

Fifth Third Bancorp Dodd-Frank Act Mid-Cycle Stress Test Required Disclosures October 27, 2016

Fifth Third Bancorp (“Fifth Third”, “the Bancorp”, or “the Company”) hereunder is disclosing results from its 2016 mid-cycle company-run stress test as required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank Act”). The Dodd-Frank Act company-run stress testing (“DFAST”) regulation¹ requires that covered companies disclose certain results from company-run stress tests under the company’s internally developed severely adverse scenario, including a description of the types of risk included in the stress test; a general description of methodologies used in the stress test; estimates of certain financial results and pro forma capital ratios; and an explanation of the most significant causes of the changes in regulatory capital ratios.

It is important to note that the results provided in this disclosure are DFAST-based results. Therefore, the capital actions used in this disclosure (“prescribed capital actions”) are prescribed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (“Federal Reserve”) for covered institutions to use in DFAST (as described further below).

The results in this disclosure represent estimates of Fifth Third’s results for the nine-quarter period beginning July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018 (the “planning horizon”) under the Bancorp’s internally developed severely adverse scenario. The economic assumptions used to arrive at these results involve an economic outcome that is more adverse than currently expected. The stress test was performed at a point in time using the prescribed assumptions. Results were not adjusted to take into account the differences in the actual macroeconomic environment in the third quarter of 2016, or between projected and actual performance by Fifth Third for this quarter. The estimates do not represent forecasts of expected results. Fifth Third does not expect to update the results of this scenario in the future.

Capital Adequacy Process Framework

Overview

The Bancorp maintains a robust capital management process to evaluate its capital adequacy. Stress testing is intended to capture a variety of potential unfavorable scenarios applied consistently across business areas, risk types, and risk events and is utilized to evaluate the Bancorp’s capital adequacy under stressed conditions. Scenario-based stress testing is intended to capture all potential plausible risks faced by the Bancorp, but will not capture all potential outcomes due to the limitations of evaluating results under a discrete and limited number of scenarios.

Given the scope and scale of risks facing the Bancorp, despite its traditional banking model, there are exposures that are either difficult to fully or partially quantify or that are not directly or indirectly impacted by specific macroeconomic scenarios. There are two primary sources of uncertainty associated with these quantifiable and non-quantifiable sets of risks: the potential

¹ See 12 CFR part 252.

impact of idiosyncratic risks, which are either difficult to quantify or not directly driven by the macroeconomic environment, and model risk associated with a given scenario's quantified risks.

Modeled projections are subject to imprecision and/or uncertainty and are a source of potential volatility in capital adequacy assessment. Fifth Third's capital adequacy assessment contemplates model risk, or the risk that its models may not properly estimate results for the given macroeconomic scenario, in its consideration of capital adequacy, targets and goals relative to scenario results. In the 2016 mid-cycle process, Fifth Third mitigated these uncertainties through subject matter expert challenge in model development; the application of quantified or judgmental overlays to modeled results through subject matter expert and executive/Board challenge; through a Scenario Analysis program whereby difficult to quantify potential events are judgmentally evaluated by expert panels facilitated to reduce bias; and through a model uncertainty framework to assess potential model risk through statistical benchmarking.

Fifth Third uses both quantitative and qualitative methodologies for assessing risks, including economic capital modeling. The Bancorp also incorporates idiosyncratic, firm-specific risks in its stress test results to capture risks that may not be inherently driven by or have demonstrated correlation with macroeconomic developments. These include unique geographic concentrations, new business initiatives, asset class concentrations, legal and regulatory risks, counterparty risks, and other potential exposures. Regional footprint and state-level macroeconomic data are incorporated into certain aspects of models used for projecting scenario results, and differences in expected geographic economic trends are embedded in projections of business unit results. The Bancorp also evaluates firm-specific risks related to its investment in Vantiv, Inc., and incorporates certain of those risks. The Bancorp evaluates the potential impact of such firm-specific risks, and includes the impact of the potential occurrence of such risks in addition to macroeconomic stress, in considering capital adequacy, targets, and goals relative to scenario results.

