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Synchrony Financial Reports First Quarter Net Earnings of \$1.1 Billion or \$1.56 Per Diluted Share

Includes Benefit from Walmart Portfolio Reserve Release of \$0.56 Per Diluted Share

STAMFORD, Conn. – Synchrony Financial (NYSE: SYF) today announced first quarter 2019 net earnings of \$1.1 billion, or \$1.56 per diluted share; this includes a \$522 million pre-tax, \$395 million aftertax, or \$0.56 per diluted share benefit from reserves released related to the reclassification of the Walmart portfolio to loans held for sale during the quarter. Highlights included*:

- Loan receivables grew 3% to \$80.4 billion; excluding the Walmart portfolio from both periods, loan receivables grew 17% to \$79.7 billion
- Net interest income increased 10% to \$4.2 billion
- Purchase volume grew 10% to \$32.5 billion; and average active accounts grew 8% to 77.1 million
- Deposits grew \$7.5 billion, or 13% to \$64.1 billion
- Renewed key Payment Solutions relationships with P.C. Richard & Son, Rheem, and Suzuki
- Expanded networks to create broader acceptance for Synchrony Car Care and Synchrony HOME in Payment Solutions and through a partnership with Simplee in CareCredit
- Continued to expand CareCredit product offerings with entry into pet insurance as managing general agent through the acquisition of Pets Best
- Paid quarterly common stock dividend of \$0.21 per share and repurchased \$966 million of Synchrony Financial common stock
 - * All comparisons are for the first quarter of 2019 compared to the first quarter of 2018, unless otherwise noted

"We are maintaining the momentum we generated over the last several quarters. Our focus on organic growth, program renewals, valuable strategic partnerships, forward-thinking technology investments, and actionable data analytics, continue to be key factors in driving solid growth and strong partnerships," said Margaret Keane, President and Chief Executive Officer of Synchrony Financial. "Synchrony's balance sheet remains strong as we continue to focus on creating value for shareholders through growth, portfolio acquisitions, and the execution of our capital plan."

Business and Financial Highlights for the First Quarter of 2019

All comparisons are for the first quarter of 2019 compared to the first quarter of 2018, unless otherwise noted.

Earnings

- Net interest income increased \$384 million, or 10%, to \$4.2 billion, primarily driven by the PayPal Credit program acquisition and loan receivables growth. Net interest income after retailer share arrangements increased 5%.
- Provision for loan losses decreased \$503 million, or 37%, to \$859 million, largely driven by the \$522 million reserve release related to the reclassification of the Walmart portfolio to loans held for sale during the quarter.
- Other income was up \$17 million to \$92 million.
- Other expense increased \$55 million, or 6%, to \$1.0 billion, primarily driven by the PayPal Credit program acquisition and growth-related expenses.
- Net earnings totaled \$1.1 billion compared to \$640 million last year.

Balance Sheet

- Period-end loan receivables growth was 3%; excluding the Walmart portfolio from both periods, period-end loan receivables growth was 17%; purchase volume growth was 10% and average active accounts increased 8%, primarily driven by the PayPal Credit program acquisition and growth.
- Deposits grew to \$64.1 billion, up \$7.5 billion, or 13%, and comprised 75% of funding.
- The Company's balance sheet remained strong with total liquidity (liquid assets and undrawn credit facilities) of \$23.4 billion, or 22.2% of total assets.
- The estimated fully phased-in Common Equity Tier 1 ratio under Basel III was 14.5%, compared to 16.8%, reflecting the impact of capital deployment through the PayPal Credit program acquisition and continued execution of our capital plan.

Key Financial Metrics

- Return on assets was 4.3% and return on equity was 30.4%.
- Net interest margin was 16.08%.
- Efficiency ratio was 31.0%.

Credit Quality

- Loans 30+ days past due as a percentage of total period-end loan receivables were 4.92% compared to 4.52% last year; excluding the PayPal Credit program and the Walmart portfolio, the rate decreased approximately 10 basis points.
- Net charge-offs as a percentage of total average loan receivables were 6.06% compared to 6.14% last year; excluding the PayPal Credit program and the Walmart portfolio, the rate decreased approximately 30 basis points.
- The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total period-end loan receivables was 7.39% compared to 7.37% last year.

Sales Platforms

- Retail Card period-end loan receivables growth was 1%; excluding the Walmart portfolio from both periods, period-end loan receivables growth was 22%; interest and fees on loans increased 15%, purchase volume growth was 11%, and average active accounts increased 10%, all largely driven by the PayPal Credit program acquisition.
- Payment Solutions period-end loan receivables grew 8%, led by home furnishings and luxury products. Interest and fees on loans increased 7%, primarily driven by the loan receivables growth. Purchase volume growth was 4% and average active accounts increased 3%.
- CareCredit period-end loan receivables grew 7%, led by dental and veterinary. Interest and fees on loans increased 6%, primarily driven by the loan receivables growth. Purchase volume growth was 8% and average active accounts increased 4%.

