UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 17, 2023

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-35095 (Commission file number) 58-1807304 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

125 Highway 515 East Blairsville, Georgia 30512 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (706) 781-2265

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously sat	isfy the filing obligation of the regi	istrant under any of the following provisions:
□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR □ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 24 □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 24)	40.14a-12) ange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common stock, par value \$1 per share	UCBI	Nasdaq Global Select Market
Depositary shares, each representing 1/1000th interest in a share of Series I Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock	UCBIO	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company □

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 17, 2023, United Community Banks, Inc. ("United") issued a press release announcing financial results for the fourth quarter of 2022. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 18, 2023, United will hold an earnings conference call and webcast at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss financial results for the fourth quarter of 2022. The press release referenced above in Item 2.02 contains information about how to access the conference call and webcast. A copy of the slide presentation to be used during the earnings call and webcast is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The slide presentation also will be available on our website, www.ucbi.com, under the "Investor Relations – Events and Presentations" section.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits The following exhibit index lists the exhibits that are either filed or furnished with the Current Report on Form 8-K.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

- 99.1 United Community Banks, Inc. Press Release, dated January 17, 2023 (furnished only).
- 99.2 Slide presentation to be used during January 18, 2023 earnings call (furnished only).
- 104 The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

By:/s/ Jefferson L. Harralson Jefferson L. Harralson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 17, 2023



For Immediate Release

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United Community Banks, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter 2022 Results GAAP EPS of \$0.74, Return on Assets of 1.33% and Loan Growth of 12%

GREENVILLE, SC – January 17, 2023 - United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) (United) today announced that net income for the 2022 fourth quarter was \$81.5 million and pre-tax, pre-provision income was \$125.9 million. Diluted earnings per share of \$0.74 for the quarter represented an increase of \$0.19 or 35%, from the fourth quarter a year ago, and was flat from the third quarter of 2022. On an operating basis, United's diluted earnings per share of \$0.75 was up 17% from the year ago quarter. The primary drivers of the increased earnings in both periods were increased interest rates and organic loan growth, as well as the acquisition of Reliant Bancorp, Inc., which closed on January 1, 2022 and was not reflected in the year-ago quarter. United's return on assets was 1.33%, or 1.35% on an operating basis. Return on equity was 10.9% and return on tangible common equity was 15.2%. On a pre-tax, pre-provision basis, operating return on assets was 2.09% for the quarter. Highlights for the quarter include strong annualized loan growth of 12%, 19 basis points of net interest margin expansion and further improvement in the efficiency ratio to 47.95%, or 47.35% on an operating basis, which excludes the effect of merger-related and other charges.

Chairman and CEO Lynn Harton stated, "We are pleased with our performance during this quarter and in 2022. In the quarter, our loan growth across all categories was strong and our net interest margin continued to benefit from increasing interest rates. As a result, we generated positive operating leverage, resulting in a new record efficiency ratio for us." Harton continued, "On the strategic front, we continue to benefit from the acquisitions we have completed over the past few years. These new partnerships have expanded the company into exciting growth markets and have brought talented bankers to United. While not included in these quarterly results, we are excited that we have now completed the addition of Progress Financial Corporation to the United family on January 3, 2023. Progress has a talented team, exceptional leadership, and operates in great markets in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. I am very glad to welcome them to our team."

The net interest margin increased by 19 basis points to 3.76% from the third quarter, while the average yield on interest-earning assets was up 49 basis points to 4.32% and United's cost of deposits increased by 30 basis points to 0.49%. Net charge-offs increased to \$6.6 million or 0.17% of average loans during the quarter, mainly driven by one C&I loan, and NPAs were up slightly from prior quarters to 18 basis points relative to total assets.

Mr. Harton concluded, "2023 will be another great year for United despite some changes in the environment. Deposit competition will continue to increase as depositors seek higher returns for their excess liquidity. Well publicized recession fears may drive increasing provision costs for the industry. We believe we are well prepared to navigate these conditions due to the strength of our balance sheet, and more importantly, the strength of our teams. In 2022, we further strengthened our Board of Directors, added new market leaders, new commercial bankers and new line-of-business leaders. We also expanded our service capabilities with new locations across our footprint. In closing, I would note that we are all very proud that in October, United was named one of the "Best Banks to Work For" by American Banker for the sixth consecutive year. Everything begins with being a great place to work for great people. One of my goals for the year is to do an even better job of making sure we keep our company feeling small and connected as we continue to grow."

2022 Financial Highlights:

- Completed successful year with strong loan growth and historically high pre-credit profitability, and completed an acquisition in the high-growth Nashville, Tennessee MSA, which was a strategic priority
- · Full year EPS of \$2.52, a decrease of 15% compared to 2021; full year operating EPS of \$2.66, a decrease of 14% from 2021
- · Return on assets of 1.13%, or 1.19% on an operating basis
- · Pre-tax, pre-provision return on assets of 1.80% on an operating basis
- · Return on common equity of 9.5%
- · Return on tangible common equity of 14.0% on an operating basis
- · A provision for credit losses of \$63.9 million compared to a release of provision of \$37.6 million in 2021, with \$18.3 million attributable to establishing an initial allowance for loans acquired in the first quarter in the Reliant acquisition
- · Strong loan growth of \$3.6 billion or \$1.3 billion excluding loans acquired from Reliant and PPP loans
- · Core transaction deposits were up \$1.3 billion compared to 2021; excluding Reliant, 2022 core transaction deposits were down \$819 million, or 5.7%, reflecting runoff following 2021's pandemic-related deposit surge
- · Net interest margin of 3.38%, which was up 31 basis points from last year primarily due to increased interest rates
- Noninterest income was down 12.7% primarily due to a decline in mortgage fees, as higher rates softened demand
- · The efficiency ratio of 52.3%, or 50.2% on an operating basis, was improved as the combination of higher rates and the achievement of merger-related efficiencies drove the ratio to record low levels
- · Net charge-offs remained low at just \$9.7 million, or 0.07% of average total loans

Fourth Quarter 2022 Financial Highlights:

- · Net income of \$81.5 million and pre-tax, pre-provision income of \$125.9 million
- · EPS increased by 35% compared to fourth quarter 2021 on a GAAP basis and 17% on an operating basis; compared to third quarter 2022, EPS remained flat on a GAAP basis and on an operating basis
- Return on assets of 1.33%, or 1.35% on an operating basis
- · Pre-tax, pre-provision return on assets of 2.09% on an operating basis
- · Return on common equity of 10.9%

- · Return on tangible common equity of 15.2% on an operating basis
- · A provision for credit losses of \$19.8 million, which increased the allowance for loan losses to 1.04% of loans from 1.00% in the third quarter
- · Loan production of \$1.5 billion, resulting in loan growth of 12%, annualized for the quarter
- · Core transaction deposits were down \$915 million; or 22% annualized
- · Net interest margin of 3.76% was up 19 basis points from the third quarter, due to increased interest rates and loan growth
- · Mortgage closings of \$253 million compared to \$522 million a year ago; mortgage rate locks of \$364 million compared to \$695 million a year ago
- · Noninterest income was up \$1.4 million on a linked quarter basis, primarily driven by positive marks on certain investments and offset by lower mortgage fees
- Noninterest expenses increased by \$4.6 million compared to the third quarter on a GAAP basis and by \$4.9 million on an operating basis, mostly due to lower deferred costs from lower mortgage loan volume and higher FDIC deposit insurance costs
- · Efficiency ratio of 48.0%, or 47.4% on an operating basis
- Net charge-offs of \$6.6 million, or 17 basis points as a percent of average loans, up 14 basis points from the net charge-offs experienced in the third quarter
- · Nonperforming assets of 0.18% of total assets, up 3 basis points compared to September 30, 2022
- · Quarterly common shareholder dividend of \$0.22 per share declared during the quarter, an increase of 10% year-over-year
- · After the end of the quarter, we completed the acquisition of Progress Financial Corporation and its banking subsidiary Progress Bank and Trust with \$1.8 billion in assets on January 3, 2023; financial returns are expected to be within our desired thresholds