Governance

Fifth Third's Board of Directors, executives, and management provide robust and integrated oversight of the internal capital adequacy process ("ICAP"), including review of the Company's risk infrastructure; its loss and resource estimation methodologies; the review and approval of its capital goals and targets; the assessment of the appropriateness of stressed scenarios considered; as well as a consideration of any limitations and uncertainties associated with the process.

The ICAP Council manages the execution of the stress test process under the supervision of Fifth Third's Capital Committee. Fifth Third's Capital Committee is ultimately responsible for all capital-related recommendations to the Board of Directors and is composed of senior executives. Their recommendations are reviewed and approved by the Enterprise Risk Management Committee and the Board of Directors.

Fifth Third's Board of Directors is responsible for setting the risk appetite of the Bancorp and ensuring that its capital and risk capacity is sufficient to cover all risk exposures under normal and stressed conditions. The Board is also responsible for reviewing and challenging management's methodologies that are utilized to measure, monitor, and manage risk exposures

and capital needs; for approving all policies that govern the capital management process at the Bancorp; and for approving management's capital action plans and recommendations, including potential dividend payments, repurchases, and redemptions.

Risk Assessment

Fifth Third's stress testing process is designed to be comprehensive and to address the estimation of results, including revenue, expenses, credit losses, taxes, and estimated changes to its balance sheet, including loan loss reserves and capital, under various macroeconomic scenarios. The need for capital arises from losses and reduced revenue associated with risks. Risks considered as part of this analysis include credit, market, legal, regulatory compliance, operational, and liquidity, as well as the potential for reputational and strategic risks. These risks are described below:

- Credit risk is the risk of loss resulting from the failure of a borrower or counterparty to honor its financial or contractual obligations to the Bancorp. Credit risk arises in Fifth Third's lending operations, as well as in its hedging, investment and trading activities where counterparties have repayment of principal and interest or other obligations to the Bancorp. Credit risk exists in Fifth Third's Consumer and Commercial loan portfolios, and is also attributable to derivative financial instruments. Credit risk is represented in Fifth Third's provision for loan and lease losses on the income statement and allowance for loan and lease losses on the balance sheet.
- Market risk is the day-to-day potential for the value of a financial instrument to increase or decrease due to movements in market factors. For Fifth Third, market risk includes risks resulting from movements in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices, and commodity prices. Interest rate risk mainly impacts the Bancorp's net interest income and interest sensitive fee income categories through changes in interest income on earning assets and cost of interest bearing liabilities, and through fee items that are related to interest sensitive activities such as commercial loan fees and mortgage origination and servicing income. Fifth Third views interest rate risk as an inherent risk in our business and recognizes its significant impact on earnings, as net interest income and interest sensitive fee income constitute the majority of the Bancorp's revenues. In addition to net interest income impact, changes in interest rates can affect the economic value of equity. The impact can be either due to the presence of fixed rate assets and liabilities on the balance sheet or due to optionality in the balance sheet. Changes in foreign exchange rates, commodity prices, credit spreads, and interest rates also impact Fifth Third's customer focused trading activities, albeit to a much smaller extent, as the strategy is to offset customer trading activities with other counterparties to minimize proprietary trading risk exposures. Market risk may result in liquidity needs as changes in the market value of derivative and security positions may impact collateral requirements.
- Legal risk is the risk of loss to an institution as a result of litigation that is primarily caused by a defective transaction, a claim (including a defense to a claim or a counterclaim) being made or some other event occurring that results in a liability for the institution or other loss (for example, as a result of the termination of a contract), failing to take appropriate measures to legally protect assets (for example, intellectual property) owned by the institution, or change in law. Legal risk is represented in Fifth Third's other

noninterest expense on its income statement. Fifth Third also has certain reserves on its balance sheet related to potential legal expenses.

