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ALERUS FINANCIAL CORPORATION REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2023 NET INCOME OF \$8.2 MILLION

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (April 26, 2023) – Alerus Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: ALRS), or the Company, reported net income of \$8.2 million for the first quarter of 2023, or \$0.40 per diluted common share, compared to net income of \$10.9 million, or \$0.53 per diluted common share, for the fourth quarter of 2022, and net income of \$10.2 million, or \$0.57 per diluted common share, for the first quarter of 2022.

CEO Comments

President and Chief Executive Officer Katie Lorenson said, “Alerus’ highly diversified business model is a unique differentiator in this challenging economic environment with fee income making up over 50.0% of total revenues, our banking franchise is anchored by a strong foundation of capital, risk management, and diversification. Our common equity tier 1 capital ratio at the end of the first quarter was 13.3% and our nearly all-core granular deposit based increased balances by 4.0% during the quarter. Our liquidity position is strong, with total available liquidity to uninsured and not collateralized deposits of 286%. The Company’s loan portfolio remains well diversified by sector and geography, with limited exposure to commercial office borrowers at 3.9% of total loans. The allowance for credit losses to total loans and 1,675% of non-performing loans. Credit quality remains pristine with net charge-offs of 3 basis points, below the Company’s historical net charge-off rates of 0.27%.

Financial results for the first quarter were impacted by continuing margin pressure and headwinds in the mortgage sector. We are focused on improving long-term profitability and shareholder returns through ongoing restructuring and efficiency enhancing opportunities. We continue to have success in the transformation of our organic growth model and synergistic expansion as we added core holistic relationships in banking and wealth management. Our momentum in talent acquisition continued in the first quarter with key talent adds to the banking and treasury management teams. Thank you to our Alerus employees for your dedication and constant focus on building relationships with clients by bringing value to every interaction and together taking Alerus to new heights.”

Quarterly Highlights

- Total deposits were \$3.0 billion as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$116.5 million, or 4.0%, from December 31, 2022
- Loan to deposit ratio as of March 31, 2023 was 82.0%, compared to 83.8% as of December 31, 2022
- Common equity tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets as of March 31, 2023 was 13.30%, compared to 13.39% as of December 31, 2022
- Return on average total assets of 0.88%, compared to 1.17% for the fourth quarter of 2022
- Return on average common equity of 9.17%, compared to 12.37% for the fourth quarter of 2022
- Return on average tangible common equity⁽¹⁾ of 12.58%, compared to 16.63% for the fourth quarter of 2022
- Net interest margin (tax-equivalent) was 2.70%, compared to 3.09% for the fourth quarter of 2022
- Noninterest expense was \$37.9 million, no change compared to \$37.9 million for the fourth quarter of 2022
- Noninterest income was 51.63% of total revenue, compared to 48.62 for the fourth quarter of 2022
- Allowance for credit losses to total loans was 1.41% compared to 1.27% as of December 31, 2022
- Expanded the Company’s commercial banking team with the addition of four highly experienced mid-market and treasury management professionals
- The Board of Directors previously declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.18 per share, which was paid on April 14, 2023 to shareholders of record as of March 15, 2023. As previously reported, this dividend represents a 12.5% increase over the dividend declared during the first quarter 2022.

(1) Represents a non-GAAP financial measure. See “Non-GAAP to GAAP Reconciliations and Calculation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures.”

Selected Financial Data (unaudited)

