curve, the level of interest rates, as well as the expectations for rates in the future.

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For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, net interest income increased \$5.4 million to \$130.9 million, and \$46.2 million to \$382.3 million compared to the same periods in 2012. The increase for the third quarter of 2013 was primarily driven by a reduction in the average cost of funds and improved deposit mix as well as an increase in the average volume of U.S. agency MBS. In addition to the aforementioned items, the results for the first nine months also reflect higher interest income contributed by the credit card portfolio acquired in late May 2012.

For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the net interest margin, excluding valuations, improved by 21 basis points to 4.19%, and 51 basis points to 4.05% compared to the same periods in the prior year. The improvements in the net interest margin were mainly derived from improved deposit pricing, an improved deposit mix, renewals of maturing brokered CDs at lower rates, and funding cost reductions resulting from maturities of high cost borrowings. The average cost of brokered CDs decreased by 77 and 78 basis points for the third quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2012, and the average balance of brokered CDs for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 decreased by \$251.6 million and \$205.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2012. These reductions resulted in a decline of \$7.1 million and \$22.4 million in interest expense for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2012. Over the past 12 months, the Corporation repaid approximately \$2.5 billion of maturing brokered CDs with an all-in-cost of 1.85% and issued \$2.3 billion of new brokered CDs with an all-in-cost of 0.87%.

The Corporation also reduced the average cost of funds by lowering the rates paid on certain of its savings, interest-bearing checking accounts and retail CDs. For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the average rate paid on non-brokered deposits declined by 13 basis points to 0.90%, and 20 basis points to 0.94% compared to the same periods in 2012. These reductions resulted in a decrease of approximately \$1.4 million and \$6.9 million in interest expense for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2012. The average balance of non-brokered deposits for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 increased \$184.0 million to \$5.8 billion, and \$190.4 million to \$5.7 billion compared to the same periods in 2012. The Corporation's strategic focus remains to grow non-brokered deposits and improve the overall funding mix. In addition, the Corporation benefited from the maturities of some high-cost borrowings, including maturities over the last 12 months of approximately \$165.0 million of FHLB advances at an average cost of 3.63%.

The Corporation also benefited from an increase in the average volume of investment securities. For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the average volume of investment securities and interest-bearing cash equivalents increased \$481.3 million to \$2.7 billion, and \$359.8 million to \$2.7 billion compared to the same periods in 2012. The higher volume contributed to increases of \$5.1 million and \$7.2 million in interest income from investment securities for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2012. The increase in volume resulted mainly from the purchase, during 2013, of approximately \$682.9 million of 15-20 Year U.S. Agency MBS with an average yield of 1.99%. The increase of 21 basis points in the average yield of MBS was mainly due to a decrease in prepayment activity levels that resulted in lower premium amortization expenses.

The aforementioned favorable impacts were partially offset by a \$7.0 million decrease in interest income on loans mainly due to a \$658.2 million decrease in the average volume of loans, mainly commercial loans, that resulted in a \$4.1 million decrease in interest income and a \$3.8 million decrease in interest income on credit card loans due, in part, to a higher amount of uncollected fees and interest on charged-off loans. Further declines in the average yield of the credit card portfolio could be observed due to a decrease in the accretion of the purchase discount on the acquired loan portfolio. However, when comparing results for the nine-month period, interest income on loans increased by \$6.5 million for the first nine months of 2013 primarily reflecting the interest income generated by the credit card

portfolio acquired in late May 2012 and an increase in interest income on auto loans, partially offset by a decline in the average volume of commercial loans. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the interest income on the credit card portfolio amounted to \$47.0 million compared to \$24.8 million for four months in 2012 after the acquisition of the portfolio late in May 2012. The average volume of auto loans for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 increased \$108.5 million, compared to the same period in 2012. Although partially offset by lower rates, the higher average volume of auto loans contributed to the \$3.7 million increase in interest income of auto loans for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 when compared to the same period in 2012. These improvements in the consumer loan portfolio were partially offset by a \$571.1 million decrease in the average volume of commercial loans, driven by significant repayments of commercial credit facilities, foreclosures and charge-offs, and the bulk sale of adversely classified loans completed in the first quarter of 2013. This resulted in a decrease of \$18.4 million in interest income on commercial loans.