Corresponding Financial Tables and Information

No representation is made that the information in this news release is complete. Investors are encouraged to review the foregoing summary and discussion of Synchrony Financial's earnings and financial condition in conjunction with the detailed financial tables and information that follow and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, as filed February 15, 2019, and the Company's forthcoming Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2019. The detailed financial tables and other information are also available on the Investor Relations page of the Company's website at www.investors.synchronyfinancial.com. This information is also furnished in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC today.

Conference Call and Webcast Information

On Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time, Margaret Keane, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Brian Doubles, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will host a conference call to review the financial results and outlook for certain business drivers. The conference call can be accessed via an audio webcast through the Investor Relations page on the Synchrony Financial corporate website, www.investors.synchronyfinancial.com, under Events and Presentations. A replay will be available on the website or by dialing (888) 843-7419 (U.S. domestic) or (630) 652-3042 (international), passcode 12019#, and can be accessed beginning approximately two hours after the event through May 3, 2019.

About Synchrony Financial

Synchrony Financial (NYSE: SYF) is a premier consumer financial services company delivering customized financing programs across key industries including retail, health, auto, travel and home, along with award-winning consumer banking products. With more than \$140 billion in sales financed and 80.3 million active accounts, Synchrony Financial brings deep industry expertise, actionable data insights, innovative solutions and differentiated digital experiences to improve the success of every business we serve and the quality of each life we touch. More information can be found at www.synchronyfinancial.com and through Twitter: @Synchrony.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are subject to the "safe harbor" created by those sections. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as "expects." "intends," "anticipates." "plans." "believes," "seeks," "targets," "outlook," "estimates," "will," "should," "may" or words of similar meaning, but these words are not the exclusive means of identifying forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions, and are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. As a result, actual results could differ materially from those indicated in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include global political, economic, business, competitive, market, regulatory and other factors and risks, such as: the impact of macroeconomic conditions and whether industry trends we have identified develop as anticipated; retaining existing partners and attracting new partners, concentration of our revenue in a small number of Retail Card partners, promotion and support of our products by our partners, and financial performance of our partners; cyber-attacks or other security breaches; higher borrowing costs and adverse financial market conditions impacting our funding and liquidity, and any reduction in our credit ratings; our ability to grow our deposits in the future; our ability to securitize our loan receivables, occurrence of an early amortization of our securitization facilities, loss of the right to service or subservice our securitized loan receivables, and lower payment rates on our securitized loan receivables; changes in market interest rates and the impact of any margin compression; effectiveness of our risk management processes and procedures, reliance on models which may be inaccurate or misinterpreted, our ability to manage our credit risk, the sufficiency of our allowance for loan losses and the accuracy of the assumptions or estimates used in preparing our financial statements; our ability to offset increases in our costs in retailer share arrangements; competition in the consumer finance industry; our concentration in the U.S. consumer credit market; our ability to successfully develop and commercialize new or enhanced products and services; our ability to realize the value of acquisitions and strategic investments; reductions in interchange fees; fraudulent activity; failure of third parties to provide various services that are important to our operations; disruptions in the operations of our computer systems and data centers; international risks and compliance and regulatory risks and costs associated with international operations; alleged infringement of intellectual property rights of others and our ability to protect our intellectual property; litigation and regulatory actions; damage to our reputation; our ability to attract, retain and motivate key officers and employees; tax legislation initiatives or challenges to our tax positions and/or interpretations, and state sales tax rules and regulations; a material indemnification obligation to GE under the tax sharing and separation agreement with GE if we cause the split-off from GE or certain preliminary transactions to fail to qualify for tax-free treatment or in the case of certain significant transfers of our stock following the split-off; regulation, supervision, examination and enforcement of our business by governmental authorities, the impact of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and other legislative and regulatory developments and the impact of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's regulation of our business; impact of capital adequacy rules and liquidity requirements; restrictions that limit our ability to pay dividends and repurchase our common stock, and restrictions that limit Synchrony Bank's ability to pay dividends to us; regulations relating to privacy, information security and data protection; use of third-party vendors and ongoing thirdparty business relationships; and failure to comply with anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing laws.

For the reasons described above, we caution you against relying on any forward-looking statements, which should also be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included elsewhere in this news release and in our public filings, including under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, as filed on February 15, 2019. You should not consider any list of such factors to be an exhaustive statement of all the risks, uncertainties, or potentially inaccurate assumptions that could cause our current expectations or beliefs to change. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as otherwise may be required by law.