	As of and for the		
	Three months ended		
	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022
<i>(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)</i>			
Performance Ratios			
Return on average total assets	0.88 %	1.17 %	1.26 %
Return on average common equity	9.17 %	12.37 %	11.78 %
Return on average tangible common equity ⁽¹⁾	12.58 %	16.63 %	14.72 %
Noninterest income as a % of revenue	51.63 %	48.62 %	57.62 %
Net interest margin (tax-equivalent)	2.70 %	3.09 %	2.83 %
Efficiency ratio ⁽¹⁾	74.53 %	69.62 %	72.25 %
Net charge-offs/(recoveries) to average loans	0.03 %	(0.03)%	(0.03)%
Dividend payout ratio	45.00 %	33.96 %	28.07 %
Per Common Share			
Earnings per common share - basic	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.58
Earnings per common share - diluted	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.57
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.16
Book value per common share	\$ 17.90	\$ 17.85	\$ 19.00
Tangible book value per common share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.37	\$ 16.07
Average common shares outstanding - basic	20,028	19,988	17,244
Average common shares outstanding - diluted	20,246	20,232	17,500
Other Data			
Retirement and benefit services assets under administration/management	\$ 33,404,342	\$ 32,122,520	\$ 35,333,131
Wealth management assets under administration/management	\$ 3,675,684	\$ 3,582,648	\$ 4,584,856
Mortgage originations	\$ 77,728	\$ 126,254	\$ 186,762

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Results of Operations

Net Interest Income

Net interest income for the first quarter of 2023 was \$23.7 million, a \$3.3 million, or 12.3%, decrease from the fourth quarter of 2022. Net interest income increased \$2.0 million, or 9.2%, from \$21.7 million for the first quarter of 2022. The linked quarter decrease in net interest income was primarily driven by a \$5.3 million, or 59.9%, increase in interest expense, partially offset by a \$2.0 million, or 5.6%, increase in interest income. The increase in interest expense was primarily driven by a \$3.4 million increase in interest expense paid on deposits and \$1.8 million in interest expense paid on short-term borrowings. The increase in interest expense paid on deposits was primarily due to the rapid increase in short-term rates and heightened deposit competition. Short-term borrowings expense increased as interest rates have increased and the average balance of fed funds purchased and short-term borrowings increased \$105.3 million as compared to the fourth quarter of 2022. This increase was primarily driven by a \$97.4 million increase in average loan balances, and a \$29.9 million decline in average deposit balances, partially offset by a \$12.2 million decline in average investment securities balance.

Net interest margin (tax-equivalent), was 2.70% for the first quarter of 2023, a 39 basis point decrease from 3.09% for the fourth quarter of 2022, and a 13 basis point decrease from 2.83% in the first quarter of 2022. The linked quarter decrease was primarily driven by a 78 basis point increase in the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities, partially offset by a 21 basis point increase in interest earning asset yields. The increase in the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities was the result of a 100 basis point increase in the average rate paid on fed funds purchased and short-term borrowings as well as a 65 basis point increase in the rate paid on interest-bearing deposits.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income for the first quarter of 2023 was \$25.3 million, a \$264 thousand, or 1.0%, decrease from the fourth quarter of 2022. The quarter over quarter decrease was primarily driven by decreases of \$1.1 million in retirement and benefit services revenue and \$453 thousand in mortgage banking revenue, partially offset by a \$1.2 million increase in other noninterest income. The decrease in retirement and benefit services revenue was primarily the result of seasonal decreases in administration fees, ESOP transaction fees and loan and distribution fees. Mortgage banking revenue decreased primarily due to a \$48.5 million, or 38.4%, decrease in mortgage originations due to the rising interest rate environment and seasonality. Other noninterest income increased primarily due to a \$1.2 million increase in proceeds received on a bank-owned life insurance claim.