On an adjusted tax-equivalent basis, net interest income for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 increased \$8.3 million to \$135.1 million, and \$50.0 million to \$390.0 million compared to the same periods in 2012, respectively. The increases were mainly due to reductions in the overall cost of funding, and a higher volume of investments securities as discussed above. The increase for the 2013 periods also includes an increase of \$3.0 million for the quarter and \$4.2 million for the nine-months in the tax-equivalent adjustment compared to the same periods in 2012. The tax-equivalent adjustment increases interest income on tax-exempt securities and loans by an amount that makes tax-exempt income comparable, on a pre-tax basis, to the Corporation's taxable income as previously stated. This increase was mainly related to changes in statutory tax rates.

Table of Contents**Provision and Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses**

The provision for loan and lease losses is charged to earnings to maintain the allowance for loan and lease losses at a level that the Corporation considers adequate to absorb probable losses inherent in the portfolio. The adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses is also based upon a number of additional factors including trends in charge-offs and delinquencies, current economic conditions, the fair value of the underlying collateral and the financial condition of the borrowers, and, as such, includes amounts based on judgments and estimates made by the Corporation. Although the Corporation believes that the allowance for loan and lease losses is adequate, factors beyond the Corporation's control, including factors affecting the economies of Puerto Rico, the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands, may contribute to delinquencies and defaults, thus necessitating additional reserves.

For the third quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the Corporation recorded a provision for loan and lease losses of \$22.2 million and \$220.8 million, respectively, compared to \$29.0 million and \$90.0 million for the comparable periods in 2012. The decrease in the provision for the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, was mainly reflected in the commercial and industrial, construction, and residential mortgage loan portfolios mainly attributable to improved credit quality following the bulk sales of adversely classified and non-performing assets completed in the first half of 2013. The increase in the provision for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was mainly related to the bulk sales of assets completed in 2013 that resulted in charges to the provision of \$126.8 million in 2013. Furthermore, the increase for the nine-month period also reflects a charge of \$5.2 million to the provision related to the transfer of certain commercial loans to held for sale, during the first quarter of 2013.

Excluding the impact of the bulk sales of assets and the transfer of loans to held for sale, the provision for loan and lease losses for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$88.8 million, a decrease of \$1.3 million compared to the same period in 2012. The decrease was mainly attributable to lower provision requirements for the Puerto Rico residential mortgage loan portfolio, mainly due to lower charge-offs, an improved portfolio composition following the bulk sale of non-performing residential assets, the impact in the prior year of adjustments to loss factors that were reflective of market conditions, including assumptions regarding loss severities that took into consideration qualitative and quantitative factors such as loan resolution and liquidation strategies and average time for liquidation. In addition, there was a reduction in the general reserve allocated to the Puerto Rico and United States commercial and industrial loan portfolio. Furthermore, the decrease also reflects reduced charges to specific reserves on a lower level of impaired loans, primarily reflecting higher charges in 2012 on construction loans in the Virgin Islands that were transferred to held for sale in 2013. Partially offsetting the decreases in the provision for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 were increases in the provision for consumer loans, mainly credit card loans, and the impact in 2012 of reserve releases for the commercial mortgage loan portfolio in the United States.

The bulk sale of approximately \$217.7 million of adversely classified and non-performing assets in the first quarter of 2013, mainly commercial loans, resulted in charge-offs of approximately \$98.5 million. In determining the historical loss rate for the computation of the general reserve for commercial loans, the Corporation includes the portion of these charge-offs that was related to the acceleration of previously reserved credit losses amounting to approximately \$39.9 million. The Corporation considered that the portion not deemed to be credit-related losses was not indicative of the ultimate losses that may have occurred had the assets been resolved in an individual basis, over time and not in a steeply discounted bulk sale. A transaction, such as this one, entered into to expedite the reduction of non-performing and adversely classified assets, can result in charge-offs that are not reflective of true credit-related charge-off history since there is a component related to the discounted value realized on a bulk sale basis. Accordingly, the Corporation concluded that it is reasonable to exclude the component related to the discounted value from its historical charge-offs analysis used in estimating its allowance for loan losses.