Non-GAAP Measures

The information provided herein includes measures we refer to as "tangible common equity" and certain "Core" financial measures that have been adjusted to exclude amounts related to the Walmart portfolio, which are not prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). For a reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, please see the detailed financial tables and information that follow. For a statement regarding the usefulness of these measures to investors, please see the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC today.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(unaudited, in millions, except per share statistics)

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	Nar 31, 2018 Sep 30, 2018		un 30, 2018	Mar 31, 2018			1Q'19 vs. 10	2'18					
<u>EARNINGS</u>													
Net interest income	\$	4,226	\$	4,333	\$	4,206	\$	3,737	\$	3,842	\$	384	10.0 %
Retailer share arrangements		(954)		(855)		(871)		(653)		(720)		(234)	32.5 %
Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements		3,272		3,478		3,335		3,084		3,122		150	4.8 %
Provision for loan losses		859		1,452		1,451		1,280		1,362		(503)	(36.9)%
Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements and provision for loan losses		2,413		2,026		1,884		1,804		1,760		653	37.1 %
Other income		92		64		63		63		75		17	22.7 %
Other expense		1,043		1,078		1,054		975		988		55	5.6 %
Earnings before provision for income taxes		1,462		1,012		893		892		847		615	72.6 %
Provision for income taxes		355		229		222		196		207		148	71.5 %
Net earnings	\$	1,107	\$	783	\$	671	\$	696	\$	640	\$	467	73.0 %
Net earnings attributable to common stockholders	\$	1,107	\$	783	\$	671	\$	696	\$	640	\$	467	73.0 %
COMMON SHARE STATISTICS													
Basic EPS	•	1 57	\$	1.09	\$	0.91	\$	0.93	¢	0.84	\$	0.73	86.9 %
Diluted EPS								0.92		0.83		0.73	88.0 %
Dividend declared per share								0.15		0.15		0.06	40.0 %
Common stock price								33.38		33.53		(1.63)	(4.9)%
Book value per share	-							19.37		18.88		2.47	13.1 %
Tangible common equity per share ⁽¹⁾	-							16.84		16.55		1.41	8.5 %
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Beginning common shares outstanding		718.8		718.7		746.6		760.3		770.5		(51.7)	(6.7)%
Issuance of common shares		_		_		_		_		_		_	— %
Stock-based compensation		0.9		0.1		2.4		0.3		0.2		0.7	NM
Shares repurchased		(30.9)		_		(30.3)		(14.0)		(10.4)		(20.5)	197.1 %
Ending common shares outstanding		688.8		718.8		718.7		746.6		760.3		(71.5)	(9.4)%
Weighted average common shares outstanding		706.2		7197		724 0		752.2		763.7		(57.4)	(7.5)%
Weighted average common shares outstanding (fully diluted)								758.3		770.3		(61.4)	(8.0)%
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Quarter Ended

⁽¹⁾ Tangible Common Equity ("TCE") is a non-GAAP measure. For corresponding reconciliation of TCE to a GAAP financial measure, see Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures and Calculations of Regulatory Measures.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL

SELECTED METRICS

(unaudited, \$ in millions, except account data)

