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Synchrony Financial Reports Fourth Quarter Net Earnings of \$547 Million or \$0.65 Per Diluted Share

STAMFORD, Conn. – Synchrony Financial (NYSE: SYF) today announced fourth quarter 2015 net earnings of \$547 million, or \$0.65 per diluted share. Net earnings for the full year 2015 totaled \$2.2 billion, or \$2.65 per diluted share. Highlights for the quarter included:

- Total platform revenue increased 5% from the fourth quarter of 2014 to \$2.8 billion
- Loan receivables grew \$7 billion, or 11%, from the fourth quarter of 2014 to \$68 billion
- Purchase volume increased 8% from the fourth quarter of 2014
- Strong deposit growth continued, up \$8 billion, or 24%, over the fourth quarter of 2014
- Renewed key programs Dick's Sporting Goods, Discount Tire, P.C. Richard & Son, Polaris and Mohawk Flooring
- Launched Newegg and Stash Hotel Rewards card programs
- Piloting J.C. Penney private label credit card in Apple Pay
- Completed separation from the General Electric Company (GE) following the successful exchange offer
- Added to the S&P 500 Index

"The fourth quarter marked a successful conclusion to a historic year for Synchrony Financial. We maintained strong momentum across each of our business platforms and our receivables, deposits, and revenue growth remained solid. We continue to leverage our array of value-added capabilities and vast experience to propel growth, expand our distribution, and attract new business. This past year alone we renewed five key relationships and signed a number of new partners, while expanding our network through new strategic alliances. And we were able to achieve this while executing on our separation from GE. We aim to continue to build on this momentum in 2016 and are excited about our future growth prospects and opportunities as a stand-alone company," said Margaret Keane, President and Chief Executive Officer of Synchrony Financial.

Business and Financial Highlights for the Fourth Quarter of 2015

All comparisons below are for the fourth quarter of 2015 compared to the fourth quarter of 2014, unless otherwise noted.

Earnings

- Net interest income increased \$230 million, or 8%, to \$3.2 billion, primarily driven by strong loan receivables growth. Net interest income after retailer share arrangements increased 9%.
- Total platform revenue increased \$131 million, or 5%. Platform revenue in the fourth quarter of 2014 included a \$46 million gain from portfolio sales.
- Provision for loan losses increased \$26 million to \$823 million largely due to loan receivables growth, partially offset by asset quality improvement.
- Other income decreased \$75 million to \$87 million, driven primarily by the \$46 million gain from portfolio sales in the fourth quarter of 2014.
- Other expense increased \$78 million to \$870 million, primarily driven by investments in growth and infrastructure build associated with the separation from GE.
- Net earnings totaled \$547 million for the quarter compared to \$531 million in the fourth quarter of 2014. The fourth quarter of 2014 included a \$29 million after-tax gain associated with portfolio sales.

Balance Sheet

- Period-end loan receivables growth remained strong at 11%, primarily driven by purchase volume growth of 8% and average active account growth of 5%, and included the acquisition of the BP portfolio during the second quarter of 2015.
- Deposits grew to \$43 billion, up \$8 billion, or 24%, from the fourth quarter of 2014, and comprised 64% of funding compared to 56% last year.
- The Company's balance sheet remained strong with total liquidity (liquid assets and undrawn securitization capacity) of \$21 billion, or 25% of total assets.
- The estimated Common Equity Tier 1 ratio under Basel III subject to transition provisions was 16.8% and the estimated fully phased-in Common Equity Tier 1 ratio under Basel III was 15.9%.

Key Financial Metrics

- Return on assets was 2.6% and return on equity was 17.5%.
- Net interest margin increased 13 basis points to 15.73% due mainly to an improvement in interest-earning asset yields that resulted from carrying a higher mix of receivables versus lower-yielding liquidity.
- Efficiency ratio was 34.0% for the fourth quarter of 2015, and 33.5% for the full year 2015.

Credit Quality

- Loans 30+ days past due as a percentage of period-end loan receivables improved 8 basis points to 4.06%.
- Net charge-offs as a percentage of total average loan receivables improved 9 basis points to 4.23%.
- The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total period-end receivables was 5.12%.

Sales Platforms

- Retail Card platform revenue increased 5%, driven primarily by purchase volume growth of 8% and period-end loan receivables growth of 12%, which included the acquisition of the BP portfolio during the second quarter of 2015. Average active account growth was 4%. Loan receivables growth was broad-based across partner programs. Platform revenue in the fourth quarter of 2014 included the \$46 million gain from portfolio sales.
- Payment Solutions platform revenue increased 7%, driven primarily by purchase volume growth of 9% and period-end loan receivables growth of 12%. Average active account growth was 11%. Loan receivables growth was led by the home furnishings and automotive product categories.
- CareCredit platform revenue increased 3%, driven primarily by purchase volume growth of 9% and period-end loan receivables growth of 7%. Average active account growth was 6%. Loan receivables growth was led by the dental and veterinary specialties.

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 in the Company's forthcoming Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. 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 Friday, January 22, 2016, 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 Synchrony Financial's 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 42015#, and can be accessed beginning approximately two hours after the event through February 5, 2016.

About Synchrony Financial

Synchrony Financial (NYSE:SYF) is one of the nation's premier consumer financial services companies. Our roots in consumer finance trace back to 1932, and today we are the largest provider of private label credit cards in the United States based on purchase volume and receivables^{*}. We provide a range of

credit products through programs we have established with a diverse group of national and regional retailers, local merchants, manufacturers, buying groups, industry associations, and healthcare service providers to help generate growth for our partners and offer financial flexibility to our customers. Through our partners' over 300,000 locations across the United States and Canada, and their websites and mobile applications, we offer our customers a variety of credit products to finance the purchase of goods and services. Our offerings include private label and co-branded Dual Card credit cards, promotional financing and installment lending, loyalty programs and FDIC-insured savings products through Synchrony Bank. More information can be found at www.synchronyfinancial.com and twitter.com/SYFNews.