- Regulatory compliance risk is the risk of legal or regulatory sanctions, financial loss, or damage to reputation as a result of noncompliance with (i) applicable laws, regulations, rules and other regulatory requirements (including but not limited to the risk of consumers experiencing economic loss or other legal harm as a result of noncompliance with consumer protection laws, regulations and requirements); (ii) internal policies and procedures, standards of best practice or codes of conduct; and (iii) principles of integrity and fair dealing applicable to Fifth Third's activities and functions. Failure to effectively manage regulatory compliance risk can elevate the risk level or manifest itself as other types of key risks, including legal, reputational, or operational risk. Regulatory compliance risk is represented in Fifth Third's other noninterest expense on its income statement. Fifth Third also has certain reserves on its balance sheet related to potential regulatory compliance expenses.
- Operational risk is the risk of loss from inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems, or from external events. Operational risk includes events such as failure or disruption of IT systems, errors and omissions in processes, and external and internal fraud. Operational risk is represented in Fifth Third's operational risk losses on its income statement, including fraud, non-fraud, and residential mortgage representation and warranty losses within other noninterest expense on its income statement.
- Liquidity risk is the risk that the bank is unable to fund increases in assets, and/or liquidate assets at fair market values when required to satisfy debt, deposit or other obligations as they come due. Diversification and deeper access to retail, commercial, and wholesale sources of liquidity are fundamental parts of the Bancorp's liquidity management strategy. Liquidity risk is inherent in Fifth Third's loans, investment securities, deposits, short-term borrowings, and long-term debt.
- The above risks are stressed by the related scenario. The Bancorp evaluates and manages these risks as well as reputation and strategic risks under its Enterprise Risk Management framework. Reputation risk is the risk that negative publicity regarding the Bancorp's and its employees' conduct, business practices or associations, whether true or not, will adversely affect its revenues, operations, customer base or share price, or require costly litigation or other defensive measures. Strategic risk is the risk to the Bancorp of action or inaction related to strategic risk factors. These factors include negative effects from business planning or decisions, environmental changes, competitive dynamics, or the management of its resources and activities, including capital management.

Fifth Third's Severely Adverse Scenario

Given its traditional commercial banking model, Fifth Third believes a deeply recessionary economic scenario is an appropriate framework for evaluating the impact of stress, resulting in significantly increased credit losses, reduced revenue generating capabilities to absorb those credit losses, and stressing other operational and firm-specific vulnerabilities. Fifth Third determines its internal severely adverse scenario with the assistance of a third-party vendor specializing in macroeconomic analysis and forecasting. This scenario is intended to stress Fifth Third's idiosyncratic risk profile, including its geographic footprint and portfolios.

The economic recession in the internal severely adverse scenario is triggered by global credit contagion originating from a contraction of various East Asian economies, most notably China. Monetary and fiscal policies of Asian nations prove ineffective and governments resort to devaluing their currencies to boost their exports. Commodity markets engage in a deep sell-off, as investors believe that demand for raw materials will be greatly reduced, leading to a sharp decline in the price of oil. As a result, the Eurozone drops into a deep recession as the burden of fiscal austerity forces the economies and financial systems of heavily indebted nations. The U.S. banking system is strained as a result of its ties to the European banks, leading credit availability to shrink significantly. U.S. exports and business investment decline, precipitating a deep recession as labor markets and the financial sector quickly deteriorate. Reduced demand for oil drives its price down, reducing demand for investment in energy exploration equipment and structures, which hits manufacturers of steel products in the Midwest particularly hard.

Consumer spending and sentiment decreases dramatically in response as household wealth declines, with unemployment reaching a peak of 10 percent and remaining above 9 percent throughout most of the planning horizon. In addition, auto sales decline significantly, which heavily impacts producers of motor vehicles and parts. The weak employment market results in increased foreclosures, leading to a 19 percent decline in housing prices on a cumulative basis.