	_	Mar 31,		Dec 31,	Sep 30,		Jun 30,		lar 31,	10'19 vs.	10/10
PERFORMANCE METRICS	_	2019	_	2018	 2018	_	2018	_	2018	 1Q 19 vs.	10 10
Return on assets ⁽¹⁾		4.3%		2.9%	2.7%		2.9%		2.7%		1.6 %
Return on equity ⁽²⁾		30.4%		21.5%	18.5%		19.4%		18.2%		12.2 %
Return on tangible common equity ⁽³⁾		35.8%		25.2%	21.5%		22.1%		20.7%		15.1 %
Net interest margin ⁽⁴⁾		16.08%		16.06%	16.41%		15.33%		16.05%		0.03 %
Efficiency ratio ⁽⁵⁾		31.0%		30.4%	31.0%		31.0%		30.9%		0.1 %
Other expense as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale		4.71%		4.79%	4.82%		5.02%		5.07%		(0.36)%
Effective income tax rate		24.3%		22.6%	24.9%		22.0%		24.4%		(0.1)%
CREDIT QUALITY METRICS											
Net charge-offs as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale		6.06%		5.54%	4.97%		5.97%		6.14%		(0.08)%
30+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables ⁽⁶⁾		4.92%		4.76%	4.59%		4.17%		4.52%		0.40 %
90+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables ⁽⁶⁾		2.51%		2.29%	2.09%		1.98%		2.28%		0.23 %
Net charge-offs	\$	1,344	\$	1,248	\$ 1,087	\$	1,159	\$	1,198	\$ 146	12.2 %
Loan receivables delinquent over 30 days ⁽⁶⁾	\$	3,957	\$	4,430	\$ 4,021	\$	3,293	\$	3,521	\$ 436	12.4 %
Loan receivables delinquent over 90 days ⁽⁶⁾	\$	2,019	\$	2,135	\$ 1,833	\$	1,561	\$	1,776	\$ 243	13.7 %
Allowance for loan losses (period-end)	\$	- ,	\$	6,427	\$ 6,223	\$	5,859	\$	5,738	\$ 204	3.6 %
Allowance coverage ratio ⁽⁷⁾		7.39%		6.90%	7.11%		7.43%		7.37%		0.02 %
BUSINESS METRICS											
Purchase volume ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	\$	32,513	\$	40,320	\$ 36,443	\$	34,268	\$	29,626	\$ 2,887	9.7 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$	80,405		93,139	87,521		78,879		77,853	\$ 2,552	3.3 %
Credit cards	\$	77,251	\$	89,994	\$ 84,319	\$	75,753	\$	74,952	\$ 2,299	3.1 %
Consumer installment loans	\$	1,860	\$	1,845	\$ 1,789	\$	1,708	\$	1,590	\$ 270	17.0 %
Commercial credit products	\$	1,256	\$	1,260	\$ 1,353	\$	1,356	\$	1,275	\$ (19)	(1.5)%
Other	\$	38	\$	40	\$ 60	\$	62	\$	36	\$ 2	5.6 %
Average loan receivables, including held for sale	\$,.	\$	89,340	\$ 86,783	\$	77,853	\$	79,090	\$ 10,813	13.7 %
Period-end active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾		74,812		80,339	75,457		69,767		68,891	5,921	8.6 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾		77,132		77,382	75,482		69,344		71,323	5,809	8.1 %
<u>LIQUIDITY</u>											
Liquid assets											
Cash and equivalents	\$	12,963	\$. ,	\$ 12,068		15,675		13,044	\$ (81)	(0.6)%
Total liquid assets	\$	17,360	\$	14,822	\$ 18,214	\$	21,491	\$	18,557	\$ (1,197)	(6.5)%
Undrawn credit facilities											
Undrawn credit facilities	\$.,	\$	4,375	\$ 5,125	\$	6,500	\$	6,000	\$ 50	0.8 %
Total liquid assets and undrawn credit facilities	\$	23,410		19,197	\$ 23,339	\$	27,991	\$	24,557	\$ (1,147)	(4.7)%
Liquid assets % of total assets		16.47%		13.88%	17.42%		21.68%		19.42%		(2.95)%
Liquid assets including undrawn credit facilities % of total assets		22.21%		17.98%	22.32%		28.24%		25.70%		(3.49)%

Quarter Ended

- (1) Return on assets represents net earnings as a percentage of average total assets.
- (2) Return on equity represents net earnings as a percentage of average total equity.
- (3) Return on tangible common equity ("TCE") is a non-GAAP measure. For corresponding reconciliation of TCE to a GAAP financial measure, see Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures and Calculations of Regulatory Measures.
- (4) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.
- (5) Efficiency ratio represents (i) other expense, divided by (ii) net interest income, after retailer share arrangements, plus other income.
- (6) Based on customer statement-end balances extrapolated to the respective period-end date.
- (7) Allowance coverage ratio represents allowance for loan losses divided by total period-end loan receivables.
- (8) Purchase volume, or net credit sales, represents the aggregate amount of charges incurred on credit cards or other credit product accounts less returns during the period.
- (9) Includes activity and accounts associated with loan receivables held for sale.
- (10) Active accounts represent credit card or installment loan accounts on which there has been a purchase, payment or outstanding balance in the current month.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