Conference Call

United will hold a conference call on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 11 a.m. ET to discuss the contents of this press release and to share business highlights for the quarter. Participants can pre-register for the conference call by navigating to https://dpregister.com/sreg/10174303/f57c53ab13. Those without internet access or unable to pre-register may dial in by calling 1-866-777-2509. Participants are encouraged to dial in 15 minutes prior to the call start time. The conference call also will be webcast and can be accessed by selecting "Events and Presentations" under "News and Events" within the Investor Relations section of the company's website, www.ucbi.com.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Selected Financial Information (in thousands, except per share data)

	2022 Fourth Third Second First									2021	Fourth Quarter		For the Two Ended De	YTD 2022-		
		Fourth Juarter		Third Juarter		Second Quarter		First Quarter		Fourth Quarter	2022- 2021 Change		2022		2021	2021 Change
INCOME SUMMARY		Zumrer		Zunitei		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter	Change				2021	Change
Interest revenue	\$	240,831	\$	213,887	\$	187,378	\$	171,059	\$	143,768		\$	813,155	\$	578,794	
Interest expense		30,943		14,113		8,475		7,267		6,213			60,798		29,760	
Net interest revenue		209,888		199,774		178,903		163,792		137,555	53%		752,357		549,034	37%
Provision for credit losses		19,831		15,392		5,604		23,086		(647)			63,913		(37,550)	
Noninterest income		33,354		31,922		33,458		38,973		37,177	(10)		137,707		157,818	(13)
Total revenue		223,411		216,304		206,757		179,679		175,379	27		826,151		744,402	11
Noninterest expenses		117,329		112,755		120,790		119,275		109,156	7		470,149		396,639	19
Income before income tax expense		106,082		103,549		85,967		60,404		66,223			356,002		347,763	
Income tax expense		24,632		22,388		19,125		12,385		14,204			78,530		77,962	
Net income		81,450		81,161		66,842		48,019		52,019			277,472		269,801	
Merger-related and other charges		1,470		1,746		7,143		9,016		9,912			19,375		13,970	
Income tax benefit of merger-related and other charges		(323)		(385)		(1,575)		(1,963)		(2,265)			(4,246)		(3,174)	
Net income - operating ⁽¹⁾	s	82,597	\$	82,522	s	72,410	s	55,072	s	59,666	38	s	292,601	\$	280,597	4
Pre-tax pre-provision income (5)	s	125.913	s	118.941	S	91,571	S	83.490	S	65.576	92	S	419.915	S	310.213	35
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Per common share:																
Diluted net income - GAAP	S	0.74	s	0.74	S	0.61	S	0.43	S	0.55	35	S	2.52	S	2.97	(15)
Diluted net income - operating (1)		0.75		0.75		0.66		0.50		0.64	17		2.66	_	3.09	(14)
Common stock cash dividends declared		0.73		0.73		0.00		0.30		0.20	10		0.86		0.78	10
Book value		24.38		23.78		23.96		24.38		23.63	3		24.38		23.63	3
Tangible book value (3)		17.13		16.52		16.68		17.08		18.42	(7)		17.13		18.42	(7)
Key performance ratios:		17.13		10.32		10.08		17.08		16.42	(7)		17.13		18.42	(7)
Return on common equity - GAAP (2)(4)		10.000/		11.020/		0.210/		6.000/		0.220/			9.54%		12.140/	
Return on common equity - GAAP (1/2)(4)		10.86%		11.02%		9.31%		6.80%		9.32%					13.14%	
Return on common equity - operating (1)(2)(4)		11.01		11.21		10.10		7.83		10.74			10.07		13.68	
Return on tangible common equity - operating (1)(2)(3)(4)		15.20		15.60		14.20		11.00		13.93			14.04		17.33	
Return on assets - GAAP (4)		1.33		1.32		1.08		0.78		0.96			1.13		1.37	
Return on assets - operating (1)(4)		1.35		1.34		1.17		0.89		1.10			1.19		1.42	
Return on assets -pre-tax pre-provision (4)(5)		2.07		1.94		1.49		1.37		1.21			1.72		1.58	
Return on assets -pre-tax pre-provision, excluding merger related and other		2.07		1.74		1.47		1.57		1.21			1.72		1.36	
charges (1)(4)(5)		2.09		1.97		1.60		1.52		1.40			1.80		1.65	
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Net interest margin (fully taxable equivalent) (4)		3.76		3.57		3.19		2.97		2.81			3.38		3.07	
Efficiency ratio - GAAP		47.95		48.41		56.58		57.43		62.12			52.31		55.80	
Efficiency ratio - operating (1)		47.35		47.66		53.23		53.09		56.48			50.16		53.83	
Equity to total assets		11.25		11.12		10.95		11.06		10.61			11.25		10.61	
Tangible common equity to tangible assets (3)		7.88		7.70		7.59		7.72		8.09			7.88		8.09	
ASSET QUALITY																
Nonperforming assets ("NPAs")	\$	44,281	\$	35,511	\$	34,428	\$	40,816	\$	32,855	35	\$	44,281	\$	32,855	35
Allowance for credit losses - loans		159,357		148,502		136,925		132,805		102,532	55		159,357		102,532	55
Allowance for credit losses - total		180,520		167,300		153,042		146,369		113,524	59		180,520		113,524	59
Net charge-offs (recoveries)		6,611 1.04%		1,134 1.00%		(1,069) 0.94%		2,978 0.93%		248 0.87%			9,654 1.04%		38 0.87%	
Allowance for credit losses - loans to loans Allowance for credit losses - total to loans		1.04%		1.12		1.05		1.02		0.87%			1.18		0.87%	
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Net charge-offs to average loans ⁽⁴⁾ NPAs to total assets		0.17		0.03 0.15		(0.03)		0.08 0.17		0.01			0.07 0.18		0.16	
NPAs to total assets AT PERIOD END (\$ in millions)		0.18		0.15		0.14		0.1/		0.16			0.18		0.16	
Loans	S	15,335	\$	14,882	S	14,541	S	14,316	S	11,760	30	S	15,335	S	11,760	30
Investment securities		6,228	.p	6,539	ۍ	6.683	.5	6.410	3	5,653	10	٠	6,228	3	5,653	10
Total assets		24,009		23,688		24,213		24,374		20,947	15		24,009		20,947	15
Deposits		19,877		20,321		20,873		21,056		18,241	9		19,877		18,241	9
Shareholders' equity		2,701		2.635		2.651		2,695		2,222	22		2,701		2.222	22
Common shares outstanding (thousands)		106,223		106,163		106,034		106,025		89,350	19		106,223		89,350	19

⁽¹⁾ Excludes merger-related and other charges. (2) Net income less preferred stock dividends, divided by average realized common equity, which excludes accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). (3) Excludes effect of acquisition related intangibles and associated amortization. (4) Annualized. (5) Excludes income tax expense and provision for credit losses.