As a result, real GDP declines 5.5 percent peak-to-trough and the subsequent recovery is slow. The Federal Reserve maintains an accommodative interest rate policy, keeping short term interest rates near zero for the foreseeable future.

Rationale for Variable Selection and Projection Process

Fifth Third incorporates multiple variables including the unemployment rate, various measures of domestic output (e.g. GDP), home price indices (HPI), commercial real estate indices, and equity returns when developing its internal severely adverse macroeconomic scenario. Interest rate projections include overnight federal funds rate, LIBOR, swap rates, mortgage rates, and Treasury rates, among others. The variables selected align with Fifth Third's business model and appropriately reflect broader, macroeconomic conditions.

Stress Test Methodology

Fifth Third employs various methodologies in its stress tests for balance sheet, income statement, and capital projections, primarily utilizing statistical, regression-based models in developing its stress test estimates. Other estimation approaches, such as business analytics and other objective quantitative methodologies, are used where predictive statistical relationships cannot be established, as a quality check for statistical projections, or where there is a strong rationale due to the nature (volatility, change in strategy, etc.) of the projected line item. Fifth Third may apply post-model adjustments to modeled stress test estimates where modeled output may be inconsistent with plausible results due to changes in the business environment or changes in the business profile relative to historical results, etc. These post-model adjustments, or overlays, are reviewed and challenged by independent subject matter experts and governing bodies consisting of senior business leaders, executives, and Board members through the Fifth Third governance process. In addition to judgment applied as management overlays to modeled results, there is judgment inherent in the selection and development of models. Fifth Third's methodologies

include subject matter expert challenge in model development, as well as back testing, sensitivity analysis, and other methods to ensure estimated results are reasonable and reliable.

The following describes methodologies used to estimate certain captions (with general methodologies and processes used to make adjustments to modeled results described above).

Losses: Commercial net charge-off estimates are generated primarily using a loan-level methodology that employs a rating transition model for all non-defaulted borrowers, a default without loss model, a default with loss model, loss given charge-off model, and line utilization and exposure at charge-off methodologies that are calibrated to Fifth Third's own historical loss experience. The models are tailored to various portfolio segments and utilize a variety of macroeconomic variables which correlate to the portfolios' historical loss measures in order to project commercial credit losses that are consistent with the macroeconomic scenario.

Consumer net charge-off estimates are derived primarily utilizing expected loss models. Expected loss projections are calculated using probability of default, exposure at default, and loss given default models derived at the loan level. The probability of default is generally modeled to estimate the likelihood that a loan will enter the default state during a given period. Loss given default is typically defined as a percentage of the exposure at default which varies by loan type. The models incorporate statistically predictive loan level information. In order to generate expected loss estimates for each scenario, statistically significant macroeconomic variables, such as unemployment rates and home price indices, are utilized under the hypothetical assumptions for each macroeconomic scenario.

Operational losses are estimated for fourteen separate units of measure primarily using regression-based modeling of frequency and severity of losses against macroeconomic variables with predictive power and intuitive economic relationships, as well as internal and external loss benchmarks and scenarios analysis. Operational losses include potential litigation-related losses and settlement expenses, as well as the risk of unexpected, unfavorable, stressed outcomes to legal and regulatory risks and costs not necessarily correlated with macroeconomic stress or historical results.

Revenues and expenses (including net interest income and balance sheet projections): Fifth Third primarily utilizes statistical regression-based modeling in developing stress projections for noninterest income and expense items, but also uses other objective, quantitative business analytics processes for modeling, such as run rate analysis and trend analysis when necessary. Business analytics are employed for line items where statistically-based models lack adequate predictive power. Projections consider macroeconomic factors with statistically significant and intuitive relationships, as well as management's judgment related to items that may not be fully captured by the models, including recent trends, recent changes in regulation, customer behavior, the competitive environment, and strategic initiatives. Operational losses (described in the "Losses" section above) are included in noninterest expense.