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	Mar 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018	Sep 30, 2018	Jun 30, 2018	Mar 31, 2018	1Q'19 vs.	. 1Q'18	
Interest income:								
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 4,687	\$ 4,774	\$ 4,617	\$ 4,081	\$ 4,172	\$ 515	12.3 %	
Interest on investment securities	99	102	77	93	72	27	37.5 %	
Total interest income	4,786	4,876	4,694	4,174	4,244	542	12.8 %	
Interest expense:								
Interest on deposits	375	350	314	273	249	126	50.6 %	
Interest on borrowings of consolidated securitization entities	100	104	86	80	74	26	35.1 %	
Interest on third-party debt	85	89	88	84	79	6	7.6 %	
Total interest expense	560	543	488	437	402	158	39.3 %	
Net interest income	4,226	4,333	4,206	3,737	3,842	384	10.0 %	
Retailer share arrangements	(954)	(855)	(871)	(653)	(720)	(234)	32.5 %	
Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements	3,272	3,478	3,335	3,084	3,122	150	4.8 %	
Provision for loan losses	859	1,452	1,451	1,280	1,362	(503)	(36.9)%	
Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements and provision for loan losses	2,413	2,026	1,884	1,804	1,760	653	37.1 %	
Other income:								
Interchange revenue	165	193	182	177	158	7	4.4 %	
Debt cancellation fees	68	70	65	66	66	2	3.0 %	
Loyalty programs	(167)	(208)	(196)	(192)	(155)	(12)	7.7 %	
Other	26	9	12	12	6	20	NM	
Total other income	92	64	63	63	75	17	22.7 %	
Other expense:								
Employee costs	353	353	365	351	358	(5)	(1.4)%	
Professional fees	232	231	232	177	166	66	39.8 %	
Marketing and business development	123	166	131	110	121	2	1.7 %	
Information processing	113	118	105	99	104	9	8.7 %	
Other	222	210	221	238	239	(17)	(7.1)%	
Total other expense	1,043	1,078	1,054	975	988	55	5.6 %	
Earnings before provision for income taxes	1,462	1,012	893	892	847	615	72.6 %	
Provision for income taxes	355	229	222	196	207	148	71.5 %	
Net earnings attributable to common shareholders	\$ 1,107	\$ 783	\$ 671	\$ 696	\$ 640	\$ 467	73.0 %	

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (unaudited, \$ in millions)

				Qı	uarter Ended						
	Mar 31, 2019		Dec 31, 2018		Sep 30, 2018		Jun 30, 2018	Mar 31, 2018	Mar 31, 2019 vs. Mar 31, 2018		
Assets		_				_			<u> </u>		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 12,963	\$	9,396	\$	12,068	\$	15,675	\$ 13,044	\$ (81)	(0.6)%	
Debt securities	5,506		6,062		7,281		6,779	6,259	(753)	(12.0)%	
Loan receivables:											
Unsecuritized loans held for investment	54,907		64,969		59,868		50,884	52,469	2,438	4.6 %	
Restricted loans of consolidated securitization entities	25,498		28,170		27,653		27,995	25,384	114	0.4 %	
Total loan receivables	80,405		93,139		87,521		78,879	77,853	2,552	3.3 %	
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(5,942)		(6,427)		(6,223)		(5,859)	(5,738)	(204)	3.6 %	
Loan receivables, net	74,463		86,712		81,298		73,020	72,115	2,348	3.3 %	
Loan receivables held for sale	8,052		_		_		_	_	8,052	NM	
Goodwill	1,076		1,024		1,024		1,024	991	85	8.6 %	
Intangible assets, net	1,259		1,137		1,105		863	780	479	61.4 %	
Other assets	2,065		2,461		1,769		1,761	2,370	(305)	(12.9)%	
Total assets	\$ 105,384	\$	106,792	\$	104,545	\$	99,122	\$ 95,559	\$ 9,825	10.3 %	
Liabilities and Equity											
Deposits:											
Interest-bearing deposit accounts	\$ 63,787	\$	63,738	\$	62,030	\$	58,734	\$ 56,285	\$ 7,502	13.3 %	
Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts	273		281		287		277	285	(12)	(4.2)%	
Total deposits	 64,060		64,019		62,317		59,011	56,570	7,490	13.2 %	
Borrowings:											
Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities	12,091		14,439		14,187		12,170	12,214	(123)	(1.0)%	
Senior unsecured notes	9,800		9,557		9,554		9,551	8,801	999	11.4 %	
Total borrowings	 21,891		23,996		23,741		21,721	21,015	876	4.2 %	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	4,724		4,099		4,491		3,932	3,618	1,106	30.6 %	
Total liabilities	 90,675		92,114		90,549		84,664	81,203	9,472	11.7 %	
Equity:											
Common stock	1		1		1		1	1	_	— %	
Additional paid-in capital	9,489		9,482		9,470		9,486	9,470	19	0.2 %	
Retained earnings	9,939		8,986		8,355		7,906	7,334	2,605	35.5 %	
Accumulated other comprehensive income:	(56)		(62)		(99)		(93)	(86)	30	(34.9)%	
Treasury Stock	(4,664)		(3,729)		(3,731)		(2,842)	(2,363)	(2,301)	97.4 %	
Total equity	14,709		14,678		13,996		14,458	14,356	353	2.5 %	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 105,384	\$	106,792	\$	104,545	\$	99,122	\$ 95,559	\$ 9,825	10.3 %	

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL AVERAGE BALANCES, NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN (unaudited, \$\mathbf{s}\$ in millions)