				20	22					2021	Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
		Fourth Juarter		Third Quarter		Second Quarter		First Quarter		Fourth Quarter		2022		2021
Noninterest expense reconciliation		zuar ter	_	Quarter	_	Quarter	_	Quarter	_	Quarter	_	2022	_	2021
Noninterest expenses (GAAP)	\$	117,329	\$	112,755	\$	120,790	\$	119,275	\$	109,156	\$	470,149	\$	396,639
Merger-related and other charges		(1,470)		(1,746)		(7,143)		(9,016)		(9,912)		(19,375)		(13,970)
Expenses - operating	\$	115,859	\$	111,009	\$	113,647	\$	110,259	\$	99,244	\$	450,774	\$	382,669
Net income to operating income reconciliation														
Net income (GAAP)	\$	81,450	\$	81,161	\$	66,842	\$	48,019	\$	52,019	\$	277,472	\$	269,801
Merger-related and other charges		1,470		1,746		7,143		9,016		9,912		19,375		13,970
Income tax benefit of merger-related and other charges		(323)		(385)		(1,575)		(1,963)		(2,265)		(4,246)		(3,174)
Net income - operating	\$	82,597	\$	82,522	\$	72,410	\$	55,072	\$	59,666	\$	292,601	\$	280,597
Net income to pre-tax pre-provision income reconciliation														
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Income tax expense		24,632		22,388		19,125		12,385		14,204		78,530		77,962
Provision for credit losses		19,831		15,392		5,604		23,086		(647)		63,913		(37,550)
Pre-tax pre-provision income	\$	125,913	\$	118,941	\$	91,571	\$	83,490	\$	65,576	\$	419,915	\$	310,213
Diluted income per common share reconciliation														
Diluted income per common share (GAAP)	\$	0.74	\$	0.74	\$	0.61	\$	0.43	\$	0.55	\$	2.52	\$	2.97
Merger-related and other charges		0.01		0.01		0.05		0.07		0.09		0.14		0.12
Diluted income per common share - operating	\$	0.75	\$	0.75	\$	0.66	\$	0.50	\$	0.64	\$	2.66	\$	3.09
Book value per common share reconciliation														
Book value per common share (GAAP)	\$	24.38	\$	23.78	\$	23.96	\$	24.38	\$	23.63	\$	24.38	\$	23.63
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles		(7.25)		(7.26)		(7.28)		(7.30)		(5.21)		(7.25)		(5.21)
Tangible book value per common share	\$	17.13	\$	16.52	\$	16.68	\$	17.08	\$	18.42	\$	17.13	\$	18.42
Return on tangible common equity reconciliation														
Return on common equity (GAAP)		10.86%		11.02%		9.31%		6.80%		9.32%)	9.54%)	13.14%
Merger-related and other charges		0.15		0.19		0.79		1.03		1.42		0.53		0.54
Return on common equity - operating		11.01		11.21		10.10		7.83		10.74		10.07		13.68
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles		4.19		4.39		4.10		3.17		3.19	_	3.97		3.65
Return on tangible common equity - operating	_	15.20%	_	15.60%	_	14.20%	_	11.00%	_	13.93%		14.04%	<u> </u>	17.33%
Return on assets reconciliation														
Return on assets (GAAP)		1.33%		1.32%		1.08%		0.78%		0.96%)	1.13%	,	1.37%
Merger-related and other charges		0.02	_	0.02	_	0.09	_	0.11		0.14		0.06		0.05
Return on assets - operating	_	1.35%	_	1.34%	_	1.17%	_	0.89%	_	1.10%	_	1.19%	` _	1.42%
Return on assets to return on assets- pre-tax pre-provision reconciliation														
Return on assets (GAAP)		1.33%		1.32%		1.08%		0.78%		0.96%)	1.13%		1.37%
Income tax expense		0.41		0.37		0.32		0.20		0.26		0.32		0.40
Provision for credit losses		0.33		0.25	_	0.09	_	0.39		(0.01)		0.27		(0.19)
Return on assets - pre-tax pre-provision		2.07		1.94		1.49		1.37		1.21		1.72		1.58
Merger-related and other charges		0.02	_	0.03	_	0.11	_	0.15		0.19		0.08	_	0.07
Return on assets - pre-tax pre-provision, excluding merger-related and other charges	_	2.09%	_	1.97%	_	1.60%	_	1.52%	_	1.40%	_	1.80%	_	1.65%
Efficiency ratio reconciliation		45.0501		40.4124		54 5004		55.4001		(2.153)		50.010		55.000
Efficiency ratio (GAAP)		47.95%		48.41%		56.58%		57.43%		62.12%)	52.31%)	55.80%
Merger-related and other charges		(0.60)		(0.75)		(3.35)		(4.34)		(5.64)		(2.15)		(1.97)
Efficiency ratio - operating	_	47.35%	_	47.66%	_	53.23%	_	53.09%	_	56.48%		50.16%	_	53.83%
Tangible common equity to tangible assets reconciliation		11.0-01		11 1201		10.050		11.0		10.610		11.0-0		10 610
Equity to total assets (GAAP)		11.25%		11.12%		10.95%		11.06%		10.61%)	11.25%	•	10.61%
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles		(2.97)		(3.01)		(2.96)		(2.94)		(2.06)		(2.97)		(2.06)
Effect of preferred equity		(0.40)	_	(0.41)	_	(0.40)	_	(0.40)	_	(0.46)		(0.40)	_	(0.46)
Tangible common equity to tangible assets	_	7.88%		7.70%	_	7.59%	_	7.72%	_	8.09%)	7.88%	_	8.09%

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Loan Portfolio Composition at Period-End

(in millions)

		20	22			2021	Linked	Y	ear over
	 Fourth	Third		Second	First	Fourth	Quarter		Year
	Quarter	Quarter		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Change		Change
LOANS BY CATEGORY		 			 				
Owner occupied commercial RE	\$ 2,735	\$ 2,700	\$	2,681	\$ 2,638	\$ 2,322	\$ 35	\$	413
Income producing commercial RE	3,262	3,299		3,273	3,328	2,601	(37)		661
Commercial & industrial	2,251	2,236		2,243	2,302	1,822	15		429
Paycheck protection program	1	2		10	34	88	(1)		(87)
Commercial construction	1,598	1,514		1,514	1,482	1,015	84		583
Equipment financing	1,374	1,281		1,211	1,148	1,083	93		291
Total commercial	11,221	11,032		10,932	10,932	8,931	189		2,290
Residential mortgage	2,355	2,149		1,997	1,826	1,638	206		717
Home equity lines of credit	850	832		801	778	694	18		156
Residential construction	443	423		381	368	359	20		84
Manufactured housing	317	301		287	269	_	16		317
Consumer	149	145		143	143	138	4		11
Total loans	\$ 15,335	\$ 14,882	\$	14,541	\$ 14,316	\$ 11,760	\$ 453	\$	3,575
				_					
LOANS BY STATE									
Georgia	\$ 4,051	\$ 4,003	\$	3,960	\$ 3,879	\$ 3,778	\$ 48	\$	273
South Carolina	2,587	2,516		2,377	2,323	2,235	71		352
North Carolina	2,186	2,117		2,006	1,879	1,895	69		291
Tennessee	2,507	2,536		2,621	2,661	373	(29)		2,134
Florida	1,308	1,259		1,235	1,208	1,148	49		160
Commercial Banking Solutions	2,696	2,451		2,342	2,366	2,331	245		365
Total loans	\$ 15,335	\$ 14,882	\$	14,541	\$ 14,316	\$ 11,760	\$ 453	\$	3,575

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Loan Portfolio Composition at Year-End

(in millions)

		2022		2021		2020	2019		2018
LOANS BY CATEGORY		,	,	,					
Owner occupied commercial RE	\$	2,735	\$	2,322	\$	2,090	\$ 1,720	\$	1,648
Income producing commercial RE		3,262		2,601		2,541	2,008		1,812
Commercial & industrial		2,251		1,822		1,853	1,221		1,278
Paycheck protection program		1		88		646	_		_
Commercial construction		1,598		1,015		967	976		796
Equipment financing		1,374		1,083		864	745		565
Total commercial		11,221		8,931		8,961	6,670		6,099
Residential mortgage		2,355		1,638		1,285	1,118		1,049
Home equity lines of credit		850		694		697	661		694
Residential construction		443		359		281	236		211
Manufactured housing		317		_		_	_		_
Consumer		149		138		147	128		330
Total loans	\$	15,335	\$	11,760	\$	11,371	\$ 8,813	\$	8,383
	_		_		_			_	
LOANS BY STATE									
Georgia	\$	4,051	\$	3,778	\$	3,685	\$ 3,606	\$	3,323
South Carolina		2,587		2,235		1,947	1,708		1,645
North Carolina		2,186		1,895		1,281	1,156		1,072
Tennessee		2,507		373		415	421		477
Florida		1,308		1,148		1,435	_		_
Commercial Banking Solutions		2,696		2,331		2,608	1,922		1,658
Indirect auto		_		_		_	_		208
Total loans	\$	15,335	\$	11,760	\$	11,371	\$ 8,813	\$	8,383