In terms of geography and categories, in Puerto Rico, the Corporation recorded a provision of \$25.7 million and \$217.9 million for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, respectively, compared to \$26.3 million and \$88.6 million for the comparable periods in 2012. The net decrease for the third quarter of 2013 was mainly driven by a decrease of \$7.3 million in the provision for commercial and industrial loans and a \$2.4 million decrease in the provision for residential mortgage loans. Both were favorably impacted by the improved credit quality of such portfolios following the bulk sale of assets completed in the first half of 2013. This was partially offset by a \$4.8 million increase in the provision for construction loans, mainly higher charges to the specific reserve for certain collateral dependent loans, and a \$3.2 million increase in the provision for consumer loans, mainly related to higher general reserves allocated to the auto loans portfolio. The increase for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was primarily due to a provision of \$120.6 million recorded on the bulk sales of assets attributable to Puerto Rico loans. Excluding the impact of the bulk sales of assets and the transfer of a loan to held for sale, the provision for loan and lease losses in Puerto Rico for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 increased \$8.8 million to \$97.3 million, compared to the same period in 2012. The higher provision was mainly related to an increase of \$15.9 million in consumer loans reflecting in part the provision for the credit card portfolio acquired in late May 2012 and a higher provision for general reserves allocated to the auto loan portfolio. This was partially offset by a \$9.6 million decrease in the provision for residential mortgage loans driven by lower charge-offs, improved credit quality after the bulk sale of non-performing residential mortgages during the second quarter of 2013, and the impact in the prior year of adjustments to loss factors reflective of market conditions, including assumptions regarding loss severities that took into consideration qualitative and quantitative factors such as loan resolution and liquidation strategies and average time for liquidation.

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With respect to the portfolio in the United States, the Corporation recorded a reserve release of \$2.5 million and \$4.9 million for the third quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, respectively, compared to a reserve release of \$6.9 million and \$12.2 million for the comparable periods in 2012, respectively. The changes for the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, when compared to the same periods in 2012, mainly reflect higher reserve releases in 2012 for commercial mortgage loans driven by improved charge-off trends, a reduction in the amount of adversely classified assets and stability in collateral values.

The Virgin Islands region recorded a reserve release of \$1.1 million for the third quarter of 2013 and a provision of \$7.8 million for the first nine months of 2013, compared to a provision of \$9.5 million for the third quarter of 2012 and \$13.7 million for the first nine months of 2012. The changes in the 2013 periods mainly reflect reduced charges to the specific reserve for impaired construction loans, mainly due to charges recorded in 2012 on a loan relationship that was transferred to held for sale in the first quarter of 2013.

Refer to the discussions under **Credit Risk Management** below for an analysis of the allowance for loan and lease losses, non-performing assets, impaired loans and related information, and refer to the discussions under **Financial Condition and Operating Analysis** **Loan Portfolio** and under **Risk Management** **Credit Risk Management** below for additional information concerning the Corporation's loan portfolio exposure in the geographic areas where the Corporation does business.

Non-Interest Income (Loss)

	Quarter Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$ 3,157	\$ 3,267	\$ 9,635	\$ 9,754
Mortgage banking activities	3,521	4,728	12,924	13,260
Insurance income	1,303	1,429	4,831	4,221
Broker-dealer income		20		2,630
Other operating income	7,987	8,428	22,167	20,581
Non-interest income before net loss on investments, equity in (loss) earnings of unconsolidated entity, and write-off of collateral pledge to Lehman	15,968	17,872	49,557	50,446
Proceeds from securities litigation settlement and other proceeds		10		36
OTTI on equity securities			(42)	
OTTI on debt securities		(557)	(117)	(1,933)
Net loss on investments		(547)	(159)	(1,897)
Impairment - collateral pledged to Lehman			(66,574)	
Equity in (loss) earnings of unconsolidated entity	(5,908)	(2,199)	(10,798)	(10,926)

Total	\$ 10,060	\$ 15,126	\$ (27,974)	\$ 37,623
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Non-interest income primarily consists of service charges on deposit accounts; commissions derived from various banking, securities and insurance activities; gains and losses on mortgage banking activities; interchange and other fees related to debit and credit cards; equity in earnings (loss) of unconsolidated entity; and net gains and losses on investments and impairments.

