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Synchrony Reports Fourth Quarter Net Earnings of \$738 Million or \$1.24 Per Diluted Share

- Trends Improving, Still Impacted by Pandemic
- Building for the Future with 9 Renewals, 7 New Programs, and an Acquisition
 - Board Approved \$1.6 Billion Share Repurchase Program

STAMFORD, Conn. – Synchrony Financial (NYSE: SYF) today announced fourth quarter 2020 earnings results amid the continuing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Synchrony reported fourth quarter 2020 net earnings of \$738 million, or \$1.24 per diluted share.

Key Highlights*.

- Loan receivables decreased 6% to \$81.9 billion
- Interest and fees on loans decreased 11% to \$4.0 billion
- Purchase volume decreased 1% to \$39.9 billion
- Average active accounts decreased 10% to 66.3 million
- Deposits decreased \$2.3 billion, or 4%, to \$62.8 billion
- Renewed Payment Solutions programs with Mattress Firm and Kawasaki, and added a new program with Doosan Bobcat
- Added new CareCredit programs with Walgreens and the Community Veterinary Partners, renewed program with Aspen Dental, and acquired Allegro Credit, a leading provider of point-of-sale consumer financing for audiology products and dental services
- Returned \$128 million in capital through common stock dividends
- The Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program of up to \$1.6 billion, commencing in the first quarter of 2021, subject to capital plan and any regulatory restrictions

"Last year brought challenges the likes of which we have never before experienced, and I am proud of how we came together as an organization to help our employees, partners, customers, and communities. We never lost sight of the necessity to build for the future, one in which the acceleration of digital adoption is profound. We quickly deployed digital assets to help our partners navigate this new environment and we continue to make investments for the future. In 2020, we renewed 41 key relationships, won 25 new deals, and launched promising new programs with Verizon and Venmo. We also took a deep look at our organization to decisively reduce costs to appropriately align the expenses of our business while maintaining investments in our long-term strategy," said Margaret Keane, Chief Executive Officer, Synchrony Financial. "With Synchrony in a position of strength, now is the right time to implement the leadership transition announced earlier this month. Effective April 1, I will transition to the role of Executive Chair of our Board of Directors, and Brian Doubles will become President and CEO, allowing him to continue the incredible progress that has been made and drive the next stage of Synchrony's exciting growth journey."

Business and Financial Results for the Fourth Quarter of 2020*

Earnings

- Net interest income decreased \$370 million, or 9%, to \$3.7 billion, mainly due to the impact of COVID-19.
- Retailer share arrangements increased \$18 million, or 2%, to \$1.0 billion, reflecting the improvement in net charge-offs.
- Provision for credit losses decreased \$354 million, or 32%, to \$750 million, mainly driven by lower net charge-offs, partially offset by a \$119 million reserve increase.
- Other income decreased \$22 million, or 21%, to \$82 million, largely driven by higher loyalty program costs.
- Other expense decreased \$79 million, or 7%, to \$1.0 billion, mainly driven by lower purchase volume and accounts, lower employee costs, and lower operational losses.
- Net earnings increased \$7 million, or 1%, to \$738 million .

Balance Sheet

- Period-end loan receivables decreased 6%; purchase volume decreased 1%; and average active accounts decreased 10%.
- Deposits decreased \$2.3 billion, or 4%, to \$62.8 billion and comprised 80% of funding.
- The Company's balance sheet remained strong with total liquidity (liquid assets and undrawn credit facilities) of \$23.7 billion, or 24.7% of total assets.
- The Company has elected to defer the regulatory capital effects of CECL for two years; the estimated Common Equity Tier 1 ratio was 15.9% compared to 14.1%, and the estimated Tier 1 Capital ratio was 16.8% compared to 15.0%, reflecting the Company's strong capital generation capabilities.
- The Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program of up to \$1.6 billion, commencing in the first quarter of 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021.

Key Financial Metrics

- Return on assets was 3.1% and return on equity was 23.6%.
- Net interest margin was 14.64%.
- Efficiency ratio was 37.1%.

Credit Quality

- Loans 30+ days past due as a percentage of total period-end loan receivables were 3.07% compared to 4.44% last year.
- Net charge-offs as a percentage of total average loan receivables were 3.16% compared to 5.15% last year.
- The allowance for credit losses as a percentage of total period-end loan receivables was 12.54%.

Sales Platforms

 Retail Card period-end loan receivables decreased 8%, driven primarily by the impact from COVID-19, partially offset by growth in digital partners. Interest and fees on loans decreased 13%, driven primarily by COVID-19 and the decline in loan receivables. Purchase volume increased 1% and average active accounts decreased 10%.

- Payment Solutions period-end loan receivables decreased 2%, primarily due to the impact from COVID-19, partially offset by growth in Power Sports and Home Specialty. Interest and fees on loans decreased 9%, driven primarily by lower yield on loan receivables. Purchase volume decreased 7% and average active accounts decreased 9%.
- CareCredit period-end loan receivables decreased 7%, driven primarily by the impact from COVID-19. Interest and fees on loans decreased 4%, driven primarily by lower merchant discount as a result of the decline in purchase volume, which decreased 6%. Average active accounts decreased 10%.

* All comparisons are for the fourth quarter of 2020 compared to the fourth quarter of 2019, unless otherwise noted.

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, 2019, as filed February 13, 2020, and the Company's forthcoming Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020. 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 29, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time, Margaret Keane, Chief Executive Officer, Brian Doubles, President, and Brian Wenzel Sr., 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 also be available on the website.

About Synchrony Financial

Synchrony (NYSE: SYF) is a premier consumer financial services company. We deliver a wide range of specialized financing programs, as well as innovative consumer banking products, across key industries including digital, retail, home, auto, travel, health and pet. Synchrony enables our partners to grow sales and loyalty with consumers. We are one of the largest issuers of private label credit cards in the United States; we also offer co-branded products, installment loans and consumer financing products for small-and medium-sized businesses, as well as healthcare providers.

Synchrony is changing what's possible through our digital capabilities, deep industry expertise, actionable data insights, frictionless customer experience and customized financing solutions.