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Credit Quality (in thousands)

		2022		
	 Fourth	Third		ond
	 Quarter	Quarter	Qua	arter
NONACCRUAL LOANS				
Owner occupied RE	\$ 523	\$ 877	\$	1,876
Income producing RE	3,885	2,663		7,074
Commercial & industrial	14,470	11,108		4,548
Commercial construction	133	150		208
Equipment financing	5,438	3,198		3,249
Total commercial	24,449	17,996		16,955
Residential mortgage	10,919	10,424		12,228
Home equity lines of credit	1,888	1,151		933
Residential construction	405	104		198
Manufactured housing	6,518	4,187		2,804
Consumer	53	17		25
Total nonaccrual loans held for	,			
investment	44,232	33,879		33,143
Nonaccrual loans HFS	_	316		317
OREO and repossessed assets	49	1,316		968
Total NPAs	\$ 44,281	\$ 35,511	\$	34,428

				2022						
	Fourth Qu	ıarter		Third Qua	arter	Second Quarter				
(in thousands)	Net Charge- Offs	Net Charge- Offs to Average Loans ⁽¹⁾		Net Charge- Offs	Net Charge- Offs to Average Loans ⁽¹⁾		Net Charge- Offs	Net Charge- Offs to Average Loans ⁽¹⁾		
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY CATEGORY			_							
Owner occupied RE	\$ (130)	(0.02)%	\$	(90)	(0.01)%	\$	(1,496)	(0.23)%		
Income producing RE	(113)	(0.01)		176	0.02		(116)	(0.01)		
Commercial & industrial	4,577	0.81		(744)	(0.13)		(302)	(0.05)		
Commercial construction	(77)	(0.02)		10	_		(144)	(0.04)		
Equipment financing	1,658	0.50		1,121	0.36		907	0.31		
Total commercial	5,915	0.21		473	0.02		(1,151)	(0.04)		
Residential mortgage	(33)	(0.01)		(66)	(0.01)		(51)	(0.01)		
Home equity lines of credit	(89)	(0.04)		(102)	(0.05)		(346)	(0.18)		
Residential construction	(23)	(0.02)		(109)	(0.11)		(76)	(0.08)		
Manufactured housing	246	0.32		220	0.30		135	0.20		
Consumer	595	1.61		718	1.98		420	1.18		
Total	\$ 6,611	0.17	\$	1,134	0.03	\$	(1,069)	(0.03)		

(1) Annualized.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	De	ecember 31, 2022	De	cember 31, 2021
ASSETS	_			
Cash and due from banks	\$	195,771	\$	144,244
Interest-bearing deposits in banks		316,082		2,147,266
Federal funds and other short-term investments		135,000		27,000
Cash and cash equivalents		646,853		2,318,510
Debt securities available-for-sale		3,614,333		4,496,824
Debt securities held-to-maturity (fair value \$2,191,073 and \$1,148,804, respectively)		2,613,648		1,156,098
Loans held for sale at fair value		13,600		44,109
Loans and leases held for investment		15,334,627		11,760,346
Less allowance for credit losses - loans and leases		(159,357)		(102,532)
Loans and leases, net		15,175,270		11,657,814
Premises and equipment, net		298,456		245,296
Bank owned life insurance		299,297		217,713
Accrued interest receivable		72,807		42,999
Net deferred tax asset		129,313		41,322
Derivative financial instruments		50,636		42,480
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net		779,248		472,407
Other assets		315,423		211,199
Total assets	\$	24,008,884	\$	20,946,771
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		,		
Liabilities:				
Deposits:				
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$	7,643,081	\$	6,956,981
NOW and interest-bearing demand		4,350,878		4,252,209
Money market		4,510,680		4,183,354
Savings		1,456,337		1,215,779
Time		1,781,482		1,442,498
Brokered		134,049		190,358
Total deposits		19,876,507		18,241,179
Short-term borrowings		158,933		_
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		550,000		_
r cuciai Home Eoan Bank advances		324,663		247,360
Long-term debt				25,145
Long-term debt Derivative financial instruments		99,543		20,110
Long-term debt Derivative financial instruments Accrued expenses and other liabilities		99,543 298,564		210,842
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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
		2022		2021		2022		2021
Interest revenue:	·							
Loans, including fees	\$	197,330	\$	123,473	\$	673,402	\$	505,734
Investment securities, including tax exempt of \$2,561, 2,293, \$10,323 and \$8,978		40,781		19,442		131,824		70,972
Deposits in banks and short-term investments		2,720		853		7,929		2,088
Total interest revenue	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	240,831		143,768		813,155		578,794
Interest expense:								
Deposits:								
NOW and interest-bearing demand		9,688		1,310		17,312		5,468
Money market		11,244		1,102		18,274		5,380
Savings		356		60		693		217
Time		3,498		392		5,820		3,780
Deposits	,	24,786		2,864		42,099	-	14,845
Short-term borrowings		480		_		507		_
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		1,424		1		1,424		3
Long-term debt		4,253		3,348		16,768		14,912
Total interest expense		30,943		6,213		60,798		29,760
Net interest revenue		209,888		137,555		752,357		549,034
Provision for credit losses		19,831		(647)		63,913		(37,550)
Net interest revenue after provision for credit losses		190,057	_	138,202		688,444		586,584
Noninterest income:	_	-> 0,007		100,000		,		200,201
Service charges and fees		9.519		8,613		38,163		33.868
Mortgage loan gains and related fees		3,104		10.910		32,524		58,446
Wealth management fees		5,835		6,117		23,594		18,998
Gains from other loan sales, net		1,504		3,761		10,730		11,267
Other lending and loan servicing fees		2,487		2,357		10,005		9,427
Securities (losses) gains, net		(184)		42		(3,872)		83
Other		11,089		5,377		26,563		25,729
Total noninterest income		33,354		37,177		137,707		157,818
Total revenue		223,411		175,379		826,151		744,402
Noninterest expenses:		223,411	_	175,577		020,131		744,402
Salaries and employee benefits		68,143		60,986		276,205		241,443
Occupancy		8,866		7,489		36,247		28,619
Communications and equipment		10,516		7,850		38,234		29,829
FDIC assessments and other regulatory charges		3,098		1,878		9,894		7,398
Professional fees		5,496		6,080		20,166		20,589
Lending and loan servicing expense		1,604		2,351		9,350		10,859
Outside services - electronic banking		3,954		2,670		12,583		9,481
Postage, printing and supplies		2,441		1.939		8,749		7,110
Advertising and public relations		2.052		1,760		8,384		5,910
Amortization of intangibles		1,619		1,103		6,826		4,045
Merger-related and other charges		1,470		9,912		19,375		13,970
Other		8,070		5,138		24,136		17,386
Total noninterest expenses		117,329		109,156		470,149		396,639
Net income before income taxes		106,082		66,223		356,002		347,763
Income tax expense		24,632		14,204		78,530		77,962
Net income	S	81.450	\$	52.019	S	277.472	\$	269.801
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Preferred stock dividends		1,718		1,718		6,875		6,875
Earnings allocated to participating securities Net income available to common shareholders	S	79,271	\$	317 49,984	S	1,462 269,135	•	1,657 261,269
	Ф	19,211	Ф	49,984	Ф	209,133	Þ	201,209
Net income per common share:		0.51	Φ.	0.70	Φ	2	•	2.2
Basic	\$	0.74	\$	0.56	\$	2.52	\$	2.97
Diluted		0.74		0.55		2.52		2.97
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		106 705		00.017		100.001		07.040
Basic		106,795		89,916		106,661		87,940
Diluted		106,916		90,089		106,778		88,097

Average Consolidated Balance Sheets and Net Interest Analysis

For the Three Months Ended December 31,

(dollars in thousands, fully taxable equivalent (FTE))

