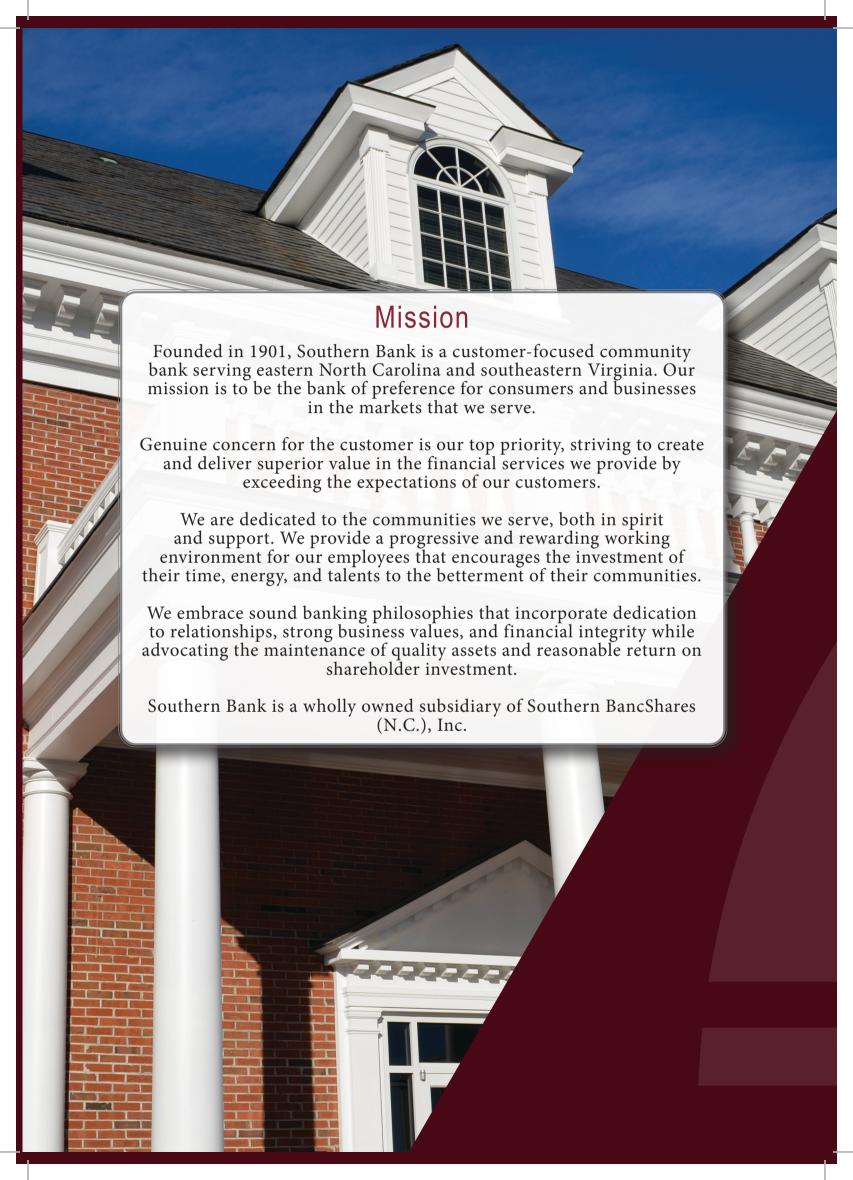


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Letter to Shareholders

The year 2021 saw our Company as well as our industry, state, and nation move gradually toward normalcy from the worst of the pandemic. While we have felt the continued weight of COVID during this year, we are grateful the burden was modest compared to that felt by those in our healthcare systems and schools. Our associates' resiliency continues to be amazing. Our Board of Directors could not be more proud of their strength and progress during this trying time. We are pleased to report that our Company's condition remains strong, and we have great optimism about the future.

The last three years have made it clear that focusing on community banking principles continues to be the bedrock of our success. Our recent growth has clearly been the result of the excellent work of our team; however, we also recognize that the numerous stimulus programs enacted by the Federal Government have distorted our economy in many ways. seen material disruptions in supply chains, employment markets, and a level of inflation not seen for 40 years. The Federal Reserve Bank has signaled its intentions to lift rates from historic lows. While a rising-rate environment typically portends better bank performance over time, our greater concern is the damage wrought to consumers and commercial customers if the Federal Reserve Bank executes poorly. We believe strongly that ours can be a forgiving business over time as long as government policy supports a healthy consumer.

