

\* The main section of this report addresses the performance and condition of 12<sup>th</sup> District commercial banks. District industrial banks and savings institutions are covered separately in Section 2.

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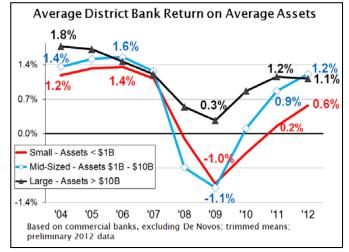
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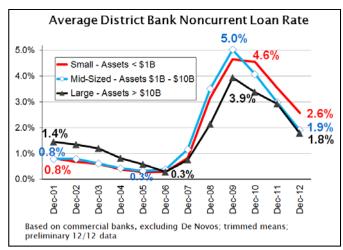
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# First Glance 12L – Fourth Quarter 2012

Western Banks: Solid Improvement, But Further To Go

- Profits-Substantial Recovery Largely via Reserve Releases: The average District bank ROAA climbed to 0.69% in 2012, and above 1% for both Mid-Sized and Large bank groups (at right and Slides 7, 10). Reduced credit loss provisions, which equaled just 81% of 2012 net charge-offs, provided the major earnings boost (Slides 11–12). Core earnings rates (pre-tax pre-provision) edged up to 1.09% on average, the third year of improvement, as net interest margins stayed barely over 4% and efficiency ratios improved slightly (Slides 13, 14–16). Compared to the bottom of the recession (2009) when over 61% of District banks reported operating losses, 85% of banks reported net profits in 2012 (Slide 9). Looking forward, a challenging interest rate environment, modest loan demand, intense competition for borrowers, and overhead pressures are headwinds likely to constrain profitability gains.
- □ Loan Quality-Three Years of Recovery: The 12<sup>th</sup> District bank average noncurrent loan rate dropped to 2.4%, well down from the 4.7% peak (Slide 17). Large and Mid-Sized bank noncurrent rates fell below 2% by year-end 2012, getting close to normal historical levels, while the Small bank rate remained highest of the three and two years away from sub-1% levels at the current improvement rate (at right, and Slide 20). During 2012, the decline in noncurrent rates occurred across major loan types, but the pace of improvement was very slow for commercial & industrial loans (Slide 18). The average District net charge-off rate of 0.5% was about half the rate from a year ago and the lowest level in five years (Slide 23).
- □ <u>Upward Trend in Loan Growth:</u> Year-over-year loan growth for District banks climbed to 3.9% on average, led by gains at Large and Mid-sized banks (Slide 25). The fastest growing loans for the District in aggregate were C&I and 1-4 family residential loans, up 11% and 10% respectively for the year (Slide 26). Single-family residential was the strongest growth area for Small banks (+19%) and Mid-sized banks (+13%) (Slide 27).



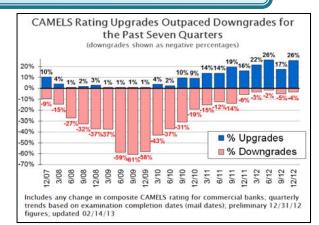


□ Capital Ratios-Continued Strengthening: Bank capital ratios continued to increase, remaining well above pre-financial crisis levels (Slide 31-32) as earnings and earnings retention improved while loan growth remained modest. Thirty-seven additional banks paid common dividends in 2012 compared to 2011, a sign that conditions improved for many banks (Slide 33).

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- □ CAMELS Ratings-Improving Slowly: CAMELS rating upgrades of District banks have outpaced downgrades for seven consecutive quarters (at right and Slide 34). As a result, the percentage of District banks rated CAMELS "3" or worse (less-than-satisfactory condition) edged down to 41%. This is a positive sign, but the national percentage is far lower at 24%; and in a typical healthy banking environment, the percentage should be less than 10% (Slide 35).
- Overall-Positive Trends: Despite 41% of District banks still being rated "less than satisfactory", all key performance indicators improved significantly in the past year. 12<sup>th</sup> District banks clearly are recovering at a steady pace. Challenges include an economy that remains slowly recovering and vulnerable to shocks (e.g., from U.S. fiscal situation) and a difficult environment to improve net interest margins.



