

2017 Annual Report



WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

Message to Shareholders



2017 was another good year for Washington Trust, as we reached a record level of total loans, total deposits and wealth management assets under administration. Earnings were solid, as net income for the year ended December 31, 2017 totaled \$45.9 million, or \$2.64 per diluted share. Income before income taxes for 2017 amounted to \$77.6 million, up by 13% over 2016. Capital levels remained healthy and continued to exceed regulatory requirements.

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act") was signed into law, permanently lowering the corporate federal income tax rate from 35% to 21%, effective January 1, 2018. The enactment of the Tax Act in 2017 required companies to revalue and reassess deferred tax assets and liabilities reflecting the new federal income tax rate. As a result, in the fourth quarter of 2017, Washington Trust's net deferred tax assets were written down by a non-cash charge of \$6.2 million, with a corresponding increase to income tax expense. This write-down reduced 2017 earnings per diluted share by \$0.36.

Washington Trust's overall performance continues to rank us high among banks of similar size in both the Northeast region and nationwide. Our unique business model – personal banking, mortgage banking, commercial

banking, wealth management, and trust services – has been the key to our continued success, allowing us to generate a diverse stream of earnings in all economic cycles.

We reached a record \$3.2 billion in total deposits at year-end with solid increases in demand deposit accounts. Branch expansion contributed to deposit growth by helping us attract and build customer relationships in new markets. In November 2017, we opened a branch in Coventry, RI, providing full-service banking and added convenience to customers and businesses in the central part of the state. While Washington Trust continued to rank third, behind Bank of America and Citizens, in Rhode Island deposit market share, our expanded branch network and strong brand reputation helps us compete against these larger, national institutions.

Mortgage lending had another successful year, recording the second highest production level in Washington Trust's 217-year history. While mortgage activity was steady throughout the region, our Massachusetts loan production offices had an exceptionally good year. Personal service is a key part of our mortgage banking model and recent efforts to attract seasoned lending professionals and implement new technology have helped improve our internal processing and the delivery of service to our customers. Mortgage banking generates significant revenues for the Corporation, so future growth is dependent on developing new programs and strategies to broaden our customer base. In 2017 we introduced I Luv Rhode Island Community Lending, an innovative affordable housing program designed to help low-to-moderate income borrowers achieve home ownership.

Message to Shareholders *cont'd*

Our commercial lending area had another good year, generating new commercial and industrial loans and commercial real estate deals throughout the region. Our commercial portfolio exhibited good diversity and our credit quality remained pristine. The commercial team works in close partnership with the cash management area to build client relationships. In 2017, our cash management team attracted a significant number of new commercial deposits from commercial and institutional clients.

Wealth management had a record 2017, as wealth management revenues amounted to an all-time high \$39.3 million. A robust stock market and market appreciation contributed to a record \$6.7 billion in assets under administration at year-end. Throughout 2017, our wealth management and technology teams worked diligently to implement and test a new integrated wealth management platform, which will be introduced in April 2018. The platform features a portal which will provide clients with a comprehensive view of their investment accounts. The portal is accessible both online and through a mobile application and promises to deliver positive client experiences.

We undertook several key technological initiatives in 2017, as we sought to enhance the customer experience across all delivery channels, reduce enterprise risk and improve internal processes. In October 2017, a team of more than 100 employees successfully conducted a data migration of our in-house core operating system to an externally hosted environment. The spirit of cooperation among the team was critical to ensuring the project was completed on time and on budget.

One of the Corporation's core values is "community," and Washington Trust (and our employees) actively supports the communities in which we live and work through financial donations and voluntary support. In May 2017, more than 100 employees participated in the 1st Annual Washington Trust Statewide Beach Cleanup, beautifying eight Rhode Island State beaches in preparation for the summer tourist season. We held our 17th Annual Peanut Butter Drive to help stock the local food banks' shelves and feed hungry families. Our Charitable Foundation contributed to a number of notable causes, including the Station Fire Memorial Foundation and the Westerly Higher Education and Job Skills Center.