For net interest income, Fifth Third utilizes rate and spread projections including rate forecasts for the LIBOR/swap curve and the Fed Funds target rate. Regression-based and business analytics models are used in developing balance sheet projections, as well as management's

judgment related to items that may not be fully captured by the models, including recent trends, recent changes in regulation, customer behavior, the competitive environment, and strategic initiatives. These rate and balance sheet projections are used in combination with industry-standard asset-liability management software to produce interest income/expense projections for each balance sheet category over the planning horizon. In addition to balance and rate information, this software generates income and cash flow projections utilizing various prepayment modeling techniques, deposit behavioral assumptions, and assumptions related to the costs and availability of wholesale funding.

Provision for loan and lease losses: In developing allowance for loan and lease loss projections under the internal severely adverse stress scenario, Fifth Third utilizes information generated by its statistically-based net charge-off and nonperforming loan models. By utilizing the loss and non-performing loan projections, Fifth Third ensures that its allowance estimation reflects the severity of the economic scenarios contemplated in stress testing. Fifth Third evaluates several common coverage ratios (e.g. allowance to total loans, allowance to non-performing loans, and allowance to forward charge-offs) in assessing the adequacy of the allowance over the scenario horizon. In addition, the adequacy of the reserve at the end of the planning horizon is evaluated in its coverage of projected stressed losses beyond the planning horizon. The net charge-off methodology is described above in the “Losses” section.

Income taxes: Fifth Third follows guidance under U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to estimate the impact of income taxes on its estimated earnings during the planning horizon. Fifth Third’s estimated effective tax rate differs from the U.S. federal statutory tax rate principally due to projected tax credits generated from affordable housing investments, projected state income tax, and projected income earned on investments that are not subject to taxation.

In addition, Fifth Third follows guidance under regulatory capital rules to estimate the impact of income taxes on its estimated regulatory capital during the planning horizon.

Changes in capital position over the planning horizon: Changes to Fifth Third’s capital position and capital ratios are calculated by analyzing the impact to capital of projected earnings, changes in asset balances and off-balance sheet exposure, and the prescribed DFAST capital actions. Risk-weighted asset projections are based on applicable risk weightings pertaining to each type of asset category and projected balance sheet changes as well as off-balance sheet exposure categories and projected exposure changes.

Stress Test Results under Internal Severely Adverse Scenario

Bancorp:

The following data are the stress test results estimated by Fifth Third in its 2016 mid-cycle stress test submission for its internal severely adverse scenario, using the DFAST prescribed capital actions. These results represent estimates of Fifth Third’s results from the third quarter of 2016 through the third quarter of 2018 under this hypothetical scenario.

Projected Net Revenue, Net income before Taxes, and Loan Losses by Type:

Projected Losses, Revenue, and Net Income Before Taxes under the Internal Severely Adverse Scenario - DFAST		
(\$ in billions)	Cumulative results 3Q16 through 3Q18	Percentage of average assets¹
Pre-provision net revenue ²	\$1.5	1.1%
Other revenue ³	-	-
Less		
Provisions	(\$5.2)	(3.8%)
Realized gains/(losses) on securities	-	-
Trading and counterparty losses ⁴	-	-
Other gains/(losses) ⁵	-	-
Equals		
Net income/(loss) before taxes	(\$3.7)	(2.7%)

¹ Average assets is the nine-quarter average of total assets.

² Pre-provision net revenue includes losses from operational risk events, mortgage repurchase expenses, and OREO costs.

³ Other revenue includes one-time income and (expense) items not included in pre-provision net revenue.

⁴ Trading and counterparty losses include mark-to-market losses and credit valuation adjustments ("CVA") losses and losses arising from the counterparty default scenario component applied to derivatives, securities lending, and repurchase agreement activities.

⁵ Other losses/gains includes projected change in fair value of loans held-for-sale and loans held-for-investment measured under the fair-value option, and goodwill impairment losses.