*Source: The Nilson Report (April, 2015, Issue # 1062) - based on 2014 data.

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 "outlook," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "targets," "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 platform revenue in a small number of Retail Card partners, promotion and support of our products by our partners, and financial performance of our partners; our need for additional financing, higher borrowing costs and adverse financial market conditions impacting our funding and liquidity, and any reduction in our credit ratings; our ability to securitize our loans, occurrence of an early amortization of our securitization facilities, loss of the right to service or subservice our securitized loans, and lower payment rates on our securitized loans; our reliance on dividends, distributions and other payments from Synchrony Bank; our ability to grow our deposits in the future; 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 strategic investments; reductions in interchange fees; fraudulent activity; cyber-attacks or other security breaches; 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 state sales tax rules and regulations; significant and extensive regulation, supervision, examination and enforcement of our business by governmental authorities, the impact of the Dodd-Frank

Act and the impact of the CFPB's regulation of our business; changes to our methods of offering our CareCredit products; impact of capital adequacy rules; restrictions that limit Synchrony Bank's ability to pay dividends; regulations relating to privacy, information security and data protection; use of third-party vendors and ongoing third-party business relationships; failure to comply with anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing laws; obligations associated with being a public company; and failure caused by us of GE's distribution of our common stock to its stockholders in exchange for its common stock to qualify for tax-free treatment, which may result in significant tax liabilities to GE for which we may be required to indemnify GE.

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, 2014, as filed on February 23, 2015. You should not consider any list of such factors to be an exhaustive statement of all of 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 "platform revenue", "platform revenue excluding retailer share arrangements" and "tangible common equity" and certain capital ratios, 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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(unaudited, in millions, except per share statistics)

					Quar	rter Ended									Twelve Mo	nths l	Ended			
	De 2	ec 31, 015	;	Sep 30, 2015	Jı	un 30, 2015	N	Mar 31, 2015	I	Dec 31, 2014		4Q'15 vs. 4Q)'14	I	Dec 31, 2015	1	Dec 31, 2014		YTD'15 vs. Y	TD'14
EARNINGS																				
Net interest income	\$	3,208	\$	3,103	\$	2,907	\$	2,875	\$	2,978	\$	230	7.7 %	\$	12,093	\$	11,320	\$	773	6.8 %
Retailer share arrangements		(734)		(723)		(621)		(660)		(698)		(36)	5.2 %		(2,738)		(2,575)		(163)	6.3 %
Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements		2,474		2,380		2,286	_	2,215	-	2,280		194	8.5 %		9,355		8,745	-	610	7.0 %
Provision for loan losses		823		702		740		687		797		26	3.3 %		2,952		2,917		35	1.2 %
Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements and provision for loan losses		1,651		1,678		1,546		1,528		1,483		168	11.3 %		6,403		5,828		575	9.9 %
Other income		87		84		120		101		162		(75)	(46.3)%		392		485		(93)	(19.2)%
Other expense		870		843		805		746		792		78	9.8 %		3,264		2,927		337	11.5 %
Earnings before provision for income taxes		868	_	919		861		883		853	_	15	1.8 %		3,531	_	3,386		145	4.3 %
Provision for income taxes		321		345		320		331		322		(1)	(0.3)%		1,317		1,277		40	3.1 %
Net earnings	\$	547	\$	574	\$	541	\$	552	\$	531	\$	16	3.0 %	\$	2,214	\$	2,109	\$	105	5.0 %
Net earnings attributable to common stockholders	\$	547	\$	574	\$	541	\$	552	\$	531	\$	16	3.0 %	\$	2,214	\$	2,109	\$	105	5.0 %
COMMON SHARE STATISTICS																				
Basic EPS	\$	0.66	\$	0.69	\$	0.65	\$	0.66	\$	0.64	\$	0.02	3.1 %	\$	2.66	\$	2.78	\$	(0.12)	(4.3)%
Diluted EPS	\$	0.65	\$	0.69	\$	0.65	\$	0.66	\$	0.64	\$	0.01	1.6 %	\$	2.65	\$	2.78	\$	(0.13)	(4.7)%
Common stock price	\$	30.41	\$	31.30	\$	32.93	\$	30.35	\$	29.75	\$	0.66	2.2 %	\$	30.41	\$	29.75	\$	0.66	2.2 %
Book value per share	\$	15.12	\$	14.58	\$	13.89	\$	13.24	\$	12.57	\$	2.55	20.3 %	\$	15.12	\$	12.57	\$	2.55	20.3 %
Tangible book value per share ⁽¹⁾	\$	13.14	\$	12.67	\$	12.06	\$	11.43	\$	10.81	\$	2.33	21.6 %	\$	13.14	\$	10.81	\$	2.33	21.6 %
Beginning common shares outstanding		833.8		833.8		833.8		833.8		833.8		_	— %		833.8		705.3		128.5	18.2 %
Issuance of common shares through initial public offering		_		_		_		_		_		_	— %		_		128.5		(128.5)	(100.0)%
Shares repurchased		_		_		_		_		_		_	— %		_		_		_	— %
Ending common shares outstanding		833.8		833.8		833.8		833.8		833.8		_	- %		833.8		833.8		_	%
Weighted average common shares outstanding		833.8		833.8		833.8		833.8		833.8		_	%		833.8		757.4		76.4	10.1 %
Weighted average common shares outstanding (fully diluted)		835.8		835.8		835.4		835.0		834.3		1.5	0.2 %		835.5		757.6		77.9	10.3 %

(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)