Noninterest income for the first quarter of 2023 decreased \$4.2 million, or 14.3%, from \$29.5 million in the first quarter of 2022. The decrease in noninterest income was primarily due to a \$3.2 million decrease in mortgage banking revenue and a \$2.2 million decrease in retirement and benefit services revenue, partially offset by a \$1.4 million increase in other noninterest income. Mortgage banking revenue decreased primarily due to a \$109.0 million, or 58.4% decrease in mortgage originations, driven by the rising interest rate environment and a reduction in mortgage personnel. Retirement and benefit services revenue decreased primarily due to a decrease in asset based fees as assets under administration/management decreased \$1.9 billion, or 5.5%. Additionally, retirement and benefit services revenue experienced decreases of \$528 thousand in payroll service fees resulting from the exit of payroll services and \$310 thousand in plan document restatement fees. Other noninterest income increased for reasons previously stated.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense for both the first quarter of 2023 and the fourth quarter of 2022 was \$37.9 million. The minor linked quarter changes in noninterest expense included a \$983 thousand decrease in other noninterest expense and a \$302 thousand decrease in professional fees and assessments, partially offset by an increase of \$966 thousand in employee taxes and benefits, \$919 thousand increase in business services, software and technology. Compensation expense remained flat quarter over quarter, despite the first quarter including one-time expenses of \$484 thousand in severance costs and \$415 thousand related to talent acquisition. The decrease in other noninterest expense was primarily driven by a reduction of the provision for unfunded commitments which is now being reported within the provision for credit losses, as the Company adopted the new Current Expected Credit Loss, or CECL, accounting standard on January 1, 2023. Professional fees and assessments declined, primarily due to a decrease in the legal fees and mergers and acquisition expenses associated with the acquisition of Metro Phoenix Bank, which was completed in the third quarter of 2022. Employee taxes and benefits increased primarily due to seasonality. Business services, software and technology expense increased primarily due to the recognition of the benefits of renegotiated contracts at lower rates in the fourth quarter.

Noninterest expense for the first quarter of 2023 decreased \$202 thousand, or 0.5%, from \$38.1 million in the first quarter of 2022. The year over year decrease in noninterest expense was primarily driven by a \$389 thousand decrease in professional fees and assessments, partially offset by a \$400 thousand increase in business services, software and technology expense. Professional fees and assessments decreased primarily due to a \$284 thousand decrease in recruitment expenses. Business services, software and technology expense increased primarily due to increased technology expenses associated with the acquisition and integration of Metro Phoenix Bank.

Financial Condition

Total assets were \$3.9 billion as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$107.1 million, or 2.8%, from December 31, 2022. The increase in assets included increases of \$86.9 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$42.6 million in loans held for investment, partially offset by a \$19.8 million decrease in investment securities from December 31, 2022.

Loans

Total loans were \$2.5 billion as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$42.6 million, or 1.7%, from December 31, 2022. The increase in total loans was primarily due to increases of \$52.7 million in commercial real estate loans, \$11.0 million in real estate construction loans and \$20.3 million in residential real estate loans, partially offset by a \$30.3 million decrease in commercial and industrial loans.

The following table presents the composition of our loan portfolio as of the dates indicated:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022
Commercial					
Commercial and industrial	\$ 553,578	\$ 583,876	\$ 564,655	\$ 484,426	\$ 467,449
Real estate construction	108,776	97,810	89,215	48,870	41,604
Commercial real estate	934,324	881,670	819,068	599,737	602,158
Total commercial	<u>1,596,678</u>	<u>1,563,356</u>	<u>1,472,938</u>	<u>1,133,033</u>	<u>1,111,211</u>
Consumer					
Residential real estate first mortgage	698,002	679,551	649,818	568,571	522,489
Residential real estate junior lien	152,281	150,479	143,681	135,255	130,604
Other revolving and installment	39,664	50,608	51,794	53,384	53,738
Total consumer	<u>889,947</u>	<u>880,638</u>	<u>845,293</u>	<u>757,210</u>	<u>706,831</u>
Total loans	<u>\$ 2,486,625</u>	<u>\$ 2,443,994</u>	<u>\$ 2,318,231</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,243</u>	<u>\$ 1,818,042</u>

Deposits

Total deposits were \$3.0 billion as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$116.5 million, or 4.0%, from December 31, 2022. Interest-bearing deposits increased \$184.5 million, while noninterest-bearing deposits decreased \$68.0 million in the first quarter of 2023. The increase in interest-bearing deposits included increases of \$111.4 million in interest-bearing demand deposits, \$40.2 million in money market savings accounts and \$33.1 million in time deposits. Interest-bearing deposits increased primarily due to an increase in our synergistic, commercial and public funds deposits. Synergistic deposits, which include deposits from our retirement and benefit services and wealth management segments including HSA deposits, increased \$66.4 million. Excluding synergistic deposits, commercial transaction deposits including public funds increased \$65.0 million, while consumer transaction deposits decreased \$48.8 million in the first quarter of 2023. Noninterest bearing deposits as a percentage of total deposits was 26.2% as of March 31, 2023, compared to 29.5% as of December 31, 2022.