Projected Loan Losses by Type of Loans under the Internal Severely Adverse Scenario - DFAST		
	Cumulative Results 3Q16 through 3Q18	Portfolio Loss Rates (%)¹
Loan Losses	\$4.1	4.5%
First-Lien Mortgages, Domestic	0.3	2.2%
Junior Liens and HELOCs, Domestic	0.4	5.1%
Commercial and Industrial ²	2.0	5.1%
Commercial Real Estate	0.7	6.6%
Credit Cards	0.3	15.2%
Other Consumer ³	0.2	2.6%
Other Loans	0.2	2.4%

¹ Average loan balances used to calculate portfolio loss rates exclude loans held-for-sale and loans held-for-investment under the fair-value option, and are calculated over nine quarters.

² Commercial and industrial loans include small- and medium- enterprise loans and corporate cards.

³ Other consumer loans include student loans and automobile loans.

Pro forma Regulatory Capital Ratios:

The Dodd-Frank Act company-run stress test regulation requires certain assumptions, prescribed by the Federal Reserve, for developing capital actions and capital distributions. They do not represent the actual capital actions that Fifth Third would likely take given the estimated operating results. The pro forma capital ratios provided herein use the following assumptions regarding its capital actions over the planning horizon:

- For the first quarter of the planning horizon, the BHC must take into account its actual capital actions taken throughout the quarter. These capital actions included the repurchase of \$240 million of common shares and the payment of common dividends of \$0.13 per share or \$98 million.
- For the second through ninth quarters of the planning horizon, the BHC must include: common stock dividends equal to the quarterly average dollar amount of common stock dividends paid in the previous year (that is, the initial quarter of the planning horizon and the preceding three calendar quarters) plus common stock dividends attributable to issuances related to expensed employee compensation or in connection with a planned merger or acquisition is reflected in the BHC's pro forma balance sheet estimates; payments on any other instrument eligible for inclusion in the numerator of the regulatory capital ratio equal to the stated dividend, interest, or principal due on each such instrument during the quarter; an assumption of no redemption or repurchase of any capital instrument eligible for inclusion in the numerator of the regulatory capital ratio; and an assumption of no issuances of common stock or preferred stock, except for issuances related to expensed employee compensation or in connection with a planned merger or acquisition to the extent that the merger or acquisition is reflected in the BHC's pro forma balance sheet estimates.

The above assumptions were applied to estimates of the company-run severely adverse scenario results (as outlined above), resulting in the following capital ratios:

	Bancorp Capital Ratios under the Internal Severely Adverse Scenario - DFAST		
	Actual	Stressed Capital Ratios¹	
	2Q16	3Q18	Minimum through 3Q18
Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (%) ²	9.9%	7.6%	7.6%
Tier 1 Capital ratio (%) ²	11.0%	8.7%	8.7%
Total Risk-Based Capital ratio (%) ²	14.7%	12.3%	12.3%
Tier 1 Leverage ratio (%) ²	9.6%	7.7%	7.7%

¹ The capital ratios are calculated using capital action assumptions provided within the Dodd-Frank Act company-run stress testing regulation. These projections represent hypothetical estimates that involve an economic outcome that is more adverse than expected. These estimates are not forecasts of expected losses, revenues, net income before taxes, or capital ratios. The minimum capital ratio presented is for the period 3Q16 through 3Q18.

² Capital ratios calculated under the Regulatory Capital Rules' risk-based "standardized approach."