Service charges on deposit accounts include monthly fees and other fees on deposit accounts.

Income from mortgage banking activities includes gains on sales and securitization of loans and revenues earned for administering residential mortgage loans originated by the Corporation and subsequently sold with servicing retained, and realized and unrealized gains and losses on forward contracts used to hedge the Corporation's securitization pipeline. In addition, lower-of-cost-or-market valuation adjustments to the Corporation's residential mortgage loans held for sale portfolio and servicing rights portfolio, if any, are recorded as part of mortgage banking activities.

Insurance income consists of insurance commissions earned by the Corporation's subsidiary, FirstBank Insurance Agency, Inc.

Broker-dealer income includes commissions earned by the Corporation's broker-dealer subsidiary, FirstBank Puerto Rico Securities.

The other operating income category is composed of miscellaneous fees such as debit, credit card and point of sale (POS) interchange fees and check and cash management fees.

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The net gain (loss) on investment securities reflects gains or losses as a result of sales that are consistent with the Corporation's investment policies as well as OTTI charges on the Corporation's investment portfolio.

Equity in earnings (loss) of unconsolidated entity relates to FirstBank's investment in CPG/GS, the entity that purchased \$269 million of loans from FirstBank during the first quarter of 2011. The Bank holds a 35% subordinated ownership interest in CPG/GS. The majority owner of CPG/GS is entitled to recover its initial investment and a priority return of 12% prior to any return paid to the Bank. Accordingly, the Bank's investment of \$13.2 million in CPG/GS is at risk. Refer to Note 12 of the Corporation's unaudited financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 for additional information about the Bank's investment in CPG/GS.

Impairment of collateral pledged to Lehman - On May 10, 2013, the Corporation received notice from its counsel that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York denied the Bank's Motion for Summary Judgment filed in connection with its claim to recover certain assets pledged as collateral to Lehman and that the Motion for Summary Judgment submitted by Barclays Capital (Barclays) was granted. This matter relates to the claim that the Bank filed against Barclays to recover the securities (or the cash equivalent thereof) that were posted as collateral in connection with certain interest rate swap agreements executed with Lehman. Beginning with the second quarter of 2009, the Corporation classified the pledged securities as a non-performing asset with a book value of \$64.5 million. As a result of the Bankruptcy Court's May 10, 2013 decision, the Corporation determined that it is probable that the asset is impaired and, in the 2013 second quarter, recorded a non-cash charge of \$66.6 million associated with the write-off of the carrying value of the pledged securities and related accrued interest. The Corporation has filed a Notice of Appeal and will continue with its efforts through the legal process to recover the value of the assets.

Non-interest income for the third quarter of 2013 amounted to \$10.1 million, compared to \$15.1 million for the third quarter of 2012. The decrease was primarily due to the following:

A \$3.7 million increase in equity in loss of unconsolidated entity, as the Corporation recorded a loss of \$5.9 million for the third quarter of 2013 compared to a loss of \$2.2 million for the third quarter of 2012. This adjustment is related to the Bank's investment in CPG/GS. This investment is accounted under the equity method following the hypothetical liquidation book value (HLBV) method to determine the Bank's share in CPG/GS earnings or loss. Under the HLBV method, the Bank determines its share of CPG/GS earnings or loss by determining the difference between its claim on CPG/GS book value at the end of the period as compared to the beginning of the period. The positive variance results from changes in the fair value of loans receivable held by CPG/GS where fair value is determined on a discounted cash flow basis. At valuation dates, key inputs and assumptions are updated to reflect changes in the market, the performance of the underlying assets, and expectations of a market participant. The Bank reports its share of CPG/GS's operating results on a one-quarter lag basis. Refer to Note 12 of the accompanying unaudited financial statements for additional information, including unaudited income statement information of CPG/GS for the quarter ended September 30, 2013.

