

Pillar 3 Regulatory Disclosures

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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND TERMS

The following listing provides a comprehensive reference of common acronyms and terms we regularly use in our financial reporting:

2017 Tax Legislation	An Act to Provide for Reconciliation Pursuant to Titles II and V of the Concurrent Resolution of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (Tax Cuts and Jobs Act)
ALLL	Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses
AOCI	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
ВНС	Bank Holding Company
Board	The Board of Directors of Citizens Financial Group, Inc.
CBNA	Citizens Bank, National Association
CBPA	Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania
CCAR	Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review
ССВ	Capital Conservation Buffer
ССО	Chief Credit Officer
CET1	Common Equity Tier 1
Citizens or CFG	Citizens Financial Group, Inc. and its Subsidiaries
CRA	Community Reinvestment Act
CSA	Credit Support Annex
CVA	Credit Valuation Adjustment
DFAST	Dodd-Frank Act Stress Test
Dodd-Frank Act	The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FDIA	Federal Deposit Insurance Act
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
FFCB	Federal Farm Credit Banks
FHLB	Federal Home Loan Bank
FHLMC	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
FNMA	Federal National Mortgage Association
Form 10-K	Annual Report on Form 10-K
FR Y-9C	Regulatory Financial Statements for Bank Holding Companies
FRB	Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and, as applicable, Federal Reserve Bank(s)
GAAP	Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America
GNMA	Government National Mortgage Association
MBS	Mortgage-Backed Securities
Mid-Atlantic	District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia
Midwest	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio
New England	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
NRSRO	Nationally Recognized Statistical Ratings Organizations
occ	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
ОТС	Over the Counter
RWA	Risk-Weighted Assets
SBO	Serviced by Others loan portfolio
SSFA	Simplified Supervisory Formula Approach
VaR	Value at Risk

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INTRODUCTION

Citizens Financial Group, Inc. is one of the nation's oldest and largest financial institutions with \$152.3 billion in assets as of December 31, 2017. Our mission is to help our customers, colleagues and communities reach their potential. Headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island, we offer a broad range of retail and commercial banking products and services to individuals, small businesses, middle-market companies, large corporations and institutions. We help our customers reach their potential by listening to them and by understanding their needs in order to offer tailored advice, ideas and solutions. In Consumer Banking, we provide an integrated experience that includes mobile and online banking, a 24/7 customer contact center and the convenience of approximately 3,300 ATMs and approximately 1,150 branches in 11 states in the New England, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest regions. Consumer Banking products and services include a full range of banking, lending, savings, wealth management and small business offerings. In Commercial Banking, we offer corporate, institutional and not-for-profit clients a full range of wholesale banking products and services including lending and deposits, capital markets, treasury services, foreign exchange and interest rate products, and asset finance. More information is available at www.citizensbank.com.

Report Overview

We produce this report quarterly to update market participants regarding risk-based capital and risk exposures as required under U.S. regulations that interpret global regulatory standards known as "Basel III," established by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. The Basel Committee refers to this ongoing requirement as "Pillar 3 Regulatory Disclosures." This report provides information on our capital structure, risk exposures, risk assessment processes, RWA and overall capital adequacy. This report also includes information on the methodologies used to calculate RWA. This report is unaudited and should be read in conjunction with our 2017 Form 10-K, which includes important information on risk management policies and practices, and our December 2017 FR Y-9C. Appendix 1 of this report contains references to specific sections of our 2017 Form 10-K to facilitate location of applicable information.

This report contains forward-looking statements covered under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statement that does not describe historical or current facts is a forward-looking statement, as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.

Scope of Application

The Basel III framework applies to CFG and its subsidiary banks, Citizens Bank, National Association and Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania. CFG is a "standardized approach" and "AOCI opt-out" reporting institution under the U.S. Basel III Standardized approach.

Our basis for consolidation used for regulatory financial statement reporting purposes is the same as the basis used for our financial statements prepared under GAAP. Please refer to *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 1 - Basis of Presentation: Significant Accounting Policies* in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on the basis for consolidation for financial reporting purposes.

Restrictions on transfers between CFG and its subsidiary banks

A number of regulations and statutes restrict transfers of funds and capital within CFG. CFG is a financial holding company and a BHC, regulated and supervised by the FRB. The OCC is the primary regulator and supervisor for CBNA, while the State of Pennsylvania and the FDIC regulate and supervise CBPA. Applicable statutes and regulations that may pertain either to the BHC, one or both of its subsidiary banks, or all entities as affiliates may restrict transfers of funds and capital between these entities.

Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act and FRB Regulation W are primary restrictors of lending, borrowing, and otherwise transacting business between affiliates. Please refer to *Business - Regulation and Supervision - Transactions with Affiliates and Insiders* in our 2017 Form 10-K for a full discussion of these regulations.

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Restrictions on the payment of dividends and other capital distributions within the group weigh most heavily on the banks. The FRB expects bank holding companies to act as a "source of strength" to each individual subsidiary bank, providing capital to the banks as needed. Consistent with this view, bank regulators ensure that banks do not return capital to the BHC in a manner that would undermine a bank's overall "safety and soundness." Therefore, both CBNA and CBPA are subject to specific qualitative and quantitative tests and examinations that may restrict them from paying dividends or otherwise returning capital to the BHC. Please refer to Business - Regulation and Supervision in our 2017 Form 10-K for an overview of the general controls and restrictions imposed on distributions of capital by the banks and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Capital and Regulatory Matters in our 2017 Form 10-K for details of the current status of each bank versus its applicable regulatory restrictions.

In addition, the BHC, CBNA, and CBPA are subject to capital adequacy and liquidity standards. If either of the banks or the BHC fail to meet these standards, it could have an adverse affect on our financial condition and operations. Please refer to Risk Factors - Risks Related to Regulations Governing Our Industry in our 2017 Form 10-K for additional information regarding these risks.

Financial subsidiaries

We have one actively operating non-bank subsidiary, Citizens Capital Markets, Inc. ("CCMI"). CCMI is a commercial broker-dealer that does not materially add to our risk-based capital requirements.

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RISK GOVERNANCE

We are committed to maintaining a strong, integrated and proactive approach to the management of all risks to which we are exposed in pursuit of our business objectives. A key aspect of our Board's responsibility as the main decision making body is setting our risk appetite to ensure that the levels of risk that we are willing to accept in the attainment of our strategic business and financial objectives are clearly understood.

To enable our Board to carry out its objectives, it has delegated authority for risk management activities, as well as governance and oversight of those activities, to a number of Board and executive management level risk committees. The Executive Risk Committee ("ERC"), chaired by the Chief Risk Officer, is responsible for oversight of risk across the enterprise and actively considers our inherent material risks, analyzes our overall risk profile and seeks confirmation that the risks are being appropriately identified, assessed and mitigated. Reporting to the ERC are the following additional committees, covering specific areas of risk: Compliance and Operational Risk Committee, Model Risk Committee, Credit Policy Committee, Asset/Liability Committee, Business Initiatives Review Committee, and the Ethics Oversight Committee.