In appreciation of our employees' hard work and dedication, and as a result of the anticipated reduction in corporate taxes from the Tax Act, Washington Trust provided special employee compensation enhancements in January 2018.

Washington Trust received numerous accolades both locally and nationally. We were named one of the Best Places to Work in Rhode Island by Providence Business News for the 7th consecutive year. We received the Exemplary Worksite Health Award from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce for effective programs encouraging employee health and well-being. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. named Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. to its "Bank Honor Roll" of superior performers for the 6th consecutive year.

In September 2017, we announced the planned retirement in January 2018 of David Devault, who served as Vice Chair, Chief

Financial Officer and Secretary, after 31 years with Washington Trust. David played a key role in the Corporation's growth and success over time and deserves our utmost appreciation for his personal and professional commitment and unparalleled work ethic.

Washington Trust begins a new chapter in 2018 with a new executive leadership team at the helm. Upon my retirement in March, I will continue to serve as a member of Washington Trust's board of directors, Ned Handy will assume my position as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Mark Gim will become President and Chief Operating Officer. They will be joined by Ron Ohsberg, who succeeded David Devault. I am confident that Ned, Mark, Ron, and the entire leadership team will continue to guide the Corporation by the same core values and principles that have been key to our success for more than 217 years. We remain committed to our customers, employees, and shareholders and thank you for your continued support.



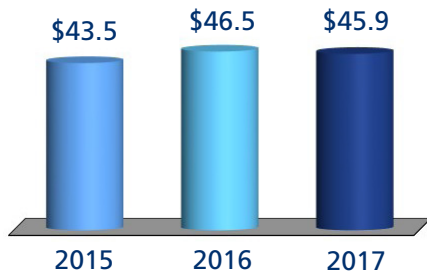
Joseph J. MarcAurele
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**



Washington Trust's New Executive Leadership Team, pictured left to right: Mark Gim, President and Chief Operating Officer; Ned Handy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; and Ron Ohsberg, Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

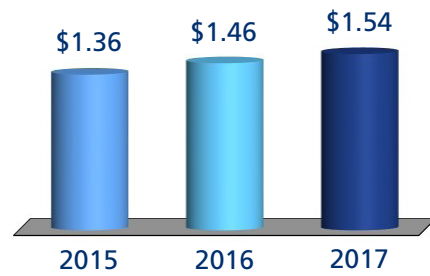
Financial Highlights

Net Income



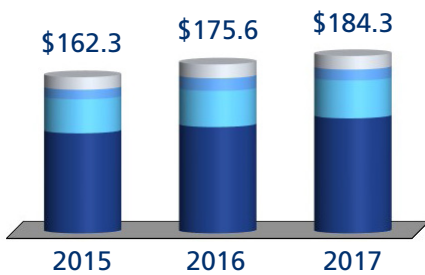
In Millions

Cash Dividends Declared Per Share



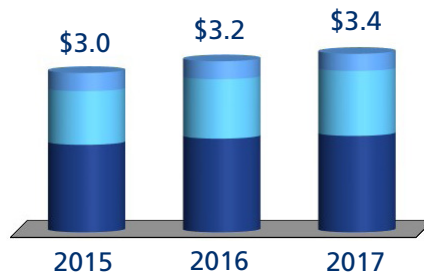
In Dollars

Total Revenues



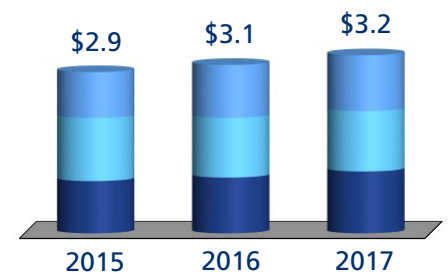
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Total Loans