For more information, visit www.synchrony.com and 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, including the future impacts of the novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") outbreak and measures taken in response thereto for which future developments are highly uncertain and difficult to predict; retaining existing partners and attracting new partners, concentration of our revenue in a small number of Retail Card partners, and promotion and support of our products by our partners; cyber-attacks or other security breaches; disruptions in the operations of our computer systems and data centers; the financial performance of our partners; the sufficiency of our allowance for credit losses and the accuracy of the assumptions or estimates used in preparing our financial statements. including those related to the new CECL accounting guidance; 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; damage to our reputation; 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; 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; 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; 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 the 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 third-party 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, 2019, as filed on February 13, 2020, and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020, as filed on October 22, 2020. 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 "CECL fully phased-in" capital measures, 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 | ter Endec | 1 | | | | | | | | Twelve Mo | onths] | Ended | | | |
|--|--------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------------|----|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----|-------------|----------|----|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----|--------------|----------|
| | | Dec 31, 2020 | Sep 3 202 | 30, 20 | | in 30, 2020 | | 1ar 31, 2020 | | Dec 31, 2019 | | 4Q'20 vs. 4 | Q'19 | 1 | Dec 31, 2020 | Ι | Dec 31, 2019 | | YTD'20 vs. Y | TD'19 |
| EARNINGS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net interest income | \$ | 3,659 | \$ | 3,457 | \$ | 3,396 | \$ | 3,890 | \$ | 4,029 | \$ | (370) | (9.2)% | \$ | 14,402 | \$ | 16,799 | \$ | (2,397) | (14.3)% |
| Retailer share arrangements | | (1,047) | | (899) | | (773) | | (926) | | (1,029) | | (18) | 1.7 % | | (3,645) | | (3,858) | | 213 | (5.5)% |
| Provision for credit losses | | 750 | | 1,210 | | 1,673 | | 1,677 | | 1,104 | | (354) | (32.1)% | | 5,310 | | 4,180 | | 1,130 | 27.0 % |
| Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements and provision for credit losses | | 1,862 | | 1,348 | | 950 | | 1,287 | | 1,896 | | (34) | (1.8)% | | 5,447 | | 8,761 | | (3,314) | (37.8)% |
| Other income | | 82 | | 131 | | 95 | | 97 | | 104 | | (22) | (21.2)% | | 405 | | 371 | | 34 | 9.2 % |
| Other expense | | 1,000 | | 1,067 | | 986 | | 1,002 | | 1,079 | | (79) | (7.3)% | | 4,055 | | 4,245 | | (190) | (4.5)% |
| Earnings before provision for income taxes | | 944 | | 412 | | 59 | | 382 | | 921 | | 23 | 2.5 % | | 1,797 | | 4,887 | | (3,090) | (63.2)% |
| Provision for income taxes | | 206 | | 99 | | 11 | | 96 | | 190 | | 16 | 8.4 % | | 412 | | 1,140 | | (728) | (63.9)% |
| Net earnings | \$ | 738 | \$ | 313 | \$ | 48 | \$ | 286 | \$ | 731 | \$ | 7 | 1.0 % | \$ | 1,385 | \$ | 3,747 | \$ | (2,362) | (63.0)% |
| Net earnings available to common stockholders | \$ | 728 | \$ | 303 | \$ | 37 | \$ | 275 | \$ | 731 | \$ | (3) | (0.4)% | \$ | 1,343 | \$ | 3,747 | \$ | (2,404) | (64.2)% |
| COMMON SHARE STATISTICS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic EPS | s | 1.25 | S | 0.52 | ¢ | 0.06 | ¢ | 0.45 | s | 1.15 | ¢ | 0.10 | 8.7 % | ¢ | 2.28 | ¢ | 5.59 | ¢ | (3.31) | (59.2)% |
| Diluted EPS | s S | 1.23 | s | 0.52 | | 0.06 | | 0.45 | \$ \$ | 1.15 | | 0.10 | 7.8 % | • | | 3 S | 5.59 | | (3.29) | (59.2)% |
| Dividend declared per share | s | 0.22 | s | 0.32 | | | s | 0.43 | \$ | 0.22 | | | - % | | | \$ \$ | 0.86 | | 0.02 | 2.3 % |
| Common stock price | s | 34.71 | | 26.17 | | 22.16 | * | 16.09 | \$ \$ | 36.01 | | (1.30) | (3.6)% | • | 34.71 | • | 36.01 | | (1.30) | (3.6)% |
| Book value per share | s | 20.49 | | 19.47 | | 19.13 | | 19.27 | \$ | 23.31 | | (2.82) | (12.1)% | | | \$ | 23.31 | | (2.82) | (12.1)% |
| Tangible common equity per share ⁽¹⁾ | s | | | 15.75 | | 15.28 | | 15.35 | | 19.50 | | (2.78) | (12.1)% | | 16.72 | | 19.50 | | (2.78) | (12.1)% |
| rangiole common equity per share | ψ | 10.72 | φ | 15.75 | Ψ | 15.20 | Ψ | 10.00 | Ψ | 19.50 | Ψ | (2.70) | (11.5)/0 | Ψ | 10.72 | φ | 19.50 | Ψ | (2.70) | (11.5)/0 |
| Beginning common shares outstanding | | 583.8 | | 583.7 | | 583.2 | | 615.9 | | 653.7 | | (69.9) | (10.7)% | | 615.9 | | 718.8 | | (102.9) | (14.3)% |
| Issuance of common shares | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | % | | _ | | _ | | _ | — % |
| Stock-based compensation | | 0.2 | | 0.1 | | 0.5 | | 0.9 | | 0.6 | | (0.4) | (66.7)% | | 1.7 | | 3.1 | | (1.4) | (45.2)% |
| Shares repurchased | | _ | | _ | | _ | | (33.6) | | (38.4) | | 38.4 | (100.0)% | | (33.6) | | (106.0) | | 72.4 | (68.3)% |
| Ending common shares outstanding | | 584.0 | | 583.8 | | 583.7 | | 583.2 | | 615.9 | | (31.9) | (5.2)% | | 584.0 | | 615.9 | | (31.9) | (5.2)% |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | | 583.9 | | 583.8 | | 583.7 | | 604.9 | | 633.7 | | (49.8) | (7.9)% | | 589.0 | | 670.2 | | (81.2) | (12.1)% |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (fully diluted) | | 586.6 | | 584.8 | | 584.4 | | 607.4 | | 637.7 | | (51.1) | (8.0)% | | 590.8 | | 673.5 | | (82.7) | (12.3)% |