							(Quarter Ended												
	-	Mar 31, 2019	1		Dec 31, 2018	1	·	Sep 30, 2018			Jun 30, 2018									
	Average	Interest Income/	Average Yield/	Average	Interest Income/	Average Yield/	Average	Interest Income/	Average Yield/	Average	Interest Income/	Average Yield/	Average	Interest Income/	Average Yield/					
Assets	Balance	Expense	Rate	Balance	Expense	Rate	Balance	Expense	Rate	Balance	Expense	Rate	Balance	Expense	Rate					
Interest-earning assets:																				
Interest-earning cash and equivalents	\$ 11,033	\$ 65	2.39%	\$ 10,856	\$ 62	2.27%	\$ 7,901	\$ 39	1.96%	\$ 13,097	\$ 59	1.81%	\$ 12,434	\$ 47	1.53 %					
Securities available for sale	5,640	34	2.44%	6,837	40	2.32 %	7,022	38	2.15%	6,803	34	2.00%	5,584	25	1.82 %					
Loan receivables:																				
Credit cards, including held for sale	86,768	4,611	21.55%	86,131	4,695	21.63 %	83,609	4,538	21.53 %	74,809	4,010	21.50%	76,181	4,099	21.82 %					
Consumer installment loans	1,844	42	9.24%	1,815	42	9.18%	1,753	41	9.28 %	1,648	37	9.01 %	1,572	36	9.29 %					
Commercial credit products	1,252	34	11.01%	1,344	37	10.92 %	1,355	37	10.83 %	1,346	34	10.13 %	1,286	36	11.35 %					
Other	39		%	50		%	66	1	NM	50		%	51	1	NM					
Total loan receivables, including held for sale	89,903	4,687	21.14%	89,340	4,774	21.20%	86,783	4,617	21.11%	77,853	4,081	21.03 %	79,090	4,172	21.39%					
Total interest-earning assets	106,576	4,786	18.21 %	107,033	4,876	18.07 %	101,706	4,694	18.31%	97,753	4,174	17.13 %	97,108	4,244	17.72%					
Non-interest-earning assets:																				
Cash and due from banks	1,335			1,320			1,217			1,161			1,197							
Allowance for loan losses	(6,341)			(6,259)			(5,956)			(5,768)			(5,608)							
Other assets	3,729			3,688			3,482			3,068			3,010							
Total non-interest-earning assets	(1,277)			(1,251)			(1,257)			(1,539)			(1,401)							
Total assets	\$ 105,299			\$ 105,782			\$ 100,449			\$ 96,214			\$ 95,707							
Liabilities																				
Interest-bearing liabilities:																				
Interest-bearing deposit accounts	\$ 63,776	\$ 375	2.38 %	\$ 62,999	\$ 350	2.20%	\$ 60,123	\$ 314	2.07 %	\$ 57,303	\$ 273	1.91 %	,	\$ 249	1.79 %					
Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities	13,407	100	3.02 %	14,223	104	2.90%	12,306	86	2.77%	11,821	80	2.71 %	12,410	74	2.42 %					
Senior unsecured notes	8,892	85	3.88 %	9,554	89	3.70%	9,552	88	3.66%	9,114	84	3.70%	8,795	79	3.64%					
Total interest-bearing liabilities	86,075	560	2.64 %	86,776	543	2.48 %	81,981	488	2.36%	78,238	437	2.24%	77,561	402	2.10%					
Non-interest-bearing liabilities																				
Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts	286			284			275			270			300							
Other liabilities	4,148			4,283			3,772			3,299			3,570							
Total non-interest-bearing liabilities	4,434			4,567			4,047			3,569			3,870							
Total liabilities	90,509			91,343			86,028			81,807			81,431							
Equity																				
Total equity	14,790			14,439			14,421			14,407			14,276							
Total liabilities and equity Net interest income	\$ 105,299	\$ 4,226		\$ 105,782	\$ 4,333		\$ 100,449	\$ 4,206		\$ 96,214	\$ 3,737		\$ 95,707	\$ 3,842						
Interest rate spread ⁽¹⁾		ψ 1,220	15.57%		ψ 1,555	15.59%		ψ 1,200	15.95%		ψ J,131	14.89 %		Ψ 5,0 12	15.62%					
Net interest margin ⁽²⁾			16.08%			16.06%			16.41%			15.33 %			16.05 %					

⁽¹⁾ Interest rate spread represents the difference between the yield on total interest-earning assets and the rate on total interest-bearing liabilities.