A \$1.2 million decrease in revenues from the mortgage banking business mainly related to: (i) a \$1.9 million decrease in gains on sales and securitizations of residential mortgage loans, including GNMA MBS and forward contracts used by the Corporation to hedge its securitization pipeline, mainly related to lower profit margins, and (ii) a \$0.3 million loss related to claims for certain foreclosure costs on loans serviced by the Bank. These variances were partially offset by a \$0.5

million increase in servicing fees commensurate with the increase in the servicing portfolio, and a \$0.5 million favorable variance related to the decrease in the valuation allowance for servicing assets.

Non-interest loss for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 amounted to \$28.0 million, including the \$66.6 million write-off of the collateral pledged to Lehman, compared to non-interest income of \$37.6 million for the same period in 2012. Adjusted non-interest income, excluding the Lehman collateral write-off, increased \$0.9 million for the first nine months of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012 primarily due to:

A \$1.0 million increase attributable to interchange and other fees related to the credit card portfolio acquired in late May 2012, recorded as part of Other operating income in the table above.

A \$1.9 million increase in merchant fees, recorded as part of Other operating income in the table above.

A \$0.6 million increase in income from the insurance agency activities, mainly related to a higher volume.

A \$1.7 million decrease in OTTI charges on debt and equity securities. The OTTI charge for both periods is mainly related to credit losses associated with private label mortgage backed securities held by the Corporation with an amortized cost of \$57.7 million as of September 30, 2013.

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Partially offset by:

A \$3.4 million loss related to the restructuring of a commercial mortgage loan held for sale in which the Corporation received foreclosed real estate in partial satisfaction of a debt arrangement and modified the terms of the remaining balance. This loss is included as part of Other operating income in the table above.

A \$0.3 million decrease in revenues from the mortgage banking business mainly related to lower of cost or market charges to the residential mortgage loan held for sale portfolio of \$2.7 million and losses of \$0.4 million related to claims for certain foreclosures costs on loans serviced by the Bank and compensatory fees. This was partially offset by an increase of \$1.4 million in servicing fees, an increase of \$0.5 million in gains on sales and securitizations of residential mortgage loans, and a favorable variance of \$1.0 million related to the decrease in the valuation allowance of servicing assets.

Non-Interest Expenses

The following table presents the detail of non-interest expenses for the periods indicated:

	Quarter Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(In thousands)			
Employees compensation and benefits	\$ 32,823	\$ 31,058	\$ 99,493	\$ 93,770
Occupancy and equipment	15,134	15,208	45,150	46,065
Insurance and supervisory fees	11,513	13,023	37,018	39,333
Taxes, other than income taxes	4,693	3,499	13,921	10,350
Professional fees:				
Collections, appraisals and other credit related fees	2,780	2,250	7,224	5,670
Outsourcing technology services	4,338	1,311	9,942	3,390
Bulk sales professional fees			6,938	
Preferred stock exchange offer professional fees			1,196	
Secondary offering professional fees	390		390	
Other professional fees	4,332	3,908	11,017	10,708
Credit and debit card processing expenses	2,682	2,574	8,040	3,516
Business promotion	3,478	4,004	10,666	10,026
Communications	1,866	1,797	5,565	5,276
Net loss on OREO and OREO operations	7,052	8,686	29,191	18,915
Secondary offering other costs	1,279		1,279	
Other	6,794	4,525	21,457	16,959
	\$ 99,154	\$ 91,843	\$ 308,487	\$ 263,978

Non-interest expenses increased by \$7.3 million to \$99.2 million for the third quarter of 2013 compared to \$91.8 million for the third quarter of 2012. The increase was principally attributable to:

A \$3.0 million increase in fees for professional services related to the outsourcing of technology services, mainly due to services provided by FIS under a multi-year technology outsourcing agreement executed by the Corporation at the beginning of the second quarter of 2013. The Bank's information technology (IT) operations were outsourced effective April 1, 2013. Under the multi-year agreement the IT provider, FIS, assumed full operational responsibility for the Bank's IT operations and staff and the alliance is expected to result in lower operating costs and greater operational efficiencies in future periods. The increases in professional fees attributed to this agreement were partially offset by savings in employees' compensation and benefits expense related to employees transferred to the IT service provider and savings in software maintenance costs.