		2022		2021					
	 Average		Average		Average			Average	
	 Balance	Interest	Rate		Balance		Interest	Rate	
Assets:									
Interest-earning assets:									
Loans, net of unearned income (FTE) (1)(2)	\$ 15,002,836	\$ 197,502	5.22%	\$	11,689,412	\$	123,250	4.18%	
Taxable securities (3)	6,325,165	38,220	2.42		5,156,563		17,149	1.33	
Tax-exempt securities (FTE) (1)(3)	490,838	3,440	2.80		387,638		3,080	3.18	
Federal funds sold and other interest-earning assets	453,090	2,912	2.55		2,308,241		1,322	0.23	
Total interest-earning assets (FTE)	22,271,929	242,074	4.32		19,541,854		144,801	2.94	
Noninterest-earning assets:									
Allowance for loan losses	(152,551)				(103,167)				
Cash and due from banks	217,873				141,967				
Premises and equipment	297,523				245,869				
Other assets (3)	1,166,424				1,036,760				
Total assets	\$ 23,801,198			\$	20,863,283				
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:									
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Interest-bearing deposits:									
NOW and interest-bearing demand	\$ 4,385,916	9,688	0.88	\$	4,080,621		1,310	0.13	
Money market	4,628,585	11,244	0.96		4,323,851		1,102	0.10	
Savings	1,480,908	356	0.10		1,187,134		60	0.02	
Time	1,708,311	3,143	0.73		1,461,231		567	0.15	
Brokered time deposits	51,258	355	2.75		65,556		(175)	(1.06)	
Total interest-bearing deposits	 12,254,978	24,786	0.80		11,118,393		2,864	0.10	
Federal funds purchased and other borrowings	 47,487	 480	4.01		51			_	
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	135,000	1,424	4.18		1,426		1	0.28	
Long-term debt	 324,590	4,253	5.20		247,251		3,348	5.37	
Total borrowed funds	507,077	6,157	4.82		248,728		3,349	5.34	
Total interest-bearing liabilities	 12,762,055	 30,943	0.96		11,367,121		6,213	0.22	
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:									
Noninterest-bearing deposits	7,993,816				6,918,279				
Other liabilities	 383,270				354,665				
Total liabilities	21,139,141				18,640,065				
Shareholders' equity	 2,662,057				2,223,218				
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 23,801,198			\$	20,863,283				
Net interest revenue (FTE)		\$ 211,131				\$	138,588		
Net interest-rate spread (FTE)			3.36%					2.72%	
Net interest margin (FTE) (4)			3.76%					2.81%	

⁽¹⁾ Interest revenue on tax-exempt securities and loans has been increased to reflect comparable interest on taxable securities and loans. The rate used was 26%, reflecting the statutory federal income tax rate and the federal tax adjusted state income tax rate.

⁽²⁾ Included in the average balance of loans outstanding are loans on which the accrual of interest has been discontinued and loans that are held for sale.

⁽³⁾ Unrealized gains and losses, including those related to the transfer from AFS to HTM, have been reclassified to other assets. Pretax unrealized losses of \$454 million in 2022 and \$1.64 million in 2021 are included in other assets for purposes of this presentation.

⁽⁴⁾ Net interest margin is taxable equivalent net interest revenue divided by average interest-earning assets.

Average Consolidated Balance Sheets and Net Interest Analysis

For the Twelve Months Ended December 31,

(dollars in thousands, fully taxable equivalent (FTE))

				2022			2021						
		Average Balance		Interest	Average Rate		Average Balance		Interest	Average Rate			
Assets:		Duminer	_			_	Duminee		Interest				
Interest-earning assets:													
Loans, net of unearned income (FTE) (1)(2)	\$	14,571,746	\$	673,491	4.62%	\$	11,485,876	\$	504,015	4.39%			
Taxable securities (3)	•	6,284,603	•	121,501	1.93		4,446,712	•	61,994	1.39			
Tax-exempt securities (FTE) (1)(3)		496.327		13.865	2.79		382.915		12,059	3.15			
Federal funds sold and other interest-earning assets		1,065,057		9,104	0.85		1,680,151		4,784	0.28			
Total interest-earning assets (FTE)		22,417,733		817,961	3.65		17,995,654		582,852	3.24			
Non-interest-earning assets:													
Allowance for loan losses		(135,144)					(121,586)						
Cash and due from banks		204,852					139,728						
Premises and equipment		288,044					230,276						
Other assets (3)		1,275,263					1,013,956						
Total assets	\$	24,050,748				\$	19,258,028						
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:													
Interest-bearing liabilities:													
Interest-bearing deposits:													
NOW and interest-bearing demand	\$	4,486,263		17,312	0.39	\$	3,610,601		5,468	0.15			
Money market		4,900,667		18,274	0.37		3,972,358		5,380	0.14			
Savings		1,482,599		693	0.05		1,095,071		217	0.02			
Time		1,693,307		5,152	0.30		1,529,072		3,663	0.24			
Brokered time deposits		61,636		668	1.08		67,230		117	0.17			
Total interest-bearing deposits		12,624,472		42,099	0.33		10,274,332		14,845	0.14			
Federal funds purchased and other borrowings		13,004		507	3.90		44			_			
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		34,027		1,424	4.18		1,195		3	0.25			
Long-term debt		323,102		16,768	5.19		276,492		14,912	5.39			
Total borrowed funds		370,133		18,699	5.05		277,731		14,915	5.37			
Total interest-bearing liabilities	_	12,994,605	_	60,798	0.47	_	10,552,063	_	29,760	0.28			
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:													
Noninterest-bearing deposits		7,967,321					6,276,094						
Other liabilities		377,221					322,566						
Total liabilities		21,339,147					17,150,723						
Shareholders' equity		2,711,601					2,107,305						
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	24,050,748				\$	19,258,028						
Net interest revenue (FTE)			\$	757,163				\$	553,092				
Net interest-rate spread (FTE)			_		3.18%					2.96%			
Net interest margin (FTE) (4)					3.38%				-	3.07%			

⁽¹⁾ Interest revenue on tax-exempt securities and loans has been increased to reflect comparable interest on taxable securities and loans. The rate used was 26%, reflecting the statutory federal income tax rate and the federal tax adjusted state income tax rate.

⁽²⁾ Included in the average balance of loans outstanding are loans on which the accrual of interest has been discontinued and loans that are held for sale.

⁽³⁾ Unrealized gains and losses, including those related to the transfer from AFS to HTM, have been reclassified to other assets. Pretax unrealized losses of \$277 million in 2022 and pretax unrealized gains of \$28.7 million in 2021 are included in other assets for purposes of this presentation.

⁽⁴⁾ Net interest margin is taxable equivalent net-interest revenue divided by average interest-earning assets.

About United Community Banks, Inc.

United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) provides a full range of banking, wealth management and mortgage services for consumers and business owners. As of December 31, 2022, United had \$24.0 billion in assets and 192 offices in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, along with a national SBA lending franchise and a national equipment lending subsidiary. The company, known as "The Bank That SERVICE Built," has been recognized nationally for delivering award-winning service. In 2022, J.D. Power ranked United highest in customer satisfaction with consumer banking in the Southeast, marking eight out of the last nine years United has earned the coveted award. Forbes recognized United as one of the top ten World's Best Banks in 2022. Forbes also included United on its 2022 list of the 100 Best Banks in America for the ninth consecutive year. United also received ten Greenwich Excellence Awards in 2021 for excellence in Small Business Banking and Middle Market Banking, including national awards for Overall Satisfaction and Likelihood to Recommend. United was also named one of the "Best Banks to Work For" by American Banker in 2022 for the sixth consecutive year based on employee satisfaction. Additional information about United can be found at www.ucbi.com.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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United Community Banks, Inc.