⁽²⁾ Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS

(unaudited, \$ in millions, except per share statistics)

			Qu	arter Ended					
	Mar 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018		Sep 30, 2018		Jun 30, 2018	Mar 31, 2018	Mar 31, 201 Mar 31, 20	
BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS									
Total common equity	\$ 14,709	\$ 14,678	\$	13,996	\$	14,458	\$ 14,356	\$ 353	2.5 %
Total common equity as a % of total assets	13.96%	13.74%		13.39%		14.59%	15.02%		(1.06)%
Tangible assets	\$ 103,049	\$ 104,631	\$	102,416	\$	97,235	\$ 93,788	\$ 9,261	9.9 %
Tangible common equity ⁽¹⁾	\$ 12,374	\$ 12,517	\$	11,867	\$	12,571	\$ 12,585	\$ (211)	(1.7)%
Tangible common equity as a % of tangible assets ⁽¹⁾	12.01%	11.96%		11.59%		12.93%	13.42%		(1.41)%
Tangible common equity per share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17.96	\$ 17.41	\$	16.51	\$	16.84	\$ 16.55	\$ 1.41	8.5 %
REGULATORY CAPITAL RATIOS ⁽²⁾									
		Ba	sel II	I Fully Phased	l-in				
Total risk-based capital ratio ⁽³⁾	 15.8%	15.3%		15.5%		18.0%	18.1%		
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio ⁽⁴⁾	14.5%	14.0%		14.2%		16.6%	16.8%		
Tier 1 leverage ratio ⁽⁵⁾	12.3%	12.3%		12.3%		13.6%	13.7%		
Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio	14.5%	14.0%		14.2%		16.6%	16.8%		

⁽¹⁾ Tangible common equity ("TCE") is a non-GAAP measure. We believe TCE is a more meaningful measure of the net asset value of the Company to investors. For corresponding reconciliation of TCE to a GAAP financial measure, see Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures and Calculations of Regulatory Measures.

⁽²⁾ Regulatory capital metrics at March 31, 2019 are preliminary and therefore subject to change.

⁽³⁾ Total risk-based capital ratio is the ratio of total risk-based capital divided by risk-weighted assets.

⁽⁴⁾ Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio is the ratio of Tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets.

⁽⁵⁾ Tier 1 leverage ratio is the ratio of Tier 1 capital divided by total average assets, after certain adjustments. Tier 1 leverage ratios are based upon the use of daily averages for all periods presented.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL PLATFORM RESULTS

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

	Mar 31, 2019		Dec 31, 2018					Jun 30, 2018		Mar 31, 2018		1Q'19 vs.	1Q'18
RETAIL CARD(1)	_	201)	_	2010	_	2010	_	2010	_	2010	_		
Purchase volume (2)(3)	\$	24,660	\$	31,755	\$	27,863	\$	25,926	\$	22,141	\$	2,519	11.4 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$	51,572	\$	63,827	\$	59,139	\$	51,473	\$	51,117	\$	455	0.9 %
Average loan receivables, including held for sale	\$	60,964	\$	60,604	\$	58,964	\$	51,011	\$	52,251	\$	8,713	16.7 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾		58,632		58,962		57,459		51,680		53,463		5,169	9.7 %
Interest and fees on loans	\$	3,454	\$	3,502	\$	3,383	\$	2,915	\$	3,015	\$	439	14.6 %
Other income	\$	76	\$	59	\$	57	\$	54	\$	69	\$	7	10.1 %
Retailer share arrangements	\$	(940)	\$	(825)	\$	(844)	\$	(637)	\$	(708)	\$	(232)	32.8 %
PAYMENT SOLUTIONS ⁽¹⁾													
Purchase volume ⁽²⁾	\$	5,249	\$	6,035	\$	6,007	\$	5,702	\$	5,064	\$	185	3.7 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$	19,379	\$	19,815	\$	19,064	\$	18,320	\$	17,927	\$	1,452	8.1 %
Average loan receivables, including held for sale	\$	19,497	\$	19,333	\$	18,659	\$	17,978	\$	18,051	\$	1,446	8.0 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁴⁾		12,406		12,350		12,062		11,845		12,009		397	3.3 %
Interest and fees on loans	\$	686	\$	708	\$	683	\$	644	\$	643	\$	43	6.7 %
Other income	\$	1	\$	(2)		(2)		(2)	\$	(2)	\$	3	(150.0)%
Retailer share arrangements	\$	(12)	\$	(25)	\$	(24)	\$	(14)	\$	(10)	\$	(2)	20.0 %
<u>CARECREDIT</u>													
Purchase volume ⁽²⁾	\$	2,604	\$	2,530	\$	2,573	\$	2,640	\$	2,421	\$	183	7.6 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$	9,454	\$	9,497	\$	9,318	\$	9,086	\$	8,809	\$	645	7.3 %
Average loan receivables	\$	9,442	\$	9,403	\$	9,160	\$	8,864	\$	8,788	\$	654	7.4 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁴⁾		6,094		6,070		5,961		5,819		5,851		243	4.2 %
Interest and fees on loans	\$	547	\$	564	\$	551	\$	522	\$	514	\$	33	6.4 %
Other income	\$	15	\$	7	\$	8	\$	11	\$	8	\$	7	87.5 %
Retailer share arrangements	\$	(2)	\$	(5)	\$	(3)	\$	(2)	\$	(2)	\$	_	— %
TOTAL SYF													
Purchase volume ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$	32,513	\$	40,320	\$	36,443	\$	34,268	\$	29,626	\$	2,887	9.7 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$	80,405	\$	93,139	\$	87,521	\$	78,879	\$	77,853	\$	2,552	3.3 %
Average loan receivables, including held for sale	\$	89,903	\$	89,340	\$	86,783	\$	77,853	\$	79,090	\$	10,813	13.7 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾		77,132		77,382		75,482		69,344		71,323		5,809	8.1 %
Interest and fees on loans	\$	4,687	\$	4,774	\$	4,617	\$	4,081	\$	4,172	\$	515	12.3 %
Other income	\$	92	\$	64	\$	63	\$	63	\$	75	\$	17	22.7 %
Retailer share arrangements	\$	(954)	\$	(855)	\$	(871)	\$	(653)	\$	(720)	\$	(234)	32.5 %

