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ABOUT BAYFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

TAMPA BAY'S PREMIER COMMUNITY BANKING FRANCHISE

HOW WE RANK

N THE TAMPA BAY-SARASOTA REGION⁽¹⁾

ASSET SIZE

\$1.29 BILLION TOTAL ASSETS (2)

ASSET GROWTH

143% ASSET GROWTH SINCE DEC 31, 2019⁽²⁾

SBA ORIGINATION

#9 SBA 7(a) ORIGINATOR IN THE NATION BY UNITS (3)

NET INTEREST MARGIN

BASIS POINT
IMPROVEMENT FROM
THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

DEPOSITS

\$158.1 MILLION IN TOTAL DEPOSIT GROWTH OVER THE PAST YEAR⁽²⁾

COMMUNITY BANKING

Named the Best Bank in Florida in 2024⁽⁴⁾



- (1) Deposit ranking of banks with assets less than \$10B headquartered in the Tampa-Sarasota region as of September 30, 2024 from Uniform Bank Performance Reports
- (2) Financial data as of December 31, 2024
- (3) As of SBA's quarter ended December 31, 2024
- (4) Forbes America's Best in State Banks list published June 18, 2024

KEY INVESTMENT POINTS





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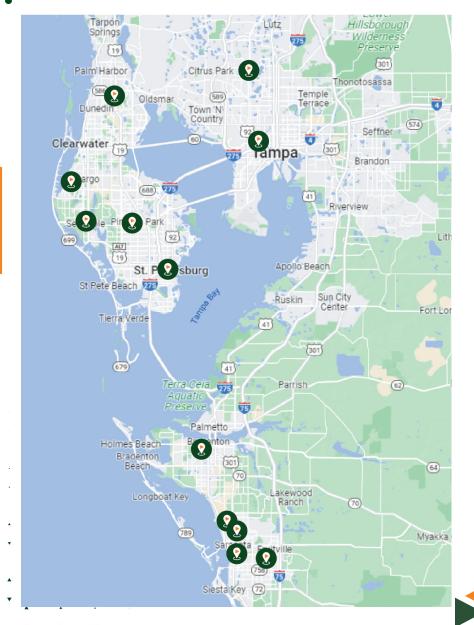
ABOUT BAYFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.





CURRENT BANKING CENTER LOCATION

CONVENIENT AND ATTRACTIVE BANKING CENTER
FRANCHISE IN
TAMPA BAY-SARASOTA REGION



INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY BANK



Technology focused community bank with diversified revenue streams

COMMUNITY BANKING

- 12 banking centers in Tampa Bay-Sarasota region
- Full suite of commercial and consumer loan and deposit products to meet the needs of Tampa Bay individuals, families and small businesses

TECHNOLOGY FOCUSED

- Advanced technology platform to support innovative products and services while improving efficiencies
- PowerLOS is an automated, highly scalable SBA and commercial loan origination system
- Working with FinTechs to offer new and innovative services through Mulesoft API platform

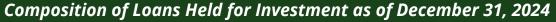


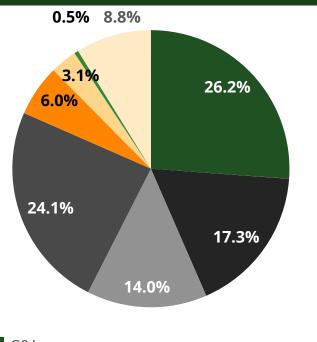
GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED BANKING

- BayFirst's in-house government guaranteed banking platform
- #9 SBA lender in units and #16 in dollars as of SBA's quarter ended 12/31/24
- Small Loan Balance program:
 - Includes our Bolt loans up to \$150K, with up to 85% SBA government guarantee
- Core program:
 - Traditional SBA loans over \$150K and up to \$5 million
 - Supports organic loan generation through sales team and partners