	Quarter Ended										Twelv	e Moi	nths Ended			
	Dec 31 2015		Sep 30, 2015		n 30, 015	Mar 31, 2015		c 31,)14	4Q	'15 vs. 4Q'14	Dec 3 201		Dec 31, 2014	Y	/TD'15 vs.	YTD'14
PERFORMANCE METRICS														_		
Return on assets ⁽¹⁾	2	.6%	2.9%		2.9%	3.0%		2.7%		(0.1)%		2.9%	3.2%			(0.3)%
Return on equity ⁽²⁾	17	.5%	19.2%		19.2%	20.8%		20.2%		(2.7)%	1	9.1%	26.7%			(7.6)%
Return on tangible common equity ⁽³⁾	20	.1%	22.0%		22.2%	24.1%		23.4%		(3.3)%	2	2.0%	32.4%			(10.4)%
Net interest margin ⁽⁴⁾	15.7	3%	15.97%	1	15.77%	15.79%	1	5.60%		0.13 %	15	.77%	17.20%			(1.43)%
Efficiency ratio ⁽⁵⁾	34	.0%	34.2%		33.5%	32.2%		32.4%		1.6 %	3	3.5%	31.7%			1.8 %
Other expense as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale	5.2	28%	5.35%		5.37%	5.06%		5.16%		0.12 %	5	.25%	5.13%			0.12 %
Effective income tax rate	37	.0%	37.5%		37.2%	37.5%		37.7%		(0.7)%	3	7.3%	37.7%			(0.4)%
CREDIT QUALITY METRICS																
Net charge-offs as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale	4.2	23%	4.02%		4.63%	4.53%		4.32%		(0.09)%	4	.33%	4.51%			(0.18)%
30+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables ⁽⁶⁾	4.0)6%	4.02%		3.53%	3.79%		4.14%		(0.08)%	4	.06%	4.14%			(0.08)%
90+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables ⁽⁶⁾	1.8	36%	1.73%		1.52%	1.81%		1.90%		(0.04)%	1	.86%	1.90%			(0.04)%
Net charge-offs	\$ 69	97	\$ 633	\$	693	\$ 668	\$	663	\$	34 5.1 %	\$ 2,6	91	\$ 2,573	\$	118	4.6 %
Loan receivables delinquent over 30 days ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 2,77	2	\$ 2,553	\$ 2	2,171	\$ 2,209	\$ 2	2,536	\$	236 9.3 %	\$ 2,7	72	\$ 2,536	\$	236	9.3 %
Loan receivables delinquent over 90 days ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 1,27	73	\$ 1,102	\$	933	\$ 1,056	\$ 1	,162	\$	9.6 %	\$ 1,2	73	\$ 1,162	\$	111	9.6 %
Allowance for loan losses (period-end)	\$ 3,49		\$ 3,371	\$ 3	3,302	\$ 3,255	\$ 3	3,236	\$	8.1 %	\$ 3,4	97	\$ 3,236	\$	261	8.1 %
Allowance coverage ratio ⁽⁷⁾	5.1	2%	5.31%		5.38%	5.59%		5.28%		(0.16)%	5	.12%	5.28%			(0.16)%
BUSINESS METRICS																
Purchase volume ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 32,46		\$ 29,206		8,810	\$ 23,139	\$ 30	·			\$ 113,6		\$ 103,149		10,466	10.1 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$ 68,29		\$ 63,520	\$ 61		\$ 58,248	\$ 61			11.4 %	\$ 68,2		\$ 61,286		7,004	11.4 %
Credit cards	\$ 65,77		\$ 60,920	\$ 58	·	\$ 55,866	\$ 58	·	• • • •	393 11.7 %			\$ 58,880	\$	6,893	11.7 %
Consumer installment loans	\$ 1,15		\$ 1,171		1,138	\$ 1,062	\$ 1		\$	91 8.6 %			\$ 1,063	\$	91	8.6 %
Commercial credit products	\$ 1,32		\$ 1,380		1,410	\$ 1,295	\$ 1		\$	3 0.2 %			\$ 1,320	\$	3	0.2 %
Other	•		\$ 49	\$	56	\$ 25	\$		\$	17 73.9 %		40	\$ 23	\$	17	73.9 %
Average loan receivables, including held for sale	\$ 65,40		\$ 62,504		0,094	\$ 59,775	\$ 59				\$ 62,1		\$ 57,101	\$	5,019	8.8 %
Period-end active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁹⁾	68,31		62,831		1,718	59,761		4,286		028 6.3 %	68,3		64,286		4,028	6.3 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁹⁾	64,89	02	62,247	60	0,923	61,604	61	,667	3,2	5.2 %	62,6	43	60,009		2,634	4.4 %
LIQUIDITY																
Liquid assets																
Cash and equivalents	\$ 12,32		\$ 12,271	\$ 10		\$ 11,218	\$ 11			497 4.2 %			\$ 11,828	\$	497	4.2 %
Total liquid assets	\$ 14,83	86	\$ 15,305	\$ 13	3,660	\$ 13,813	\$ 12	2,942	\$ 1,	³⁹⁴ 14.6 %	\$ 14,8	36	\$ 12,942	\$	1,894	14.6 %
Undrawn credit facilities																
Undrawn committed securitization financings	\$ 6,07		\$ 6,550		6,125	\$ 6,600	\$ 6	·		(25) $(0.4)%$			\$ 6,100	\$	(25)	(0.4)%
Total liquid assets and undrawn credit facilities	\$ 20,91		\$ 21,855	\$ 19		\$ 20,413	\$ 19		\$ 1,		\$ 20,9		\$ 19,042	\$	1,869	9.8 %
Liquid assets % of total assets	17.6	53%	19.27%	1	18.03%	18.99%	1	7.09%		0.54 %	17	.63%	17.09%			0.54 %
Liquid assets including undrawn committed securitization financings % of total assets	24.8	35%	27.51%	2	26.12%	28.07%	2	25.15%		(0.30)%	24	.85%	25.15%			(0.30)%

(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 represents net earnings as a percentage of average tangible common equity. 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) Active accounts represent credit card or installment loan accounts on which there has been a purchase, payment or outstanding balance in the current month.

STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

	Quarter Ended			d							Τv	velve Mo	nths E	nded					
		ec 31, 2015	S	ep 30, 2015	in 30, 2015		1ar 31, 2015		Dec 31, 2014	4	Q'15 vs.	4Q'14		ec 31, 2015	Dec 20		YТ	D'15 vs.	YTD'14
Interest income:																			
Interest and fees on loans	\$	3,494	\$	3,379	\$ 3,166	\$	3,140	\$	3,252	\$	242	7.4 %	\$	13,179	\$ 12	,216	\$	963	7.9 %
Interest on investment securities		15		13	 11		10		8		7	87.5 %		49		26		23	88.5 %
Total interest income		3,509		3,392	 3,177		3,150		3,260		249	7.6 %		13,228	12	.,242		986	8.1 %
Interest expense:																			
Interest on deposits		165		159	146		137		139		26	18.7 %		607		470		137	29.1 %
Interest on borrowings of consolidated securitization entities		56		54	53		52		57		(1)	(1.8)%		215		215		—	— %
Interest on third-party debt		80		76	71		82		78		2	2.6 %		309		124		185	149.2 %
Interest on related party debt				—			4		8		(8)	(100.0)%		4		113		(109)	(96.5)%
Total interest expense		301		289	 270		275		282		19	6.7 %		1,135		922		213	23.1 %
Net interest income		3,208		3,103	 2,907		2,875		2,978		230	7.7 %		12,093	11	,320		773	6.8 %
Retailer share arrangements		(734)		(723)	(621)		(660)		(698)		(36)	5.2 %		(2,738)	(2	,575)		(163)	6.3 %
Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements		2,474		2,380	 2,286		2,215		2,280		194	8.5 %		9,355	8	,745		610	7.0 %
Provision for loan losses		823		702	740		687		797		26	3.3 %		2,952	2	.,917		35	1.2 %
Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements and provision for loan losses		1,651		1,678	1,546		1,528		1,483		168	11.3 %		6,403	4	,828		575	9.9 %
Other income:																			
Interchange revenue		147		135	123		100		120		27	22.5 %		505		389		116	29.8 %
Debt cancellation fees		62		61	61		65		67		(5)	(7.5)%		249		275		(26)	(9.5)%
Loyalty programs		(125)		(122)	(94)		(78)		(91)		(34)	37.4 %		(419)		(281)		(138)	49.1 %
Other		3		10	 30		14		66		(63)	(95.5)%		57		102		(45)	(44.1)%
Total other income		87		84	 120		101		162		(75)	(46.3)%		392		485		(93)	(19.2)%
Other expense:																			
Employee costs		285		268	250		239		227		58	25.6 %		1,042		866		176	20.3 %
Professional fees ⁽¹⁾		165		162	156		162		139		26	18.7 %		645		563		82	14.6 %
Marketing and business development		128		115	108		82		165		(37)	(22.4)%		433		460		(27)	(5.9)%
Information processing		83		77	74		63		60		23	38.3 %		297		212		85	40.1 %
Other ⁽¹⁾		209		221	217		200		201		8	4.0 %		847		826		21	2.5 %
Total other expense		870		843	 805	_	746		792		78	9.8 %		3,264	2	.,927		337	11.5 %
Earnings before provision for income taxes		868	·	919	 861		883		853		15	1.8 %		3,531		,386		145	4.3 %
Provision for income taxes	_	321		345	 320	_	331	_	322	_	(1)	(0.3)%	_	1,317	1	,277	_	40	3.1 %
Net earnings attributable to common shareholders	\$	547	\$	574	\$ 541	\$	552	\$	531	\$	16	3.0 %	\$	2,214	\$ 2	.,109	\$	105	5.0 %
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(1) We have reclassified certain amounts within Professional fees to Other for all periods in 2014 to conform to the current period classifications.

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

	Quarter Ended										
	Dec 31, 2015		Sep 30, 2015		Jun 30, 2015		Mar 31, 2015		Dec 31, 2014	 Dec 31, 201 Dec 31, 20	
Assets											
Cash and equivalents	\$ 12,325	\$	12,271	\$	10,621	\$	11,218	\$	11,828	\$ 497	4.2 %
Investment securities	3,142		3,596		3,682		3,121		1,598	1,544	96.6 %
Loan receivables:											
Unsecuritized loans held for investment	42,826		38,325		36,019		33,424		34,335	8,491	24.7 %
Restricted loans of consolidated securitization entities	25,464		25,195		25,412		24,824		26,951	(1,487)	(5.5)%
Total loan receivables	68,290	_	63,520		61,431		58,248		61,286	7,004	11.4 %
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(3,497)	(3,371)		(3,302)		(3,255)		(3,236)	(261)	8.1 %
Loan receivables, net	64,793	_	60,149		58,129		54,993		58,050	6,743	11.6 %
Loan receivables held for sale			—		—		359		332	(332)	(100.0)%
Goodwill	949		949		949		949		949	—	%
Intangible assets, net	701		646		575		557		519	182	35.1 %
Other assets	2,225		1,831		1,794		1,524		2,431	(206)	(8.5)%
Total assets	\$ 84,135	\$	79,442	\$	75,750	\$	72,721	\$	75,707	\$ 8,428	11.1 %
Liabilities and Equity											
Deposits:											
Interest-bearing deposit accounts	\$ 43,295	\$	40,408	\$	37,629	\$	34,788	\$	34,847	\$ 8,448	24.2 %
Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts	152		140		143		162		108	44	40.7 %
Total deposits	43,447		40,548		37,772		34,950		34,955	 8,492	24.3 %
Borrowings:											
Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities	13,603		13,640		13,948		13,817		14,967	(1,364)	(9.1)%
Bank term loan	4,151		4,651		5,151		5,651		8,245	(4,094)	(49.7)%
Senior unsecured notes	6,590		5,590		4,593		4,592		3,593	2,997	83.4 %
Related party debt			—		—		—		655	(655)	(100.0)%
Total borrowings	24,344		23,881		23,692	_	24,060		27,460	 (3,116)	(11.3)%
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	3,740		2,855		2,708		2,675		2,814	926	32.9 %
Total liabilities	71,531		67,284		64,172		61,685		65,229	 6,302	9.7 %
Equity:											
Common stock	1		1		1		1		1	_	%
Additional paid-in capital	9,351		9,431		9,422		9,418		9,408	(57)	(0.6)%
Retained earnings	3,293		2,746		2,172		1,631		1,079	2,214	NM
Accumulated other comprehensive income:	(41)	(20)		(17)		(14)		(10)	(31)	NM
Total equity	12,604		12,158		11,578		11,036		10,478	 2,126	20.3 %
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 84,135	\$	79,442	\$	75,750	\$	72,721	\$	75,707	\$ 8,428	11.1 %