A \$1.7 million increase in non-interest expenses associated with the secondary offering of the Corporation's common stock by certain of the existing stockholders.

A \$0.5 million increase in expenses related to the credit card portfolio, including an increase of \$1.7 million in costs associated with the conversion of the credit card processing platform completed in the third quarter of 2013 aligned with our focus on increasing the Bank's consumer loans market share and cross-selling opportunities. This was partially offset by declines in servicing fees and other costs on the previous interim servicing agreement.

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A \$1.8 million increase in employee compensation and benefits due to, among other things, the filling of vacant positions, including several managerial and supervisory positions, salary merit increases and higher incentive and stock-based compensation expenses. These increases were partially offset by savings of approximately \$1.7 million related to employees transferred to FIS.

A \$1.2 million increase in taxes, other than income taxes, driven by a \$1.7 million charge related to the new Puerto Rico national gross receipts tax.

The impact in the third quarter of 2012 of reserve releases of \$1.2 million related to the reserve for probable losses on off-balance sheet exposures, mainly unfunded loan commitments. This is included as part of Other in the table above.

These increases were partially offset by:

A \$1.2 million decrease in the deposit insurance premium mainly attributable to the decrease in average assets and decreases in high-risk loans. This charge is included as part of Insurance and Supervisory fees in the table above.

A \$1.6 million decrease in the net loss on OREO operations, mainly lower operating expenses for, among other things, insurance, repairs and maintenance costs as well as legal-related fees, commensurate with a lower inventory.

Non-interest expenses increased \$44.5 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, primarily due to:

A \$10.3 million increase in the net loss on OREO operations mainly related to higher write-downs of the value of OREO properties, including write-offs of \$5.3 million on commercial properties in the Virgin Islands, and the aforementioned \$1.9 million loss on the sale of certain OREO properties as part of the bulk sale of non-performing residential assets. In addition, the variance reflects the loss of \$0.7 million recorded in the first quarter of 2013 related to the sale of OREO properties to another company and the impact in the prior year of gains of \$1.3 million on the sale of certain commercial OREO properties.

A \$7.5 million increase in expenses related to the credit card loan portfolio acquired in May 2012, including \$1.7 million of costs associated with the conversion of the credit card processing platform.

Professional fees of \$6.9 million specifically related to the bulk sales of assets completed during the first and second quarter of 2013 and \$1.2 million related to expenses associated with a terminated preferred stock exchange offer.

A \$6.5 million increase in fees for professional services related to the outsourcing of technology services, mainly due to services provided by FIS, as explained above.

A \$5.7 million increase in employee compensation and benefits due to the filling of vacant positions, including several managerial and supervisory positions, certain non-periodic expenses such as lump sum and severance payments, salary merit increases and higher incentive and stock-based compensation expenses. These increases were partially offset by savings of approximately \$3.4 million related to employees transferred to FIS, as described above.

A \$3.6 million increase in taxes, other than income taxes, driven by charges of \$4.9 million related to the new Puerto Rico national gross receipts tax.

A \$1.7 million increase in non-interest expenses associated with the secondary offering of the Corporation's common stock by certain of the existing stockholders.

A \$1.6 million increase in attorney collection fees and mortgage appraisal services, included as part of collections, appraisals and other credit related professional fees in the table above. These increases were partially offset by a \$2.2 million decrease in the deposit insurance premium. This charge is included as part of Insurance and Supervisory fees in the table above.

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Income tax expense includes Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands income taxes as well as applicable U.S. federal and state taxes. The Corporation is subject to Puerto Rico income tax on its income from all sources. As a Puerto Rico corporation, First BanCorp. is treated as a foreign corporation for U.S. income tax purposes and is generally subject to United States income tax only on its income from sources within the United States or income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Any such tax paid is also creditable against the Corporation's Puerto Rico tax liability, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

On June 30, 2013, the Puerto Rico Government approved Act No. 40 (Act 40), known as the Tax Burden Adjustment and Redistribution Act , which amended the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 2011 (the 2011 PR Code), and Act No. 46 (Act 46), which brings changes to the sales and use tax regime. The main provisions of Act 40 that impact financial institutions include:

- (i) A new national gross receipts tax that in the case of financial institutions is 1% of gross income which is not deductible for purposes of computing net taxable income and is not part of the alternative minimum tax (AMT). This provision is retroactive to January 1, 2013. An expense of \$4.9 million was recorded in the first nine months of 2013 related to the national gross receipts tax. This expense is included as part of Taxes, other than income taxes in the Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss). Subject to certain limitations, a financial institution will be able to claim a credit of 0.5% of its gross income against its regular income tax or the alternative minimum tax. A \$2.5 million benefit related to this credit was recorded as a reduction to the provision for income taxes in the first nine months of 2013.
- (ii) A decrease in the deduction available to corporations for the computation of the additional surtax from \$750,000 to \$25,000 and a change in the surtax rate to rates that range from 5% to 19%, resulting in an increase in the maximum statutory tax rate from 30% to 39%. This provision is also retroactive to January 1, 2013. The effect on operating results in the second quarter of 2013 related to these changes was a net benefit of approximately \$0.5 million, mainly due to the increase in the deferred tax asset of profitable subsidiaries. The deferred tax valuation allowance increased to \$519.8 million as of September 30, 2013 from \$359.9 million at December 31, 2012, as a result of changes in tax rates and operating results for the first nine months of 2013.
- (iii) A higher AMT rate (30% of the alternative minimum net income, as compared to 20% previously) and various parallel computations required to be made before determining whether an AMT liability exists. This change did not have an impact on the Corporation's provision for income taxes recorded in the first nine months of 2013.
- (iv) The Net Operating Loss (NOL) carryover period increased from 10 years to 12 years for losses incurred in taxable years that commenced after December 31, 2004 and ended before January 1, 2013. The carryover period for NOL incurred during taxable years commencing after December 31, 2012 will be 10 years. The NOL deduction is now limited to 90% of taxable income for regular income tax purpose and 80% for AMT purposes.

Significant changes to the sales and use tax regime include adjustments to the Business to Business exclusion. The business to business exclusion applicable to services rendered from one registered business to another registered business remains in effect, except for certain services, that will be taxable including, among others, service charges imposed by financial institutions to other businesses (commercial clients), collection services, repairs and maintenance services of real and personal property, and computer programming including modifications to previously designed systems. The sales and use tax provisions were effective beginning on July 1, 2013.

On October 14, 2013, the Governor of Puerto Rico signed into law Act No. 117 (Act 117) providing additional changes and transitional provisions in connection with Act 40. In relation to the national gross receipts tax, Act 117 clarifies, among others things, that gross income subject to the special tax does not includes the following:

- (i) Dividends received from a 100% controlled domestic subsidiary. During the nine-months ended September 30, 2013, no dividends subject to this exception were received by any of the Corporation's entities.

- (ii) Income attributable to a trade or business outside of Puerto Rico. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation accrued approximately \$0.5 million of gross receipts tax expense related to income attributable to the trade or business outside of Puerto Rico. Based on Act 117 dispositions, this expense will be reversed during the fourth quarter of 2013 when the Act was enacted.

Under the 2011 PR Code, the Corporation and its subsidiaries are treated as separate taxable entities and are not entitled to file consolidated tax returns and, thus, the Corporation is not able to utilize losses from one subsidiary to offset gains in another subsidiary. Accordingly, in order to obtain a tax benefit from a net operating loss, a particular subsidiary must be able to demonstrate sufficient taxable income within the applicable carry forward period. The 2011 PR Code provides a dividend received deduction of 100% on dividends received from controlled subsidiaries subject to taxation in Puerto Rico and 85% on dividends received from other taxable domestic corporations.

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The Corporation has maintained an effective tax rate lower than the maximum statutory rate mainly by investing in government obligations and mortgage-backed securities exempt from U.S. and Puerto Rico income taxes and by doing business through an International Banking Entity (IBE) of the Bank and through the Bank's subsidiary, FirstBank Overseas Corporation, whose interest income and gain on sales is exempt from Puerto Rico and U.S. income taxation. The IBE and FirstBank Overseas Corporation were created under the International Banking Entity Act of Puerto Rico, which provides for total Puerto Rico tax exemption on net income derived by IBE operating in Puerto Rico. An IBE that operates as a unit of a bank pays income taxes at normal rates to the extent that the IBE net income exceeds 20% of the bank's total net taxable income.