(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)

| (unitalities) (unitalities) | | | Quarter Ended | I | | | Twelve Mo | onths Ended | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Dec 31, 2020 | Sep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | Mar 31, 2020 | Dec 31, 2019 | 4Q'20 vs. 4Q'19 | Dec 31, 2020 | Dec 31, 2019 | YTD'20 vs. YTD'19 |
| PERFORMANCE METRICS | | | | | | | | | |
| Return on assets ⁽¹⁾ | 3.1 % | 1.3 % | 0.2 % | 1.1 % | 2.7 % | 0.4 9 | 6 1.4 % | 3.5 % | (2.1)% |
| Return on equity ⁽²⁾ | 23.6 % | 10.3 % | 1.6 % | 9.1 % | 19.0 % | 4.6 9 | 6 11.2 % | 25.1 % | (13.9)% |
| Return on tangible common equity $^{(3)}$ | 30.4 % | 13.1 % | 1.6 % | 11.6 % | 23.0 % | 7.4 9 | 6 14.4 % | 29.9 % | (15.5)% |
| Net interest margin ⁽⁴⁾ | 14.64 % | 13.80 % | 13.53 % | 15.15 % | 15.01 % | (0.37) | | 15.78 % | (1.49)% |
| Efficiency ratio ⁽⁵⁾ | 37.1 % | 39.7 % | 36.3 % | 32.7 % | 34.8 % | 2.3 9 | | 31.9 % | 4.4 % |
| Other expense as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale | 5.01 % | 5.44 % | 5.04 % | 4.77 % | 5.01 % | 0.00 | | 4.79 % | 0.27 % |
| Effective income tax rate | 21.8 % | 24.0 % | 18.6 % | 25.1 % | 20.6 % | 1.2 9 | ⁶ 22.9 % | 23.3 % | (0.4)% |
| CREDIT QUALITY METRICS | | | | | | | | | |
| Net charge-offs as a % of average loan receivables, including held for sale | 3.16 % | 4.42 % | 5.35 % | 5.36 % | 5.15 % | (1.99) | 6 4.58 % | 5.65 % | (1.07)% |
| 30+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables ⁽⁶⁾ | 3.07 % | 2.67 % | 3.13 % | 4.24 % | 4.44 % | (1.37) | % 3.07 % | 4.44 % | (1.37)% |
| 90+ days past due as a % of period-end loan receivables ⁽⁶⁾ | 1.40 % | 1.24 % | 1.77 % | 2.10 % | 2.15 % | (0.75) | | 2.15 % | (0.75)% |
| Net charge-offs | \$ 631 | \$ 866 | \$ 1,046 | \$ 1,125 | \$ 1,109 | \$ (478) (43.1) | | • • • • • • | \$ (1,337) (26.7)% |
| Loan receivables delinquent over 30 days ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 2,514 | \$ 2,100 | \$ 2,453 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,874 | \$ (1,360) (35.1) | 6 \$ 2,514 | \$ 3,874 | \$ (1,360) (35.1)% |
| Loan receivables delinquent over 90 days ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 1,143 | \$ 973 | \$ 1,384 | \$ 1,735 | \$ 1,877 | \$ (734) (39.1) | 6 \$ 1,143 | \$ 1,877 | \$ (734) (39.1)% |
| Allowance for credit losses (period-end) | \$ 10,265 | \$ 10,146 | \$ 9,802 | \$ 9,175 | \$ 5,602 | \$ 4,663 83.2 9 | 6 \$ 10,265 | \$ 5,602 | \$ 4,663 83.2 % |
| Allowance coverage ratio ⁽⁷⁾ | 12.54 % | 12.92 % | 12.52 % | 11.13 % | 6.42 % | 6.12 9 | % 12.54 % | 6.42 % | 6.12 % |
| BUSINESS METRICS | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾ | \$ 39,874 | \$ 36,013 | \$ 31,155 | \$ 32,042 | • • • • • | \$ (338) (0.8) | | \$ 149,411 | \$ (10,327) (6.9)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ 81,867 | \$ 78,521 | \$ 78,313 | \$ 82,469 | \$ 87,215 | | 6 \$ 81,867 | | \$ (5,348) (6.1)% |
| Credit cards | \$ 78,455 | \$ 75,204 | \$ 75,353 | \$ 79,832 | | \$ (6,151) (7.3) | | | \$ (6,151) (7.3)% |
| Consumer installment loans | \$ 2,125 \$ 1,250 | \$ 1,987 \$ 1,270 | \$ 1,779 \$ 1,140 | \$ 1,390 \$ 1,203 | \$ 1,347 \$ 1,223 | \$ 778 57.8 9 \$ 27 229 | | ·)- · | \$ 778 57.8 % \$ 27 2.2 % |
| Commercial credit products Other | \$ 1,250 \$ 37 | \$ 1,270 \$ 60 | \$ 1,140 \$ 41 | \$ 1,203 \$ 44 | \$ 1,225 \$ 39 | \$ 27 2.2 9 \$ (2) (5.1) | | | \$ 27 2.2 % \$ (2) (5.1)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ 79,452 | \$ 78,005 | \$ 78,697 | \$ 84,428 | \$ 85,376 | • () (••) | 6 \$ 80,138 | \$ 59 \$ 88,649 | \$ (8,511) (9.6)% |
| Period-end active accounts (in thousands) $^{(9)(10)}$ | 68,540 | 64,800 | 63,430 | \$ 64,420 68,849 | 75,471 | (6,931) (9.2) | | 75,471 | (6,931) (9.2)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽⁹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ | 66,261 | 64,270 | 64,836 | 72,078 | 73,734 | (7,473) (10.1) | | 75,721 | (8,590) (11.3)% |
| LIQUIDITY | | | | | | | | | |
| Liquid assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 11,524 | \$ 13,552 | \$ 16,344 | \$ 13,704 | | \$ (623) (5.1) | | • • • | \$ (623) (5.1)% |
| Total liquid assets | \$ 18,321 | \$ 21,402 | \$ 22,352 | \$ 19,225 | \$ 17,322 | \$ 999 5.8 9 | 6 \$ 18,321 | \$ 17,322 | \$ 999 5.8 % |
| Undrawn credit facilities | ¢ 5400 | ¢ 5.400 | ¢ 5 (50) | £ 5 (00 | \$ 6.050 | ¢ ((50) (10.7)(| / ¢ 5400 | ¢ (050 | ¢ ((50) (10 7)9/ |
| Undrawn credit facilities Total liquid assets and undrawn credit facilities | \$ 5,400 \$ 23,721 | \$ 5,400 \$ 26,802 | \$ 5,650 \$ 28,002 | \$ 5,600 \$ 24,825 | , | \$ (650) (10.7) \$ 349 1.5 9 | 6 \$ 5,400 6 \$ 23,721 | • • • • • • | \$ (650) (10.7)% \$ 349 1.5 % |
| Liquid assets % of total assets | \$ 23,721 19.09 % | \$ 26,802 22.37 % | \$ 28,002 23.15 % | \$ 24,825 19.61 % | \$ 23,372 16.52 % | \$ 349 1.5 2.57 9 | | | \$ 349 1.5 % 2.57 % |
| Liquid assets % of total assets Liquid assets including undrawn credit facilities % of total assets | 24.72 % | 22.37 % | 29.00 % | 25.32 % | 22.30 % | 2.37 | | 22.30 % | 2.37 % |
| | 2 | 20.02 /0 | 27.00 /0 | 20.02 /0 | 22.30 /0 | 2.12 | 2 | 22.30 /0 | 2.12 /0 |

(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, plus other income, less retailer share arrangements.