ATTRACTIVE LOAN COMPOSITION







- C&I
- Residential
- HELOC
- Owner-occupied nonfarm/nonresidential
- Other nonfarm/nonresidential
- C&D
- Multifamily residential and farmland
- Consumer & Other

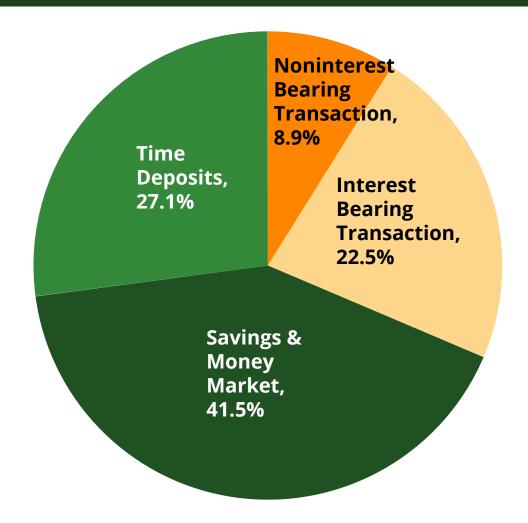
Loan Highlights

- Loan portfolio is well-diversified across major loan types with a low concentration of non owner-occupied commercial real estate loans
- Total loan production of \$159 million during the quarter and \$701 million for the year
- Loans held for investment grew \$24 million during the quarter and \$151 million for the year

SOLID DEPOSIT COMPOSITION



Deposit Portfolio Composition as of December 31, 2024



Deposit Highlights

- Total Deposits grew \$31 million for the quarter and \$158 million during the year
- Approximately 74% of deposits are insured as of December 31, 2024
- Minimal use of short-term brokered deposits (\$112 million as of December 31, 2024)
- Grew number of checking accounts by 16% YTD

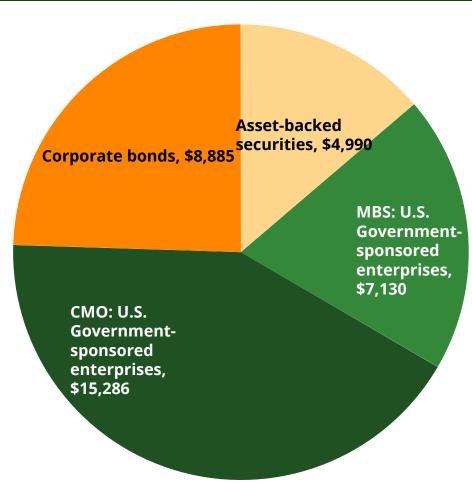
INVESTMENT SECURITIES



Investment Securities Portfolio Details

AFS Investment Securities Portfolio as of December 31, 2024 (fair market value, in thousands)

- Minimal exposure to market value losses due to modest investment securities portfolio (0.3% of total assets)
- Other Comprehensive Loss of \$3.0 million reduced Tangible Book Value by \$0.72 as of December 31, 2024
 - We intend and have the ability to hold the available for sale investment securities to maturity; no plan to sell
 - No impact to regulatory capital ratios
- \$2.5 million of HTM investment securities, net of ACL of \$12 thousand





2025 INITIATIVES

Get ready to **SOAR**:

- **S**trive for operational excellence
- Optimize our technology platform to be more data driven
- Accelerate our focus on business banking
- Realign and diversify our sources of revenue





	For the Three Months Ended					
(\$000s)	12/31/2024	9/30/2024	Increase/ (Decrease)	12/31/2023	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Interest income	\$ 21,754	\$ 21,442	\$ 312	\$ 18,854	\$ 2,900	
Interest expense	11,101	11,993	(892)	9,977	1,124	
Net interest income	10,653	9,449	1,204	8,877	1,776	
Provision for credit losses	4,546	3,122	1,424	2,737	1,809	
Noninterest income	22,276	12,272	10,004	14,691	7,585	
Noninterest expense	15,335	17,064	(1,729)	18,466	(3,131)	
Income tax expense	3,272	398	2,874	704	2,568	
Net income from continuing operations	9,776	1,137	8,639	1,661	8,115	
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations				(6)	6	
Net income	9,776	1,137	8,639	1,655	8,121	
Preferred dividends	385	385		341	44	
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 9,391	\$ 752	\$ 8,639	\$ 1,314	\$ 8,077	