Once again, Southern Bank has enjoyed historic increases in both loans and deposits during the year totaling \$139.9 million and \$603.4 million, respectively. We are sound financially and stand ready for future developments; however, the unknown continues to be pandemicrelated market distortions and the possibility they may create headwinds to our success in future periods.

Our Company enjoyed another year of record demand for mortgage services, with our mortgage team closing a remarkable 1,366 mortgage loans totaling \$205.9 million during 2021. Southern Investment Services also enjoyed a banner year, growing their total revenue by \$3.6 million, representing a 50% increase. I personally want to applaud both teams' efforts in delivering such strong performance that contributed meaningful results to our company's bottom line.

As mentioned in previous letters to shareholders, the change in accounting rules related to fluctuations in the market value of our long-held equity security investments again had a significant impact on our 2021 net income. During 2021, the value of those investments increased by \$45.4 million, net of income tax, which is included in our reported net income. However, as shown on page 6 of the Annual Report, our net income for 2021, excluding the appreciation in those instruments, was \$48.2 million, which we think is a far more telling measure of our progress as an organization. This accounting treatment for equity securities will continue to cause volatility in our earnings even though economically nothing has changed in how we manage our company.

In another notable 2021 event, our Company raised \$90.0 million in subordinated debt and senior notes. Market conditions allowed us to complete this offering at very competitive rates and should help to support our company's growth for years to come.

We continued to increase our investment in our people. We take this investment very seriously, as we recognize that our people ARE the bank to our customers. It remains one of our foundational commitments that we invest in their careers and maintain a culture of caring while encouraging the right balance of family, faith, and commitment to work. Making investments in their professional development remains a cornerstone of our Company's success. In the spirit of that commitment, we started construction of a state-of-the-art Learning and Development Center on the 3rd floor of our Medical Park banking facility on Stantonsburg Road in Greenville, North Carolina. With the completion of this facility, we will have a central hub through which to host local and regional events, as well as to support virtual learning for our associates.

Our Company continued to make significant investments in needed information technology platforms that are really too numerous to list. Most involve data security infrastructure and redundancy, which are foundational to the relationship of trust we have with our customers. Our entire Information Technology team has had an eventful and successful year. We salute their extra effort in delivering seamless and reliable

March 21, 2022 solutions for our associates and safety for

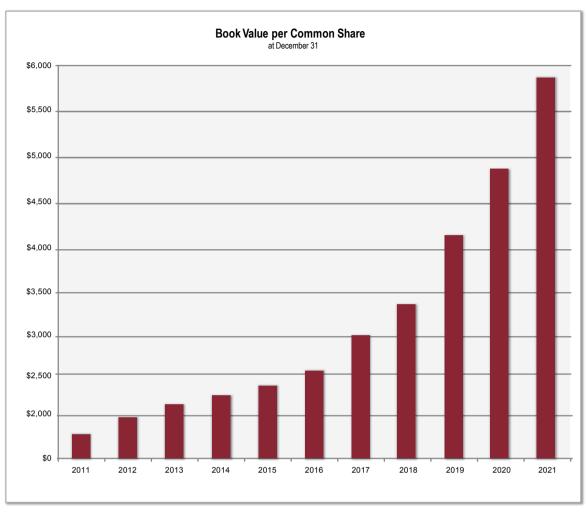
our customers.

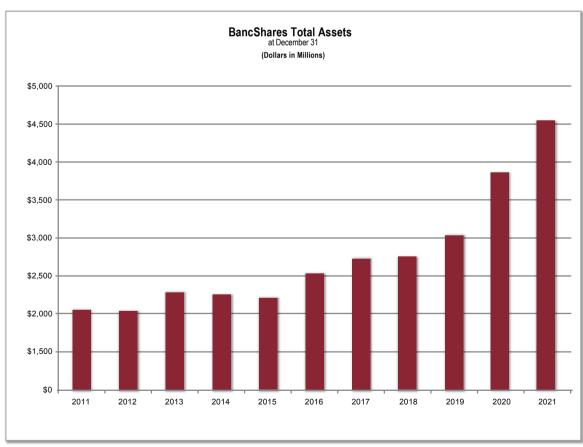
Our Company will continue to make investments in its customer-focused business model. We endeavor to be everresponsive and attentive to our customer relationships in a world that appears to grow more remote and automated by the day. We firmly believe there is untold value in creating an environment where we encourage our leaders to invest meaningful time with their teams and devote time in developing and deepening relationships with our customers. This will allow us to better understand and serve their needs and, over the long term, provide a truly distinctive banking experience.