The following table presents the composition of our deposit portfolio as of the dates indicated:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$ 792,977	\$ 860,987	\$ 905,228	\$ 764,808	\$ 831,558
Interest-bearing					
Interest-bearing demand	817,675	706,275	653,216	642,641	760,321
Savings accounts	99,742	99,882	101,820	97,227	99,299
Money market savings	1,076,166	1,035,981	1,079,520	914,423	976,905
Time deposits	245,418	212,359	222,027	200,451	224,184
Total interest-bearing	<u>2,239,001</u>	<u>2,054,497</u>	<u>2,056,583</u>	<u>1,854,742</u>	<u>2,060,709</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$ 3,031,978</u>	<u>\$ 2,915,484</u>	<u>\$ 2,961,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,619,550</u>	<u>\$ 2,892,267</u>

Asset Quality

Effective January 1, 2023, the Company adopted the new CECL accounting standard. The adoption of CECL resulted in the Company's allowance for credit losses increasing by approximately \$5.9 million relative to the allowance held as of December 31, 2022. The adoption of CECL resulted in additional allowance of \$3.9 million in the allowance for credit losses on loans and \$1.9 million in additional allowance for credit losses on unfunded commitments. Total nonperforming assets were \$2.1 million as of March 31, 2023, a decrease of \$1.7 million, or 44.6%, from December 31, 2022. As of March 31, 2023, the allowance for credit losses on loans was \$35.1 million, or 1.41% of total loans, compared to \$31.1 million, or 1.27% of total loans, as of December 31, 2022. In addition, the credit mark on the acquired Metro Phoenix Bank loan portfolio was \$6.9 million and \$7.1 million, as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

The following table presents selected asset quality data as of and for the periods indicated:

	As of and for the three months ended				
	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	March 31, 2022
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>					
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 2,118	\$ 3,794	\$ 4,303	\$ 4,370	\$ 4,069
Accruing loans 90+ days past due	—	—	1,000	—	146
Total nonperforming loans	2,118	3,794	5,303	4,370	4,215
OREO and repossessed assets	—	30	904	860	865
Total nonperforming assets	\$ 2,118	\$ 3,824	\$ 6,207	\$ 5,230	\$ 5,080
Net charge-offs/(recoveries)	170	(178)	405	340	(141)
Net charge-offs/(recoveries) to average loans	0.03 %	(0.03)%	0.07 %	0.07 %	(0.03)%
Nonperforming loans to total loans	0.09 %	0.16 %	0.23 %	0.23 %	0.23 %
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.05 %	0.10 %	0.17 %	0.16 %	0.15 %
Allowance for credit losses on loans to total loans	1.41 %	1.27 %	1.34 %	1.66 %	1.74 %
Allowance for credit losses on loans to nonperforming loans	1,657 %	821 %	584 %	718 %	752 %

For the first quarter of 2023, the Company had net charge-offs of \$170 thousand compared to net recoveries of \$178 thousand for the fourth quarter of 2022 and \$141 thousand of net recoveries for the first quarter of 2022.

The Company recorded a provision for credit losses expense of \$550 thousand in the three months ended March 31, 2023, a \$550 thousand increase compared to both the three months ended December 31, 2022, and March 31, 2022. The provision for credit losses expense for the three months ended March 31, 2023, included \$269 thousand in provision for credit losses on loans and \$230 thousand in provision for credit losses on unfunded commitments. The increase in provision for credit losses was primarily a result of a change in forecasting assumptions in the new methodology with the adoption of CECL.

Capital

Total stockholders' equity was \$359.1 million as of March 31, 2023, an increase of \$2.2 million, or 0.6%, from December 31, 2022. While stockholders' equity remained relatively flat, the Company saw decreases of \$4.5 million in retained earnings as a result of the adoption of CECL, partially offset by a \$2.3 million decrease in the amount of other comprehensive loss. Tangible book value per common share, a non-GAAP financial measure, increased to \$14.50 as of March 31, 2023, from \$14.37 as of December 31, 2022. Tangible common equity to tangible assets, a non-GAAP financial measure, decreased to 7.62% as of March 31, 2023, from 7.74% as of December 31, 2022. Common equity tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets decreased to 13.30% as of March 31, 2023, from 13.39% as of December 31, 2022.

