UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

September 22, 2023 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

THE PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number 001-09718

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 25-1435979 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

The Tower at PNC Plaza 300 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2401 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(888) 762-2265

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Title of Each Class

Securities registered pursuant to 12(b) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$5.00

Trading Symbol(s) PNC Name of Each Exchange <u>on Which Registered</u> New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 22, 2023, The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (the "Corporation") provided electronic presentation slides on its website that may be used in conversations with investors and analysts. Copies of the electronic presentation slides are included in this Report as Exhibit 99.1 and are furnished herewith.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. <u>Number</u>	Description	Method of Filing
99.1 104	Electronic presentation slides The cover page of this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted as an inline XBRL.	Furnished herewith

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 22, 2023

THE PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Gregory H. Kozich Gregory H. Kozich Senior Vice President and Controller

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Exhibit 99.1





Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking and non-GAAP Financial Information



This presentation is not intended as a full business or financial review and should be viewed in the context of all of the information made available by PNC in its SEC filings and on our corporate website.

The presentation contains forward-looking statements regarding our outlook for financial performance, such as earnings, revenues, expenses, tax rates, capital and liquidity levels and ratios, asset levels, asset quality, financial position, and other matters regarding or affecting PNC and its future business and operations, including sustainability strategy. Forward-looking statements are necessarily subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. The forward-looking statements in this presentation are qualified by the factors affecting forward-looking statements identified in the more detailed Cautionary Statement included in the Appendix. We provide greater detail regarding these and other factors in our 2022 Form 10-K, and our subsequent Form 10-Qs, and our other subsequent SEC filings. Our forward-looking statements may also be subject to risks and uncertainties including those we may discuss in this presentation or in our SEC filings. Future events or circumstances may change our outlook and may also affect the nature of the assumptions, risks and uncertainties to which our forward-looking statements are subject. Forward-looking statements in this presentation speak only as of the date of this presentation. We do not assume any duty and do not undertake any obligation to update those statements. Actual results or future events could differ, possibly materially, from those anticipated in forward-looking statements, as well as from historical performance. As a result, we caution against placing undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

We include non-GAAP financial information in this presentation. Non-GAAP financial information includes adjusted financial metrics such as net interest margin, common equity tier 1 ratio (including AOCI), and tangible common equity ratio. Reconciliations for such financial information may be found in our presentation, in these slides, including the Appendix, in other materials on our corporate website, and in our SEC filings. This information supplements our results as reported in accordance with GAAP and should not be viewed in isolation from, or as a substitute for, our GAAP results. We believe that this information and the related reconciliations may be useful to investors, analysts, regulators and others to help understand and evaluate our financial results, and with respect to adjusted metrics, because we believe they better reflect the ongoing financial results and trends of our businesses and increase comparability of period-to-period results. We may also use annualized, pro forma, estimated or third party numbers for illustrative or comparative purposes only. These may not reflect actual results.

References to our corporate website are to www.pnc.com under "About Us - Investor Relations." Our SEC filings are available both on our corporate website and on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. We include web addresses here as inactive textual references only. Information on these websites is not part of this presentation.

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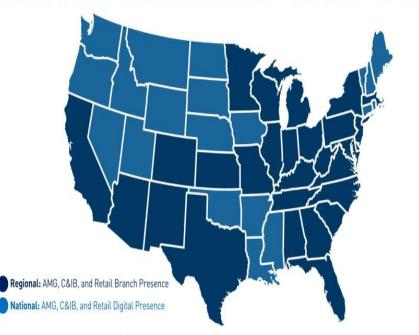


1. PNC Overview

- 2. Financial Performance
- 3. Well Positioned for Future Growth

A Top U.S. Bank with a Coast-to Coast Franchise

Extensive Retail Branch Network and Presence in Top 30 MSAs



Corporate & Institutional Banking (C&IB): Provides lending, treasury management, advisory and capital markets-related products and services to companies, governments and nonprofits.