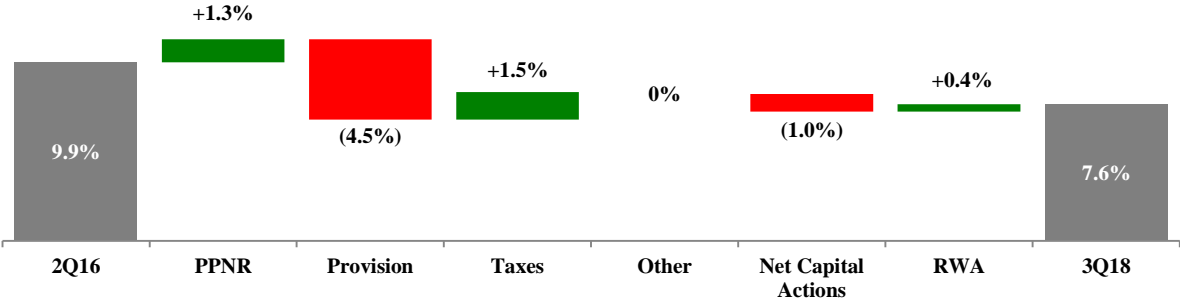
Actual 2Q16 and Projected 3Q18 Risk-Weighted Assets under the Internal Severely Adverse Scenario - DFAST		
	Actual 2Q16 (Basel III)	Projected 3Q18 Regulatory Capital Rules Standardized Approach (Basel III)
Risk-weighted assets (\$ in billions) ¹	\$121.8	\$117.0

¹ Risk-weighted assets are calculated under the Basel III standardized risk-based approach.

The decrease in the Bancorp’s capital ratios primarily reflects the projected net loss over the forecast period. This impact is partially offset by a decrease in projected risk-weighted assets. The decrease in risk-weighted assets is driven mainly by declines in consumer and commercial loans and off-balance sheet commitments. The capital ratios also assume that the Bancorp is subject to the U.S. Basel III regulatory capital rules’ standardized approach framework, including any applicable transition arrangements.

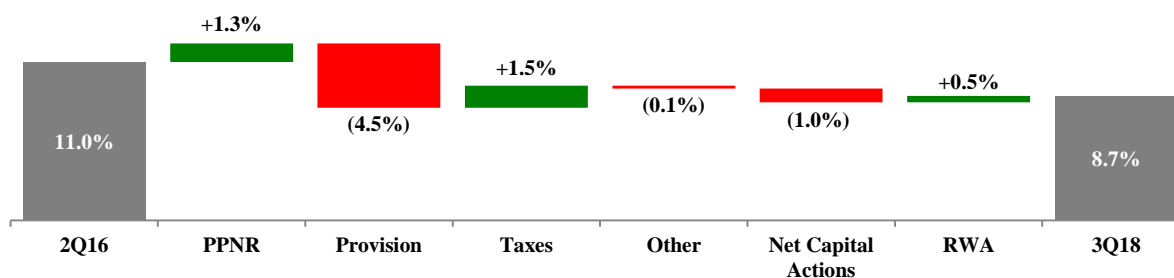
Each of the capital ratios also includes \$240 million in share repurchases in 3Q16 as well as the actual dividend payment in 3Q16 and the assumed payment of prescribed common and preferred dividends during the period 4Q16-3Q18. The following provides an illustration of changes in each of the Bancorp’s regulatory capital ratios over the planning horizon under the internal severely adverse scenario:

Common Equity Tier 1



- Other includes deferred tax asset (DTA) and intangibles amortization
- Net capital actions include any dividends, repurchases or issuances related to common and other common capital instruments

Tier 1 Capital



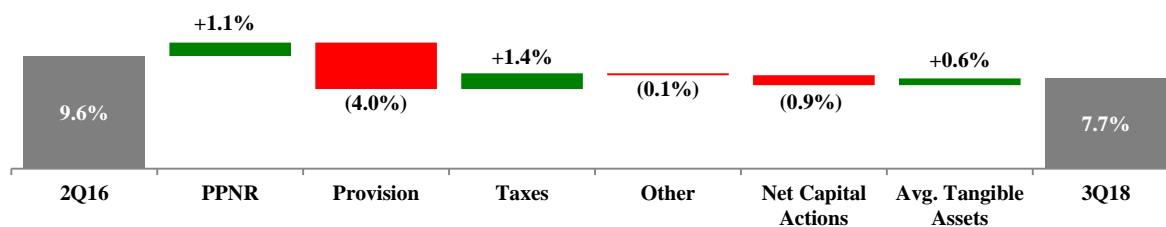
- Other includes DTA, intangibles amortization, transition provisions, and additional tier 1 capital deductions
- Net capital actions include any dividends, repurchases or issuances related to preferred, common and other capital instruments