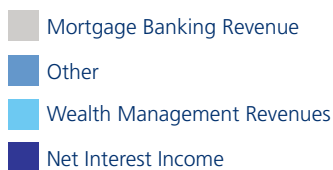


Year-end; In Billions

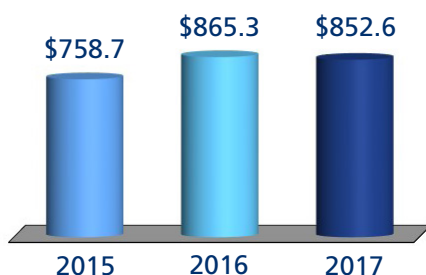
Total Deposits



Year-end; In Billions

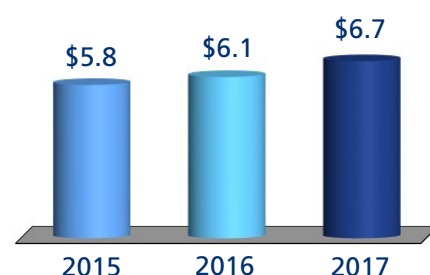


Mortgage Originations



Including Brokered Loans as Agent; In Millions

Wealth Management Assets Under Administration



Year-end; In Billions

Financial Highlights *cont'd*

Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts	At or for the years ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Financial Condition					
Total assets	\$4,529,850	\$4,381,115	\$3,771,604	\$3,586,874	\$3,188,867
Total securities	793,495	755,545	395,067	382,884	422,808
Total loans	3,374,071	3,234,371	3,013,127	2,859,276	2,462,884
Allowance for loan losses	26,488	26,004	27,069	28,023	27,886
Total deposits	3,242,707	3,063,752	2,934,255	2,754,818	2,505,321
Total shareholders' equity	413,284	390,804	375,388	346,279	329,646
Book value per share	23.99	22.76	22.06	20.68	19.84
Total risk-based capital ratio	12.45%	12.26%	12.58%	12.56%	13.29%
Equity to assets	9.12%	8.92%	9.95%	9.65%	10.34%
Operating Results					
Net interest income	\$119,531	\$110,478	\$103,982	\$99,505	\$91,785
Provision for loan losses	2,600	5,650	1,050	1,850	2,400
Wealth management revenues	39,346	37,569	35,416	33,378	31,825
Mortgage banking revenues	11,392	13,183	9,901	7,152	13,293
Income before income taxes	77,640	68,854	64,343	59,823	52,680
Income tax expense	31,715	22,373	20,878	18,999	16,527
Net income	45,925	46,481	43,465	40,824	36,153
Diluted earnings per common share	2.64	2.70	2.54	2.41	2.16
Cash dividends declared per share	1.54	1.46	1.36	1.22	1.03
Return on average assets	1.04%	1.16%	1.19%	1.23%	1.17%
Return on average equity	11.26%	11.96%	12.00%	11.87%	11.65%
Net interest margin (taxable equivalent basis)	2.93%	3.02%	3.12%	3.28%	3.28%
Asset Quality					
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.34%	0.53%	0.58%	0.48%	0.62%
Total past due loans to total loans	0.59%	0.76%	0.58%	0.63%	0.89%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	0.79%	0.80%	0.90%	0.98%	1.13%
Net loan charge-offs to average loans	0.06%	0.21%	0.07%	0.07%	0.23%

Stock Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company

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The Corporation's 2018 Proxy Statement, Form 10-K and Annual Report for 2017 are available online by visiting the Corporation's website www.washtrustbancorp.com/proxy, by calling the Corporation's toll-free number 800-475-2265 extension 1566, or by email at investor.relations@washtrust.com.

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This report contains certain statements that may be considered "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Actual results, performance or achievements of Washington Trust may differ materially from those discussed in these forward-looking statements, as a result of, among other factors, the factors described under the caption "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and updated by our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. You should carefully review all of these factors, and you should be aware that there may be other factors that could cause these differences. These forward-looking statements were based on information, plans and estimates at the date of this report, and Washington Trust assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, future events or other changes.

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**As of March 2, 2018*

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Plainfield Pike Office

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Warwick, RI 02886
401-739-2353

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Parent Company of The Washington Trust Company

The Corporation has an Affirmative Action Plan and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Washington Trust is also a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.