Retail Banking: Serves consumers and small businesses through a network of ~2,400 branches, ~60,000 PNC and partner ATMs, and thousands of bankers.

Asset Management Group (AMG): Provides comprehensive private banking services for high-net-worth and ultra- high-networth individuals and families as well as custom investment and advisory solutions for a wide breadth of institutional clients.

- Assets, loans, deposits and branches as of 6/30/23.



Assets \$558 billion

Ranked 5th in the U.S.

Loans \$322 billion

Ranked 6th in the U.S.

Deposits \$427 billion Ranked 5th in the U.S.

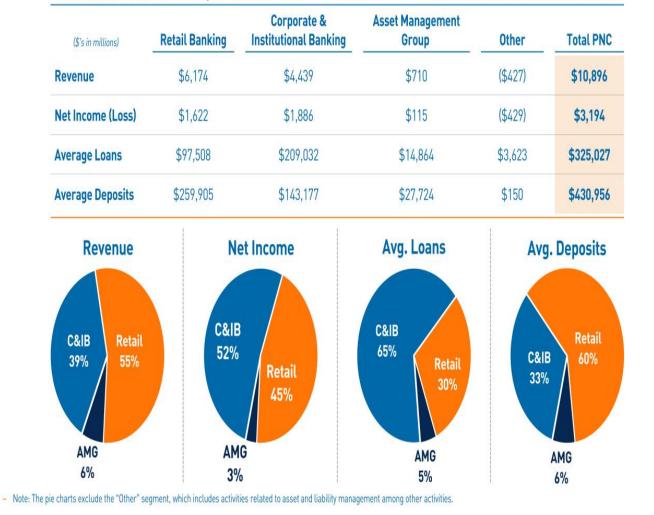
U.S. Branches 2,361 Ranked 4th in the U.S.

Diversified Business Mix

Six months ended June 30, 2023



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PNC's Business Model is Focused on the Long Term

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Business Model

- Deliver long-term value
- Focus on prudent capital management
- Invest in and grow high return, diverse businesses
- Adhere to our risk appetite
- Stay core funded and disciplined in deposit pricing
- Maintain expense management to help fund growth and investments
- Execute on our strategic priorities

Strategic Priorities

Expanding our leading banking franchise to new markets and digital platforms

Deepening customer relationships by delivering a superior banking experience and financial solutions

Leveraging technology to create efficiencies that help us better serve customers

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Delivered Strong First Half 2023 Results

- Continued to execute on our strategic priorities
- Grew consumer households and commercial relationships
- Increased capital position
- Well-controlled expenses
- Maintained strong credit quality
- Improved Stress Capital Buffer to regulatory floor of 2.5% beginning in the fourth quarter of 2023
- Increased quarterly dividend by \$0.05 to \$1.55, reflecting continued strong capital and liquidity levels



Net Income \$3.2 billion

Diluted Earnings Per Share \$7.34

Net Charge-Off Ratio 0.24%

Basel III CET 1 Capital Ratio 9.5%

CET 1 Capital Ratio, Including AOCI (non-GAAP) 7.7%

Return on Average Common Shareholders' Equity 14.5%

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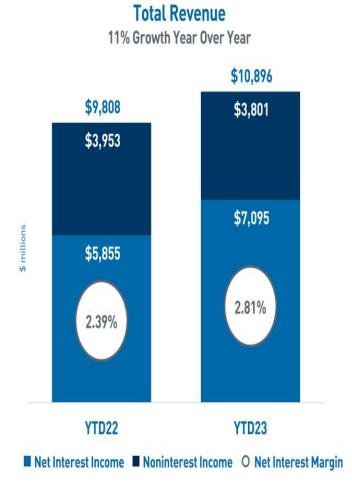
- AOCI represents accumulated other comprehensive income.

⁻ Net Charge-Off Ratio represents annualized net charge-offs (NCOs) to average loans for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

⁻ Basel III common equity Tier (CET) 1 capital ratio. Details of the calculation are in the capital ratios table in the financial highlights section of the earnings release.