In closing, we would like to thank our associates, shareholders, and customers for their continued loyalty and for all they do for our Company. As we now turn our focus to 2022 and the hopes for a gradual return to a more normal environment for us all, we look forward with great optimism as our Company remains favorably positioned for continued growth. As always, we offer our sincere appreciation for your loyalty and confidence in our organization.

Drew M. Covert Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

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Financial Summary and Selected Financial Data (Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Data)	December 31,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS					
Interest income	\$ 123,038	\$ 118,135	\$ 109,068	\$ 101,560	\$ 98,384
Interest expense	5,119	8,203	11,094	6,995	5,756
Net interest income	117,919	109,932	97,974	94,565	92,628
Provision (recovery) for loan losses	(815)	9,115	1,486	2,799	2,323
Net interest income after provision (recovery) for loan losses	118,734	100,817	96,488	91,766	90,305
Noninterest income	84,849	41,105	54,722	17,356	17,602
Noninterest expense	88,434	85,838	78,741	72,741	72,744
Income before income taxes Income taxes	115,149 21,603	56,084 11,448	72,469 15,595	36,381 6,836	35,163 1,273
Net income, as reported	\$ 93,546	\$ 44,636	\$ 56,874	\$ 29,545	\$ 33,890
Less: Income (loss) related to marketable equity securities	45,371	8,881	25,079	(2,521)	-
Adjusted net income, non-GAAP	\$ 48,175	\$ 35,755	\$ 31,795	\$ 32,066	\$ 33,890
SELECTED YEAR-END BALANCES					
Total assets	\$4,590,980	\$3,835,865	\$3,024,265	\$2,684,092	\$2,655,308
Loans	2,439,549	2,299,629	1,842,147	1,708,220	1,634,903
Investment securities, cash, and cash equivalents	1,987,233	1,380,288	1,033,277	840,432	876,151
Interest-earning assets	4,405,227	3,677,192	2,853,476	2,522,329	2,490,135
Deposits	3,919,183	3,315,800	2,502,339	2,299,627	2,246,030
Long-term borrowings	88,874	23,711	73,711	23,711	30,836
Interest-bearing liabilities	2,685,595 466,939	2,216,038 393,165	1,821,269 360,634	1,636,167 293,477	1,638,250 294,763
Shareholders' equity Common shares outstanding	79,357	80,085	81,020	81,201	81,223
SELECTED AVERAGE BALANCES					
Total assets	\$4,278,301	\$3,498,482	\$2,853,236	\$2,655,252	\$2,572,327
Loans	2,353,253	2,144,864	1,744,859	1,678,790	1,585,454
Investment securities, cash, and cash equivalents	1,787,291	1,206,462	967,675	841,947	874,186
Interest-earning assets	4,111,790	3,328,057	2,689,445	2,496,579	2,436,981
Deposits	3,660,909	2,941,662	2,407,447	2,261,645	2,168,826
Long-term borrowings	69,395	103,084	41,656	25,815	30,836
Interest-bearing liabilities Shareholders' equity	3,783,488 439,113	2,059,614 355,433	1,712,948 327,799	1,627,546 289,798	1,610,557 266,781
Common shares outstanding	79,823	80,520	81,133	81,220	81,394
PROFITABILITY RATIOS (AVERAGES)					
Return on average total assets	2.19%	1.28%	1.99%	1.11%	1.32%
Return on average shareholders' equity	21.30%	12.56%	17.35%	10.20%	12.70%
Dividend payout ratio (1)	1.71%	2.74%	1.47%	1.47%	0.41%
LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RATIOS (AVERAGES)					
Loans to deposits	64.28%	72.91%	72.48%	74.23%	73.10%
Shareholders' equity to total assets	10.26%	10.16%	11.49%	10.91%	10.37%
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK					
Net income (2)	\$ 1,168.54	\$ 547.29	\$ 681.30	\$ 339.92	\$ 389.54
Cash dividends	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	1.60
Book value (3)	5,861.33	4,886.82	4,181.99	3,327.73	3,079.38

⁽¹⁾ Total common dividends paid for the year ended December 31 divided by net income available to the common shareholders for the year ended December 31

⁽²⁾ Net income less preferred dividends paid for the year ended December 31 divided by the average number of common shares outstanding for the year ended December 31

⁽³⁾ Total shareholders' equity less Preferred B, C, D, E, and F stock components at December 31 divided by the number of common shares outstanding at December 31



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc. Mount Olive, North Carolina

Opinion

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements, which comprise the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for each of the years then ended, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc. and subsidiary as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and for each of the years then ended. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated March 21, 2022.