For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the Corporation recorded income tax expense of \$3.7 million and \$4.3 million, respectively, compared to income tax expense of \$0.8 million and \$4.4 million for the same periods in 2012. The increase for the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period in 2012, was mainly driven by an increase in reserves for uncertain tax positions as further discussed below. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, the impact of the \$3.0 million increase in reserves for uncertain tax positions was offset by the \$2.5 million benefit related to the credit and the net benefit of \$0.5 million related to the increase in the deferred tax asset of profitable subsidiaries due to changes in statutory tax rates. The income tax in the interim financial statements is calculated based on the income of the individual subsidiaries and the currently valid tax rates as a best possible estimate. As of September 30, 2013, the deferred tax asset, net of a valuation allowance of \$519.8 million, amounted to \$7.4 million compared to \$4.9 million as of December 31, 2012. The increase in the deferred tax asset valuation allowance to \$519.8 million as of September 30, 2013 from \$359.9 million as of December 31, 2012 was mainly due to the increase in statutory tax rates and the operating results for the first nine months of 2013.

Accounting for income taxes requires that companies assess whether a valuation allowance should be recorded against their deferred tax asset based on an assessment of the amount of the deferred tax asset that is more likely than not to be realized. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. In making such assessment, significant weight is given to evidence that can be objectively verified, including both positive and negative evidence. Consideration must be given to all sources of taxable income available to realize the deferred tax asset, including the future reversal of existing temporary differences, future taxable income exclusive of the reversal of temporary differences and carryforwards, taxable income in carryback years and tax planning strategies. In estimating taxes, management assesses the relative merits and risks of the appropriate tax treatment of transactions taking into account statutory, judicial and regulatory guidance, and recognizes tax benefits only when deemed probable of realization.

In assessing the weight of positive and negative evidence, a significant negative factor that resulted in the maintenance of the valuation allowance was that the Corporation's banking subsidiary, FirstBank Puerto Rico, was in a three-year historical cumulative loss position as of September 30, 2013, mainly due to significant charges to the provision for loan and lease losses in prior years as a result of the economic downturn and the bulk sales of assets completed in 2013. As of September 30, 2013, the Corporation had a gross deferred tax asset of \$529.2 million, including \$372.7 million associated with net operating losses (NOLs). The Bank incurred all of the NOLs on or after 2009. As mentioned before, the Corporation maintained a valuation allowance of \$519.8 million as of September 30, 2013 against the deferred tax asset. As of September 30, 2013, management concluded that \$7.4 million of the deferred tax asset will be realized as it relates to profitable subsidiaries and to amounts that can be realized through future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences. To the extent the realization of a portion, or all, of the tax asset becomes more likely than not based on changes in circumstances (such as, improved earnings, changes in tax laws or other relevant changes), a reversal of that portion of the deferred tax asset valuation allowance will then be recorded.

The authoritative accounting guidance prescribes a comprehensive model for the financial statement recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of income tax uncertainties with respect to positions taken or expected to be

taken on income tax returns. Under this guidance, income tax benefits are recognized and measured based upon a two-step analysis: 1) a tax position must be more likely than not to be sustained based solely on its technical merits in order to be recognized, and 2) the benefit is measured as the largest dollar amount of that position that is more likely than not to be sustained upon settlement. The difference between the benefit recognized under this analysis and the tax benefit claimed on a tax return is referred to as an unrecognized tax benefit (UTB).

The following table reconciles the balance of UTBs:

(In thousands)	2013	2012
Balance beginning of the year	\$ 2,374	\$ 2,374
Increases related to positions taken during prior years	3,102	
Balance at end of period	\$ 5,476	\$ 2,374

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The Corporation recorded UTBs of \$5.5 million, all of which would, if recognized, affect the Corporation's effective tax rate. The Corp