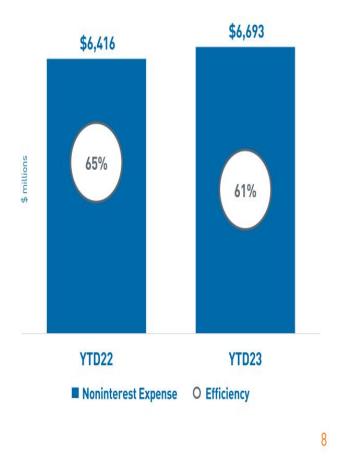
⁻ CET 1 Ratio, Including AOCI (non-GAAP) - See Reconciliation in Appendix. The ratio is estimated as of 6/30/23.

Improving Efficiency with Revenue Growth and Expense Control 📀 PNC



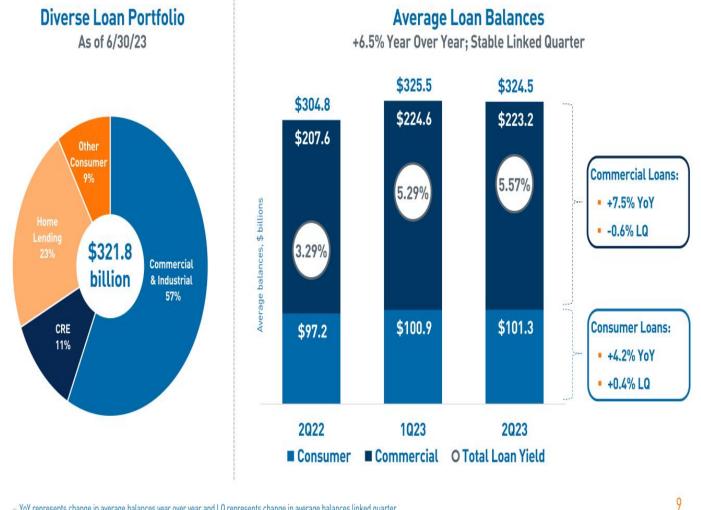
YTD represents net interest income, noninterest income and revenue from 1/1/23 through 6/30/23
 Noninterest expense included integration expense of \$45 million in YTD22.

Noninterest Expense 4% Growth Year Over Year



Large and Diversified Lending Franchise

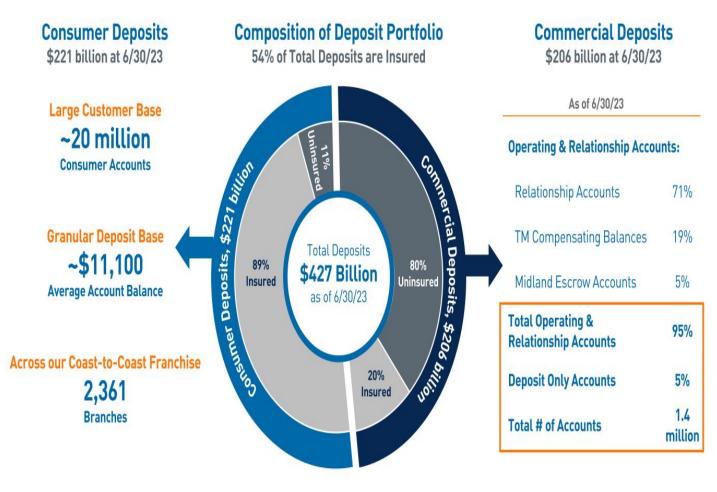
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- YoY represents change in average balances year over year and LQ represents change in average balances linked quarter.