(\$000s)		2024		2023		Increase/ (Decrease)
Interest income	\$	82,810	\$	68,517	\$	14,293
Interest expense		44,784		32,086		12,698
Net interest income		38,026		36,431		1,595
Provision for credit losses		14,726		10,445		4,281
Noninterest income		60,469		49,755		10,714
Noninterest expense		66,782		67,707		(925)
Income tax expense		4,315		2,119		2,196
Net income from continuing operations		12,672		5,915		6,757
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations		(69)		(213)		144
Net income		12,603		5,702		6,901
Preferred dividends		1,541		965		576
Net income available to common shareholders	\$	11,062	\$	4,737	\$	6,325

Q4 2024

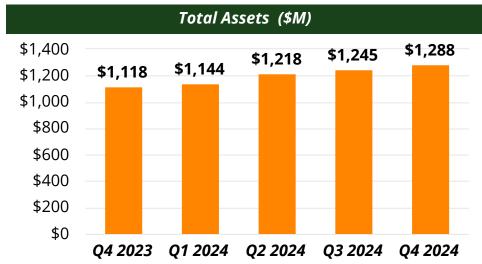


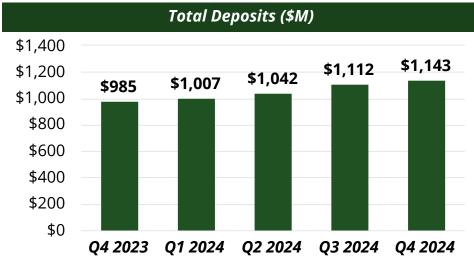
		As of and For the Three Months Ended					As of and For the Year Ended			
	12/3	31/2024	_	9/30/2024	1	12/31/2023		12/31/2024		12/31/2023
Return on average assets ⁽¹⁾		3.07 %)	0.37 %		0.60 %		1.05 %		0.54 %
Return on average common equity ⁽¹⁾		42.71 %)	3.48 %		6.37 %		12.84 %		5.87 %
Tangible book value per common share	\$	22.95	\$	20.86	\$	20.60	\$	22.95	\$	20.60
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	2.11	\$	0.18	\$	0.32	\$	2.62	\$	1.12
Dividend payout ratio		3.52 %)	43.98 %		25.03 %		11.96 %		27.70 %
Total Capital (to risk-weighted assets) ⁽²⁾		12.14 %)	11.39 %		13.03 %		12.14 %		13.03 %
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to risk-weighted assets) ⁽²⁾		10.89 %)	10.14 %		11.77 %		10.89 %		11.77 %
Tier 1 Capital (to total assets) ⁽²⁾		8.82 %)	8.41 %		9.38 %		8.82 %		9.38 %
Nonperforming loans (excl gov't gtd balance)/total loans held for investment ⁽³⁾		1.35 %)	1.15 %		1.00 %		1.35 %		1.00 %
ACL/Total loans held for investment at amortized cost		1.54 %)	1.48 %		1.64 %		1.54 %		1.64 %

⁽¹⁾ Annualized ⁽²⁾ Capital Ratios are at the Bank ⁽³⁾ Excludes loans measured at fair value