Risk Framework

Our risk management framework is embedded in our business through a "Three Lines of Defense" model which defines responsibilities and accountabilities for risk management activities.

First Line of Defense

The business lines (including their associated support functions) are the first line of defense and are accountable for identifying, assessing, managing, and controlling the risks associated with the products and services they provide. The business lines are responsible for performing regular risk assessments to identify and assess the material risks that arise in their area of responsibility, complying with relevant risk policies, testing and certifying the adequacy and effectiveness of their operational and financial reporting controls on a regular basis, establishing and documenting operating procedures and establishing and owning a governance structure for identifying and managing risk.

Second Line of Defense

The second line of defense includes independent monitoring and control functions accountable for developing and ensuring implementation of risk and control frameworks and related policies. This centralized risk function is appropriately independent from the business and is accountable for overseeing and challenging our business lines on the effective management of their risks, including credit, market, operational, regulatory, reputational, interest rate, liquidity and strategic risks.

Third Line of Defense

Our Internal Audit function is the third line of defense providing independent assurance with a view of the effectiveness of Citizens' internal controls, governance practices, and culture so that risk is managed appropriately for the size, complexity, and risk profile of the organization. Internal Audit has complete and unrestricted access to any and all Bank records, physical properties, and personnel. Internal Audit issues a report following each internal review and provides an audit opinion to Citizens' Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

Credit Quality Assurance reports to the Chief Audit Executive and provides the legal-entity boards, senior management and other stakeholders with independent assurance on the quality of credit portfolios and adherence to agreed Credit Risk Appetite and Credit Policies and processes. In line with its procedures and regulatory expectations, the Credit Quality Assurance function undertakes a program of portfolio testing, assessing and reporting through four Risk Pillars of Asset Quality, Rating and Data Integrity, Risk Management and Credit Risk Appetite.

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Risk Appetite

Risk appetite is a strategic business and risk management tool. We define our risk appetite as the maximum limit of acceptable risk beyond which we could be unable to achieve our strategic objectives and capital adequacy obligations.

Our principal non-market risks include credit, operational, regulatory, reputational, liquidity and strategic risks. We are also subject to certain market risks which include potential losses arising from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices, commodity prices and/or other relevant market rates or prices. Market risk in our business arises from trading activities that serve customer needs, including hedging of interest rates, foreign exchange risk and non-trading activities within capital markets. We have established enterprise-wide policies and methodologies to identify, measure, monitor and report on market risk. We actively manage both trading and non-trading market risks. Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Market Risk in our 2017 Form 10-K for further information.

Our risk appetite is reviewed and approved annually by the Board Risk Committee.

Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Risk Governance in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on risk governance.

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CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND ADEQUACY

Capital Structure

We manage capital to ensure consistency with all applicable regulations and statutes, as well as with robust Board-approved internal policies established to ensure that the quantity and quality of current and projected capital will be adequate in relation to the risks that we assume across all lines of business. Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Capital and Regulatory Matters in our 2017 Form 10-K for additional information. As of December 31, 2017, our regulatory capital instruments consisted of common equity that qualifies as CET1 capital, preferred stock that qualifies as additional tier 1 capital, and subordinated debt that qualifies as tier 2 capital. Under U.S. Basel III Standardized rules, tier 2 capital instrument eligibility is phased out by 20% per year, beginning five years from the applicable maturity date. Our regulatory capital instruments are referenced below in Table 1.

Table 1 - CFG Regulatory Capital Instruments	
(in millions) As of Decemb	er 31, 2017
Common Equity	
Common stock and related surplus, net of treasury stock	\$16,679
\$.01 par value, 1,000,000,000 shares authorized, 565,850,984 shares issued, and 490,812,912 shares outstanding at December	31, 2017
Preferred Equity	
Preferred stock and related surplus	\$247
\$25.00 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 250,000 shares, Series A, issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017	
Qualifying Subordinated Debt	
4.150% fixed-rate subordinated debt, due 2022 ⁽¹⁾	278
5.158% fixed-to-floating rate subordinated debt, due 2023, converting to floating at 3-month LIBOR + 3.56% and callable beginning June 2018	333
3.750% fixed-rate subordinated debt, due 2024	250
4.023% fixed-rate subordinated debt, due 2024	42
4.350% fixed-rate subordinated debt, due 2025	249
4.300% fixed-rate subordinated debt, due 2025	749
Total qualifying subordinated debt	\$1,901
(1) As of December 31, 2017, the amount of non-qualifying subordinated debt excluded from regulatory capital was \$70 million.	

Our exposure to other potential deductions and adjustments to capital is minimal. We do not invest in our own regulatory capital instruments, directly or indirectly, except in relation to treasury stock, which is deducted from regulatory capital in accordance with regulatory rules. We have not elected to measure liabilities at fair value on our balance sheet and we do not hold material interests in unconsolidated financial institutions. Our subsidiary banks do not issue capital instruments to third parties, which would expose us to a "minority interest" deduction for third-party capital. Lastly, we had \$198 million of mortgage servicing rights as of December 31, 2017, which is below the threshold that requires these assets to be deducted from capital.

We are subject to the U.S. Basel III capital rule and the standardized approach for risk weighting of assets. As an "AOCI opt-out" institution, we are not required to recognize in regulatory capital the impacts of net unrealized gains and losses included within AOCI for securities that are available for sale or held to maturity, accumulated net gains and losses on cash flows hedges and defined benefit pension plan assets.

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As of December 31, 2017, CET1 capital represented 80% of our total regulatory capital. The following table presents our regulatory capital composition:

Table 2 - CFG Regulatory Capital Composition	
(in millions)	As of December 31, 2017
Common stock and related surplus, net of treasury stock	\$16,679
Retained earnings	4,164
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(820)
Total common shareholders' equity	20,023
Exclusions: (1)	
Net unrealized losses recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax:	
Debt and marketable equity securities	236
Derivatives	143
Unamortized net periodic benefit costs	441
<u>Deductions:</u>	
Goodwill	(6,887)
Deferred tax liability associated with goodwill	355
Other intangible assets	(2)
Total common equity tier 1 capital	14,309
Qualifying preferred stock	247
Total tier 1 capital	14,556
Qualifying subordinated debt ⁽²⁾	1,901
Allowance for loan and lease losses	1,236
Allowance for credit losses for off-balance sheet exposure	88
Total tier 2 capital	3,225
Total capital	\$17,781
(1) As a U.S. Basel III Standardized approach institution, CFG and its subsidiary banks selected the of the requirements to include all components of AOCI.	ne one-time election to opt-out
(2) As of December 31, 2017, the amount of non-qualifying subordinated debt excluded from re	gulatory captial was \$70 million.