Granular Deposit Base

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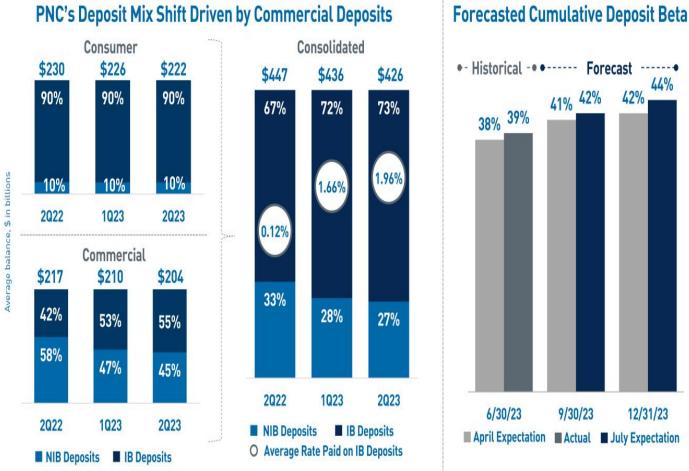
Relationship Accounts represent commercial deposit customers with at least one additional PNC product (e.g. Lending, Treasury Management, Capital Markets, Merchant Services, etc.).
 TM Compensating Balances represent treasury management accounts that maintain balances that are used to offset treasury management, fees.

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Strong Deposit Mix

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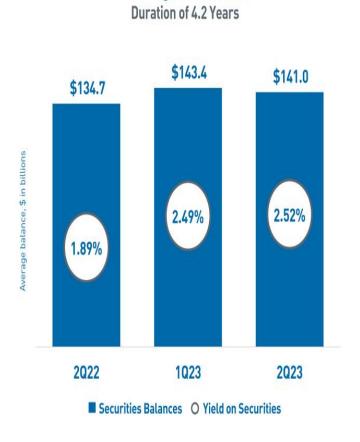
PNC's Deposit Mix Shift Driven by Commercial Deposits

- IB Deposits represent interest-bearing deposits and NIB Deposits represent noninterest-bearing deposits.

- Cumulative deposit beta is calculated as the increase in the rate paid on interest bearing deposits (excluding time deposits) at each period presented divided by the incremental increase in the Federal Reserve rate since February 2022.

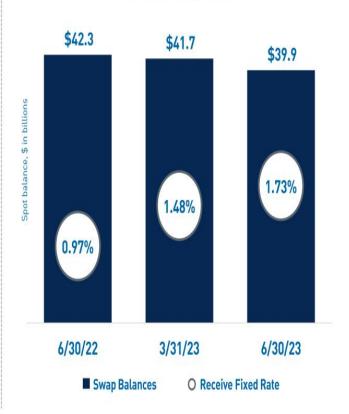
High-Quality, Short-Duration Securities and Swaps