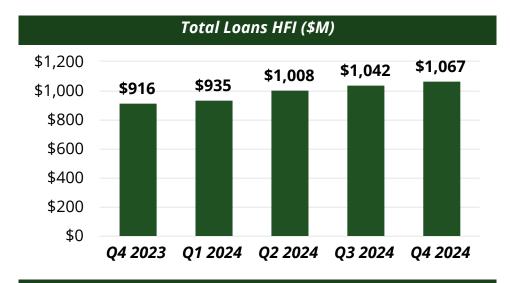
STRATEGIC GROWTH

Strong balance sheet on track for continued sustainable growth





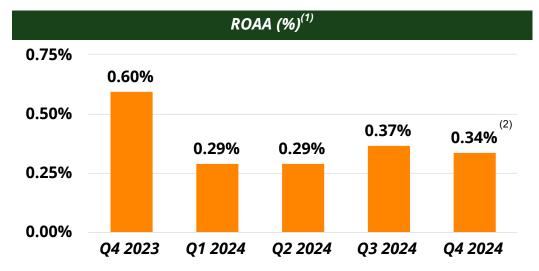
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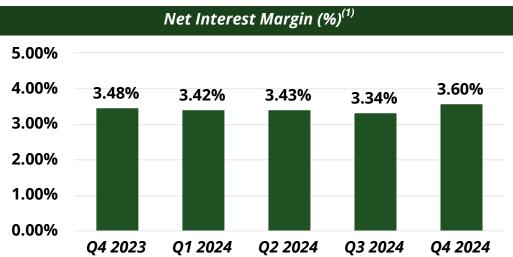


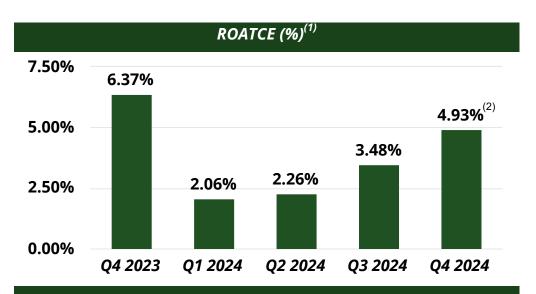


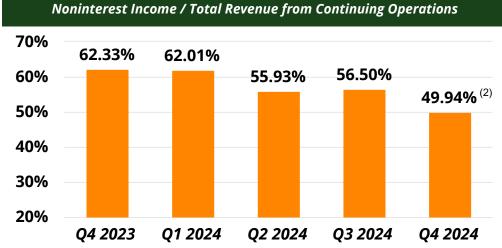
SUMMARY OF KEY RATIOS









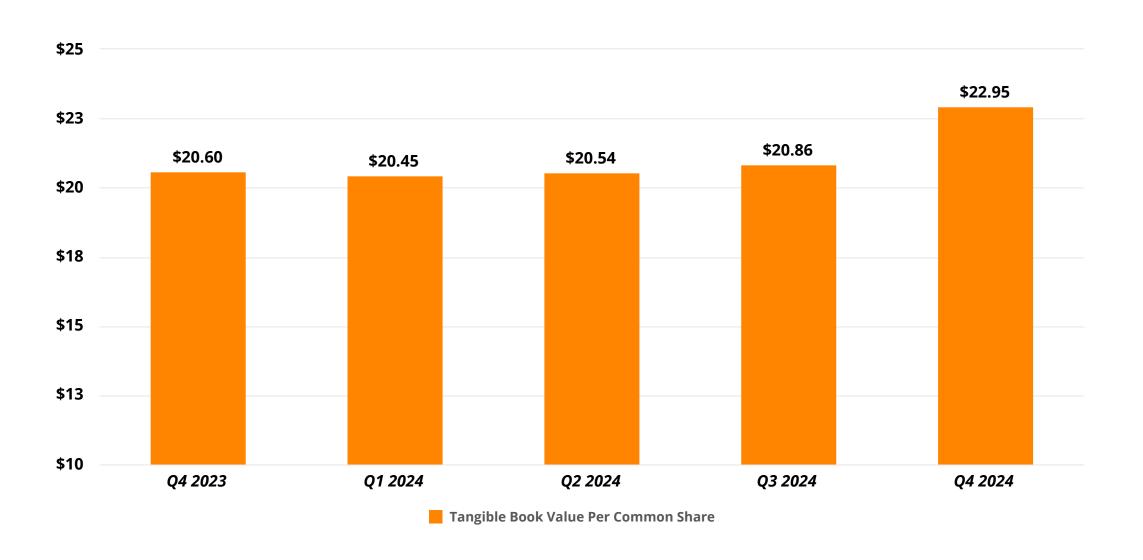


⁽¹⁾Annualized

⁽²⁾ Excludes gain on sale of premises and equipment of \$11,649 (\$8,692, net of tax) related to sale-leaseback transaction