The following table presents our capital ratios as of the dates indicated:

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022
Capital Ratios⁽¹⁾			
<i>Alerus Financial Corporation Consolidated</i>			
Common equity tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets	13.30 %	13.39 %	14.27 %
Tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets	13.60 %	13.69 %	14.66 %
Total capital to risk weighted assets	16.51 %	16.48 %	18.12 %
Tier 1 capital to average assets	11.00 %	11.25 %	10.30 %
Tangible common equity / tangible assets ⁽²⁾	7.62 %	7.74 %	8.46 %
<i>Alerus Financial, N.A.</i>			
Common equity tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets	12.67 %	12.76 %	13.52 %
Tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets	12.67 %	12.76 %	13.52 %
Total capital to risk weighted assets	13.87 %	13.83 %	14.77 %
Tier 1 capital to average assets	10.24 %	10.48 %	9.50 %

(1) Capital ratios for the current quarter are to be considered preliminary until the Call Report for Alerus Financial, N.A. is filed.

(2) Represents a non-GAAP financial measure. See “Non-GAAP to GAAP Reconciliations and Calculation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures.”

Conference Call

The Company will host a conference call at 11:00 a.m. Central Time on Thursday, April 27, 2023, to discuss its financial results. The call can be accessed via telephone at (844) 200-6205, using access code 057461. A recording of the call and transcript will be available on the Company’s investor relations website at investors.alerus.com following the call.

About Alerus Financial Corporation

Alerus Financial Corporation is a diversified financial services company with corporate offices in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota metropolitan area. Through its subsidiary, Alerus Financial, N.A., the Company provides innovative and comprehensive financial solutions to business and consumer clients through four distinct business segments—banking, retirement and benefit services, wealth management, and mortgage. The Company provides clients with a primary point of contact to help fully understand the unique needs and delivery channel preferences of each client. Clients are provided with competitive products, valuable insight and sound advice supported by digital solutions designed to meet the clients’ needs. The Company has banking, mortgage, and wealth management offices in Grand Forks and Fargo, North Dakota, the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota metropolitan area, and Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Mesa Arizona. Alerus Retirement and Benefits plan administration hubs are located in Minnesota, Michigan, and Colorado.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Some of the financial measures included in this press release are not measures of financial performance recognized by U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures include the ratio of tangible common equity to tangible assets, tangible common equity per share, return on average tangible common equity, net interest margin (tax-equivalent), and the efficiency ratio. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in its analysis of its performance, and believes financial analysts and investors frequently use these measures, and other similar measures, to evaluate capital adequacy and financial performance. Reconciliations of non-GAAP disclosures used in this press release to the comparable GAAP measures are provided in the accompanying tables. Management, banking regulators, many financial analysts and other investors use these measures in conjunction with more traditional bank capital ratios to compare the capital adequacy of banking organizations with significant amounts of goodwill or other intangible assets, which typically stem from the use of the purchase accounting method of accounting for mergers and acquisitions.

These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for total stockholders’ equity, total assets, book value per share, return on average assets, return on average equity, or any other measure calculated in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, the manner in which the Company calculates these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from that of other companies reporting measures with similar names.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements concerning plans, estimates, calculations, forecasts and projections with respect to the anticipated future performance of Alerus Financial Corporation. These statements are often, but not always, identified by words such as “may”, “might”, “should”, “could”, “predict”, “potential”, “believe”, “expect”, “continue”, “will”, “anticipate”, “seek”, “estimate”, “intend”, “plan”, “projection”, “would”, “annualized”, “target” and “outlook”, or the negative version of those words or other comparable words of a future or forward-looking nature. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements we make regarding our projected growth, anticipated future financial performance, financial condition, credit quality, management’s long-term performance goals and the future plans and prospects of Alerus Financial Corporation.

Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based only on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, projections, anticipated events and trends, the economy and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of our control. Our actual results and financial condition may differ materially from those indicated in forward-looking statements. Therefore, you should not rely on any of these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause our actual results and financial condition to differ materially from those indicated in forward-looking statements include, among others, the following: interest rate risks associated with our business, including the effects of recent and anticipated rate increases by the Federal Reserve; our ability to successfully manage credit risk and maintain an adequate level of allowance for credit losses; new or revised accounting standards, including as a result of the implementation of the new Current Expected Credit Loss Standard; business and economic conditions generally and in the financial services industry, nationally and within our market areas, including continued rising rates of inflation; the effects of recent developments and events in the financial services industry, including the large-scale deposit withdrawals over a short-period of time at Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank that resulted in the failure of those institutions; the overall health of the local and national real estate market; concentrations within our loan portfolio; the level of nonperforming assets on our balance sheet; our ability to implement our organic and acquisition growth strategies, including the integration of Metro Phoenix Bank which we acquired in 2022; the impact of economic or market conditions on our fee-based services; our ability to continue to grow our retirement and benefit services business; our ability to continue to originate a sufficient volume of residential mortgages; the occurrence of fraudulent activity, breaches or failures of our information security controls or cybersecurity-related incidents; interruptions involving our information technology and telecommunications systems or third-party servicers; potential losses incurred in connection with mortgage loan repurchases; the composition of our executive management team and our ability to attract and retain key personnel; rapid technological change in the financial services industry; increased competition in the financial services industry from non-banks such as credit unions and Fintech companies, including digital asset service providers; our ability to successfully manage liquidity risk, including our need to access higher cost sources of funds such as fed funds purchased and short-term borrowings; the concentration of large deposits from certain clients, who have balances above current FDIC insurance limits and may withdraw deposits to diversify their exposure; the effectiveness of our risk management framework; the commencement and outcome of litigation and other legal proceedings and regulatory actions against us or to which we may become subject; potential impairment to the goodwill we recorded in connection with our past acquisitions, including the acquisition of Metro Phoenix Bank; the extensive regulatory framework that applies to us; the impact of recent and future legislative and regulatory changes, including in response to the recent failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank; fluctuations in the values of the securities held in our securities portfolio, including as a result of rising interest rates, which has resulted in unrealized losses in our portfolio; governmental monetary, trade and fiscal policies; risks related to climate change and the negative impact it may have on our customers and their businesses; severe weather, natural disasters, widespread disease or pandemics, such as the COVID-19 global pandemic; acts of war or terrorism, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine, or other adverse external events; any material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting; developments and uncertainty related to the future use and availability of some reference rates, such as the expected discontinuation of the London Interbank Offered Rate, as well as the development and implementation of other alternative reference rates; changes to U.S. or state tax laws, regulations and guidance, including the new 1.0% excise tax on stock buybacks by publicly traded companies; talent and labor shortages and employee turnover; our success at managing the risks involved in the foregoing items; and any other risks described in the “Risk Factors” sections of the reports filed by Alerus Financial Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Any forward-looking statement made by us in this press release is based only on information currently available to us and speaks only as of the date on which it is made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

Alerus Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 145,181	\$ 58,242
Investment securities		
Available-for-sale, at fair value	705,825	717,324
Held-to-maturity, at carrying value (allowance for credit losses of \$223 at March 31, 2023)	313,648	321,902
Loans held for sale	16,900	9,488
Loans	2,486,625	2,443,994
Allowance for credit losses on loans	(35,102)	(31,146)
Net loans	2,451,523	2,412,848
Land, premises and equipment, net	17,631	17,288
Operating lease right-of-use assets	5,122	5,419
Accrued interest receivable	12,983	12,869
Bank-owned life insurance	32,583	33,991
Goodwill	47,087	47,087
Other intangible assets	21,131	22,455
Servicing rights	2,421	2,643
Deferred income taxes, net	41,620	42,369
Other assets	73,118	75,712
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,886,773</u>	<u>\$ 3,779,637</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Deposits		
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 792,977	\$ 860,987
Interest-bearing	2,239,001	2,054,497
Total deposits	3,031,978	2,915,484
Short-term borrowings	372,145	378,080
Long-term debt	58,872	58,843
Operating lease liabilities	5,545	5,902
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	59,115	64,456
Total liabilities	<u>3,527,655</u>	<u>3,422,765</u>
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$1 par value, 2,000,000 shares authorized: 0 issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$1 par value, 30,000,000 shares authorized: 20,066,807 and 19,991,681 issued and outstanding	20,067	19,992
Additional paid-in capital	154,818	155,095
Retained earnings	280,540	280,426
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(96,307)	(98,641)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>359,118</u>	<u>356,872</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 3,886,773</u>	<u>\$ 3,779,637</u>