## Bank Supervisors' Hot Topics

- □ Hot Topics: The following are some supervisory hot topics issues on bank supervisors' radar screens that tend to be a focus of attention during on-site examinations and off-site monitoring. These issues, starting on Slide 43, are similar to last quarter's. As in the past, this is not an exhaustive list of Hot Topics, and is not prioritized in any way.
  - Banks Reducing Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses: Examiners expect solid support for such decisions (Slide 44).
  - <u>Earnings Challenges</u>: Many factors suggest that District banks' earnings will take time to fully recover and will be challenged to return to the extraordinarily high profitability rates experienced from 2005–2006 (Slide 45).
  - Housing Related Credits, Particularly HELOCs and Other Junior Liens: 1<sup>st</sup> lien mortgage problems of stressed homeowners will continue to trickle down to junior lien loans (Slide 46).
  - <u>CRE Income Property Loans Originated From 2005 to 2008</u>: Bank exposure to commercial real estate remains high and commercial property values remain depressed; some loans originated near the market peak may have little equity and weak cash flows. Low interest rates have supported CRE borrowers thus far. (Slide 47).
  - <u>"Surge Deposits" Issues:</u> The huge influx of deposits at many banks dramatically improved balance sheet liquidity, but these deposits should be considered temporary; also, many banks have invested funds in longer-term securities which may make them vulnerable to rising interest rates. (Slide 48).
  - <u>Expansion into New or Unfamiliar Lending Areas</u>: Some banks are seeking to diversify by expanding rapidly into areas such as C&I, 1-4 family first liens, and multifamily loans; such growth, if not paired with commensurate controls and limits, could cause problems down the line (Slide 49).
  - Other Assorted Issues: (Slide 50).

# Section 1 Commercial Bank Performance

Slides in this section focus on trends among the 410 commercial banks headquartered within the 12<sup>th</sup> Federal Reserve District.

See Section 2 for coverage of savings institutions and industrial banks.



## Aggregates (weighted averages) vs. Averages (unweighted averages)

- Many of the following charts use <u>ratio averages</u> (or "trimmed means") when comparing District vs. Nationwide bank trends. By using averages of all the individual bank ratios, the charts are indicative of trends across a broad spectrum of banks.
- <u>Aggregate ratios</u> are used occasionally as well. Aggregates primarily reflect trends at the largest banks. With interstate branching, aggregate data for District bank also reflects more of a national story.
- Ratio levels and trends can differ significantly between statistical methods.



Return on Avg. Assets for

12th District Banks - 2012

Two Ways to Look at it

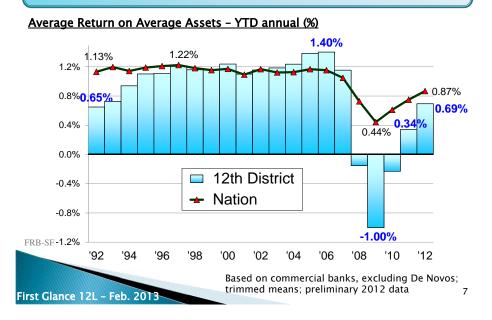
1.36%

Aggregate Average



Based on all commercial banks headquartered within 12<sup>th</sup> Federal Reserve District; Wells Fargo Bank, NA accounts for 60% of District total assets, heavily influencing the aggregate statistics; prelim. 2012 data 6

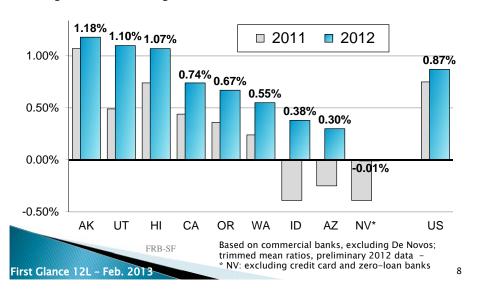
# Earnings: District Bank ROAA Continued to Recover & Narrow Gap with Nation – *Still Well Below Historical Averages*

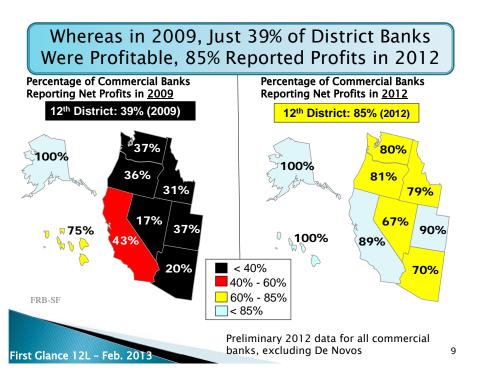


## Avg. ROAAs - Most District States in the Black

Banks in ID, UT & AZ were Most Improved vs. Last Year

Average Return on Average Assets - Full Year (%)





