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A Collection of Great Banks

Bank

Headquarters

Offices

Assets

Deposits

Zions

Bank Salt Lake City 128 \$20.8B \$16.2B CB&T San Diego 93 \$10.7B \$8.5B Amegy Houston 84 \$11.7B \$9.1B NBA Phoenix 76 \$4.9B \$4.0B NSB Las Vegas 59 \$4.3B \$3.7B Vectra Denver 39 \$2.5B \$2.0B Commerce-WA Seattle 1 \$0.8B \$0.6B Commerce-OR Portland 1 \$0.06B \$0.04B

2Q 2009 Average Balances

Zions Strengths

Annual pretax, pre-provision earnings of \sim \$950 mm-to-\$1billion

NIM: 4.09%, ranked #2 of regional banks/peers.

One quarter of deposits are non-interest bearing (rank: #3 of peers)

Strong allowance for credit loss: 3.2% of loans

Tier 1 Common / Risk-weighted assets: \$1.1 billion in excess of 4%.

Successfully won bids on four FDIC assisted transactions.

*Peer group includes U.S. regional banks with assets greater than \$20 billion and less than \$200 billion plus footprint competitors WFC and USB.

Zions Challenges

Rising NPAs, to 4.7% of loans from 4.0% in prior quarter

Total delinquent + NPA was up 4%, decelerating sharply from the prior

quarter rate

YTD net charge-off rate of 2.4%

Continued securities impairments (OTTI), primarily on bank/insurance CDOs

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\$42.0 million in 2Q

Our Growth Engine

#1 Ranking Among Regional & Western Banks

Source: SNL Financial

7.6%

7.5%

7.2%

6.3%

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6.1%
5.6%
5.1%
5.0%
4.3%
4.1%
3.3%
2.9%
2.8%
2.7%
2.6%
2.0%
1.5%
0.8\%
9.5%
0.0%
1.0%
2.0%
3.0%
4.0%
5.0%
6.0%
7.0%
8.0%
9.0%
10.0%
Footprint Population Growth Estimates from SNL Financial
(2009-2014)
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Net Interest Margin (Regional Bank Peers) Reported NIM 2Q09 0 0.5 1 1.5

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2
2.5
3
3.5
4
4.5
5
1Q09 to 2Q09 NIM Change (in bps)
-25
-20
-15
-10
-5
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
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Source: SNL Source: SNL

Note: Peer group includes U.S. regional banks with assets greater than \$20 billion and less than \$200 billion plus footprint competitors WFC and USB.



Asset Sensitivity

Fixed-rate loans:

25% of portfolio

Duration of about 1.1 years

Variable-rate loans:

75% of portfolio

Continual reduction of interest rate swaps (increasing asset sensitivity)

22% of total loans have floors that are in-the-money

Non-interest bearing deposits to earning assets is 22% (rank #1 among peers; peer median 16%)

Peer data source: SNL

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Loan Portfolio Composition (6/30/2009)

48%

33%

19%

Owner Occupied Commercial

21%
CRE Term
16%
Other Consumer
8%
Other
2%
C&
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28%
Consumer 1-4
Family
9%
Residential
Construction

Comm

Construction

11%

CRE Portfolio Change Summary (Dollar Change from 4Q07 to 2Q09 in billions)

\$1.3

-\$1.0

-\$3.0

-\$3.5

-\$3.0

- -\$2.5
- -\$2.0
- -\$1.5
- -\$1.0
- -\$0.5
- \$0.0
- \$0.5
- \$1.0
- \$1.5
- \$2.0

Commercial Term

Commercial

Construction

Residential

Construction

Loan Portfolio Performance (6/30/2009) YTD Net Charge-offs By Bank Vectra Bank Colorado 2% Zions First National

Bank 28% Amegy Bank Of Texas 8% California Bank & Trust 11% National Bank of Arizona 20% Nevada State Bank 31% Total Loans by Bank California Bank & Trust, 21% National Bank of Arizona, 9% Nevada State Bank, 8% Vectra Bank Colorado, 5% Zions First National Bank, 35% Commerce Bank of Oregon, 0.1% Commerce Bank of Washington,

1.4%

Amegy Bank Of Texas, 21%

Loan Portfolio Performance (6/30/2009) YTD Net Charge-offs By Loan Category Commercial 29.6% Commercial Real Estate

55.4% Consumer 14.5% Other 0.4%

NPAs as a % of Total Assets (Large Bank Peers) Zions, 3.64% Peer (weighted average), 2.00% 0.00%

0.50% 1.00% 1.50%

2.00%

2.50% 3.00%

3.50%

4.00%

Zions

Peer (weighted average)

Zions NPA/Asset ratio excludes FDIC-supported assets

Note: Peer group defined as U.S. bank holding companies with assets > \$10 billion.

Peer data source: SNL

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Delinquency Trends (Large Bank Peers)

(90+ days Deliquent Still Accruing) / (Total Loans)

ZION, 0.47%
Peer (Weighted Avg), 1.90%
0.00%
0.20%
0.40%
0.60%
1.00%
1.20%
1.40%
1.60%
1.80%
2.00%

ZION

NPAs

& Delinquency Trends (Large Bank Peers)

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Peer data source: SNL

Note: Zions

ratio excludes FDIC-supported assets

(NPAs + Greater Than 90 days Deliquent) / (Loans + OREO) Zions, 5.12% Peer (Weighted Avg), 6.25% 0.00% 0.40% 0.80%1.20% 1.60% 2.00% 2.40% 2.80% 3.20% 3.60% 4.00% 4.40% 4.80% 5.20% 5.60% 6.00% 6.40% 6.80%

Zions Peer (Weighted Avg)

Net Charge-offs as % of Loans* (Large Bank Peers)
Zions, 3.30%
Peer (weighted average), 3.26%
Zions w/o Flying J, 2.86%
0.00%

0.50%

1.00%

1.50%

2.00%

2.50%

3.00%

3.50%

Zions

Peer (weighted average)

Zions w/o Flying J

*Annualized

Note: Peer group defined as U.S. bank holding companies with assets > \$10 billion.

Peer data source: SNL; 2Q09 peer data estimated from SNL & financial releases

Credit Performance Summary Compared to Large Banks, Zions has

Relatively

Larger, secured commercial portfolio

Smaller, high performing consumer portfolio

Results in

Higher Non Performing Assets, but

Lower net charge-offs

Note: Peer group includes U.S. regional banks with assets greater than \$20 billion and less than \$200 billion plus footprint competitors WFC and USB.

Source: SNL

Reserves & Net Charge Offs (Regional Bank Peers) Reserves/ TTM NCOs 0.0

2.0

4.0

6.0

8.0

10.0

12.0

14.0

Zions

Peer Median Reserves/NCOs

Peer - Top Quartile

Peer - Bottom Quartile

Bank & Ins. Trup CDOs 3% of Assets Loans, 76% Bank & Ins. Trup CDOs, 3% All Other Investment Securities, 6%

Investment Securities, 9% Other Assets, 16%

Capital Ratios

11.58%

7.45%

5.51%

2Q08

12.87%

13.39%

Total Risk Based

9.66%

9.43%

Tier 1 Risk Based

5.66%

5.26%

Tangible Common Equity

2Q09

1Q09

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