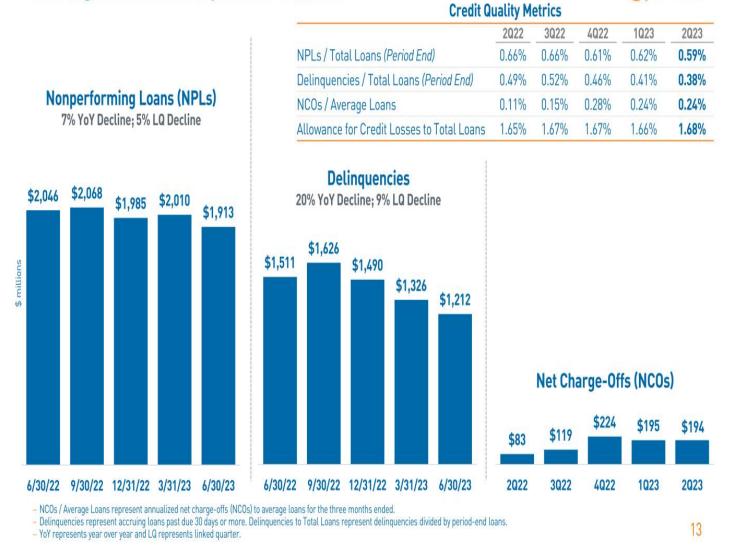
Average Securities

Notional Receive-Fixed Swaps Duration of 2.3 Years



Strong Credit Quality Performance

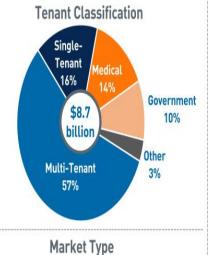


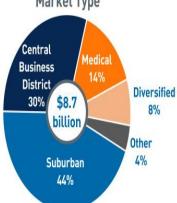


CRE Office Portfolio Represents 2.7% of Total Loans

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Office Portfolio





Geographic Diversification By Metropolitan Statistical Area

\$ billions	6/30/23
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	\$1.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim	1.1
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	0.5
San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley	0.4
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson	0.3
San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad	0.3
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin	0.3
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	0.3
Boston-Cambridge-Newton	0.3
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	0.2
Other	3.8
Total	\$8.7

Key Office Portfolio Metrics

Conservative Underwriting Methodology

(\$ in millions)	6/30/23	3/31/23
Total Loans (\$ in billions)	\$8.7	\$8.9
Avg. Loan Commitment	\$35	\$35
Reserves / Loans	7.4%	7.1%
NCOs / Average Loans	1.4%	0.5%
Delinquencies / Loans	0.0%	0.2%
NPL / Loans	3.3%	3.5%
Criticized Loans / Loans	22.5%	20.0%
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- Average Loan Commitment for PNC Real Estate

- NCOs / Average loans represents net charge-offs to average loans for the last twelve month period

- NPL represents Nonperforming Loans

Solid Capital and Liquidity Position

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Well Positioned to Achieve Compliance with Proposed Capital and Long-Term Debt Requirements

Basel III Risk-Base Capital and Leverage Ratios

	6/30/23	Well Capitalized
Common equity Tier 1		
PNC	9.5%	N/A
PNC Bank	10.8%	6.5%
Tier 1		
PNC	11.2%	6.0%
PNC Bank	10.8%	8.0%
Total		
PNC	13.1%	10.0%
PNC Bank	12.5%	10.0%
Leverage		
PNC	8.8%	N/A
PNC Bank	8.4%	5.0%

Contingent Liquidity Position (as of June 30, 2023, \$ in billions)

Total Available Contingent Liquidity	\$227.3
Unused Borrowing Capacity from FHLB & FRB	86.4
Available Investment Securities	103.1
Cash Balance with FRB	\$37.8

Liquidity Coverage Ratios (as of June 30, 2023)

PNC Bank, N.A.	127%
The PNC Financial Services, Inc.	109%

- PNC's required Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio (effective October1, 2023) is 7.0% based on the 2023 Federal Reserve stress test.

- FRB represents Federal Reserve Bank and FHLB represents the Federal Home Loan Bank.

- Available investment securities represents the fair value of investment securities that are available for sale or that can be used for pledging or to secure other sources of funding.

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PNC Maintains Strong Credit Ratings



The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Senior Debt	A3	A-	A

PNC Bank, N.A.

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Senior Debt	A2	А	A+
Long-Term Deposits	Aa3	А	AA-
Short-Term Deposits	P-1	A-1	F1+

- Ratings as of 9/19/23.

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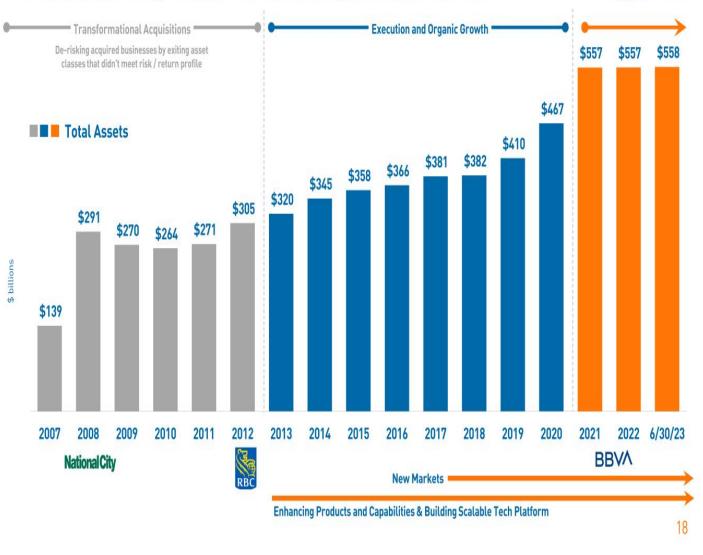