Total Risk-Based Capital



- Other includes DTA, intangibles amortization, allowance for loan and lease losses (ALLL), subordinated debt net of maturity discount, and additional tier 1 capital deductions
- Net capital actions include any dividends, repurchases or issuances related to preferred, common and other capital instruments

Tier 1 Leverage



- Other includes DTA, intangibles amortization, transition provisions, and additional tier 1 capital deductions
- Net capital actions include any dividends, repurchases or issuances related to preferred, common and other capital instruments

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains statements that we believe are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Rule 175 promulgated thereunder, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Rule 3b-6 promulgated thereunder. These statements relate to our financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance or business. They usually can be identified by the use of forward-looking language such as “will likely result,” “may,” “are expected to,” “anticipates,” “potential,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “projected,” “intends to,” or may include other similar words or phrases such as “believes,” “plans,” “trend,” “objective,” “continue,” “remain,” or similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as “will,” “would,” “should,” “could,” “might,” “can,” or similar verbs. You should not place undue reliance on these statements, as they are subject to risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to the risk factors set forth in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K as updated from time to time by our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. When considering these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind these risks and uncertainties, as well as any cautionary statements we may make. Moreover, you should treat these statements as speaking only as of the date they are made and based only on information then actually known to us. There is a risk that additional information may become known during the company’s quarterly closing process or as a result of subsequent events that could affect the accuracy of the statements and financial information contained herein.

There are a number of important factors that could cause future results to differ materially from historical performance and these forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to: (1) general economic or real estate market conditions, either nationally or in the states in which Fifth Third, one or more acquired entities and/or the combined company do business, weaken or are less favorable than expected; (2) deteriorating credit quality; (3) political developments, wars or other hostilities may disrupt or increase volatility in securities markets or other economic conditions; (4) changes in the interest rate environment reduce interest margins; (5) prepayment speeds, loan origination and sale volumes, charge-offs and loan loss provisions; (6) Fifth Third’s ability to maintain required capital levels and adequate sources of funding and liquidity; (7) maintaining capital requirements and adequate sources of funding and liquidity may limit Fifth Third’s operations and potential growth; (8) changes and trends in capital markets; (9) problems encountered by larger or similar financial institutions may adversely affect the banking industry and/or Fifth Third; (10) competitive pressures among depository institutions increase significantly; (11) effects of critical accounting policies and judgments; (12) changes in accounting policies or procedures as may be required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) or other regulatory agencies; (13) legislative or regulatory changes or actions, or significant litigation, adversely affect Fifth Third, one or more acquired entities and/or the combined company or the businesses in which Fifth Third, one or more acquired entities and/or the combined company are engaged, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; (14) ability to maintain favorable ratings from rating agencies; (15) fluctuation of Fifth Third’s stock price; (16) ability to attract and retain key personnel; (17) ability to receive dividends from its subsidiaries; (18) potentially dilutive effect of future acquisitions on current shareholders’ ownership of Fifth Third; (19) effects of accounting or financial results of one or more acquired entities; (20) difficulties from Fifth Third’s investment in, relationship with, and nature of the operations of Vantiv, LLC; (21) loss of income from any sale or potential sale of businesses; (22) difficulties in separating the operations of any branches or other assets divested; (23) losses or adverse impacts on the carrying values of branches and long-lived assets in connection with their sales or anticipated sales; (24) inability to achieve expected benefits from branch consolidations and planned sales within desired timeframes, if at all; (25) ability to secure confidential information and deliver products and services through the use of computer systems and telecommunications networks; and (26) the impact of reputational risk created by these developments on such matters as business generation and retention, funding and liquidity.

You should refer to our periodic and current reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or “SEC,” for further information on other factors, which could cause actual results to be significantly different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

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