TANGIBLE BOOK VALUE PER COMMON SHARE



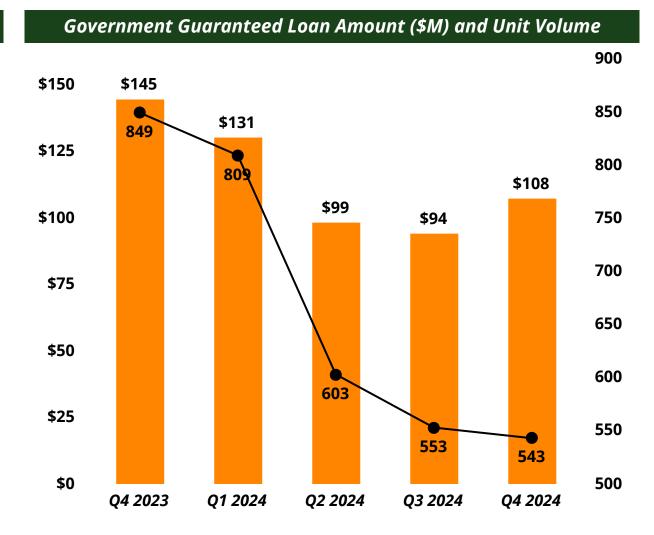


GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED BANKING



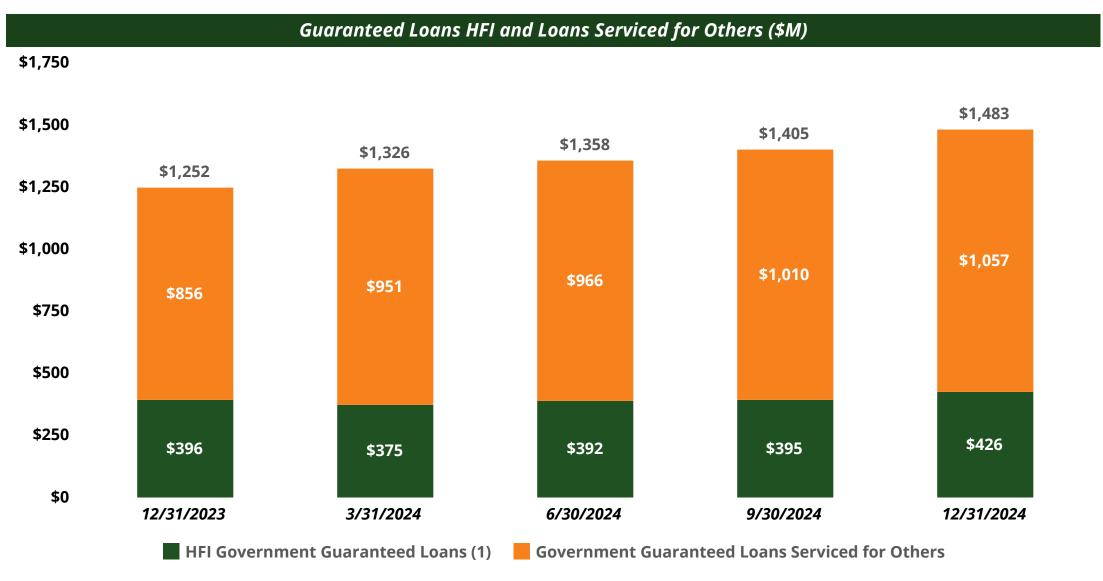
Q4 2024 Highlights

- Nationally ranked #9 in total SBA units and #16 in dollars for the SBA's quarter ended December 31, 2024
- Strategic initiative to expand USDA business and industry lending program: a total of 3 experienced USDA lenders to support this effort
- Total Q4 2024 government guaranteed loan production decreased 25.6% from Q4 2023 as a result of tighter credit underwriting standards
- The Company's specialty Bolt program, an SBA 7(a) loan product designed to provide working capital loans of \$150 thousand or less to businesses throughout the country
 - Since the launch in June 2022, the Company originated loans totaling \$741.5 million, including \$64.8 million in Q4 2024
 - New automation program launched through proprietary loan origination system PowerLOS and Open API, allowing increased volume and efficiency while limiting additional staff