Capital Adequacy Process

Our assessment of capital adequacy begins with our risk appetite and risk management framework. This framework provides for the identification, measurement and management of material risks. Capital requirements are determined for actual and forecasted risk portfolios using applicable regulatory capital methodologies. The assessment also considers the possible impacts of approved and proposed regulatory changes to future periods. Key analytical frameworks, which enable the assessment of capital adequacy versus unexpected loss, supplement our base case forecast. These supplemental frameworks include stress testing, as well as an internal capital adequacy requirement that builds on internally assessed economic capital requirements. A robust governance framework supports our capital planning process. This process includes capital management policies and procedures that document capital adequacy metrics and limits, as well as our comprehensive capital contingency plan and the active engagement of both the legal-entity boards and senior management in oversight and decision-making.

Forward-looking assessments of capital adequacy for us and our banking subsidiaries feed development of capital plans that are submitted to the FRB and bank regulators. We prepare these plans in compliance with the FRB's Capital Plan Rule and participate annually in the FRB's CCAR review process. In addition to the stress test requirements under CCAR, we also perform semi-annual company-run stress tests required by the Dodd-Frank Act.

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The FRB may either object to our capital plan, in whole or in part, or provide a notice of non-objection. If the FRB objects to our capital plan, we may not make any capital distributions other than those with respect to which the FRB has indicated its non-objection. On June 28, 2017, the FRB informed us that it did not object to our 2017 Capital Plan or our proposed capital actions for the period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

On January 30, 2017, the FRB published a final rule that modifies the CCAR Capital Plan and stress test rules. Under the final rule, we continue to be classified as a large non-complex firm; a bank holding company with total consolidated assets of at least \$50 billion but less than \$250 billion, non-bank assets of less than \$75 billion, and that is not classified as a global systematically important bank holding company under the FRB's capital rules. As a result of the final rule, the FRB may no longer object to our capital plans on qualitative grounds beginning with the 2017 CCAR and DFAST cycles. The FRB's qualitative assessment of our capital planning processes is now incorporated into regular, ongoing supervisory activities, with targeted horizontal assessments of particular aspects of capital planning. We remain subject to the FRB's quantitative assessment of our ability to meet capital requirements under stress. Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Capital and Regulatory Matters in our 2017 Form 10-K for additional information related to our CCAR and stress testing process.

We develop capital plans and conduct routine capital management activities in compliance with internal limits and operating targets that are established for each regulatory capital ratio. These limits and targets are intended to meet both regulatory and market expectations, while also ensuring an efficient return to shareholders. We set these internal limits and targets to comply with the fully phased-in U.S. Basel III minimum, which includes the fully phased-in capital conservation buffer of 2.5% for each risk-based capital ratio. Please refer to the related discussion in the Capital Conservation Buffer section of this report. The process to establish internal limits and targets also considers internally-defined buffers for stress uncertainty and other strategic considerations, which are calibrated annually.

In November 2017, the federal banking regulators issued a final rule that extended the 2017 transition provisions for certain U.S. Basel III capital rules for non-advanced approaches banking organizations, such as us. Effective January 1, 2018, the final rule retains the 2017 U.S. Basel III transitional treatment of certain deferred tax assets ("DTAs"), mortgage servicing assets, investments in non-consolidated financial entities and minority interests. As a result, effective January 1, 2018, our mortgage servicing assets will retain their 2017 risk weight treatment until the federal banking regulators revise the extended transitional treatment under the November 2017 final rule, which may occur in connection with the finalization of the related September 2017 proposal to simplify the capital treatment of certain DTAs, mortgage servicing assets, investments in non-consolidated financial entities and minority interests.

On December 22, 2017 President Trump signed the 2017 Tax Legislation, which included a reduction in the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. For Citizens, this required a revaluation of our net deferred tax liability with a corresponding adjustment to current tax expense, and resulted in a \$331 million net tax benefit. Included in this net tax benefit was \$145 million of expense related to the revaluation of our deferred tax assets associated with unrealized losses in AOCI. FASB standards in-place at December 31, 2017 required us to revalue all deferred taxes, including those related to balances in AOCI, through current tax expense. As a result, our unrealized loss balance in AOCI was not revalued to reflect the new corporate tax rate. This impact, commonly referred to as the "stranded tax effect", was taken under consideration by FASB in January 2018 to address concerns primarily raised by banking institutions, including distortion of net income and regulatory capital. In February 2018, to address the "stranded tax effect", FASB issued ASU 2018-02, Income Statement-Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, which provides entities the election to reclassify the difference between the new and old corporate tax rates resulting from the 2017 Tax Legislation between retained earnings and AOCI for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. We have retrospectively adopted ASU 2018-02, elected to reclassify \$145 million between AOCI and retained earnings, including indirect impacts from the decreased federal tax effect on future state tax benefits, and reflected this reclassification in our 2017 Consolidated Financial Statements on Form 10-K, December 2017 FR Y-9C and the applicable impact on the subsidiary bank call reports.

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The U.S. Basel III Standardized capital ratios for CFG, CBNA and CBPA as of December 31, 2017 are presented in Table 3 *Capital Ratios*, and based on both current and fully phased-in U.S. Basel III requirements, all ratios remained well above Basel III minima. Please refer to *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data- Note 24 - Regulatory Matters* in our 2017 Form 10-K for additional information related to the calculation of our capital ratios.