(6) Based on customer statement-end balances extrapolated to the respective period-end date.

(7) Allowance coverage ratio represents allowance for credit 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.

STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| | | | (| Quar | ter Ende | ed | | | | | Twelve M | lonth | s Ended | | |
|--|-----------|-------------|----------------|------|----------------|----|-----------------|----------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| | Dec 20 | : 31, 20 | ep 30, 2020 | | un 30, 2020 | N | 4ar 31, 2020 | ec 31, 2019 | 4Q'20 vs. | 4Q'19 | Dec 31, 2020 | | Dec 31, 2019 | YTD'20 vs. | YTD'19 |
| Interest income: | | | | | | | | | | | | _ | | | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 3 | 3,981 | \$ 3,821 | \$ | 3,808 | \$ | 4,340 | \$ 4,492 | \$ (511) | (11.4)% | \$ 15,950 | \$ | 18,705 | \$ (2,755) | (14.7)% |
| Interest on cash and debt securities | | 12 | 16 | | 22 | | 67 | 93 | (81) | (87.1)% | 117 | | 385 | (268) | (69.6)% |
| Total interest income | 3 | 3,993 | 3,837 | | 3,830 | | 4,407 | 4,585 | (592) | (12.9)% | 16,067 | | 19,090 | (3,023) | (15.8)% |
| Interest expense: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest on deposits | | 200 | 245 | | 293 | | 356 | 383 | (183) | (47.8)% | 1,094 | | 1,566 | (472) | (30.1)% |
| Interest on borrowings of consolidated securitization entities | | 52 | 53 | | 59 | | 73 | 80 | (28) | (35.0)% | 237 | | 358 | (121) | (33.8)% |
| Interest on senior unsecured notes | | 82 | 82 | | 82 | | 88 | 93 | (11) | (11.8)% | 334 | | 367 | (33) | (9.0)% |
| Total interest expense | | 334 | 380 | | 434 | | 517 | 556 | (222) | (39.9)% | 1,665 | | 2,291 | (626) | (27.3)% |
| Net interest income | 3 | 3,659 | 3,457 | | 3,396 | | 3,890 | 4,029 | (370) | (9.2)% | 14,402 | | 16,799 | (2,397) | (14.3)% |
| Retailer share arrangements | (1 | 1,047) | (899) | | (773) | | (926) | (1,029) | (18) | 1.7 % | (3,645 |) | (3,858) | 213 | (5.5)% |
| Provision for credit losses | | 750 | 1,210 | | 1,673 | | 1,677 | 1,104 | (354) | (32.1)% | 5,310 | | 4,180 | 1,130 | 27.0 % |
| Net interest income, after retailer share arrangements and provision for credit losses | 1 | 1,862 | 1,348 | | 950 | | 1,287 | 1,896 | (34) | (1.8)% | 5,447 | | 8,761 | (3,314) | (37.8)% |
| Other income: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interchange revenue | | 185 | 172 | | 134 | | 161 | 192 | (7) | (3.6)% | 652 | | 748 | (96) | (12.8)% |
| Debt cancellation fees | | 72 | 68 | | 69 | | 69 | 64 | 8 | 12.5 % | 278 | | 265 | 13 | 4.9 % |
| Loyalty programs | | (202) | (155) | | (134) | | (158) | (181) | (21) | 11.6 % | (649 |) | (743) | 94 | (12.7)% |
| Other | | 27 | 46 | | 26 | | 25 | 29 | (2) | (6.9)% | 124 | | 101 | 23 | 22.8 % |
| Total other income | | 82 | 131 | | 95 | | 97 | 104 | (22) | (21.2)% | 405 | | 371 | 34 | 9.2 % |
| Other expense: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee costs | | 347 | 382 | | 327 | | 324 | 385 | (38) | (9.9)% | 1,380 | | 1,455 | (75) | (5.2)% |
| Professional fees | | 186 | 187 | | 189 | | 197 | 199 | (13) | (6.5)% | 759 | | 867 | (108) | (12.5)% |
| Marketing and business development | | 139 | 107 | | 91 | | 111 | 152 | (13) | (8.6)% | 448 | | 549 | (101) | (18.4)% |
| Information processing | | 128 | 125 | | 116 | | 123 | 122 | 6 | 4.9 % | 492 | | 485 | 7 | 1.4 % |
| Other | | 200 | 266 | | 263 | | 247 | 221 | (21) | (9.5)% | 976 | | 889 | 87 | 9.8 % |
| Total other expense | 1 | 1,000 | 1,067 | | 986 | | 1,002 | 1,079 | (79) | (7.3)% | 4,055 | _ | 4,245 | (190) | (4.5)% |
| Earnings before provision for income taxes | | 944 | 412 | | 59 | | 382 | 921 | 23 | 2.5 % | 1,797 | | 4,887 | (3,090) | (63.2)% |
| Provision for income taxes | | 206 | 99 | | 11 | | 96 | 190 | 16 | 8.4 % | 412 | | 1,140 | (728) | (63.9)% |
| Net earnings | \$ | 738 | \$ 313 | \$ | 48 | \$ | 286 | \$ 731 | \$ 7 | 1.0 % | \$ 1,385 | \$ | 3,747 | \$ (2,362) | (63.0)% |
| Net earnings available to common stockholders | \$ | 728 | \$ 303 | \$ | 37 | \$ | 275 | \$ 731 | \$ (3) | (0.4)% | \$ 1,343 | \$ | 3,747 | \$ (2,404) | (64.2)% |