Alerus Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Income
(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended		
	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest Income			
Loans, including fees	\$ 30,933	\$ 29,248	\$ 17,292
Investment securities			
Taxable	5,951	5,813	5,440
Exempt from federal income taxes	190	210	216
Other	735	541	116
Total interest income	37,809	35,812	23,064
Interest Expense			
Deposits	9,104	5,675	829
Short-term borrowings	4,393	2,545	—
Long-term debt	654	628	562
Total interest expense	14,151	8,848	1,391
Net interest income	23,658	26,964	21,673
Provision for credit losses	550	—	—
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	23,108	26,964	21,673
Noninterest Income			
Retirement and benefit services	15,482	16,599	17,646
Wealth management	5,194	5,144	5,326
Mortgage banking	1,717	2,170	4,931
Service charges on deposit accounts	301	282	363
Other	2,559	1,322	1,204
Total noninterest income	25,253	25,517	29,470
Noninterest Expense			
Compensation	19,158	19,189	19,051
Employee taxes and benefits	5,853	4,887	6,162
Occupancy and equipment expense	1,899	1,892	2,051
Business services, software and technology expense	5,324	4,405	4,924
Intangible amortization expense	1,324	1,324	1,053
Professional fees and assessments	1,152	1,454	1,541
Marketing and business development	686	950	600
Supplies and postage	460	634	646
Travel	248	356	179
Mortgage and lending expenses	497	606	686
Other	1,268	2,251	1,178
Total noninterest expense	37,869	37,948	38,071
Income before income taxes	10,492	14,533	13,072
Income tax expense	2,306	3,624	2,888
Net income	\$ 8,186	\$ 10,909	\$ 10,184
Per Common Share Data			
Earnings per common share	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.58
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.57
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.16
Average common shares outstanding	20,028	19,988	17,244
Diluted average common shares outstanding	20,246	20,232	17,500

Alerus Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries
Non-GAAP to GAAP Reconciliations and Calculation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (unaudited)
(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022
Tangible Common Equity to Tangible Assets			
Total common stockholders' equity	\$ 359,118	\$ 356,872	\$ 328,505
Less: Goodwill	47,087	47,087	31,490
Less: Other intangible assets	21,131	22,455	19,197
Tangible common equity (a)	290,900	287,330	277,818
Total assets	3,886,773	3,779,637	3,336,199
Less: Goodwill	47,087	47,087	31,490
Less: Other intangible assets	21,131	22,455	19,197
Tangible assets (b)	3,818,555	3,710,095	3,285,512
Tangible common equity to tangible assets (a)/(b)	7.62 %	7.74 %	8.46 %
Tangible Book Value Per Common Share			
Total common stockholders' equity	\$ 359,118	\$ 356,872	\$ 328,505
Less: Goodwill	47,087	47,087	31,490
Less: Other intangible assets	21,131	22,455	19,197
Tangible common equity (c)	290,900	287,330	277,818
Total common shares issued and outstanding (d)	20,067	19,992	17,289
Tangible book value per common share (c)/(d)	\$ 14.50	\$ 14.37	\$ 16.07