AVERAGE BALANCES, NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

								Quarter Endec	i						
		Dec 31, 2015			Sep 30, 2015			Jun 30, 2015			Mar 31, 2015			Dec 31, 2014	
		Interest	Average		Interest	Average		Interest	Average		Interest	Average		Interest	Average
	Average	Income/	Yield/	Average	Income/	Yield/	Average	Income/	Yield/	Average	Income/	Yield/	Average	Income/	Yield/
	Balance	Expense	Rate	Balance	Expense	Rate	Balance	Expense	Rate	Balance	Expense	Rate	Balance	Expense	Rate
Assets															
Interest-earning assets:	÷ 10.070	¢ 0	0.000/	¢	¢ –	0.050/		.	0.000/		• •	0.01.0/	¢ 12 (21	÷ -	0.000/
Interest-earning cash and equivalents	\$ 12,070		0.30%		\$ 7	0.25%	\$ 10,728		0.22%	\$ 11,331	\$ 6		\$ 13,631	\$ 7	0.20%
Securities available for sale	3,445	6	0.69%	3,534	6	0.67 %	3,107	5	0.65 %	2,725	4	0.60%	962	1	0.40 %
Loan receivables:															
Credit cards, including held for sale	62,834	3,432	21.67%	59,890	3,315	21.96%	57,588	3,106	21.63 %	57,390	3,079	21.76%	57,075	3,186	21.68 %
Consumer installment loans	1,163	26	8.87 %	1,160	27	9.23 %	1,101	26	9.47 %	1,057	25	9.59 %	1,072	27	9.78 %
Commercial credit products	1,361	36	10.49 %	1,400	36	10.20 %	1,372	34	9.94 %	1,305	36	11.19%	1,379	38	10.70 %
Other	48		_%	54	1	NM	33		_%	23		%	21	1	NM
Total loan receivables, including held for sale	65,406	3,494	21.19%	62,504	3,379	21.45%	60,094	3,166	21.13 %	59,775	3,140	21.30%	59,547	3,252	21.21 %
Total interest-earning assets	80,921	3,509	17.20%	77,097	3,392	17.46%	73,929	3,177	17.24 %	73,831	3,150	17.30%	74,140	3,260	17.07 %
Non-interest-earning assets:															
Cash and due from banks	1,268			1,216			583			497			1,220		
Allowance for loan losses	(3,440)			(3,341)			(3,285)			(3,272)			(3,160)		
Other assets	3,280			3,023			2,916			2,802			2,831		
Total non-interest-earning assets	1,108			898			214			27	•		891		
Total assets	\$ 82,029			\$ 77,995			\$ 74,143			\$ 73,858	-		\$ 75,031		
Liabilities											-				
Interest-bearing liabilities:															
Interest-bearing deposit accounts	\$ 42,162	\$ 165	1.55 %	\$ 39,136	\$ 159	1.61%	\$ 35,908	\$ 146	1.63 %	\$ 34,981	\$ 137	1.59%	\$ 33,980	\$ 139	1.59%
Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities	13,565	56	1.64 %	13,730	54	1.56%	14,026	53	1.52 %	14,101	52	1.50%	14,766	57	1.50%
Bank term loan ⁽¹⁾	4,526	28	2.45 %	4,901	29	2.35 %	5,401	32	2.38%	6,531	47	2.92 %	8,057	46	2.22 %
Senior unsecured notes	5,840	52	3.53%	5,340	47	3.49%	4,592	39	3.41 %	4,093	35	3.47%	3,593	32	3.46 %
Related party debt	_	_	-%	· _	_	%	· _	_	-%	407	4	3.99%	843	8	3.68 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	66,093	301	1.81 %	63,107	289	1.82 %	59,927	270	1.81 %	60,113	275	1.86 %	61,239	282	1.79%
Non-interest-bearing liabilities															
Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts	147			149			166			142			182		
Other liabilities	3,396			2,859			2,750			2,854			3,382		
Total non-interest-bearing liabilities	3,543			3,008			2,916			2,996	-		3,564		
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Total liabilities	69,636			66,115			62,843			63,109	-		64,803		
Equity															
Total equity	12,393			11,880			11,300			10,749			10,228		
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 82,029			\$ 77,995			\$ 74,143			\$ 73,858	-		\$ 75,031		
Net interest income		\$ 3,208			\$ 3,103			\$ 2,907			\$ 2,875			\$ 2,978	
Interest rate spread ⁽²⁾			15.39%			15.64%			15.43%			15.44%			15.28%
Net interest margin ⁽³⁾			15.73 %			15.97 %			15.77%			15.79%			15.60%
g			10.75 70			10.9770			10.7770			10.7970			12.00 /0

(1) Average interest rate on liabilities calculated above utilizes monthly average balances. The effective interest rates for the Bank term loan for the quarters ended December 31, 2015, September 30, 2015, June 30, 2015, March 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014 were 2.26%, 2.23%, 2.21%, 2.21%, and 2.19%, respectively. The Bank term loan effective rate excludes the impact of charges incurred in connection with prepayments of the loan.