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| Assets Cash and equivalents | \$ Dec 31, 2020 | Sep 30, 2020 | Jun 30, 2020 | Mar 31, | Dec 31, | Dec 31, 2020 | vs. |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| | \$ 11,524 | | 2020 | 2020 | 2019 | Dec 31, 201 | 19 |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 11,524 | | | | | | |
| | | \$ 13,552 | \$ 16,344 | \$ 13,704 | \$ 12,147 | \$ (623) | (5.1)% |
| Debt securities | 7,469 | 8,432 | 6,623 | 6,146 | 5,911 | 1,558 | 26.4 % |
| Loan receivables: | | | | | | | |
| Unsecuritized loans held for investment | 56,472 | 52,613 | 52,629 | 54,765 | 58,398 | (1,926) | (3.3)% |
| Restricted loans of consolidated securitization entities | 25,395 | 25,908 | 25,684 | 27,704 | 28,817 | (3,422) | (11.9)% |
| Total loan receivables | 81,867 | 78,521 | 78,313 | 82,469 | 87,215 | (5,348) | (6.1)% |
| Less: Allowance for credit losses ⁽¹⁾ | (10,265) | (10,146) | (9,802) | (9,175) | (5,602) | (4,663) | 83.2 % |
| Loan receivables, net | 71,602 | 68,375 | 68,511 | 73,294 | 81,613 | (10,011) | (12.3)% |
| Loan receivables held for sale | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 725 | (720) | (99.3)% |
| Goodwill | 1,078 | 1,078 | 1,078 | 1,078 | 1,078 | _ | % |
| Intangible assets, net | 1,125 | 1,091 | 1,166 | 1,208 | 1,265 | (140) | (11.1)% |
| Other assets | 3,145 | 3,126 | 2,818 | 2,603 | 2,087 | 1,058 | 50.7 % |
| Total assets | \$ 95,948 | \$ 95,658 | \$ 96,544 | \$ 98,038 | \$ 104,826 | \$ (8,878) | (8.5)% |
| Liabilities and Equity | | | | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing deposit accounts | \$ 62,469 | \$ 63,195 | \$ 63,857 | \$ 64,302 | \$ 64,877 | \$ (2,408) | (3.7)% |
| Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts | 313 | 298 | 291 | 313 | 277 | 36 | 13.0 % |
| Total deposits | 62,782 | 63,493 | 64,148 | 64,615 | 65,154 | (2,372) | (3.6)% |
| Borrowings: | | | | | | | |
| Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities | 7,810 | 7,809 | 8,109 | 9,291 | 10,412 | (2,602) | (25.0)% |
| Senior unsecured notes | 7,965 | 7,962 | 7,960 | 7,957 | 9,454 | (1,489) | (15.7)% |
| Total borrowings | 15,775 | 15,771 | 16,069 | 17,248 | 19,866 | (4,091) | (20.6)% |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 4,690 | 4,295 | 4,428 | 4,205 | 4,718 | (28) | (0.6)% |
| Total liabilities | 83,247 | 83,559 | 84,645 | 86,068 | 89,738 | (6,491) | (7.2)% |
| Equity: | | | | | | | |
| Preferred stock | 734 | 734 | 734 | 734 | 734 | _ | % |
| Common stock | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | _ | % |
| Additional paid-in capital | 9,570 | 9,552 | 9,532 | 9,523 | 9,537 | 33 | 0.3 % |
| Retained earnings | 10,621 | 10,024 | 9,852 | 9,960 | 12,117 | (1,496) | (12.3)% |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (51) | (31) | (37) | (49) | (58) | 7 | (12.1)% |
| Treasury stock | (8,174) | (8,181) | (8,183) | (8,199) | (7,243) | (931) | 12.9 % |
| Total equity | 12,701 | 12,099 | 11,899 | 11,970 | 15,088 | (2,387) | (15.8)% |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 95,948 | \$ 95,658 | \$ 96,544 | \$ 98,038 | \$ 104,826 | \$ (8,878) | (8.5)% |

(1) Effective January 1, 2020, the Company adopted ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses ("CECL") that measures the allowance for credit losses based on management's best estimate of expected credit losses for the life of our loan receivables. Prior periods presented reflect measurement of the allowance based on management's estimate of probable incurred credit losses in accordance with the previous accounting guidance effective for those periods.

AVERAGE BALANCES, NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| | | | | | | | (| Quarter Ended | l | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| | | Dec 31, 2020 | | | Sep 30, 2020 | | | Jun 30, 2020 | | | Mar 31, 2020 | | | Dec 31, 2019 | |
| | | 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: | \$ 11,244 | \$ 4 | 0.14 % | \$ 12.664 | \$ 4 | 0.12 % | \$ 15.413 | \$ 3 | 0.08 % | \$ 12,902 | \$ 42 | 1.31 % | ¢ 16.260 | \$ 68 | 1.66 % |
| Interest-earning cash and equivalents Securities available for sale | \$ 11,244 8,706 | 5 4 8 | 0.14 % | \$ 13,664 7,984 | 5 4 12 | 0.12 % | \$ 15,413 6,804 | \$ 5 19 | 1.12 % | 5 12,902 5,954 | \$ 42 25 | 1.51 % | \$ 16,269 4,828 | \$ 68 25 | 2.05 % |
| Loan receivables, including held for sale: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Credit cards | 76,039 | 3,908 | 20.45 % | 74,798 | 3,752 | 19.96 % | 75,942 | 3,740 | 19.81 % | 81,716 | 4,272 | 21.03 % | 81,960 | 4,409 | 21.34 % |
| Consumer installment loans | 2,057 | 50 | 9.67 % | 1,892 | 46 | 9.67 % | 1,546 | 37 | 9.63 % | 1,432 | 35 | 9.83 % | 2,058 | 48 | 9.25 % |
| Commercial credit products | 1,293 | 23 | 7.08 % | 1,238 | 22 | 7.07 % | 1,150 | 30 | 10.49 % | 1,243 | 33 | 10.68 % | 1,311 | 34 | 10.29 % |
| Other | 63 | | — % | 77 | 1 | NM | 59 | 1 | NM | 37 | | — % | 47 | 1 | NM |
| Total loan receivables, including held for sale | 79,452 | 3,981 | 19.93 % | 78,005 | 3,821 | 19.49 % | 78,697 | 3,808 | 19.46 % | 84,428 | 4,340 | 20.67 % | 85,376 | 4,492 | 20.87 % |
| Total interest-earning assets | 99,402 | 3,993 | 15.98 % | 99,653 | 3,837 | 15.32 % | 100,914 | 3,830 | 15.26 % | 103,284 | 4,407 | 17.16 % | 106,473 | 4,585 | 17.08 % |
| Non-interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and due from banks | 1,525 | | | 1,489 | | | 1,486 | | | 1,450 | | | 1,326 | | |
| Allowance for credit losses | (10,190) | | | (9,823) | | | (9,221) | | | (8,708) | | | (5,593) | | |
| Other assets | 5,228 | | | 5,021 | | | 4,779 | | | 4,696 | | | 3,872 | | |
| Total non-interest-earning assets | (3,437) | | | (3,313) | | | (2,956) | | | (2,562) | | | (395) | | |
| Total assets | \$ 95,965 | | | \$ 96,340 | | | \$ 97,958 | | | \$ 100,722 | | | \$ 106,078 | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing deposit accounts | \$ 62,800 | \$ 200 | | \$ 63,569 | \$ 245 | 1.53 % | \$ 64,298 | \$ 293 | 1.83 % | \$ 64,366 | | 2.22 % | * | \$ 383 | 2.32 % |
| Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities | 7,809 | 52 | 2.65 % | 8,057 | 53 | 2.62 % | 8,863 | 59 | 2.68 % | 9,986 | 73 | 2.94 % | 10,831 | 80 | 2.93 % |
| Senior unsecured notes | 7,963 | 82 | 4.10 % | 7,960 | 82 | 4.10 % | 7,958 | 82 | 4.14 % | 8,807 | 88 | 4.02 % | 9,452 | 93 | 3.90 % |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 78,572 | 334 | 1.69 % | 79,586 | 380 | 1.90 % | 81,119 | 434 | 2.15 % | 83,159 | 517 | 2.50 % | 85,663 | 556 | 2.58 % |
| Non-interest-bearing liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts | 308 | | | 307 | | | 309 | | | 299 | | | 281 | | |
| Other liabilities | 4,663 | | | 4,308 | | | 4,349 | | | 4,672 | | | 4,906 | | |
| Total non-interest-bearing liabilities | 4,971 | | | 4,615 | | | 4,658 | | | 4,971 | | | 5,187 | | |
| Total liabilities | 83,543 | | | 84,201 | | | 85,777 | | | 88,130 | | | 90,850 | | |
| Equity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total equity | 12,422 | | | 12,139 | | | 12,181 | | | 12,592 | | | 15,228 | | |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 95,965 | | | \$ 96,340 | | | \$ 97,958 | | | \$ 100,722 | | | \$ 106,078 | | |
| Net interest income | | \$ 3,659 | | | \$ 3,457 | | | \$ 3,396 | | | \$ 3,890 | | | \$ 4,029 | |
| Interest rate spread ⁽¹⁾ | | | 14.29 % | | | 13.42 % | | | 13.11 % | | | 14.66 % | | | 14.50 % |
| Net interest margin ⁽²⁾ | | | 14.64 % | | | 13.80 % | | | 13.53 % | | | 15.15 % | | | 15.01 % |