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Consistent Long Term Growth is Key to Our Success

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PNC is Well Positioned for Current Environment



- Executing on our strategic priorities
- Managing risk and maintaining strong credit quality
- Strong core deposit base
- Diverse fee-based business mix
- Maintaining expense management discipline
- Industry leading technology
- Solid capital and liquidity positions
- Well positioned to achieve compliance with proposed capital and long-term debt requirements
- Significant opportunity in legacy BBVA USA markets
- Proven ability to increase market share in a downturn

Appendix: Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information



This presentation includes "snapshot" information about PNC used by way of illustration and is not intended as a full business or financial review. It should not be viewed in isolation but rather in the context of all of the information made available by PNC in its SEC filings.

We make statements in this presentation, and we may from time to time make other statements, regarding our outlook for financial performance, such as earnings, revenues, expenses, tax rates, capital and liquidity levels and ratios, asset levels, asset quality, financial position, and other matters regarding or affecting us and our future business and operations, including our sustainability strategy, that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as "believe," "plan," "expect," "anticipate," "see," "look," "intend," outlook, "project," "forecast," "estimate," "goal," "will," "should" and other similar words and expressions.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. Future events or circumstances may change our outlook and may also affect the nature of the assumptions, risks and uncertainties to which our forward-looking statements are subject. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. We do not assume any duty and do not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements. Actual results or future events could differ, possibly materially, from those anticipated in forward-looking statements, as well as from historical performance. As a result, we caution against placing undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

Our forward-looking statements are subject to the following principal risks and uncertainties.

- Our businesses, financial results and balance sheet values are affected by business and economic conditions, including:
 - Changes in interest rates and valuations in debt, equity and other financial markets,
 - Disruptions in the U.S. and global financial markets,
 - Actions by the Federal Reserve Board, U.S. Treasury and other government agencies, including those that impact money supply, market interest rates and inflation,
 - Changes in customer behavior due to changing business and economic conditions or legislative or regulatory initiatives,
 - Changes in customers', suppliers' and other counterparties' performance and creditworthiness,
 - Impacts of sanctions, tariffs and other trade policies of the U.S. and its global trading partners,
 - A continuation of turmoil in the banking industry, responsive measures to mitigate and manage it and related supervisory and regulatory actions and costs,
 - Impacts of changes in federal, state and local governmental policy, including on the regulatory landscape, capital markets, taxes, infrastructure spending and social programs,
 - Our ability to attract, recruit and retain skilled employees, and
 - Commodity price volatility.