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

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

AVERAGE BALANCES, NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

	1		Months Ended 2 31, 2015			T		Months Ended c 31, 2014	
		I	nterest	Average				Interest	Average
	Average	Ι	ncome/	Yield/	Α	verage	1	Income/	Yield/
	 Balance	E	xpense	Rate	B	alance	1	Expense	Rate
Assets									
Interest-earning assets:									
Interest-earning cash and equivalents	\$ 11,406	\$	28	0.25%	\$	8,230	\$	16	0.19%
Securities available for sale	3,142		21	0.67%		487		10	2.05%
Loan receivables:									
Credit cards, including held for sale	59,603		12,932	21.70%		54,686		11,967	21.88%
Consumer installment loans	1,119		104	9.29%		1,025		99	9.66%
Commercial credit products	1,359		142	10.45%		1,373		149	10.85%
Other	 39		1	2.56%		17		1	5.88%
Total loan receivables, including held for sale	 62,120		13,179	21.22%		57,101		12,216	21.39%
Total interest-earning assets	 76,668		13,228	17.25%		65,818		12,242	18.60%
Non-interest-earning assets:									
Cash and due from banks	904					881			
Allowance for loan losses	(3,340)					(3,039)			
Other assets	 3,013					2,492			
Total non-interest-earning assets	 577					334			
Total assets	\$ 77,245				\$	66,152			
Liabilities									
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Interest-bearing deposit accounts	\$ 38,148	\$	607	1.59%	\$	30,110	\$	470	1.56%
Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities	13,868		215	1.55%		14,835		215	1.45%
Bank term loan ⁽¹⁾	5,383		136	2.53%		3,056		74	2.42%
Senior unsecured notes	4,976		173	3.48%		1,382		50	3.62%
Related party debt	 125		4	3.20%		5,335		113	2.12%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	 62,500		1,135	1.82%		54,718		922	1.69%
Non-interest-bearing liabilities									
Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts	152					240			
Other liabilities	 3,015					3,306			
Total non-interest-bearing liabilities	3,167					3,546			
Total liabilities	 65,667					58,264			
Equity									
Total equity	11,578					7,888			
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 77,245				\$	66,152			
Net interest income	 ,	\$	12,093			,	\$	11,320	
Interest rate spread ⁽²⁾				15.43%					16.91%
Net interest margin ⁽³⁾				15.77%					17.20%

(1) Average interest rate on liabilities calculated above utilizes monthly average balances. The effective interest rates for the Bank term loan for the 12 months ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were 2.23% and 2.20%, respectively. The Bank term loan effective rate excludes the impact of charges incurred in connection with prepayments of the loan.

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

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

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

2015 2015 2015 2015 2014 Dec 31, 20 BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS S 12,604 $12,158$ $11,578$ $11,036$ $10,478$ $2,126$ Solal common equity S $12,604$ $12,158$ $11,578$ $11,036$ $10,478$ $2,126$ Cotal common equity as a % of total assets S $82,485$ $77,847$ $74,226$ $71,215$ $74,239$ $8,246$ Cangible assets S $82,485$ $10,563$ $10,054$ $9,530$ $9,010$ $1,944$ Cangible common equity as a % of tangible assets ⁽¹⁾ 13.28% 13.57% 13.38% 12.14%									
Dec 31, 2015 Sep 30, 2015 BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS \$ 12,604 \$ 12,158 \$ 14.98% Total common equity as a % of total assets \$ 12,604 \$ 12,158 \$ 15.30% Tangible assets \$ 82,485 \$ 77,847 \$ \$ 10,954 \$ 10,563					Dec 31, 2015 vs Dec 31, 2014	s.			
BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS									
Total common equity	\$ 12,604	\$	12,158	\$ 11,578	\$ 11,036	\$ 10,478	\$	2,126	20.3%
Total common equity as a % of total assets	14.98% 1:		15.30%	15.28%	15.18%	13.84%			1.14%
Tangible assets	\$ 82,485	\$	77,847	\$ 74,226	\$ 71,215	\$ 74,239	\$	8,246	11.1%
Tangible common equity ⁽¹⁾	\$ 10,954	\$	10,563	\$ 10,054	\$ 9,530	\$ 9,010	\$	1,944	21.6%
Tangible common equity as a % of tangible assets ⁽¹⁾	13.28%		13.57%	13.55%	13.38%	12.14%			1.14%
Tangible common equity per share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 13.14	\$	12.67	\$ 12.06	\$ 11.43	\$ 10.81	\$	2.33	21.6%

REGULATORY CAPITAL RATIOS⁽²⁾

	Basel	III Transition		Basel I	
Total risk-based capital ratio ⁽³⁾⁽⁸⁾	18.1%	18.8%	18.5%	18.2%	16.2%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁸⁾	16.8%	17.5%	17.2%	16.9%	14.9%
Tier 1 common ratio ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁸⁾	n/a	n/a	n/a	16.9%	14.9%
Tier 1 leverage ratio ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁸⁾	14.3%	14.6%	14.6%	13.7%	12.5%
Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾	16.8%	17.5%	17.2%	n/a	n/a
		Basel III	Fully Phased-in		
Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio ⁽⁷⁾	15.9%	16.6%	16.4%	16.4%	14.5%

(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 December 31, 2015 are preliminary and therefore subject to change. As a new savings and loan holding company, the Company historically has not been required by regulators to disclose capital ratios prior to December 31, 2015, and therefore these ratios are non-GAAP measures. See Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures and Calculation of Regulatory Measures for components of capital ratio calculations.