(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.

AVERAGE BALANCES, NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INTEREST MARGIN

(unaudited, \$ in millions)

| | | ſ | e Months Endeo Dec 31, 2020 | d | | - | ve Months Ended Dec 31, 2019 | |
|--|----|---------|--------------------------------|---------|----|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| | | | Interest | Average | | | Interest | Average |
| | | Average | Income/ | Yield/ | | Average | Income/ | Yield/ |
| | | Balance | Expense | Rate | | Balance | Expense | Rate |
| Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning cash and equivalents | \$ | 13,301 | \$ 53 | 0.40 % | \$ | 12,320 | \$ 258 | 2.09 % |
| Securities available for sale | | 7,367 | 64 | 0.87 % | | 5,464 | 127 | 2.32 % |
| Loan receivables, including held for sale: | | | | | | | | |
| Credit cards | | 77,115 | 15,672 | 20.32 % | | 85,334 | 18,384 | 21.54 % |
| Consumer installment loans | | 1,733 | 168 | 9.69 % | | 1,963 | 182 | 9.27 % |
| Commercial credit products | | 1,231 | 108 | 8.77 % | | 1,306 | 137 | 10.49 % |
| Other | | 59 | 2 | 3.39 % | | 46 | 2 | 4.35 % |
| Total loan receivables, including held for sale | | 80,138 | 15,950 | 19.90 % | | 88,649 | 18,705 | 21.10 % |
| Total interest-earning assets | | 100,806 | 16,067 | 15.94 % | | 106,433 | 19,090 | 17.94 % |
| Non-interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and due from banks | | 1,488 | | | | 1,327 | | |
| Allowance for credit losses | | (9,488) | | | | (5,902) | | |
| Other assets | | 4,932 | | | | 3,819 | | |
| Total non-interest-earning assets | | (3,068) | | | | (756) | | |
| Total assets | \$ | 97,738 | | | \$ | 105,677 | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing deposit accounts | \$ | 63,755 | \$ 1,094 | 1.72 % | \$ | 64,756 | \$ 1,566 | 2.42 % |
| Borrowings of consolidated securitization entities | | 8,675 | 237 | 2.73 % | | 11,941 | 358 | 3.00 % |
| Senior unsecured notes | | 8,171 | 334 | 4.09 % | | 9,310 | 367 | 3.94 % |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | | 80,601 | 1,665 | 2.07 % | | 86,007 | 2,291 | 2.66 % |
| Non-interest-bearing liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Non-interest-bearing deposit accounts | | 306 | | | | 280 | | |
| Other liabilities | | 4,498 | | | | 4,473 | | |
| Total non-interest-bearing liabilities | | 4,804 | | | | 4,753 | | |
| Total liabilities | | 85,405 | | | | 90,760 | | |
| Equity | | | | | | | | |
| Total equity | | 12,333 | | | | 14,917 | | |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ | 97,738 | | | \$ | 105,677 | | |
| Net interest income | * | | \$ 14,402 | | - | | \$ 16,799 | |
| Interest rate spread ⁽¹⁾ | | | | 13.87 % | | | | 15.28 % |
| Net interest margin ⁽²⁾ | | | | 14.29 % | | | | 15.78 % |

(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.

BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS

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

| | | | | Qu | arter Ended | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|----|-----------------|--------|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------------------|---------|
| | Dec 31, 2020 | | Sep 30, 2020 | | Jun 30, 2020 | | Mar 31, 2020 | | Dec 31, 2019 | - | Dec 31, 2020 Dec 31, 20 | |
| BALANCE SHEET STATISTICS | | | | | | _ | | | | | | |
| Total common equity | \$ 11,967 | \$ | 11,365 | \$ | 11,165 | \$ | 11,236 | \$ | 14,354 | \$ | (2,387) | (16.6)% |
| Total common equity as a % of total assets | 12.47 % | Ď | 11.88 % | Ď | 11.56 % | Ď | 11.46 % | Ď | 13.69 % | Ď | | (1.22)% |
| Tangible assets | \$ 93,745 | \$ | 93,489 | \$ | 94,300 | \$ | 95,752 | \$ | 102,483 | \$ | (8,738) | (8.5)% |
| Tangible common equity ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 9,764 | \$ | 9,196 | \$ | 8,921 | \$ | 8,950 | \$ | 12,011 | \$ | (2,247) | (18.7)% |
| Tangible common equity as a % of tangible assets ⁽¹⁾ | 10.42 % | Ď | 9.84 % | , D | 9.46 % | Ď | 9.35 % | Ď | 11.72 % | Ď | | (1.30)% |
| Tangible common equity per share ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 16.72 | \$ | 15.75 | \$ | 15.28 | \$ | 15.35 | \$ | 19.50 | \$ | (2.78) | (14.3)% |

REGULATORY CAPITAL RATIOS⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

| | | Basel III - CECL 7 | Fransition | | Basel III |
|--|--------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| Total risk-based capital ratio ⁽⁴⁾ | 18.1 % | 18.1 % | 17.6 % | 16.5 % | 16.3 % |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio ⁽⁵⁾ | 16.8 % | 16.7 % | 16.3 % | 15.2 % | 15.0 % |
| Tier 1 leverage ratio ⁽⁶⁾ | 14.0 % | 13.3 % | 12.7 % | 12.3 % | 12.6 % |
| Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio | 15.9 % | 15.8 % | 15.3 % | 14.3 % | 14.1 % |

(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 ratios at December 31, 2020 are preliminary and therefore subject to change.