Government Guaranteed Loans





⁽¹⁾ Excludes PPP loans

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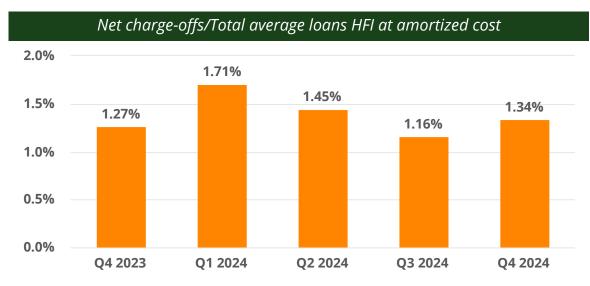
GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED LOAN ORIGINATIONS

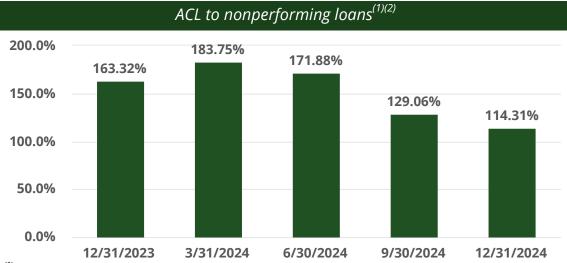
		Quarter Ended									
(\$000s)	12/	31/2023	3/31/2024	6/30	/2024	9/30/2024	12/31/2024				
SBA 7(a)	\$	33,115	\$ 29,967	\$	24,624	\$ 26,982	\$ 23,447				
SBA 504		482	2,419		2,593	1,359	1,982				
USDA		9,080	_		_	800	17,450				
Bolt		102,264	98,170		71,459	65,218	64,905				
Total	\$	144,941	\$ 130,556	\$	98,676	\$ 94,359	\$ 107,784				

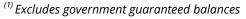
ASSET QUALITY



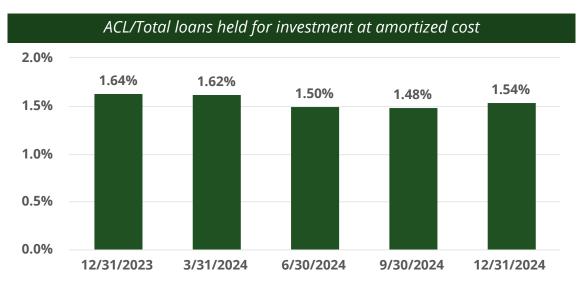
Strong reserve well-positioned to withstand volatility in economic conditions

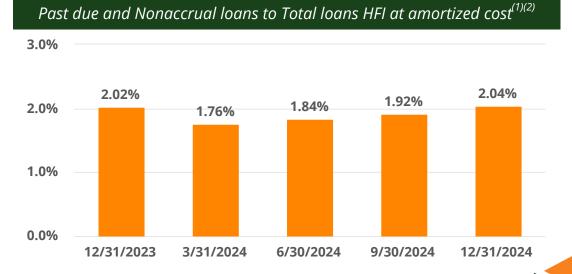






⁽²⁾ Excludes loans measured at fair value







UPGRADE CONSUMER LOANS

Purchased unsecured consumer loans

(no purchases after 2022: additional purchases are not planned)