(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 common ratio is the ratio of common equity Tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets.

(6) Tier 1 leverage ratio reported under Basel III transition rules is calculated based on Tier 1 capital divided by total average assets, after certain adjustments. Total assets, after certain adjustments is used as the denominator for prior periods calculated under Basel I rules.

(7) Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio is the ratio of common equity Tier 1 capital to total risk-weighted assets, each as calculated under Basel III rules. Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio (fully phased-in) is a preliminary estimate reflecting management's interpretation of the final Basel III rules adopted in July 2013 by the Federal Reserve Board, which have not been fully implemented, and our estimate and interpretations are subject to, among other things, ongoing regulatory review and implementation guidance.

(8) Beginning June 30, 2015, regulatory capital ratios are calculated under Basel III rules subject to transition provisions. The Company reported under Basel I rules for periods prior to June 30, 2015.

PLATFORM RESULTS AND RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

			Quar	ter Ende	d						Т	welve Mo	nths	Ended			
	ec 31, 2015	ep 30, 2015		un 30, 2015	I	Mar 31, 2015		Dec 31, 2014	4Q'15 vs. 4	4Q'14		Dec 31, 2015		Dec 31, 2014	1	YTD'15 vs. '	YTD'14
RETAIL CARD	 	 	_	2010	_	2010	_	2011				2010		2011			
Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 26,768	\$ 23,560	\$	23,452	\$	18,410	\$	24,855	\$ 1,913	7.7 %	\$	92,190	\$	83,591	\$	8,599	10.3 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$ 47,412	\$ 43,432	\$	42,315	\$	39,685	\$	42,308	\$ 5,104	12.1 %	\$	47,412	\$	42,308	\$	5,104	12.1 %
Average loan receivables, including held for sale	\$ 44,958	\$ 42,933	\$	41,303	\$	40,986	\$	40,929	\$ 4,029	9.8 %	\$	42,687	\$	39,278	\$	3,409	8.7 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	52,038	49,953		48,981		49,617		49,871	2,167	4.3 %		50,358		48,599		1,759	3.6 %
Interest and fees on loans ⁽²⁾	\$ 2,594	\$ 2,508	\$	2,335	\$	2,337	\$	2,405	\$ 189	7.9 %	\$	9,774	\$		\$	734	8.1 %
Other income ⁽²⁾	 76	 70		107		86		141	 (65)	(46.1)%		339		407		(68)	(16.7)%
Platform revenue, excluding retailer share arrangements ⁽²⁾	2,670	2,578		2,442		2,423		2,546	124	4.9 %		10,113		9,447		666	7.0 %
Retailer share arrangements ⁽²⁾	 (723)	 (708)		(606)		(651)		(686)	 (37)	5.4 %		(2,688)		(2,530)		(158)	6.2 %
Platform revenue ⁽²⁾	\$ 1,947	\$ 1,870	\$	1,836	\$	1,772	\$	1,860	\$ 87	4.7 %	\$	7,425	\$	6,917	\$	508	7.3 %
PAYMENT SOLUTIONS																	
Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,714	\$ 3,635	\$	3,371	\$	2,948	\$	3,419	\$ 295	8.6 %	\$	13,668	\$	12,447	\$	1,221	9.8 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$ 13,543	\$ 12,933	\$	12,194	\$	11,833	\$	12,095	\$ 1,448	12.0 %	\$	13,543	\$	12,095	\$	1,448	12.0 %
Average loan receivables	\$ 13,192	\$ 12,523	\$	11,971	\$	11,970	\$	11,772	\$ 1,420	12.1 %	\$	12,436	\$	11,171	\$	1,265	11.3 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽³⁾	7,896	7,468		7,231		7,271		7,113	783	11.0 %		7,478		6,869		609	8.9 %
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 462	\$ 442	\$	412	\$	403	\$	426	\$ 36	8.5 %	\$	1,719	\$	1,582	\$	137	8.7 %
Other income	 3	 5		4		5		9	 (6)	(66.7)%		17		32		(15)	(46.9)%
Platform revenue, excluding retailer share arrangements	465	447		416		408		435	30	6.9 %		1,736		1,614		122	7.6 %
Retailer share arrangements	 (10)	 (13)		(14)		(8)		(11)	 1	(9.1)%		(45)		(41)		(4)	9.8 %
Platform revenue	\$ 455	\$ 434	\$	402	\$	400	\$	424	\$ 31	7.3 %	\$	1,691	\$	1,573	\$	118	7.5 %
<u>CARECREDIT</u>																	
Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,978	\$ 2,011	\$	1,987	\$	1,781	\$	1,807	\$ 171	9.5 %	\$	7,757	\$	7,111	\$	646	9.1 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$ 7,335	\$ 7,155	\$	6,922	\$	6,730	\$	6,883	\$ 452	6.6 %	\$	7,335	\$	6,883	\$	452	6.6 %
Average loan receivables	\$ 7,256	\$ 7,048	\$	6,820	\$	6,819	\$	6,846	\$ 410	6.0 %	\$	6,997	\$	6,652	\$	345	5.2 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽³⁾	4,958	4,826		4,711		4,716		4,683	275	5.9 %		4,807		4,541		266	5.9 %
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 438	\$ 429	\$	419	\$	400	\$	421	\$ 17	4.0 %	\$	1,686	\$	1,594	\$	92	5.8 %
Other income	 8	 9		9		10		12	 (4)	(33.3)%		36		46		(10)	(21.7)%
Platform revenue, excluding retailer share arrangements	446	438		428		410		433	13	3.0 %		1,722		1,640		82	5.0 %
Retailer share arrangements	 (1)	 (2)		(1)		(1)		(1)	 _	- %		(5)		(4)		(1)	25.0 %
Platform revenue	\$ 445	\$ 436	\$	427	\$	409	\$	432	\$ 13	3.0 %	\$	1,717	\$	1,636	\$	81	5.0 %
TOTAL SYF																	
Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 32,460	\$ 29,206	\$	28,810	\$	23,139	\$	30,081	\$ 2,379	7.9 %	\$	113,615	\$	103,149	\$	10,466	10.1 %
Period-end loan receivables	\$ 68,290	\$ 63,520	\$	61,431	\$	58,248	\$	61,286	\$ 7,004	11.4 %	\$	68,290	\$	61,286	\$	7,004	11.4 %
Average loan receivables, including held for sale	\$ 65,406	\$ 62,504	\$	60,094	\$	59,775	\$	59,547	\$ 5,859	9.8 %	\$	62,120	\$	57,101	\$	5,019	8.8 %
Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	64,892	62,247		60,923		61,604		61,667	3,225	5.2 %		62,643		60,009		2,634	4.4 %
Interest and fees on loans ⁽²⁾	\$ 3,494	\$ 3,379	\$	3,166	\$	3,140	\$	3,252	\$ 242	7.4 %	\$	13,179	\$	<i>,</i>	\$	963	7.9 %
Other income ⁽²⁾	 87	 84		120		101		162	 (75)	(46.3)%		392		485		(93)	(19.2)%
Platform revenue, excluding retailer share arrangements ⁽²⁾	3,581	3,463		3,286		3,241		3,414	167	4.9 %		13,571		12,701		870	6.8 %
Retailer share arrangements ⁽²⁾	 (734)	 (723)	. <u> </u>	(621)		(660)		(698)	 (36)	5.2 %		(2,738)		(2,575)		(163)	6.3 %
Platform revenue ⁽²⁾	\$ 2,847	\$ 2,740	\$	2,665	\$	2,581	\$	2,716	\$ 131	4.8 %	\$	10,833	\$	10,126	\$	707	7.0 %