Committed to Service Since 1950



Premier Southeast Regional Bank

- ✓ Metro-focused branch network with locations in the fastest-growing MSAs in the Southeast
- √ 198 branches, 8 LPOs, and 6 MLOs across six Southeast states
- ✓ Top 10 market share in GA and SC
- ✓ Proven ability to integrate 13 acquisitions completed over the past 10 years

Extended Navitas and SBA Markets

- ✓ Offered nationwide
- ✓ SBA business has both in-footprint and national business (4 specific verticals)
- Navitas subsidiary is a technology-enabled small-ticket, essential-use commercial equipment finance provider

Note: See glossary located at the end of this presentation for reference on certain acronyms

Company Overview

\$24.0 BILLION IN TOTAL ASSETS

\$4.3 BILLION IN AUA

12.8% TIER 1 RBC

\$0.22 QUARTERLY DIVIDEND – UP 10% YOY

206
BANKING OFFICES
ACROSS THE
SOUTHEAST

#1 IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

in 2022 with Retail Banking in the Southeast – J.D. Power \$15.3 BILLION IN TOTAL LOANS

\$19.9 BILLION IN TOTAL DEPOSITS

100 BEST BANKS IN AMERICA

in 2022 for the ninth consecutive year – Forbes

#2 Highest Net Promoter Score among all banks nationwide in 2021 – J.D. Power

TOP 10 WORLD'S BEST BANKS and #3 in the United States – Forbes

BEST BANKS TO WORK FOR

in 2022 for the sixth consecutive year – American Banker 4 \$0.74

Diluted earnings per share

— GAAP

\$0.75

Diluted earnings per share – operating⁽¹⁾

1.33% Return on average assets – GAAP

1.35%
Return on average assets
– operating⁽¹⁾

2.09%
PTPP return on average assets
- operating⁽¹⁾

0.49%
Cost of deposits
38%
DDA / Total Deposits

10.86%

Return on common equity
- GAAP

15.2%

Return on tangible common equity
- operating⁽¹⁾

12% Annualized 4Q EOP loan growth

48.0%
Efficiency ratio
– GAAP
47.4%
Efficiency ratio

- operating(1)

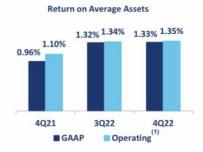
77% Loan-to-Deposit ratio

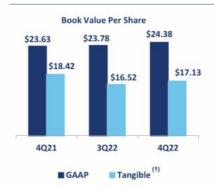
Other 4Q notable items: \$3.6mm (pre-tax) gain

on equity investment marks \$1.8mm (after-tax) tax loss on BOLI surrender

4Q22 Highlights









 See non-GAAP reconciliation table slides in the Appendix for a reconciliation of operating performance measures to GAAP performance



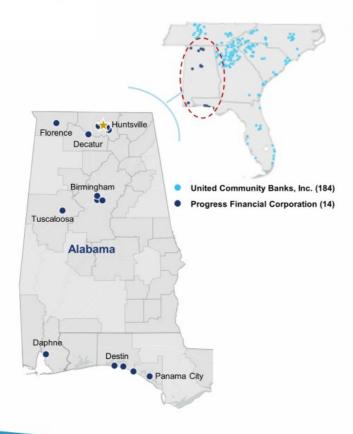
Long-Term Financial Performance & Shareholder Return



(1) See non-GAAP reconciliation table slides in the Appendix for a reconciliation of operating performance measures to GAAP performance (2) UCBI 1Q22 includes the impact of the \$18.3 million initial provision to establish the reserve for Reliant loans and unfunded commitments, which reduced ROA - Operating by 24 bps and reduced ROTCE - Operating by 289 bps



Progress Financial Corporation Merger Update



Business Update

- ✓ Closed acquisition on January 3, 2023
- ✓ Progress is headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama and has 14 branches in some of the Southeast's fastest growing markets in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle
- ✓ As of September 30, 2022, Progress had \$1.4 billion in loans and \$1.5 billion in deposits
- ✓ Progress CEO David Nast will continue to lead the markets as United's State President for Alabama and the Florida Panhandle
- ✓ Operational conversion is scheduled for early 2Q23
- ✓ Return metrics are expected to be within United's target ranges

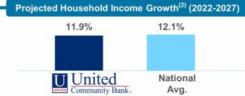
Footprint Focused on High-Growth MSAs in Southeast

	astest Growing ajor Southeast MSAs ⁽¹⁾	UCBI Market Rank ⁽³⁾	% of UCBI Deposits ⁽³⁾	'22 – '27 Proj. Pop. Growth %	'22 – '27 Proj. HHI. Growth %	'22 Total Deposits (\$M)
1)	Nashville, TN	10	9.48%	6.10%	13.89%	89,155
2)	Orlando, FL	13	4.13%	5.64%	13.81%	73,009
3)	Atlanta, GA	9	20.38%	5.38%	11.85%	235,389
4)	Raleigh, NC	12	3.44%	5.14%	12.32%	38,965
5)	Jacksonville, FL	21	0.38%	4.82%	13.91%	97,625
6)	Tampa, FL	37	0.40%	4.79%	12.06%	115,930
7)	Charlotte, NC	13	2.86%	4.47%	12.74%	315,760
8)	Richmond, VA			4.46%	10.22%	127,383
9)	Birmingham, AL	21	1.15%	4.25%	10.99%	54,793
10)	Washington DC		-	4.05%	8.89%	358,351
11)	Miami, FL	51	1.48%	3.97%	13.84%	324,607

Fa	stest Growing Mid-	UCBI	UCBI	'22 – '27	'22 – '27	'22 Total
Size	e Southeast MSAs ⁽²⁾	Market Rank ⁽³⁾	(%) of Total Deposits ⁽³⁾	Proj. Pop. Growth %	Proj. HHI. Growth %	Deposits (\$M)
1)	Daphne, AL	25	0.00%	7.80%	8.43%	6,472
2)	Huntsville, AL	7	3.06%	7.14%	12.58%	11,473
3)	Myrtle Beach, SC	13	1.86%	6.42%	12.41%	12,128
4)	Cape Coral, FL			6.08%	12.09%	20,858
5)	Winter Haven, FL			5.80%	9.68%	10,057
6)	Naples, FL	29	0.05%	5.71%	13.34%	23,081
7)	Gainesville, GA	4	2.89%	5.65%	17.85%	5,801
8)	Sarasota, FL	29	0.35%	5.56%	15.84%	28,517
9)	Destin, FL	15	0.69%	5.34%	12.21%	7,826
10)	Clarksville, TN-KY	7	1.95%	5.26%	9.60%	5,304
11)	Fayetteville, AR			5.18%	8.73%	15,690
12)	Charleston, SC	14	1.15%	5.09%	15.11%	20,394
13)	Hilton Head, SC	15	0.21%	5.08%	13.36%	6,181
14)	Port St. Lucie, FL	15	0.11%	4.98%	14.54%	12,332
15)	Tuscaloosa, AL	25	0.00%	4.85%	10.56%	5,299
16)	Athens, GA	9	1.05%	4.76%	11.34%	6,049
17)	Knoxville, TN	10	2.83%	4.70%	10.92%	23,854
18)	Daytona Beach, FL			4.67%	13.62%	14,104
19)	Savannah, GA	8	1.09%	4.57%	8.56%	9,313
20)	Spartanburg, SC	7	1.22%	4.47%	12.48%	6,019



4.9% 3.2% United Community Ba National



(1) Includes MSAs with a population of greater than 1,000,000 (2) Includes MSAs with a population between 200,000 and 1,000,000

(3) Market Rank and (%) of Total Deposits pro forma for pending acquisition of Progress Financial Corporation



Outstanding Deposit Franchise





- Favorable core deposit mix and deposit costs below peers
- ✓ Cost of deposits increased to 0.49%; up 30 bps from 3Q22
- √ 4Q22 deposit beta of 21%
- √ 12.0% cumulative deposit beta since 4Q21
- ✓ Historical 4Q15 2Q19 deposit beta equal to 24%
- ✓ Total deposits were down \$444 million in 4Q22, or 9% annualized from 3Q22; up \$1.6 billion or 9% from 4Q21