In our opinion, the condensed consolidated financial statements referred to above of Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc. and subsidiary as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and for each of the years then ended are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements from which they have been derived.

Condensed Consolidated Statements

The condensed consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Reading the condensed consolidated financial statements and this auditors' report on the statements referred to above, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements of Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc. and subsidiary and the auditors' report on them.

Management's Responsibility for the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion about whether the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. The procedures consisted principally of comparing the condensed consolidated financial statements with the related information in the audited consolidated financial statements from which the condensed consolidated financial statements have been derived, and evaluating whether the condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP
Greenville, North Carolina

March 21, 2022

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condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Data)	Dece	December 31,		
,	2021	202		
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Cash and due from banks	\$ 35,106	\$ 19,00		
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	138,469	236,8		
Certificates of deposit with banks	11,946	17,0		
Total cash and cash equivalents	185,521	272,9		
Investment in marketable equity securities at fair value				
(cost of \$25,973 and \$23,057, respectively) Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	188,420	130,7		
(amortized cost of \$1,617,009 and \$952,292, respectively)	1,613,292	976,6		
Loans held for sale	15,126	18,1		
Loans:	•	,		
Acquired loans	93,315	122,1		
Non-acquired loans	2,346,234	2,177,4		
Less allowance for loan and lease losses:	,, -	, ,		
Acquired loans	(1,860)	(2,60		
Non-acquired loans	(27,449)	(27,54		
Net loans	2,410,240	2,269,4		
Premises and equipment, net	65,524	63,4		
Operating lease right of use assets	4,035	5,7		
Accrued interest receivable	12,034	12,2		
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta	1,855	2,6		
Other real estate owned	86	4		
Goodwill	26,649	26,6		
Intangible assets	6,425	5,1		
Bank owned life insurance	28,919	28,1		
Other assets	32,854	23,5		
Total assets	\$ 4,590,980	\$ 3,835,8		
LIABILITIES				
Deposits:				
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 1,386,132	\$ 1,178,7		
Interest-bearing	2,533,051	2,137,0		
Total deposits	3,919,183	3,315,8		
Short-term borrowings	63,670	55,2		
Long-term borrowings	88,874	23,7		
Operating lease liabilities	4,231	5,9		
Other liabilities	48,083	42,0		
Total liabilities	4,124,041	3,442,7		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Preferred stock	1,802	1,8		
Common stock, \$5 par value; 158,485 shares authorized; 79,357 and 80,085 shares	,	•		
issued and outstanding at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively	397	4		
Surplus	27,043	27,0		
Retained earnings	440,622	352,6		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(2,925)	11,2		
Total shareholders' equity	466,939	393,16		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 4,590,980	\$ 3,835,86		

Note: This discussion and financial information included in this summary annual report provides overview information only. For more detailed information, please refer to the company's annual report, which is being distributed to shareholders.

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ndensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income **Ilars in Thousands, Except Per Share Data**)		Year end	ed Dece	mber 31
	_	2021		2020
NTEREST INCOME				
	•	100.010	•	00.400
Loans	\$	100,646	\$	99,466
Investment securities		21,945		17,847
Federal funds sold and deposits with banks		447		822
Total interest income		123,038		118,135
NTEREST EXPENSE				
Deposits		2,263		5,749
Short-term borrowings		60		131
Long-term borrowings		2,796		2,323
Total interest expense		5,119		8,203
Net interest income		117,919		109,932
Provision (recovery) for loan losses		(815)		9,115
Net interest income after provision (recovery) for loan losses		118,734		100,817
NONINTEREST INCOME				
Service charges on deposit accounts		6,859		6,756
Other service charges and fees		6,261		5,104
Investment securities gains		514		3,045
Marketable equity securities gains		54,749		11,533
Gain on sale of loans		4,931		6,133
Gain (loss) on sale and writedowns of other real estate owned		2		(124)
Investment services revenue		3,600		2,404
Other		7,933		6,254
Total noninterest income		84,849		41,105
IONINTEREST EXPENSE				
Personnel		54,329		50,036
Data processing		8,344		7,680
Occupancy		7,189		7,088
· · ·		6,146		6,830
Furniture and equipment				723
FDIC assessments		1,226		
Professional fees		2,590		2,487
Amortization of intangibles and mortgage servicing rights		1,668		1,599
FHLB advance prepayment penalty		-0		1,774
Other		6,942		7,621
Total noninterest expense		88,434		85,838
ncome before income taxes		115,149		56,084
ncome taxes		21,603		11,448
Net income		93,546		44,636
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS):				
Unrealized gains (losses) arising during period on debt securities available for sale		(27,526)		17,623
Tax effect		6,239		(4,000)
Reclassification adjustment from security transactions		(514)		(3,045)
Tax effect		116		11 269
Net of tax amount Pension obligation		(21,685) 7,564		11,268 429
Tax effect				
Amortization of actuarial losses		(1,715)		(97)
Tax effect		2,149		1,492
		(485)		(334)
Net of tax amount		7,513		1,490
Total other comprehensive income (loss) Comprehensive income	\$	(14,172) 79,374	\$	12,758 57,394
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Net income available to common shareholders per common share, basic and diluted	\$	1,168.54	\$	547.29
				15.00
Cash dividends declared on common shares Weighted average common shares outstanding		20.00 79,823		15 80,