(3) Capital ratios starting March 31, 2020 reflect election to delay for two years an estimate of CECL's effect on regulatory capital in accordance with the interim final rule issued by U.S. banking agencies in March 2020.

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

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

(6) 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) |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|
| (umuuuuuu, | Ψ. | | |

| (unitative,) in minors) | | | | | Qua | arter Ende | ed | | | | | Т | welve Mo | nth | s Ended | | | |
|--|----|---------|----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|----|------------|---------|
| | | | | Sep 30, 2020 | | Jun 30, 2020 |] | Mar 31, 2020 | Dec 31, 2019 | 4Q'20 vs. | 4Q'19 | | Dec 31, 2020 | 7 | Dec 31, 2019 | | YTD'20 vs. | YTD'19 |
| RETAIL CARD | | | | | _ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | \$ | 31,256 | \$ | 27,374 | \$ | 24,380 | \$ | 24,008 | \$ 30,968 | \$ 288 | 0.9 % | \$ | 107,018 | \$ | 114,440 | \$ | (7,422) | (6.5)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ | 52,130 | \$ | 49,595 | \$ | 49,967 | \$ | 52,390 | \$ 56,387 | \$ (4,257) | (7.5)% | \$ | 52,130 | \$ | 56,387 | \$ | (4,257) | (7.5)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ | 50,235 | \$ | 49,503 | \$ | 50,238 | \$ | 53,820 | \$ 54,505 | \$ (4,270) | (7.8)% | \$ | 50,943 | \$ | 58,984 | \$ | (8,041) | (13.6)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | 49,001 | | 47,065 | | 46,970 | | 53,018 | 54,662 | (5,661) | (10.4)% | | 49,258 | | 57,073 | | (7,815) | (13.7)% |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ | 2,719 | \$ | 2,619 | \$ | 2,640 | \$ | 3,037 | \$ 3,143 | \$ (424) | (13.5)% | \$ | 11,015 | \$ | 13,557 | \$ | (2,542) | (18.8)% |
| Other income | \$ | 50 | \$ | 84 | \$ | 56 | \$ | 59 | \$ 77 | \$ (27) | (35.1)% | \$ | 249 | \$ | 277 | \$ | (28) | (10.1)% |
| Retailer share arrangements | \$ | (1,026) | \$ | (877) | \$ | (752) | \$ | (904) | \$ (988) | \$ (38) | 3.8 % | \$ | (3,559) | \$ | (3,762) | \$ | 203 | (5.4)% |
| PAYMENT SOLUTIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | \$ | 5,942 | \$ | 5,901 | \$ | 4,823 | \$ | 5,375 | \$ 6,402 | \$ (460) | (7.2)% | \$ | 22,041 | \$ | 23,880 | \$ | (1,839) | (7.7)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ | 20,153 | \$ | 19,550 | \$ | 19,119 | \$ | 19,973 | \$ 20,528 | \$ (375) | (1.8)% | \$ | 20,153 | \$ | 20,528 | \$ | (375) | (1.8)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ | 19,734 | \$ | 19,247 | \$ | 19,065 | \$ | 20,344 | \$ 20,701 | \$ (967) | (4.7)% | \$ | 19,597 | \$ | 19,918 | \$ | (321) | (1.6)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | 11,536 | | 11,497 | | 11,900 | | 12,681 | 12,713 | (1,177) | (9.3)% | | 11,921 | | 12,451 | | (530) | (4.3)% |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ | 673 | \$ | 650 | \$ | 632 | | 706 | \$ 737 | \$ (64) | (8.7)% | \$ | 2,661 | \$ | 2,829 | | (168) | (5.9)% |
| Other income | \$ | 4 | \$ | | \$ | 14 | | 13 | \$ 4 | \$ — | | \$ | 44 | \$ | 15 | | 29 | 193.3 % |
| Retailer share arrangements | \$ | (17) | \$ | (20) | \$ | (18) | \$ | (18) | \$ (37) | \$ 20 | (54.1)% | \$ | (73) | \$ | (85) | \$ | 12 | (14.1)% |
| CARECREDIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 2,676 | \$ | 2,738 | \$ | 1,952 | \$ | 2,659 | \$ 2,842 | (166) | () | \$ | 10,025 | \$ | | \$ | (1,066) | (9.6)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ | 9,584 | \$ | 9,376 | \$ | 9,227 | \$ | 10,106 | \$ 10,300 | \$ (716) | (7.0)% | | 9,584 | \$ | 10,300 | | (716) | (7.0)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ | 9,483 | \$ | 9,255 | \$ | -) | \$ | 10,264 | \$ 10,170 | \$ (687) | (6.8)% | \$ | | \$ | 9,747 | \$ | (149) | (1.5)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽³⁾ | | 5,724 | | 5,708 | | 5,966 | | 6,379 | 6,359 | (635) | (10.0)% | | 5,952 | | 6,197 | | (245) | (4.0)% |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ | 589 | \$ | 552 | \$ | 536 | \$ | 597 | \$ 612 | (23) | (3.8)% | | 2,274 | \$ | 2,319 | \$ | (45) | (1.9)% |
| Other income | \$ | 28 | \$ | | \$ | 25 | • | 25 | \$ 23 | \$ 5 | 21.7 % | • | | \$ | 79 | • | 33 | 41.8 % |
| Retailer share arrangements | \$ | (4) | \$ | (2) | \$ | (3) | \$ | (4) | \$ (4) | \$ — | % | \$ | (13) | \$ | (11) | \$ | (2) | 18.2 % |
| TOTAL SYF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase volume ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | \$ | 39,874 | \$ | 36,013 | \$ | 31,155 | \$ | 32,042 | \$ 40,212 | \$ (338) | (0.8)% | \$ | 139,084 | \$ | 149,411 | \$ | (10,327) | (6.9)% |
| Period-end loan receivables | \$ | 81,867 | \$ | 78,521 | \$ | 78,313 | \$ | 82,469 | \$ 87,215 | \$ (5,348) | (6.1)% | \$ | 81,867 | \$ | 87,215 | \$ | (5,348) | (6.1)% |
| Average loan receivables, including held for sale | \$ | 79,452 | \$ | 78,005 | \$ | 78,697 | \$ | 84,428 | \$ 85,376 | \$ (5,924) | (6.9)% | \$ | 80,138 | \$ | 88,649 | \$ | (8,511) | (9.6)% |
| Average active accounts (in thousands) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | 66,261 | | 64,270 | | 64,836 | | 72,078 | 73,734 | (7,473) | (10.1)% | | 67,131 | | 75,721 | | (8,590) | (11.3)% |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ | 3,981 | \$ | 3,821 | \$ | 3,808 | \$ | 4,340 | \$ 4,492 | \$ (511) | () | \$ | 15,950 | \$ | 18,705 | \$ | (2,755) | (14.7)% |
| Other income | \$ | 82 | \$ | 131 | | | \$ | 97 | \$ | \$ (22) | ())) | \$ | 405 | \$ | 371 | \$ | 34 | 9.2 % |
| Retailer share arrangements | \$ | (1,047) | \$ | (899) | \$ | (773) | \$ | (926) | \$ (1,029) | \$ (18) | 1.7 % | \$ | (3,645) | \$ | (3,858) | \$ | 213 | (5.5)% |