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- Our forward-looking financial statements are subject to the risk that economic and financial market conditions will be substantially different than those we are currently expecting and do
 not take into account the potential impact of legal and regulatory contingencies. These statements are based on our views that:
 - Economic growth accelerated in the first half of 2023, but ongoing Federal Reserve monetary policy tightening to slow inflation is weighing on interest-rate sensitive industries. Sectors
 where interest rates play an outsized role, such as business investment and consumer spending on durable goods, will contract into 2024.
 - PNC's baseline outlook is for a mild recession starting in the first half of 2024, with a small contraction in real GDP of less than 1%, lasting into the second half of 2024. The
 unemployment rate will increase through the rest of 2023 and throughout 2024, peaking at close to 5% in early 2025. Inflation will slow with weaker demand, moving back to the Federal
 Reserve's 2% objective by mid-2024.
 - PNC expects the federal funds rate to remain unchanged in the near term, between 5.25% and 5.50% through March 2024, when PNC expects federal funds rate cuts in response to the
 recession.
- PNC's ability to take certain capital actions, including returning capital to shareholders, is subject to PNC meeting or exceeding minimum capital levels, including a stress capital buffer established by the Federal Reserve Board in connection with the Federal Reserve Board's Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review process.
- PNC's regulatory capital ratios in the future will depend on, among other things, the company's financial performance, the scope and terms of final capital regulations then in effect and
 management actions affecting the composition of PNC's balance sheet. In addition, PNC's ability to determine, evaluate and forecast regulatory capital ratios, and to take actions (such as
 capital distributions) based on actual or forecasted capital ratios, will be dependent at least in part on the development, validation and regulatory review of related models and the reliability
 of and risks resulting from extensive use of such models.
- Legal and regulatory developments could have an impact on our ability to operate our businesses, financial condition, results of operations, competitive position, reputation, or pursuit of attractive acquisition opportunities. Reputational impacts could affect matters such as business generation and retention, liquidity, funding, and ability to attract and retain employees. These developments could include:
 - Changes to laws and regulations, including changes affecting oversight of the financial services industry, changes in the enforcement and interpretation of such laws and regulations, and changes in accounting and reporting standards.
 - Unfavorable resolution of legal proceedings or other claims and regulatory and other governmental investigations or other inquiries resulting in monetary losses, costs, or alterations
 in our business practices, and potentially causing reputational harm to PNC.

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- Results of the regulatory examination and supervision process, including our failure to satisfy requirements of agreements with governmental agencies.
- Costs associated with obtaining rights in intellectual property claimed by others and of adequacy of our intellectual property protection in general.
- Business and operating results are affected by our ability to identify and effectively manage risks inherent in our businesses, including, where appropriate, through effective use of systems
 and controls, third-party insurance, derivatives, and capital management techniques, and to meet evolving regulatory capital and liquidity standards.
- Our reputation and business and operating results may be affected by our ability to appropriately meet or address environmental, social or governance targets, goals, commitments or concerns that may arise.
- We grow our business in part through acquisitions and new strategic initiatives. Risks and uncertainties include those presented by the nature of the business acquired and strategic initiative, including in some cases those associated with our entry into new businesses or new geographic or other markets and risks resulting from our inexperience in those new areas, as well as risks and uncertainties related to the acquisition transactions themselves, regulatory issues, the integration of the acquired businesses into PNC after closing or any failure to execute strategic or operational plans.
- Competition can have an impact on customer acquisition, growth and retention and on credit spreads and product pricing, which can affect market share, deposits and revenues. Our ability
 to anticipate and respond to technological changes can also impact our ability to respond to customer needs and meet competitive demands.
- Business and operating results can also be affected by widespread manmade, natural and other disasters (including severe weather events), health emergencies, dislocations, geopolitical
 instabilities or events, terrorist activities, system failures or disruptions, security breaches, cyberattacks, international hostilities, or other extraordinary events beyond our control through
 impacts on the economy and financial markets generally or on us or our counterparties, customers or third-party vendors and service providers specifically.

We provide greater detail regarding these as well as other factors in our 2022 Form 10-K and subsequent 10-Qs, including in the Risk Factors and Risk Management sections and the Legal Proceedings and Commitments Notes of the Notes To Consolidated Financial Statements in those reports, and in our other subsequent SEC filings. Our forward-looking statements may also be subject to other risks and uncertainties, including those we may discuss elsewhere in this presentation or in our SEC filings, accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and on our corporate website at www.pnc.com/secfilings. We have included these web addresses as inactive textual references only. Information on these websites is not part of this document.

Appendix: Commitment to Corporate Responsibility

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Community Development

\$88 Billion

Community Benefits Plan

Provides loans, investments and other financial support for people and communities of color, low- and moderateincome and other underserved individuals and communities

Minority Business Advocates

Launched in 2022 to bolster businesses and strengthen partnerships through education and guidance in the communities we serve

"Outstanding" Community Reinvestment Act Rating



Sustainability

\$30 Billion

Commitment to Environmental Finance

Sustainable Financing Bonds

Issued second green bond in 2023, first social bond in 2021

ESG Reporting & Disclosure

- · Annual corporate responsibility and climate reporting
- Environmental & Social Policy Guidance for Responsible Lending
- · Bond impact reports