Table 3 - Capital Ratios							
			Citizens Financial G	ro	oup, Inc.		
	Transitional Basel III				Fully Phased-In Basel III		
Capital ratios	Actual Ratio	Required Minimum plus Required CCB for Non-Leverage Ratios	FDIA Required Well-Capitalized Minimum for Purposes of Prompt Corrective Action ⁽¹⁾		Pro Forma Basel III Ratios	Required Minimum plus Required CCB for Non-Leverage Ratios	FDIA Required Well- Capitalized Minimum for Purposes of Prompt Corrective Action ⁽¹⁾
CET1	11.2%	5.75%	6.5%		11.2%	7.0%	6.5%
Tier 1	11.4	7.25	8.0		11.4	8.5	8.0
Total	13.9	9.25	10.0		13.9	10.5	10.0
Tier 1 Leverage	10.0	4.00	5.0		10.0	4.0	5.0
		C	itizens Bank, Nationa	l	Association		
		Transitional Ba	asel III	П		Fully Phased-In	Basel III
Capital ratios	Actual Ratio	Required Minimum plus Required CCB for Non-Leverage Ratios	FDIA Required Well-Capitalized Minimum for Purposes of Prompt Corrective Action		Pro Forma Basel III Ratios	Required Minimum plus Required CCB for Non-Leverage Ratios	FDIA Required Well- Capitalized Minimum for Purposes of Prompt Corrective Action
CET1	11.4%	5.75%	6.5%		11.3%	7.0%	6.5%
Tier 1	11.4	7.25	8.0		11.3	8.5	8.0
Total	13.5	9.25	10.0		13.4	10.5	10.0
Tier 1 Leverage	10.3	4.00	5.0		10.3	4.0	5.0
			Citizens Bank of Pen	ın	sylvania		
	Transitional Basel III					Fully Phased-In	Basel III
Capital ratios	Actual Ratio	Required Minimum plus Required CCB for Non-Leverage Ratios	FDIA Required Well-Capitalized Minimum for Purposes of Prompt Corrective Action		Pro Forma Basel III Ratios	Required Minimum plus Required CCB for Non-Leverage Ratios	FDIA Required Well- Capitalized Minimum for Purposes of Prompt Corrective Action
CET1	12.9%	5.75%	6.5%		12.9%	7.0%	6.5%
Tier 1	12.9	7.25	8.0		12.9	8.5	8.0
Total	13.9	9.25	10.0		13.9	10.5	10.0
Tier 1 Leverage	8.7	4.00	5.0		8.7	4.0	5.0
(1) Presented for info	rmational pu	urposes. Prompt correct	tive action provisions appl	ly	only to insured	depository institutions	- CBNA and CBPA.

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The table below reports the composition of our RWA as of December 31, 2017. Please refer to Schedule HC-R - Part II Risk-Weighted Assets in our December 2017 FR Y-9C for details on adjustments and deductions to calculate total RWA.

Table 4 - CFG Standardized Risk-Weighted Assets			
(in millions)	As of December 31, 2017		
Corporate exposures	\$54,972		
Auto loans	13,121		
Home equity lines and loans	11,035		
Residential mortgage exposures	9,705		
Commercial real estate	9,496		
Education (1)	8,028		
Other assets	7,726		
High volatility commercial real estate	2,207		
Mortgage backed securities - FNMA & FHLMC	2,275		
Letters of credit	2,064		
Credit card	1,830		
Personal loans	1,437		
Equities	1,352		
Securitization	794		
Small business	813		
Past due loans (excluding Sovereigns, Guarantees & Home Lending)	668		
Exposures to sovereign entities	111		
Cleared transactions	26		
Exposures to public sector entities	12		
Exposures to depository institutions, foreign banks, and credit unions	17		
Default fund contributions	3		
Total standardized risk-weighted assets for credit risk exposure	\$127,692		
Market risk			
Total risk-weighted assets	\$127,692		
⁽¹⁾ During first quarter 2017, student loans were renamed "education" loans.			

Please refer to the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Capital and Regulatory Matters section in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information regarding capital ratios and the capital adequacy process, including a review of current capital plan strategies and planned capital actions.

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Capital Conservation Buffer

The U.S. Basel III rules impose a CCB on top of the regulatory minimum established for each of the three risk-weighted asset ratios. The implementation of the CCB began on January 1, 2016 at the 0.625% level, increased to 1.25% as of January 1, 2017, will increase to 1.875% on January 1, 2018, and reaches its fully phased-in level of 2.5% on January 1, 2019.

Under the U.S. Basel III Standardized Transitional rules, the minimum capital ratios effective as of January 1, 2017 are:

- 5.75% CET1 to RWA (minimum 4.5% plus 1.25% CCB);
- 7.25% Tier 1 capital (CET1 plus Additional Tier 1 capital) to RWA (minimum 6% plus 1.25% CCB);
- 9.25% Total capital (Tier 1 capital plus Tier 2 capital) to RWA (minimum 8% plus 1.25% CCB); and
- The minimum leverage ratio of 4.00% is not impacted by the CCB.

As of December 31, 2017, our CCB was 5.40%, well above the current required minimum of 1.25% and the fully phased-in CCB level of 2.5%. As a result, we are not subject to payout ratio limitations on our distributions or certain discretionary executive compensation. Eligible retained income⁽¹⁾ at December 31, 2017 was \$294 million, consisting of aggregate net income of \$1.3 billion, net of aggregate distributions of \$1.0 billion, reflecting repurchases of common stock and common and preferred stock dividends.

Under the U.S. Basel III Standardized Fully Phased-In rules, the effective minimum capital ratios as of January 1, 2019 will be:

- 7.0% CET1 to RWA (minimum 4.5% plus 2.5% CCB);
- 8.5% Tier 1 capital (CET1 plus Additional Tier 1 capital) to RWA (minimum 6% plus 2.5% CCB); and
- 10.5% Total capital (Tier 1 capital plus Tier 2 capital) to RWA (minimum 8% plus 2.5% CCB).

⁽¹⁾ Eligible retained income as defined by regulations is net income for the four calendar quarters preceding the current calendar quarter, net of any distributions and associated tax effects not already reflected in net income, per 12 CFR 217.11 and 12 CFR 217.2.

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CREDIT RISK

General Disclosures

Overview

Credit risk represents the potential for loss arising from a customer, counterparty, or issuer failing to perform in accordance with the contractual terms of the obligation. While the majority of our credit risk is associated with lending activities, we do engage with other financial counterparties for a variety of purposes including investing, asset and liability management, and trading activities. Given the financial impact of credit risk on our earnings and balance sheet, the assessment, approval, and management of credit risk represents a major part of our overall risk-management responsibility.

Objective

The independent Credit Risk Function is responsible for reviewing and approving credit risk appetite across all lines of business and credit products, approving larger and higher risk credit transactions, monitoring portfolio performance, identifying problem credit exposures and ensuring remedial management.

Organizational Structure

Management and oversight of credit risk is the responsibility of both the line of business and the second line of defense. The second line of defense, the independent Credit Risk Function, is led by the Chief Credit Officer who oversees all of our credit risk. The CCO reports to the Chief Risk Officer. The CCO, acting in a manner consistent with Board policies, has responsibility for, among other things, the governance process around policies, procedures, risk acceptance criteria, credit risk appetite, limits, and authority delegation. The CCO and team also have responsibility for credit approvals for larger and higher risk transactions and oversight of line of business credit risk activities. Reporting to the CCO are the heads of the second line of defense credit functions specializing in: Consumer Banking, Commercial Banking, Citizens Restructuring Management, Portfolio and Corporate Reporting, ALLL Analytics, Current Expected Credit Loss and Credit Policy and Administration. Each team under these leaders is composed of highly experienced credit professionals.