	Three months ended		
	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	March 31, 2022
Return on Average Tangible Common Equity			
Net income	\$ 8,186	\$ 10,909	\$ 10,184
Add: Intangible amortization expense (net of tax)	1,046	1,046	832
Net income, excluding intangible amortization (e)	9,232	11,955	11,016
Average total equity	361,857	349,812	350,545
Less: Average goodwill	47,087	46,283	31,490
Less: Average other intangible assets (net of tax)	17,209	18,243	15,569
Average tangible common equity (f)	297,561	285,286	303,486
Return on average tangible common equity (e)/(f)	12.58 %	16.63 %	14.72 %
Efficiency Ratio			
Noninterest expense	\$ 37,869	\$ 37,948	\$ 38,071
Less: Intangible amortization expense	1,324	1,324	1,053
Adjusted noninterest expense (g)	36,545	36,624	37,018
Net interest income	23,658	26,964	21,673
Noninterest income	25,253	25,517	29,470
Tax-equivalent adjustment	124	124	94
Total tax-equivalent revenue (h)	49,035	52,605	51,237
Efficiency ratio (g)/(h)	74.53 %	69.62 %	72.25 %

Alerus Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries
Analysis of Average Balances, Yields, and Rates (unaudited)
(dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended					
	March 31, 2023		December 31, 2022		March 31, 2022	
	Average Balance	Average Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Average Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Average Yield/ Rate
Interest Earning Assets						
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	\$ 41,947	3.23 %	\$ 26,510	2.16 %	\$ 105,726	0.18 %
Investment securities ⁽¹⁾	1,034,288	2.43 %	1,046,441	2.30 %	1,216,256	1.90 %
Fed funds sold	—	— %	7,119	3.40 %	—	— %
Loans held for sale	10,345	4.98 %	14,505	4.54 %	24,656	2.57 %
Loans						
Commercial:						
Commercial and industrial	559,416	6.09 %	561,252	5.80 %	434,656	4.68 %
Real estate construction	103,099	6.56 %	96,189	6.02 %	41,139	3.89 %
Commercial real estate	911,634	4.95 %	838,466	4.85 %	601,024	3.64 %
Total commercial	1,574,149	5.46 %	1,495,907	5.28 %	1,076,819	4.07 %
Consumer						
Residential real estate first mortgage	688,754	3.76 %	665,135	3.64 %	514,724	3.49 %
Residential real estate junior lien	149,720	7.21 %	146,912	6.46 %	125,997	4.45 %
Other revolving and installment	44,531	5.86 %	51,836	5.62 %	50,686	4.38 %
Total consumer	883,005	4.45 %	863,883	4.24 %	691,407	3.73 %
Total loans ⁽¹⁾	2,457,154	5.10 %	2,359,790	4.90 %	1,768,226	3.94 %
Federal Reserve/FHLB stock	23,668	6.87 %	19,603	6.80 %	6,486	4.38 %
Total interest earning assets	3,567,402	4.31 %	3,473,968	4.10 %	3,121,350	3.01 %
Noninterest earning assets	224,134		232,754		165,459	
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,791,536</u>		<u>\$ 3,706,722</u>		<u>\$ 3,286,809</u>	
Interest-Bearing Liabilities						
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 746,660	0.87 %	\$ 692,217	0.50 %	\$ 714,472	0.12 %
Money market and savings deposits	1,165,269	2.17 %	1,185,502	1.39 %	1,043,430	0.14 %
Time deposits	231,959	2.23 %	214,264	1.20 %	227,485	0.44 %
Fed funds purchased	290,187	4.85 %	86,350	3.78 %	—	— %
Short-term borrowings	80,000	4.69 %	178,533	3.82 %	—	— %
Long-term debt	58,858	4.51 %	58,830	4.24 %	58,908	3.87 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	2,572,933	2.23 %	2,415,696	1.45 %	2,044,295	0.28 %
Noninterest-Bearing Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity						
Noninterest-bearing deposits	789,134		870,948		831,441	
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	67,612		70,266		60,528	
Stockholders' equity	361,857		349,812		350,545	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 3,791,536</u>		<u>\$ 3,706,722</u>		<u>\$ 3,286,809</u>	
Net interest income (1)						
Net interest rate spread		2.08 %		2.65 %		2.73 %
Net interest margin, tax-equivalent ⁽¹⁾		2.70 %		3.09 %		2.83 %

(1) Taxable-equivalent adjustment was calculated utilizing a marginal income tax rate of 21.0%.