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Northern Trust Corporation

First Quarter 2015 Quarterly Earnings Review

April 21, 2015



Executive Summary

- Net income of \$230.7 million
- Earnings per common share of \$0.94, up 25% year-over-year
- Return on equity of 11.3%
- The operating environment was mixed:
 - Equity markets were favorable
 - Currency volatility was higher
 - The dollar was stronger
 - Short-term interest rates remained low
- Assets under custody increased 6% year-over-year and 2% sequentially
- Assets under management were 5% higher year-over-year and up 3% sequentially





Summary Results & Key Metrics

\$ in millions (except EPS and as noted)

		% Change Vs.		
	1Q 2015	<u>1Q 2014</u>	4Q 2014	
Revenue (FTE ^{1,2})	\$1,140.7	+9%	-	
Noninterest Expense	789.0	789.0 +3%		
Provision for Credit Losses	(4.5)	N/M	N/M	
Net Income	\$230.7	+27%	-5%	
Earnings per Share	\$0.94	+25%	-4%	
Return on Equity ³	11.3%	9.3%	11.5%	
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Assets under Custody (in billions)	\$6,091	+0%	+2%	
Global Custody Assets (in billions)	\$3,541	+5%	+2%	
Assets under Management (in billions)	\$960	+5%	+3%	



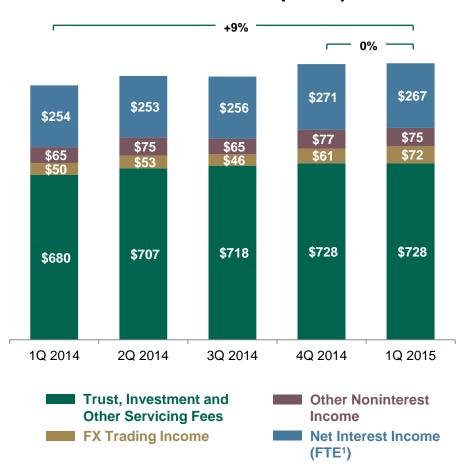
¹ Revenue stated on an FTE basis is a non-GAAP financial measure. A reconciliation to reported revenue prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) is included in the Appendix on page 11.

² Fully taxable equivalent

 $^{^{\}rm 3}\,\text{Actual}$ numbers for all periods, not % change.

\$ in millions

Total Revenue (FTE¹)



- Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees were up 7% yearover-year and flat sequentially due to new business and favorable equity markets
 - Movements in foreign exchange rates detracted from fee growth in both comparisons
- Foreign Exchange Trading Income increased 43% from the prior year and 18% versus the prior quarter due to higher volatility and client volumes
- Other Noninterest Income was
 15% higher than the prior year and
 3% lower sequentially
- Net Interest Income (FTE¹) was up 5% from the prior year but down 2% versus the prior quarter

Categories may not sum due to rounding.



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Trust, Investment & Other Servicing Fees

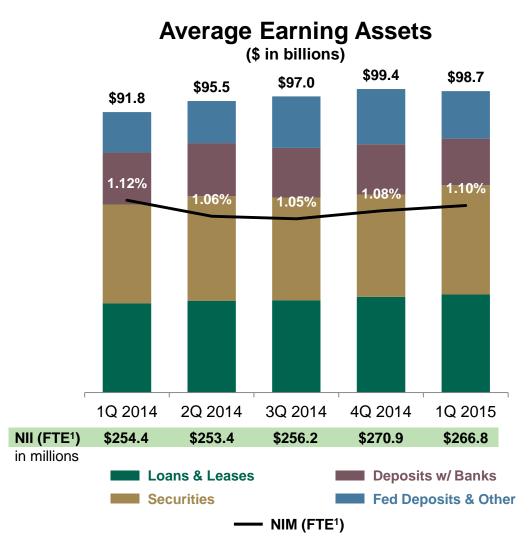
\$ in millions (except as noted)

		% Change Vs.		
Trust, Investment & Other Servicing Fees	1Q 2015	<u>1Q 2014</u>	4Q 2014	
Custody & Fund Administration	\$277.1	+10%	-2%	
Investment Management	76.4	+2%	-2%	
Securities Lending	21.6	-5%	-1%	
Other	32.2	+10%	+13%	
Total Corporate & Institutional Services	\$407.3	+7%	-1%	
Central	\$130.8	+5%	+1%	
East	82.4	+7%	-	
West	66.8	+7%	-1%	
Global Family Office	40.2	+8%	+2%	
Total Wealth Management	\$320.2	+7%	-	
Client assets (in billions):				
C&IS AUC	\$5,566	+6%	+2%	
Global Custody Assets	\$3,541	+5%	+2%	
C&IS AUM	\$727	+4%	+2%	
Securities Lending Collateral	\$123	+6%	+6%	
Wealth Management AUC	\$525	+4%	+2%	
Wealth Management AUM	\$233	+7%	+4%	