Governance

The primary mechanisms used to govern our credit risk function are our consumer and commercial credit policies. These policies outline the minimum acceptable lending standards that align with our desired risk appetite. Material changes in our business model and strategies that identify a need to change our risk appetite or highlight a risk not previously contemplated are identified by the individual committees and presented to the Credit Policy Committee, Executive Risk Committee and the Board Risk Committee for approval, as appropriate.

Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Risk Governance - Credit Risk in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on credit risk governance.

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Credit Risk Exposure

The following table presents total credit risk exposures for our loans, loans held for sale, leases, contractual commitments to extend credit, and letters of credit ("loans, loans held for sale, leases, credit commitments and letters of credit"). This table is categorized by counterparty types (commercial and retail) and loan products. Note for these types of defined credit risk exposures throughout our Pillar 3 Regulatory Disclosures, the SBO portfolio consists of purchased home equity loans and lines that were originally serviced by others, which we now service a portion of internally.

Table 5 - CFG Credit Risk Exposures - Loans, Loans Held for Sale, Lease	es, Credit Commitments and Letters of Credit
(in millions)	As of December 31, 2017
Commercial	\$70,212
Commercial real estate	16,677
Leases	3,415
Total commercial	90,304
Residential mortgages	18,454
Home equity loans	1,393
Home equity lines of credit	28,565
Home equity loans serviced by others	542
Home equity lines of credit serviced by others	149
Automobile	13,204
Education	8,403
Credit cards	11,470
Other retail	3,946
Total retail	86,126
Total	\$176,430

Our loan and lease credit related accounting policies are presented in *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 5 - Allowance for Credit Losses, Nonperforming Assets, and Concentrations of Credit Risk* in our 2017 Form 10-K.

Our investment securities portfolio includes U.S. Treasury and agency securities, agency mortgage-backed securities, and non-agency mortgage-backed securities. The most important element management relies on when assessing credit risk for U.S. Treasury and agency securities and agency mortgage-backed securities is the guarantee of the Federal Government or one of its agencies. When applicable, we consider geography as a factor when managing our investments in securities issued by state and political subdivisions. The credit risk for non-agency mortgage-backed securities is assessed based on senior to subordinated credit support levels and an analysis of the bond's underlying collateral characteristics. As a secondary measure, ratings by NRSRO are considered, but not solely relied upon, to determine the creditworthiness of the issuance.

Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 3 - Securities and Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 13 - Derivatives in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on our credit risk exposures related to investment securities and derivatives. Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Net Interest Income in our 2017 Form 10-K for average balances of our loans and investment securities. The average credit risk exposure related to our OTC derivatives for the quarter ended December 31, 2017 was \$596 million.

Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 18 - Commitments and Contingencies in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on the credit risk exposure related to our off-balance sheet commitments (including contractual commitments to extend credit and letters of credit). The average credit risk exposure associated with our off-balance sheet credit commitments and letters of credit for the quarter ended December 31, 2017 was \$65 billion.

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The following table presents the geographic distribution of our loans, loans held for sale, leases, credit commitments and letters of credit. The geographic distribution presented in this table uses the address of the customer as the basis for classification. Amounts reported as "Other" include loans, loans held for sale, leases, credit commitments and letters of credit to customers outside of the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, and New England regions, as well as certain exposures that we do not manage on a geographic basis.

Table 6 - CFG Geographic Distribution of Loans, Loans Held for Sale, Leases, Credit Commitments and Letters of Credit						
	As of December 31, 2017					
(in millions)	Mid-Atlantic ⁽¹⁾	Midwest ⁽¹⁾	New England ⁽¹⁾	Other	Total	
Commercial	\$24,723	\$8,015	\$15,534	\$21,940	\$70,212	
Commercial real estate	5,854	1,549	2,890	6,384	16,677	
Leases	701	468	293	1,953	3,415	
Total commercial	31,278	10,032	18,717	30,277	90,304	
Residential mortgages	8,368	1,656	3,759	4,671	18,454	
Home equity loans	584	203	545	61	1,393	
Home equity lines of credit	11,517	3,346	12,702	1,000	28,565	
Home equity loans serviced by others	153	62	42	285	542	
Home equity lines of credit serviced by others	41	16	11	81	149	
Automobile	3,750	1,706	1,670	6,078	13,204	
Education	2,524	875	1,443	3,561	8,403	
Credit cards	4,510	1,710	4,245	1,005	11,470	
Other retail	740	246	350	2,610	3,946	
Total retail	32,187	9,820	24,767	19,352	86,126	
Total	\$63,465	\$19,852	\$43,484	\$49,629	\$176,430	
1) See Glossary of Acronyms and Terms for states included in each region.						

The gross commercial and retail charge-offs for the quarterly period ending December 31, 2017 were \$15 million and \$116 million, respectively. Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 5 - Allowance for Credit Losses, Nonperforming Assets, and Concentrations of Credit Risk in our 2017 Form 10-K for the following loan-related information by counterparty type:

- Amount of impaired loans for which there was a related allowance under GAAP,
- Amount of impaired loans for which there was no related allowance under GAAP, and
- ALLL balances and related year-to-date charge-off information.

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The following table presents loans and leases past due 90 days and on nonaccrual and loans past due 90 days and still accruing.

Table 7 - CFG Amount of Loans and Leases Past Due 90 Days or More					
	As of December 31, 2017				
(in millions)	90+ Days Past Due and Accruing	90+ Days Past Due and Nonaccruing	Total 90+ Days Past Due		
Commercial	\$5	\$238	\$243		
Commercial real estate	3	27	30		
Leases	_	-	_		
Total commercial loans and leases	8	265	273		
Residential mortgages	16	104	120		
Home equity loans	_	54	54		
Home equity lines of credit	_	188	188		
Home equity loans serviced by others	_	22	22		
Home equity lines of credit serviced by others	_	7	7		
Automobile	_	60	60		
Education	3	38	41		
Credit cards	_	17	17		
Other retail	5	5	10		
Total retail loans	24	495	519		
Total	\$32	\$760	\$792		

The following table presents impaired loan amounts categorized by geographic area. Impaired loans include nonaccruing larger balance commercial loans (greater than \$3 million carrying value) and commercial and retail TDRs (excluding loans held for sale).

	As of December 31, 2017				
(in millions)	Mid-Atlantic ⁽¹⁾	Midwest ⁽¹⁾	New England ⁽¹⁾	Other	Total
Commercial	\$99	\$47	\$51	\$145	\$342
Commercial real estate	4	1	23	_	28
Total commercial loans	103	48	74	145	370
Residential mortgages	56	28	33	34	151
Home equity loans	38	30	47	6	121
Home equity lines of credit	58	56	80	3	197
Home equity loans serviced by others	13	4	4	30	51
Home equity lines of credit serviced by others	2	1	1	5	9
Automobile	7	4	2	10	23
Education	33	16	7	119	175
Credit cards	7	3	6	9	25
Other retail	1	_	_	8	9
Total retail loans	215	142	180	224	761
Total	\$318	\$190	\$254	\$369	\$1,131

Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 5 - Allowance for Credit Losses, Nonperforming Assets, and Concentrations of Credit Risk in our 2017 Form 10-K for reconciliations of changes in our ALLL.