(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.

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES AND CALCULATIONS OF REGULATORY MEASURES $^{(1)}$

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

| | 1 | Dec 31, 2020 | | Sep 30, 2020 | | Jun 30, 2020 | | Mar 31, 2020 | | Dec 31, 2019 |
|---|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| COMMON EQUITY AND REGULATORY CAPITAL MEASURES ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | | | |
| GAAP Total equity | \$ | 12,701 | \$ | 12,099 | \$ | 11,899 | \$ | 11,970 | \$ | 15,088 |
| Less: Preferred stock | | (734) | | (734) | | (734) | | (734) | | (734) |
| Less: Goodwill | | (1,078) | | (1,078) | | (1,078) | | (1,078) | | (1,078) |
| Less: Intangible assets, net | | (1,125) | | (1,091) | | (1,166) | | (1,208) | | (1,265) |
| Tangible common equity | \$ | 9,764 | \$ | 9,196 | \$ | 8,921 | \$ | 8,950 | \$ | 12,011 |
| Add: CECL transition amount | | 2,686 | | 2,656 | | 2,570 | | 2,417 | | — |
| Adjustments for certain deferred tax liabilities and certain items in accumulated comprehensive income (loss) | | 341 | | 305 | | 302 | | 304 | | 319 |
| Common equity Tier 1 | \$ | 12,791 | \$ | 12,157 | \$ | 11,793 | \$ | 11,671 | \$ | 12,330 |
| Preferred stock | | 734 | | 734 | | 734 | | 734 | _ | 734 |
| Tier 1 capital | \$ | 13,525 | \$ | 12,891 | \$ | 12,527 | \$ | 12,405 | \$ | 13,064 |
| Add: Allowance for credit losses includible in risk-based capital | | 1,079 | | 1,034 | | 1,031 | | 1,082 | | 1,147 |
| Total Risk-based capital | \$ | 14,604 | \$ | 13,925 | \$ | 13,558 | \$ | 13,487 | \$ | 14,211 |
| ASSET MEASURES ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total average assets | \$ | 95,965 | \$ | 96.340 | \$ | 97,958 | \$ | 100.722 | \$ | 106,078 |
| Adjustments for: | Ф | 95,905 | Ф | 90,340 | Ф | 97,938 | Э | 100,722 | э | 100,078 |
| Add: CECL transition amount | | 2,686 | | 2,656 | | 2,570 | | 2,417 | | |
| | | 2,080 | | 2,030 | | 2,370 | | 2,417 | | |
| Disallowed goodwill and other disallowed intangible assets (net of related deferred tax liabilities) and other | | (1,924) | | (1,906) | | (1,980) | | (2,010) | | (2,059) |
| Total assets for leverage purposes | \$ | 96,727 | \$ | 97,090 | \$ | 98,548 | \$ | 101,129 | \$ | 104,019 |
| | \$ | 80,561 | \$ | 76,990 | \$ | 77.048 | \$ | 81,639 | \$ | 87.302 |
| Risk-weighted assets | \$ | 80,361 | \$ | /6,990 | \$ | //,048 | \$ | 81,039 | Э | 87,302 |
| CECL FULLY PHASED-IN CAPITAL MEASURES | \$ | 13,525 | \$ | 12,891 | \$ | 10.507 | ¢ | 12,405 | ¢ | 12.064 |
| Tier 1 capital Less: CECL transition adjustment | 2 | (2,686) | Э | (2,656) | Э | 12,527 (2,570) | \$ | (2,417) | \$ | 13,064 |
| Tier 1 capital (CECL fully phased-in) | | 10,839 | | 10,235 | | 9,957 | | 9,988 | | 13,064 |
| Add: Allowance for credit losses | | 10,265 | | 10,146 | | 9,802 | | 9,175 | | 5,602 |
| Tier 1 capital (CECL fully phased-in) + Reserves for credit losses | \$ | 21,104 | \$ | 20,381 | \$ | 19,759 | \$ | 19,163 | \$ | 18,666 |
| Risk-weighted assets | \$ | 80,561 | \$ | 76,990 | \$ | 77,048 | \$ | 81,639 | \$ | 87,302 |
| Less: CECL transition adjustment | Ψ | (2,477) | Ψ | (2,447) | Ψ | (2,361) | Ψ | (2,204) | Ψ | |
| Risk-weighted assets (CECL fully phased-in) | \$ | 78,084 | \$ | 74,543 | \$ | 74,687 | \$ | 79,435 | \$ | 87,302 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| TANGIBLE COMMON EQUITY PER SHARE | <u>^</u> | a 0 17 | <u>_</u> | 10.17 | | 40.55 | | 10.5- | | |
| GAAP book value per share | \$ | 20.49 | \$ | 19.47 | \$ | 19.13 | \$ | 19.27 | \$ | 23.31 |
| Less: Goodwill | | (1.85) | | (1.85) | | (1.85) | | (1.85) | | (1.75) |
| Less: Intangible assets, net | | (1.92) | | (1.87) | | (2.00) | | (2.07) | _ | (2.06) |
| Tangible common equity per share | \$ | 16.72 | \$ | 15.75 | \$ | 15.28 | \$ | 15.35 | \$ | 19.50 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

(1) Regulatory measures at December 31, 2020 are presented on an estimated basis.

(2) Capital ratios starting March 31, 2020 reflect election to delay for two years an estimate of CECL's effect on regulatory capital in accordance with the interim final rule issued by U.S. banking agencies in March 2020