Note: Core transaction accounts include demand deposits, interest-bearing demand, money market and savings accounts, excluding public funds deposits

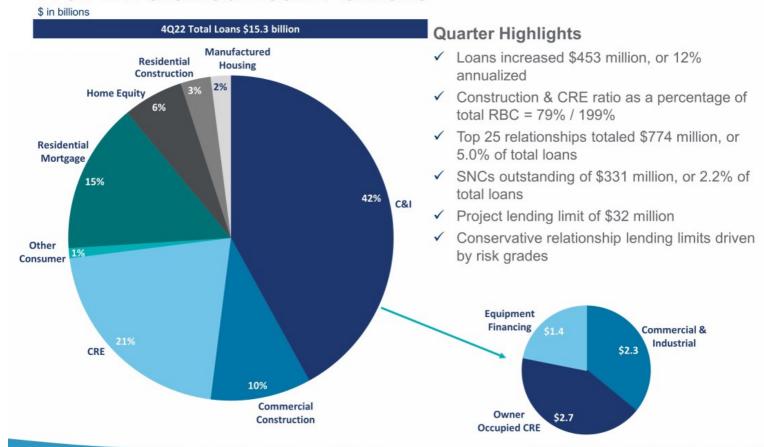


Deposit Trends

	<u>3Q2</u>	2	4Q2	2
	Balance (\$ in millions)	Avg Cust. Balance	Balance (\$ in millions)	Avg Cust. Balance
Business - DDA	\$5,310	\$60,184	\$4,778	\$54,028
Business - All Other	\$2,371	\$186,344	\$2,281	\$178,636
Personal - DDA	\$3,912	\$12,129	\$3,771	\$11,629
Personal - All Other	\$6,380	\$32,723	\$6,437	\$33,094
Public	\$2,129	\$729,473	\$2,440	\$848,230
Brokered & Other	\$220	N/A	\$169	N/A
Total	\$20,321	\$32,704	\$19,877	\$31,911

- ✓ Business deposits decreased \$622 million from 3Q22, primarily due to a \$532 million decrease in Business DDA deposits
 - The Business DDA outflow was driven by a combination of asset purchases, owner distributions, tax payments and movement into higher yielding accounts, both inside and outside of the bank
- ✓ Personal deposits decreased \$84 million from 3Q22, primarily due to a \$141 million decrease in Personal DDA deposits
 - The Personal DDA outflow was primarily a result of individuals seeking higher rates for their excess liquidity, with more than half that moved into higher yielding accounts at United

Well-Diversified Loan Portfolio



Balance Sheet Strength - Liquidity and Capital

4Q22



Tangible Common Equity / Tangible Assets %

- ✓ Substantial balance sheet liquidity and above-peer capital ratios
- √ \$6.2 billion securities portfolio offers significant near- and medium-term cash flow opportunities
- ✓ Deposits funding 95% of total funding liabilities

8.7% 8.5% 7.9% 6.8%

1Q22

2Q22

--- KRX Peer Median

3Q22



Common Equity Tier 1 RBC %*

*4Q22 regulatory capital ratios are preliminary

4Q21

-D-UCBI

3Q21

2Q21

Capital





- √ 4Q22 capital ratios increased and are above peers
- ✓ The leverage ratio increased 28 bps to 9.69%, as compared to 3Q22
- ✓ Progress acquisition closed in 1Q23 and will reduce risk-based ratios approximately 45 bps to 55 bps on a stand-alone basis
- ✓ Quarterly dividend of \$0.22 per share, an increase of 10% YOY
- ✓ There were no share repurchases during 4Q22
- ✓ Net unrealized securities losses in AOCI improved by \$3.3 million to \$342 million in 4Q22
 - AFS securities portfolio of \$3.6 billion with a 3.5-year duration

*4Q22 regulatory capital ratios are preliminary



Net Interest Revenue / Margin⁽¹⁾

\$ in millions



- Net interest revenue increased \$10.1 million from 3Q22, or 20% annualized
- ✓ Net interest margin increased 19 bps from 3Q22, primarily driven by increased interest rates
- Core net interest margin of 3.74%, which excluded purchased loan accretion
- ✓ Purchased loan accretion totaled \$1.3 million and contributed 2 bps to the margin, down 2 bps from 3Q22
- Approximately \$5.3 billion or 35% of total loans are floating rate with another \$1.9 billion that will adjust beyond one year
- 25% of securities were variable rate, of which 19% is floating or reprices within one year





- (1) Net interest margin is calculated on a fully-taxable equivalent basis
- (2) Core net interest margin excludes PPP fees and purchased loan accretion



Noninterest Income

\$ in millions



Linked Quarter

- ✓ Fees were up \$1.5 million
 - · Notable items include:
 - Positive equity valuation marks of \$3.6 million
 - \$184,000 of securities losses
 - A \$3.2 million decline in mortgage fees driven by the absence of last quarter's \$2.4 million MSR write-up and a decline in locked volume of \$92 million, or 20% from 3Q22
 - MSR write-down of \$239,000 in 4Q22
 - We opted to sell fewer SBA / USDA loans and took \$982,000 in 4Q gains on \$16.9 million loans sold compared to \$1.5 million in gains on \$20.4 million loans sold in 3Q22
 - SBA / USDA loan originations increased \$11.4 million to \$46.8 million
 - Gain on sale of equipment finance loans was \$522,000 on \$24.3 million of loan sales compared to \$693,000 in gains on \$21.6 million of loan sales in 3Q22

Year-over-Year

- ✓ Fees were down \$3.8 million.
 - Mortgage rate locks of \$364 million in 4Q22 compared to \$695 million in 4Q21



Disciplined Expense Management



- ✓ The efficiency ratio improved compared to last quarter due to continuing strong growth in Net Interest Income
- ✓ Year over year comparisons are also positively impacted due to merger-related cost savings



- ✓ Total operating expenses increased by \$4.9 million quarter over quarter; notable items include:
- √ \$939,000 in salaries driven by mid-year inflation driven increases
- √ \$1.1 million in lower deferred costs from lower mortgage volume
- √ \$700,000 in increased FDIC expenses, as assessment rates are increasing industry-wide

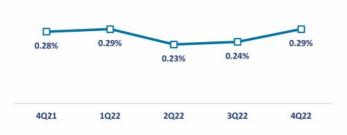
Credit Quality

Net Charge-Offs as % of Average Loans

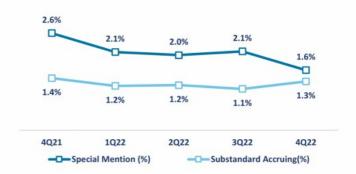


- √ 4Q22 net charge-offs of \$6.6 million, or 0.17% of average loans, annualized
 - Navitas 4Q22 NCOs of 0.50%, annualized, or \$1.7 million
- ✓ Non-performing assets increased \$8.8 million during the quarter and were 0.29% of total loans, an increase of 5 bps quarter over quarter and essentially flat year over year
- ✓ Special mention loans improved from \$312 million in 3Q22 to \$247 million in 4Q22
- ✓ Higher risk loans, defined as special mention plus substandard accruing, declined slightly quarter over quarter and were down from 4% of loans in 4Q21 to 2.9% of loan in 4Q22

Non-Performing Assets as a % of Total Loans



Special Mention & Substandard Accruing Loans as a % of Total Loans



Allowance for Credit Losses





- ✓ Loan growth accounted for \$7.0 million of the provision increase
- ✓ A weakening Moody's economic forecast drove \$12.9 million in reserve build for the quarter
- ✓ Reserve levels continue to strengthen to 1.18% of loans from 0.97% in 4Q21





ACL - Allowance for Credit Losses \$

-C-ACL - Allowance for Credit Losses %

Note: ACL includes the reserve for unfunded commitments

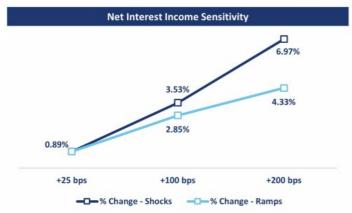
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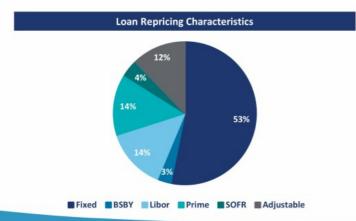