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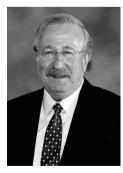
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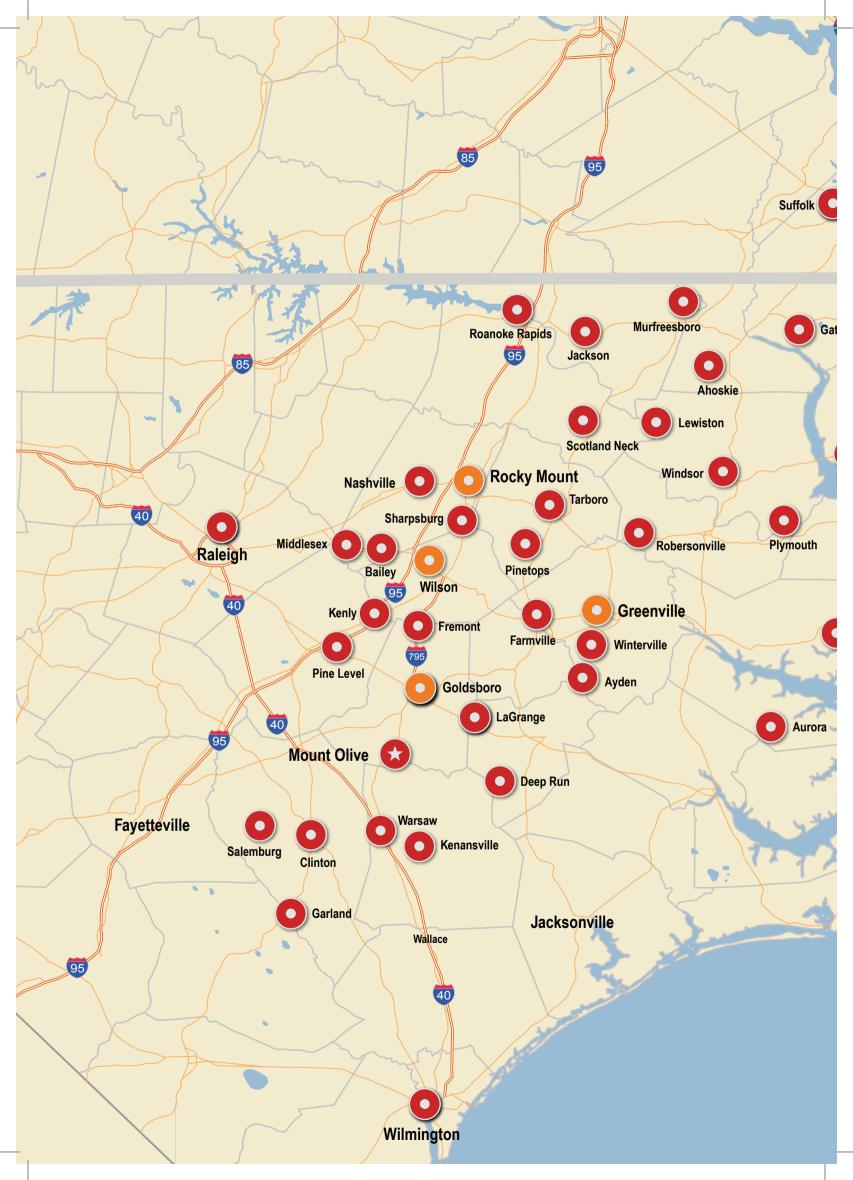
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