Community Affairs

\$108.2 Million 2022 Charitable Giving

1 Million+ Hours volunteered by PNC employees supporting early childhood education and social justice

\$500 Million

Multiyear, bilingual PNC Grow Up Great initiative preparing children for success in school and life

8 Million+ Children impacted by PNC Grow Up Great



Diversity & Inclusion

30,000+

employee members of 110 chapters of 12 Employee Business Resource Groups (EBRGs)

100% Score on Disability Equality Index

Human Rights Campaign's Best Place to Work for LGBTQ+ Equality

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Taxable-Equivalent Net Interest Income (non-GAAP)

	For	the three months er	nded	For the six months ended
\$ millions	June 30, 2023	Mar. 31, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
Net interest income	\$3,510	\$3,585	\$3,051	\$7,095
Taxable-equivalent adjustments	37	38	25	75
Net interest income - fully taxable-equivalent (non-GAAP)	\$3,547	\$3,623	\$3,076	\$7,170

The interest income earned on certain earning assets is completely or partially exempt from federal income tax. As such, these tax-exempt instruments typically yield lower returns than taxable investments. To provide more meaningful comparisons of net interest income, we use interest income on a taxable-equivalent basis by increasing the interest income earned on tax-exempt assets to make it fully equivalent to interest income earned on taxable investments. This adjustment is not permitted under GAAP. Taxable equivalent net interest income is only used for calculating net interest margin and net interest income shown elsewhere in this presentation is GAAP net interest income.

Appendix: Non-GAAP to GAAP Reconciliation



Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio, including AOCI (non-GAAP)

June 30, 2023 (estimated), \$ in millions	Common Equity Tier 1 Capital	June 30, 2023 (estimated), \$ in millions	Risk-weighted assets
Common stock, related surplus and retained earnings, net of treasury stock	\$52,091	- Risk-weighted assets, standardized approach	\$430,118
Goodwill and disallowed intangibles, net of deferred tax liabilities	(11,101)	AOCI adjustments	4,170
All other adjustments	(89)	Risk-weighted assets, including AOCI	\$434,288
- Common equity Tier 1 Capital	\$40,901		
AOCI adjustments	(7,337)		
Common equity Tier 1 capital, including AOCI	\$33,564	-	
Common equity Tier 1 ratio	9.5%		
Common equity Tier 1 ratio, including AOCI (non-GAAP)	7.7%		

As permitted, PNC has elected to exclude AOCI related to both available for sale securities and pension and other post-retirement plans from CET1 capital. CET1 ratio, including AOCI, is a non-GAAP measure and is calculated based on common equity Tier 1 capital, inclusive of AOCI adjustments, divided by risk-weighted assets, inclusive of AOCI adjustments. AOCI adjustments include ASC 320 Investments – Debt Securities and ASC 815 Derivatives and Hedging, ASC 715 Compensation – Retirement Benefits, as well as changes related to deferred taxes. We believe this non-GAAP measure shows, among other things, the impact of adding back net unrealized gains and subtracting net unrealized losses on AFS / HTM securities and the subsequent impact to our CET1 ratio.

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Tangible Common Equity Ratio (non-GAAP)

	For the three months ended
\$ millions	June 30, 2023
Tangible common shareholders' equity	
Common shareholders' equity	\$42,083
Goodwill and other intangible assets	(11,357)
Deferred tax liabilities on goodwill and other intangible assets	256
Tangible common shareholders' equity	\$30,982
Tangible assets	
Total assets	\$558,207
Goodwill and other intangible assets	(11,357)
Deferred tax liabilities on goodwill and other intangible assets	256
Tangible assets	\$547,106
Tangible common equity ratio (non-GAAP)	5.7%

Tangible common equity ratio is a non-GAAP measure and is calculated based on tangible common shareholders' equity divided by tangible assets. We believe this non-GAAP measure to be a key financial metric in assessing capital adequacy.