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Interest Rate Sensitivity



- ✓ 2.85% asset sensitivity in +100 bp ramp; down from 3.60% asset sensitivity in 3Q22
- ✓ One 25 bp Fed rate hike is worth approximately 3.6 bps to net interest margin
- ✓ Other relevant data points
 - Approximately \$5.3 billion or 35% of total loans are floating rate; another \$1.9 billion will adjust after one year



	<u>4Q21</u>	2Q22	<u>3Q22</u>	<u>4Q22</u>
Average Fed Funds Rate	0.07%	0.76%	2.20%	3.65%
Securities		51%	32%	27%
Loans		22%	25%	29%
Deposits		3%	6%	12%

Cumulative Betas

Navitas Performance

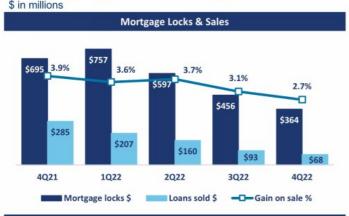


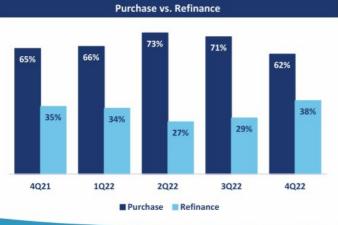
- ✓ Navitas represents 9% of total loans
- ✓ Navitas 4Q22 NCOs of 0.50%, or \$1.7 million
- ✓ Navitas ACL / Loans of 1.70%
- ✓ After six quarters of lower than normal losses, NCOs have begun to normalize towards historical levels





Mortgage Activity Shift to Purchase & Adj. Rate Loans





- ✓ Gain on sale % decreased in 4Q22 driven by a continued rise in rates driving increased price competition
- ✓ Rate locks were \$364 million compared to \$456 million in 3Q22
- ✓ Purchase / Refi mix shifted slightly from 65% / 35% in 4Q21 to 62% / 38% in 4Q22
- √ 68% of locked loans were variable rate mortgages in 4Q22, up from 57% in 3Q22
- ✓ Sold \$68 million loans in 4Q22, down \$25 million from \$93 million sold in 3Q22

Selected Segments - Senior Care

\$ in millions



- ✓ Senior Care lending team are dedicated specialists with significant experience in the space
- ✓ Senior Care portfolio outstanding totaled \$408 million as of 4Q22, or 2.7% of total loans
- ✓ As of December 31, \$2.2 million of Senior Care loans were nonaccruing
- ✓ As of December 31, \$111 million of Senior Care loans were special mention and \$77 million were substandard accruing

Non-GAAP Reconciliation Tables

\$ in thousands, except per share data

	4Q21	-	1Q22	_	2Q22	_	3Q22	· ·	4Q22	
Expenses										
Expenses - GAAP	\$ 109,156	\$	119,275	\$	120,790	;	\$ 112,755		\$ 117,329	
Merger-related and other charges	(9,912)		(9,016)		(7,143)		(1,746)		(1,470))
Expenses - Operating	\$ 99,244	\$	110,259	\$	113,647		\$ 111,009		\$ 115,859	
Diluted Earnings per share			sa a la				·			
Diluted earnings per share - GAAP	\$ 0.55	\$	0.43	\$	0.61		\$ 0.74	1	\$ 0.74	
Merger-related and other charges	0.09		0.07		0.05		0.01		0.01	
Diluted earnings per share - Operating	0.64		0.50		0.66	_	0.75	_	0.75	_
Book Value per share										
Book Value per share - GAAP	\$ 23.63	\$	24.38	\$	23.96		\$ 23.78	7	\$ 24.38	
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles	(5.21)		(7.30)		(7.28)		(7.26)		(7.25))
Tangible book value per share	\$ 18.42	\$	17.08	\$	16.68		\$ 16.52		\$ 17.13	
Return on Tangible Common Equity							a sile and si			
Return on common equity - GAAP	9.32	%	6.80	%	9.31	%	11.02	%	10.86	%
Effect of merger-related and other charges	1.42		1.03		0.79		0.19		0.15	
Return on common equity - Operating	10.74		7.83		10.10	_	11.21	_	11.01	
Effect of goodwill and intangibles	3.19		3.17		4.10		4.39		4.19	
Return on tangible common equity - Operating	13.93	%	11.00	%	14.20	%	15.60	%	15.20	%
Return on Assets										
Return on assets - GAAP	0.96	%	0.78	%	1.08	%	1.32	%	1.33	%
Merger-related and other charges	0.14		0.11		0.09		0.02		0.02	
Return on assets - Operating	1.10	%	0.89	%	1.17	%	1.34	%	1.35	%

Non-GAAP Reconciliation Tables \$ in thousands, except per share data

	4Q21	_	1Q22		2Q22	_	3Q22		4Q22	<u></u>
Return on Assets to return on assets- pre-tax pre-provision						4.40	water co			
Return on assets - GAAP	0.96	%	0.78	%	1.08	%	1.32	%	1.33	%
Income tax expense	0.26		0.20		0.32		0.37		0.41	
(Release of) provision for credit losses	(0.01)		0.39		0.09		0.25		0.33	
Return on assets - pre-tax, pre-provision	1.21		1.37		1.49		1.94		2.07	
Merger-related and other charges	0.19		0.15		0.11		0.03		0.02	
Return on assets - pre-tax, pre-provision, excluding merger-related and other charges	1.40	%	1.52	%	1.60	%	1.97	%	2.09	_ %
Efficiency Ratio										
Efficiency Ratio - GAAP	62.12	%	57.43	%	56.58	%	48.41	%	47.95	%
Merger-related and other charges	(5.64)		(4.34)		(3.35)		(0.75)		(0.60)	
Efficiency Ratio - Operating, excluding PPP fees and MSR marks	56.48	%	53.09	%	53.23	%	47.66	%	47.35	_ %
Tangible common equity to tangible assets										
Equity to assets ratio - GAAP	10.61	%	11.06	%	10.95	%	11.12	%	11.25	%
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles	(2.06)		(2.94)		(2.96)		(3.01)		(2.97)	
Effect of preferred equity	(0.46)		(0.40)		(0.40)		(0.41)		(0.40)	
Tangible common equity to tangible assets ratio	8.09	%	7.72	%	7.59	%	7.70	%	7.88	- %

Glossary

ACL – Allowance for Credit Losses	MLO – Mortgage Loan Officer							
ALLL – Allowance for Loan Losses	MTM – Marked-to-market							
AUA – Assets Under Administration	MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area							
BPS – Basis Points	MSR – Mortgage Servicing Rights Asset							
C&I – Commercial and Industrial	NCO - Net Charge-Offs							
C&D - Construction and Development	NIM - Net Interest Margin							
CECL - Current Expected Credit Losses	NPA – Non-Performing Asset							
CET1 - Common Equity Tier 1 Capital	NSF – Non-sufficient Funds							
CRE - Commercial Real Estate	OO RE - Owner Occupied Commercial Real Estate							
CSP - Customer Service Profiles	PCD - Loans Purchased with Credit Deterioration							
DDA - Demand Deposit Account	PPP – Paycheck Protection Program							
EOP – End of Period	PTPP – Pre-Tax, Pre-Provision Earnings							
EPS – Earnings Per Share	RBC – Risk Based Capital							
FTE – Fully-taxable equivalent	ROA – Return on Assets							
GAAP - Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the USA	SBA – United States Small Business Administration							
KRX – KBW Nasdaq Regional Banking Index	TCE - Tangible Common Equity							
LPO - Loan Production Office	USDA - United States Department of Agriculture							
	YOY – Year over Year							