	Quarter ended							
(\$000s)	12/31/2023	3/31/2024	6/30/2024	9/30/2024	12/31/2024			
Ending balance	\$ 17,027	\$ 14,345	\$ 12,012	\$ 10,100	\$ 8,343			
30-89 days past due	1,021	718	572	445	403			
90+ days past due	258	170	137	234	186			
Net charge-offs	896	770	576	305	394			
Net charge-offs to average loans (annualized)	19.32 %	19.53 %	6 17.40 %	á 11.04 %	6 17.05 %			

COMMUNITY BANKING PERFORMANCE



Q4 2024 Highlights

Q4 2024 Loan Production Summary:

- Loan production during the quarter was \$51.0 million⁽¹⁾
- Loans held for investment, including government guaranteed loans, increased by a net \$24.8 million QoQ

Q4 2024 Deposit Summary:

- Deposit balances increased \$31.0 million QoQ
- Deposit portfolio decreased slightly by 1.1% in number of accounts (to 20,942 accounts totaling \$1.14 billion) QoQ

Customer Commitment:

Named the Best Bank in Florida in 2024⁽³⁾

Banking Center & Deposits									
(\$ i	in 000s)				To	otal Deposits			
#	Branch	Year Opened	1	12/31/2024		12/31/2023	1.	2/31/2022	
1	St. Petersburg ⁽²⁾	2017	\$	323,294	\$	265,715	\$	246,813	
2	Seminole	1999		156,344		143,073		131,257	
3	Pinellas Park	2005		101,563		96,019		69,976	
4	Downtown Sarasota	2018		179,252		164,594		159,302	
5	Countryside	2018		59,228		59,172		66,827	
6	West Tampa	2020		108,912		102,958		68,834	
7	Belleair Bluffs	2021		52,134		38,531		31,011	
8	West Bradenton	2022		60,011		54,307		21,050	
9	Carrollwood	2023		51,082		39,341		_	
10	Bee Ridge	2023		30,325		21,426		_	
11	North Sarasota	2023		1,305		2		_	
12	South Tamiami Trail	2024		19,779		_		_	
Tot	tal Branches (12)		\$	1 143 229	\$	985 138	\$	795 070	

(3) Forbes America's Best in State Banks list published June 18, 2024

⁽¹⁾ Excludes government guaranteed loan production (2) St. Petersburg branch deposits include other deposits generated by Government Guaranteed Banking, Cash Management, Corporate Treasury, and Virtual

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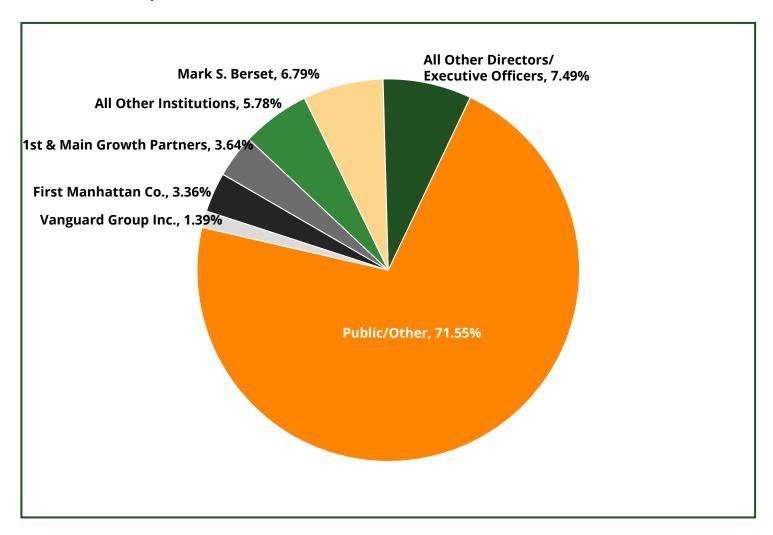
APPENDIX