- New business and higher equity markets increased client assets and fees but were partially offset by the impact of a stronger dollar
- Money market fee waivers totaled \$15.2 million in C&IS and \$17.7 million in Wealth Management in the current quarter



Net Interest Income



- Average client deposits were up 7% versus 1Q 2014
- The mix of earning assets shifted toward securities and loans
 - Loans and leases were up 10% on average versus the prior year
- Net Interest Margin increased to 1.10% from 1.08% in the prior quarter, but remained lower than one year ago



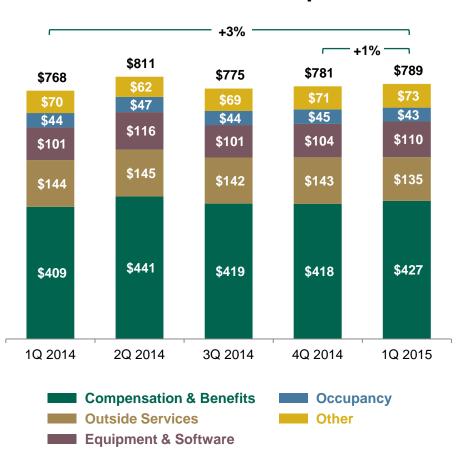
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Noninterest Expense

\$ in millions

Total Noninterest Expense

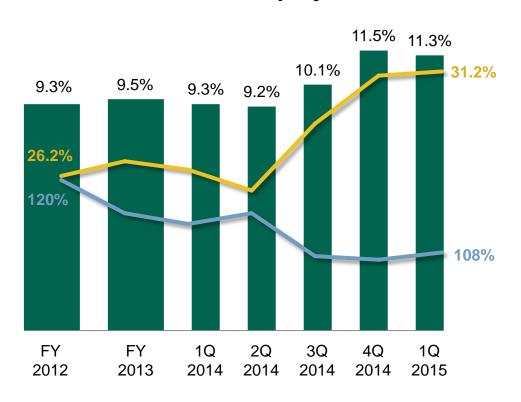


- Compensation & Benefits increased 5% year-over-year and 2% sequentially
 - Growth in salaries and incentives were partially offset by the impact of a stronger dollar
 - Pension expense was \$4 million higher versus the prior year and \$5 million higher sequentially
- Outside Services expense was 6% lower than both last year and last quarter
- Equipment & Software expense was 9% higher than the prior year and 7% higher than the prior quarter



Profitability and Returns

Return on Equity



- We remain focused on sustainably improving profitability and returns
- Ratio of expenses to trust & investment fees and pre-tax margin improved year-over-year
- We achieved a return on equity of 11.3%, within our target range of 10% - 15% and higher than 9.3% in 1Q 2014

—Noninterest Expense as a % of Trust & Investment Fees



Pre-tax Margin (FTE¹)

¹ Pre-tax margin stated on an FTE basis is a non-GAAP financial measure. A reconciliation to reported results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP is included in the Appendix on page 11.



Northern Trust Corporation Capital Ratios

Advanced Approach							
Common Equity Tier 1	11.8%						
Tier 1	12.4%						
Total	14.2%						
Supplementary Leverage	6.4%						
Standardized Approach							
Common Equity Tier 1	10.5%						
Tier 1	11.1%						
Total	13.1%						
Leverage	7.8%						
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Capital Return

- Declared \$79 million in common stock dividends and repurchased \$107 million of common stock in 1Q 2015
- The Federal Reserve did not object to Northern Trust's 2015 capital plan, including:
 - a planned increase in our dividend to \$0.36 per share, and
 - the repurchase of up to \$675 million of common stock through June 2016

As of March 31, 2015. Capital ratios are considered preliminary until the Form 10-Q is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.



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Appendix





Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The following table presents a reconciliation of interest income and net interest income prepared in accordance with GAAP to interest income and net interest income on a fully taxable equivalent (FTE) basis, a non-GAAP financial measure.

Management believes this presentation provides a clearer indication of net interest income and margins for comparative purposes.

	Three Months Ended										
	March 31, 2015				15	December 31, 2014			March 31, 2014		
(\$ In Millions)	Re	ported	FTE	Adj.	FTE	Reported	FTE Adj.	FTE	Reported	FTE Adj.	FTE
Net Interest Income	;										
Interest Income	\$	298.8	\$	6.2	\$ 305.0	\$ 303.9	\$ 7.0	\$ 310.9	\$ 295.4	\$ 8.7	\$ 304.1
Interest Expense		38.2		_	38.2	40.0	_	40.0	49.7	_	49.7
Net Interest Income	\$	260.6	\$	6.2	\$ 266.8	\$ 263.9	\$ 7.0	\$ 270.9	\$ 245.7	\$ 8.7	\$ 254.4
Net Interest Margin		1.07%)		1.10%	1.05%		1.08%	1.09%		1.12%





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