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The following table presents a summary of loans, loans held for sale and leases by remaining maturity or repricing date.

Table 9 - CFG Loans, Loans Held for Sale and Leases by Remaining Maturity or Repricing Date						
	As of December 31, 2017					
(in millions)	One Year or Less ⁽¹⁾	Over One Year Through Five Years	Over Five Years	Total		
Commercial	\$33,345	\$3,012	\$1,597	\$37,954		
Commercial real estate	11,104	104	100	11,308		
Leases	605	1,879	677	3,161		
Total commercial loans and leases	45,054	4,995	2,374	52,423		
Residential mortgages	1,574	1,501	14,296	17,371		
Home equity loans	384	236	772	1,392		
Home equity lines of credit	12,823	155	505	13,483		
Home equity loans serviced by others	1	509	32	542		
Home equity lines of credit serviced by others	149	_	-	149		
Automobile	145	8,106	4,953	13,204		
Education	14	763	7,357	8,134		
Credit cards	1,538	310	_	1,848		
Other retail	568	1,524	697	2,789		
Total retail loans	17,196	13,104	28,612	58,912		
Total	\$62,250	\$18,099	\$30,986	\$111,335		
(1) Loans held for sale are included in One Year or Less category.						

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The following table presents a summary of credit commitments and letters of credit by remaining maturity or repricing date.

Table 10 - CFG Credit Commitments and Letters of Credit by Remaining Maturity or Repricing Date As of December 31, 2017				
(in millions)	One Year or Less	Greater than One Year	Total	
Credit commitments				
Commercial	\$8,013	\$22,109	\$30,122	
Commercial real estate	487	4,882	5,369	
Leases	137	117	254	
Total commercial loans and leases	8,637	27,108	35,745	
Residential mortgages	1,083	_	1,083	
Home equity loans	1	-	1	
Home equity lines of credit	1,046	14,036	15,082	
Home equity loans serviced by others	_	-	_	
Home equity lines of credit serviced by others	_	-	_	
Automobile	_	-	_	
Education	269	-	269	
Credit cards	9,622	-	9,622	
Other retail	715	442	1,157	
Total retail loans	12,736	14,478	27,214	
Total credit commitments	\$21,373	\$41,586	\$62,959	
Letters of credit (1)				
Financial standby	\$876	\$1,160	\$2,036	
Performance	37	10	47	
Commercial	31	22	53	
Total letters of credit	944	1,192	2,136	
Total credit commitments and letters of credit	\$22,317	\$42,778	\$65,095	
⁽¹⁾ Net of participations sold.				

Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 3 - Securities in our 2017 Form 10-K for a summary of securities by contractual maturity.

Please refer to Schedule HC-R - Part II Risk-Weighted Assets in our December 2017 FR Y-9C for a summary of OTC derivative notional amounts by remaining maturity.

Counterparty Credit Risk-Related Disclosures

Counterparty exposure arises primarily from the OTC derivative transactions in our customer and institutional derivative portfolios. The amount of this exposure depends on the value of underlying market factors (e.g., interest rates), which can be volatile and uncertain in nature. Counterparty exposure also arises (to a lesser extent) from our securities lending and borrowing activities, which includes entering into repurchase agreements.

The customer derivative portfolio consists of interest rate swap agreements and option contracts transacted to meet the financing needs of our customers. Swap agreements and interest rate options agreements are transacted to effectively minimize our market risk associated with the customer derivative products. The customer derivative portfolio also includes foreign exchange forward agreement and option contracts entered into on behalf of customers for the purpose of hedging exposure related to cash orders and loans and deposits denominated in foreign currencies. Customer trades are primarily unsecured and are not subject to daily margin or posting of financial collateral. We commonly execute these trades concurrently with new loan transactions, with any business collateral received from a counterparty applied to both the derivative and loan. Accordingly, the underwriting process for establishing

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customer derivative credit limits is equivalent to the process used for corporate loan exposure. We establish these limits based on potential future exposure using stochastic models developed by F.I.S., a third party risk management software solution provider. The models utilize Monte Carlo methods consistent with industry practice and are subject to risk governance for model risk management and validation. We manage the credit risk of our customer derivative positions by diversifying our positions among various counterparties and in certain cases, transferring the counterparty credit risk related to interest rate swaps to third parties using risk participation agreements. When measuring the fair value of our customer derivative portfolio for GAAP financial reporting purposes, we include a CVA that reflects the credit quality of the swap counterparty. Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 19 - Fair Value Measurements in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on our valuation methodologies.

The institutional derivative portfolio primarily consists of interest rate swap agreements used to hedge the interest rate risk associated with our loans and financing liabilities (i.e., borrowed funds, deposits, etc.). Institutional swaps and swaps executed to eliminate the market risk associated with our customer derivative products include bilateral trades with dealers and cleared trades with central counterparties. These trades must comply with daily margin requirements and post financial collateral based on pre-defined "posting thresholds". Posting thresholds represent the amount of exposure that counterparties are willing to accept on an unsecured basis. We post collateral only when the market value of any outstanding swaps exceeds that threshold. Changes in our own creditworthiness do not generally have an impact on the amount of collateral posted given zero thresholds have become the market convention. Bilateral trades with dealers are subject to counterparty credit limits that cover replacement costs, and potential changes in market value based on a ten day close out period. Cleared trades with central counterparties are subject to counterparty credit limits for initial margin requirements where we post collateral, but where the collateral is operationally commingled with initial margin owed to other clients of the clearing broker.

Effective January 3, 2017, variation margin payments made on certain centrally cleared derivative contracts were classified as settlement of those derivatives rather than the posting of collateral. As a result of this change, on a prospective basis we modified our balance sheet presentation of certain interest rate swaps in 2017, such that the fair value of the swaps and the associated variation margin balances are reported as a single unit of account in derivative assets and/or derivative liabilities. At December 31, 2016, these variation margin balances were characterized as collateral. Variation margin balances characterized as collateral are reported in interest-bearing cash and due from banks on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Our repurchase agreements are typically short-term transactions (e.g., overnight), but they may be extended to longer terms-to-maturity. We fully collateralize such transactions and account for them as secured borrowings on our financial statements. We establish counterparty credit limits to monitor our over-collateralized position, which represents the difference between the market value of what we pledge and the amount we borrow. When permitted by GAAP, we offset short-term receivables with short term payables associated with our reverse repurchase agreements.