Quarter Ended

⁽¹⁾ Beginning in 1Q 2019, our Oil and Gas retail credit programs are now included in our Payment Solutions sales platform. Prior period financial and operating metrics for Retail Card and Payment Solutions have been recast to reflect the current period presentation.

⁽²⁾ Purchase volume, or net credit sales, represents the aggregate amount of charges incurred on credit cards or other credit product accounts less returns during the period.

⁽³⁾ Includes activity and balances associated with loan receivables held for sale.

⁽⁴⁾ Active accounts represent credit card or installment loan accounts on which there has been a purchase, payment or outstanding balance in the current month.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES AND CALCULATIONS OF REGULATORY MEASURES $^{\left(1\right)}$

(unaudited, \$ in millions, except per share statistics)

					Quarter Ended				
		Mar 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018		Sep 30, 2018		Jun 30, 2018		Mar 31, 2018
COMMON EQUITY MEASURES									
GAAP Total common equity	\$	14,709	\$ 14,678	\$	13,996	\$	14,458	\$	14,356
Less: Goodwill		(1,076)	(1,024)		(1,024)		(1,024)		(991)
Less: Intangible assets, net		(1,259)	(1,137)		(1,105)		(863)		(780)
Tangible common equity	\$	12,374	\$ 12,517	\$	11,867	\$	12,571	\$	12,585
Adjustments for certain deferred tax liabilities and certain items in accumulated comprehensive income (loss)		287	284		311		287		278
Basel III - Common equity Tier 1 (fully phased-in)	\$	12,661	\$ 12,801	\$	12,178	\$	12,858	\$	12,863
RISK-BASED CAPITAL									
Common equity Tier 1	\$	12,661	\$ 12,801	S	12,178	\$	12,858	\$	12,863
Add: Allowance for loan losses includible in risk-based capital	*	1,152	1,211	*	1,137	*	1,027	-	1,015
Risk-based capital	\$	13,813	\$ 14,012	\$	13,315	\$	13,885	\$	13,878
ASSET MEASURES		40.5.00	407.700		400.440		0.5.4.4		
Total average assets	\$	105,299	\$ 105,782	\$	100,449	\$	96,214	\$	95,707
Adjustments for:									
Disallowed goodwill and other disallowed intangible assets (net of related deferred tax liabilities) and other		(2,039)	(1,845)		(1,836)		(1,670)		(1,560)
Total assets for leverage purposes	\$	103,260	\$ 103,937	\$	98,613	\$	94,544	\$	94,147
Risk-weighted assets - Basel III (fully phased-in)	\$	87,331	\$ 91,742	\$	85,941	\$	77,322	\$	76,509
TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY PER SHARE									
GAAP book value per share	\$	21.35	\$ 20.42	\$	19.47	\$	19.37	\$	18.88
Less: Goodwill	*	(1.56)	(1.42)		(1.42)	,	(1.37)		(1.30)
Less: Intangible assets, net		(1.83)	(1.59)		(1.54)		(1.16)		(1.03)
Tangible common equity per share	\$	17.96	\$ 17.41	\$	16.51	\$	16.84	\$	16.55

⁽¹⁾ Regulatory measures at March 31, 2019 are presented on an estimated basis.