(1) 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.

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

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

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES AND CALCULATIONS OF REGULATORY MEASURES⁽¹⁾ (unaudited, \$ in millions, except per share statistics)

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	Dec 31, 2015		Sep 30, 2015		Jun 30, 2015	Mar 31, 2015		Dec 31, 2014
COMMON EQUITY MEASURES						 		
GAAP Total common equity	\$ 12,604	\$	12,158	\$	11,578	\$ 11,036	\$	10,478
Less: Goodwill	(949)		(949)		(949)	(949)		(949)
Less: Intangible assets, net	(701)		(646)		(575)	(557)		(519)
Tangible common equity	\$ 10,954	\$	10,563	\$	10,054	\$ 9,530	\$	9,010
Adjustments for certain other intangible assets, deferred tax liabilities and certain items in accumulated comprehensive income (loss)						 293		287
Basel I - Tier 1 capital and Tier 1 common equity						\$ 9,823	\$	9,297
Adjustments for certain other intangible assets and deferred tax liabilities						 (12)		(20)
Adjustments for certain deferred tax liabilities and certain items in accumulated comprehensive income (loss)	 280		291		293			
Basel III - Common equity Tier 1 (fully phased-in)	\$ 11,234	\$	10,854	\$	10,347	\$ 9,811	\$	9,277
Adjustment related to capital components during transition	 399		375		331			
Basel III - Common equity Tier I (transition)	\$ 11,633	\$	11,229	\$	10,678			
RISK-BASED CAPITAL								
Tier 1 capital and Tier 1 common equity ⁽²⁾	\$ 11,633	\$	11,229	\$	10,678	\$ 9,823	\$	9,297
Add: Allowance for loan losses includible in risk-based capital	 900		835		806	 759		809
Risk-based capital ⁽²⁾	\$ 12,533	\$	12,064	\$	11,484	\$ 10,582	\$	10,106
ASSET MEASURES								
Total assets ⁽³⁾	\$ 82,029	\$	77,995	\$	74,143	\$ 72,721	\$	75,707
Adjustments for:								
Disallowed goodwill and other disallowed intangible assets, net of related deferred tax liabilities	(992)		(931)		(903)	(1,213)		(1,181)
Other	92		104		60	136		79
Total assets for leverage purposes ⁽²⁾	\$ 81,129	\$	77,168	\$	73,300	\$ 71,644	\$	74,605
Risk-weighted assets - Basel I	n/a		n/a		n/a	\$ 58,184	\$	62,270
Risk-weighted assets - Basel III (fully phased-in) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 70,654	\$	65,278	\$	62,970	\$ 59,926	\$	64,162
Risk-weighted assets - Basel III (transition) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 69,386		64,244	\$	61,985	n/a		n/a
TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY PER SHARE								
GAAP book value per share	\$ 15.12	\$	14.58	\$	13.89	\$ 13.24	\$	12.57
Less: Goodwill	(1.14)		(1.14)		(1.14)	(1.14)		(1.14)
Less: Intangible assets, net	(0.84)		(0.77)		(0.69)	(0.67)		(0.62)
Tangible common equity per share	\$ 13.14	\$	12.67	\$	12.06	\$ 11.43	\$	10.81
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(1) Regulatory capital metrics at December 31, 2015 are preliminary and therefore subject to change.

(2) Beginning June 30, 2015, regulatory capital amounts are calculated under Basel III rules subject to transition provisions. The company reported under Basel I rules for periods prior to June 30, 2015.

(3) Represents total average assets beginning June 30, 2015 and total assets for all periods prior to June 30, 2015.

(4) Key differences between Basel III transitional rules and fully phased-in Basel III rules in the calculation of risk-weighted assets include, but not limited to, risk weighting of deferred tax assets and adjustments for certain intangible assets.