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On a daily basis we monitor counterparty credit exposures for counterparties with an established CSA to ensure appropriately sized collateral levels to cover risk. We manage collateral received from third parties and held pursuant to the terms of the governing CSA agreement for the counterparty, in either a tri-party custodial, segregated or an omnibus account. Collateral types that are "acceptable" (as defined in the CSA) generally include the following:

Acceptable collatera	al types	Valuation %
Cash		100%
Treasury Bills	Negotiable debt obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury Department having a remaining maturity of not more than one year.	98%
Treasury Notes	Negotiable debt obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury Department having a remaining maturity of more than one year but not more than ten years.	98%
Treasury Bonds	Negotiable debt obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury Department having a remaining maturity of more than ten years but not more than 30 years.	98%
Agency Securities	Negotiable debt obligations of the FNMA, FHLMC, FHLB, or FFCB having a remaining maturity of not more than 30 years.	92%
FHLMC Certificates	Mortgage participation certificates issued by FHLMC evidencing undivided interests or participations in pools of first lien conventional or FHA/VA residential mortgages or deeds of trust, guaranteed by FHLMC, and having a remaining maturity of not more than 30 years.	92%
FNMA Certificates	Mortgage-backed pass-through certificates issued by FNMA evidencing undivided interests in pools of first lien mortgages or deeds of trust on residential properties, guaranteed by FNMA, and having a remaining maturity of not more than 30 years.	92%
GNMA Certificates	Mortgage-backed pass-through certificates issued by private entities, evidencing undivided interests in pools of first lien mortgages or deeds of trust on single family residences, guaranteed by the GNMA with the full faith and credit of the United States, and having a remaining maturity of not more than 30 years.	92%
Other Eligible Collateral	With respect to a party, as may be agreed in writing between the parties for a particular CSA, together with the applicable Valuation Percentage.	

Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 13 - Derivatives in our 2017 Form 10-K for fair value of our derivative transactions. This disclosure presents these fair values both on a gross and net basis. As of December 31, 2017, we held an immaterial amount of collateral from third parties. Therefore, the net basis presented represents the impact of enforceable master netting agreements.

Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Consolidated Balance Sheets and Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 3 - Securities in our 2017 Form 10-K for information on our repurchase agreements. Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 19 - Fair Value Measurements in our 2017 Form 10-K for the fair value of our repurchase agreements.

Credit Risk Mitigation

Our credit risk mitigation that is recognized for the purposes of reducing capital requirements is limited to implicit and explicit credit guarantees provided by the U.S. Government. We do not use collateral as a source of credit risk mitigation for the purposes of reducing capital requirements.

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The following table presents the total exposure covered by guarantees and the risk-weighted amounts associated with each exposure.

Table 11 - CFG Total Exposure Covered by Guarantees and Associated RWA					
(dollars in millions)	As of December 31, 2017				
Guarantor	Guaranteed Exposure Amount	RWA	RW %		
FNMA & FHLMC	\$11,440	\$2,288	20%		
Federal Housing Administration (FHA)	208	42	20		
Small Business Administration (SBA)	150	30	20		
Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) where 97% of exposure is guaranteed	55	11	20		
Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) where 98% of exposure is guaranteed	19	4	20		
Veteran Affairs (VA)	12	2	20		
Total implicit guarantees	\$11,884	\$2,377	20%		
US Treasury & GNMA securities	\$12,559	\$-	0%		
Export/Import	9	_	0		
Total explicit guarantees	\$12,568	\$-	0%		

SECURITIZATION

A securitization exposure is a transaction in which the credit risk of the underlying exposure transfers to third parties and is separated into two or more tranches. The performance of a securitization depends upon the performance of the underlying exposures or reference assets, all or substantially all of which are financial exposures.

We participate in the securitization market as an investor in traditional securitization exposures created by third parties, however not as an originator or sponsor. We invest in securitization exposures of third party issued non-agency mortgage-backed securities.

We do not apply credit risk mitigation to our securitized exposures and do not have exposure to securitization guarantors. We do not have synthetic securitization exposure and all securitization exposures are held on-balance sheet in the banking book, with no trading book securitization exposures.

We calculate the regulatory capital requirement for securitization exposure in accordance with the U.S. Basel III Standardized approach. RWA for securitization exposures is determined using SSFA. The SSFA framework considers our seniority in the securitization structure and risk factors inherent in the underlying assets.

Risk Management

We manage the risks related to securitization positions in accordance with the investment, credit, and interest rate risk management policies. Please refer to *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Risk Governance* in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on our credit risk and interest rate risk (i.e., non-trading risk) governance.

For each securitization position, we perform due diligence on the credit worthiness of each position prior to entering into that position. Our due diligence procedures provide a comprehensive understanding of the features that would materially affect the performance of a securitization, and are commensurate with the complexity of each securitization position held.

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The following table presents banking book exposures receiving securitization capital treatment by collateral type and capital treatment method.

Table 12 - CFG Securitizations by Capital Treatment and Collateral Type						
	As of December 31, 2017					
SSFA		1250%		Total		
(in millions)	Exposure	RWA	Exposure	RWA	Exposure	RWA
Private label securities	\$1,147	\$794	\$-	\$-	\$1,147	\$794
Total securitization exposure	\$1,147	\$794	\$-	\$-	\$1,147	\$794

The following table presents banking book exposures receiving securitization capital treatment by capital treatment method and risk weight bucket.

Table 13 - CFG Securitizations by Capital Treatment and Risk Weight:						
	As of December 31, 2017					
	SSFA		1250%		Total	
(in millions)	Exposure	RWA	Exposure	RWA	Exposure	RWA
Securitizations by risk weight:						
= 0% to <= 20%	\$841	\$168	\$—	\$—	\$841	\$168
> 20% to <= 50%	18	5	_	_	18	5
> 50% to <= 100%	4	3	_	_	4	3
> 100% to <= 1250%	284	618	_	_	284	618
Total securitizations	1,147	794	_	_	1,147	794
Re-securitizations by risk weight:	Re-securitizations by risk weight:					
= 0% to <= 20%	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total re-securitizations		_		_	_	_
Total securitization exposure	\$1,147	\$794	\$-	\$-	\$1,147	\$794

We also invest in U.S. agency pass-through MBS and GNMA guaranteed project loan bonds. Regulatory guidance does not consider these "securitizations." Please refer to *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 3 - Securities* in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on our investment portfolio.

Accounting Policies

Our accounting policies for investments in securitized assets (i.e., "investments in debt securities") are presented in *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 3 - Securities* in our 2017 Form 10-K.

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EQUITIES (NON-TRADING)

We hold equity securities to fulfill requirements of membership and participation in U.S. banking and payments systems. Our banks hold stock in the FRB and the FHLB. Our equity holdings are limited to immaterial amounts of stock.