OWNERSHIP OVERVIEW



Total Common Stock Ownership Mix



DEPOSITS IN TAMPA BAY-SARASOTA REGION



	Total Deposits (Tota	l Assets <\$10BN and HQ in Tan	npa-Sarasota Region)	
Rank	Institution	Deposits (\$ millions)	Branches (No.)	Average Deposits per Branch (\$ millions)
1	Bank of Tampa	\$2,727	13	\$210
2	BayFirst National Bank	1,112	12	93
3	Flagship Bank	568	6	95
4	Climate First	782	3	261
5	TCM Bank NA	264	1	264
6	Gulfside Bank	253	1	253
7	Central Bank	264	4	66
8	Waterfall Bank	221	1	221
9	Century Bank of Florida	92	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	`.`.`.\.\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\

LIQUIDITY SOURCES



Available Liquidity

- \$80 million in cash and due from other banks
- \$36 million in AFS investment securities

Off Balance Sheet Sources of Liquidity

- \$185 million of unused, available borrowing capacity at the FHLB based on pledged loans
- \$50 million available at the Federal Reserve Bank based on pledged loans
- \$50 million in available Fed Funds borrowing lines from other banks

Contingent Sources

- Up to \$81 million in brokered deposits ⁽¹⁾
- Up to \$386 million in listing service deposits (1)

⁽¹⁾ Based on Bank's policy limits
Data as of December 31, 2024

EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP TEAM





Thomas G. Zernick

Chief Executive Officer & Director of BayFirst and the Bank

- Joined BayFirst in Q1 2016
- Previous experience includes Florida Market President of Stearns Bank, SBA Product Manager of HomeBanc, and Community Bank President and SBA President of Republic Bank (MI)
- B.A. in Business Administration from University of Notre Dame



Robin Oliver

President & Chief Operating Officer of BayFirst and the Bank

- Joined BayFirst as CFO in Q2 2018; Prior to joining BayFirst, Controller of Central Bank & Trust Co., a \$2.5 billion privately held financial institution in Lexington, Kentucky, from May 2014 to June 2018
- Approximately 16 years with Crowe LLP as an auditor in the financial institution practice; served over 80 financial institution clients with assets ranging from \$50 million to \$4.5 billion throughout career, including several SEC registrants and FDICIA reporting institutions
- B.S. in Accounting from the University of Kentucky



Scott J. McKim

EVP, Chief Financial Officer of BayFirst and the Bank

- Joined BayFirst in July 2023
- Previous experience includes Chief Strategy Officer of 121 Financial Credit Union, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Lending Officer of Publix Employees Federal Credit Union, and Director of Corporate Finance and Divisional CFO for Huntington Bancshares
- B.S. in Accounting from Bowling Green State University and a M.B.A from Max M. Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University

EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP TEAM





Brandi Jaber

EVP, Chief Production
Officer

- Joined BayFirst in Q4 2017; Prior to joining BayFirst, over fifteen years of Mortgage Banking administration experience as well as Human Resources experience supporting mid-size financial institutions
- B.B.S from The University of Florida and M.B.A from The University of Tampa



Thomas Quale

EVP, Chief Lending Officer and Market President

- Joined BayFirst in 2018
- Held leadership positions at multiple institutions amassing expertise in many areas of community banking and business development
- B.S. in Economics with an emphasis in Mathematics from University of Wisconsin-Madison



Susan Khayat

EVP, Chief Credit Officer

- Prior to joining BayFirst in 2025, Ms. Khayat served as Chief Credit Officer at Fieldpoint Private Bank and assisted
 Price Waterhouse Coopers with compliance risk reviews while contracted with MBO Partners in Atlanta and has
 served as Chief Risk Officer and Chief Credit Officer at other community banks and worked many years as a bank
 regulator with the US Department of the Treasury
- Ms. Khayat received her BBA in Finance from Mercer University



Nick Smith

EVP, Chief Human Resources Officer

- Prior to joining the BayFirst HR team in January 2021, Nick served in leadership roles in the finance, aerospace, and pulp and paper industries.
- BA from Murray State University and his MBA from University of Southern Indiana