We also invest in fund and non-fund equities. The non-fund equities use the simple risk-weight approach and primarily consist of investments in community projects in conjunction with our commitment to the communities in which we operate. These investments also fulfill specific requirements imposed by the CRA as implemented by the U.S. regulatory agencies. In addition to CRA, we invest in renewable wind energy projects, providing benefits from returns generated by government incentives plus other tax attributes that come with ownership. We also have invested amounts in fund-related equity investments, consisting of bank owned life insurance - separate account, and venture capital. The underlying assets of bank owned life insurance - separate account consist primarily of treasuries, mortgaged-backed securities, and bonds. The fund-related equity investments use the full look through approach to determine risk weight.

Our accounting policies for equity securities (i.e., "other investment securities") are presented in *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 3 - Securities* in our 2017 Form 10-K. We present methodologies for measuring the fair value of equity securities in *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 19 - Fair Value Measurements* in our 2017 Form 10-K. The carrying value of our CRA investments are included in the other assets line in *Financial Statements - Consolidated Balance Sheets* in our 2017 Form 10-K. Separate account bank-owned life insurance is included in the bank-owned life insurance line within the *Financial Statements - Consolidated Balance Sheets* in our 2017 Form 10-K.

Table 14 - CFG Equities					
	As of December 31, 2017				
(dollars in millions)	Exposure	RWA	RW %		
Federal Reserve stock	\$463	\$-	0%		
FHLB stock	252	50	20		
Investments in Non-Fund Equities:					
CRA	1,006	1,006	100		
Windfarm	335	335	100		
Other Non-Fund Equities	7	7	100		
Investment in Fund Equities:					
Bank owned life insurance - separate account	253	113	45		
Venture capital and other investments	4	4	100		
Total	\$2,320	\$1,515			

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MARKET RISK

Non-Trading Risk

We are exposed to market risk as a result of non-trading bank activities. This market risk is substantially composed of interest rate risk, as we have no direct currency or commodity risk and de minimis equity risk. We also have market risk related to capital markets loan originations, as well as the valuation of our mortgage servicing rights.

Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Market Risk - Non-Trading Risk in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on our exposure to interest rate risk. Please refer to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Note 13 - Derivatives in our 2017 Form 10-K for more information on our hedging policies and our processes for monitoring hedge effectiveness.

Trading Risk

We face market risk price volatility across a select range of interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and credit spreads through our client facilitation activities covering interest rate derivatives, foreign exchange products, and secondary loans. While we do not always meet the applicable reporting threshold of the Market Risk Rule, we nevertheless continually adhere to the Market Risk Rule covering our trading activities conducted through our two banking subsidiaries, CBNA and CBPA.

As of December 31, 2017, our calculated market risk RWA was \$555 million, reflecting general interest rate risk and specific risk. The market risk RWA included within our December 2017 FR Y-9C was zero as we did not meet the reporting threshold prescribed by the Market Risk Capital Guidelines for the fourth quarter 2017, and as such our covered trading activities were risk-weighted under U.S. Basel III Standardized credit risk rules.

We do not model our specific risk through the VaR based process and thus a specific risk add-on is calculated under a standardized measurement method. We do not calculate incremental risk or comprehensive risk, as we take a standardized specific risk add-on, and we do not participate in correlation trading related activities.

For further discussion related to market risk governance, risk measurements, VaR methodology and validation, and regulatory capital, please refer to the *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Risk Governance* section in our 2017 Form 10-K and *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Market Risk* section in our 2017 Form 10-K.

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APPENDIX 1 - CITIZENS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. PILLAR 3 REGULATORY DISCLOSURES MATRIX

The disclosures required by the U.S. Basel III Standardized rule⁽¹⁾ are listed below. Most of these disclosures have been included in other financial reporting documents, and some in this report. This matrix provides a reference to the location of each required disclosure.

⁽¹⁾ Code of Federal Regulations, Part 217 - Capital Adequacy of Bank Holding Companies, Savings and Loan Holding Companies, and State Member Banks (Regulation Q).

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APPENDIX 2 - FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains forward-looking statements within the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements regarding potential future share repurchases and future dividends are forward-looking statements. Also, any statement that does not describe historical or current facts is a forward-looking statement. These statements often include the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "goals," "targets," "initiatives," "potentially," "probably," "projects," "outlook" or similar expressions or future conditional verbs such as "may," "will," "should," "would," and "could."

Forward-looking statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of management, and on information currently available to management. Our statements speak as of the date hereof, and we do not assume any obligation to update these statements or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those contained in such statements in light of new information or future events. We caution you, therefore, against relying on any of these forward-looking statements. They are neither statements of historical fact nor guarantees or assurances of future performance. While there is no assurance that any list of risks and uncertainties or risk factors is complete, important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include the following, without limitation:

- Negative economic and political conditions that adversely affect the general economy, housing prices, the job market, consumer confidence and spending habits which may affect, among other things, the level of nonperforming assets, charge-offs and provision expense;
- The rate of growth in the economy and employment levels, as well as general business and economic conditions, and changes in the competitive environment;
- Our ability to implement our business strategy, including the cost savings and efficiency components, and achieve our financial performance goals;
- Our ability to meet heightened supervisory requirements and expectations;
- Liabilities and business restrictions resulting from litigation and regulatory investigations;
- Our capital and liquidity requirements (including under regulatory capital standards, such as the U.S. Basel III capital rules) and our ability to generate capital internally or raise capital on favorable terms;
- The effect of changes in interest rates on our net interest income, net interest margin and our mortgage originations, mortgage servicing rights and mortgages held for sale;
- Changes in interest rates and market liquidity, as well as the magnitude of such changes, which may reduce interest margins, impact funding sources and affect the ability to originate and distribute financial products in the primary and secondary markets;
- The effect of changes in the level of checking or savings account deposits on our funding costs and net interest margin;
- Financial services reform and other current, pending or future legislation or regulation that could
 have a negative effect on our revenue and businesses, including the Dodd-Frank Act and other
 legislation and regulation relating to bank products and services;
- A failure in or breach of our operational or security systems or infrastructure, or those of our third party vendors or other service providers, including as a result of cyber-attacks; and
- Management's ability to identify and manage these and other risks.

In addition to the above factors, we also caution that the amount and timing of any future common stock dividends or share repurchases will depend on our financial condition, earnings, cash needs, regulatory constraints, capital requirements (including requirements of our subsidiaries), and any other factors that our Board of Directors deems relevant in making such a determination. Therefore, there can be no assurance that we will repurchase shares or pay any dividends to holders of our common stock, or as to the amount of any such repurchases or dividends.

More information about factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found under "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.