Loss Provisions Continued to Fall, Driving ROA Improvement Small Bank Profitability Continued to Lag 38 District banks took negative provisions in 2012, 63 took zero provisions -Large Bank Profitability Weakened Slightly in 2012 from Margin Pressures a combined 24% of banks (excluding De Novos and banks with no loans) Average Return on Average Assets - 12th District Commercial Banks (%) Loan Loss Provisions/Average Assets (% - Adjusted Averages) 1.8% Avg. 12<sup>th</sup> District 2.0% 1.6% Loss Provisions / 2.0 Avg. Assets -1.5% 12th District Banks 1.2% 2012 + Nationwide Banks 1.6 Industrial 0.8% .2% Banks 0.9% 0.6% 0.3% Savings 0.4% 1.2 Banks 0.2% 0.0% 0.8 0.7% Small - Assets < \$1B</p> 0.<u>5</u>% Mid-Sized - Assets \$1B - \$10B 0.4 0.2% 0.2% ← Large - Assets > \$10B 0.2% -1.1% 0.0 -1.5% '98 '04 '06 '08 '10 '92 '94 '96 '00 '02 '12 '08 '09 '10 '04 '05 '06 '07 '11 '12 FRB-SF FRB-SF Based on commercial banks, excluding De Novos; Based on commercial banks, excluding De Novos; trimmed means: preliminary 2012 data 10 11 trimmed means; preliminary 2012 data First Glance 12L - Feb. 2013 First Glance 12L - Feb. 2013 Loss Provisions Stopped Covering Net Charge-Offs, Core Profitability (pre-provision) on Average, in 2011 and Pre-Tax Earnings Rates Edged Higher However, ALLL Levels Remain Relatively High as a Percentage of Loans But Still Well Below Historic Averages Loss Provisions/Net Charge-Offs (x) ALLL / Loans (%) 12th District Bank Profitability Ratios - (%) Line - Right Axis Bars - Left Axis 2.16% 3.0% 2.70% 3.2x **Core Profitability** 1.86% 2.0 3x (Pre-tax pre-provision income/avg. assets) 2.29% 2.13 2.5% 1.5 <del>1 719</del> 1.09% 2.0% 1.0 2x Avg. District Core Profitability 0.93% by Bank Size – 2012 0.79% .25% 1.5% 0.5 All Banks 1.09% 0.0 1.0% Pre-tax income / Small (<\$1B) 0.93% 0.86x 0.81x 1x avg. assets Small bank noninterest -0.5 Mid (\$1B-\$10B) 1.60% income & noninterest 0.5% expense ratios recently 1.95% Large (>\$10B) -1.0 have compared unfavorabl to those of larger banks 0.0% 20% **0**x -1.5 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '01 '02 '03 '04 '08 '09 '05 '06 '07 '10 '11 '12 ALLL: Allowance for Loans and Lease Losses; FRB-SF FRB-SF Based on commercial banks, excluding De Novos; Based on commercial banks, excluding De Novos;

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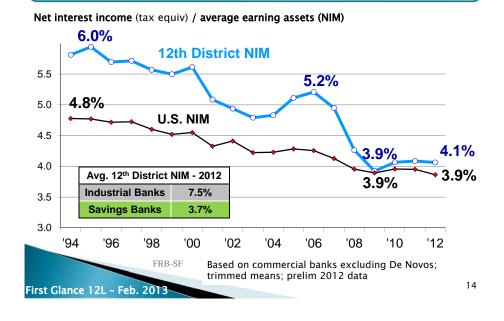
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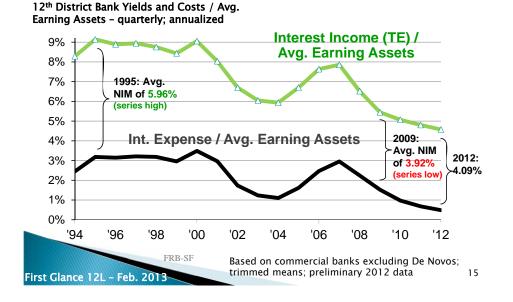
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District Bank Net Interest Margins Remained Depressed District Average NIM Essentially Flat for 2012

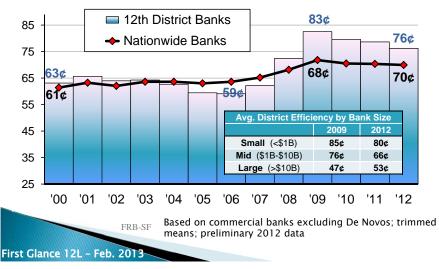


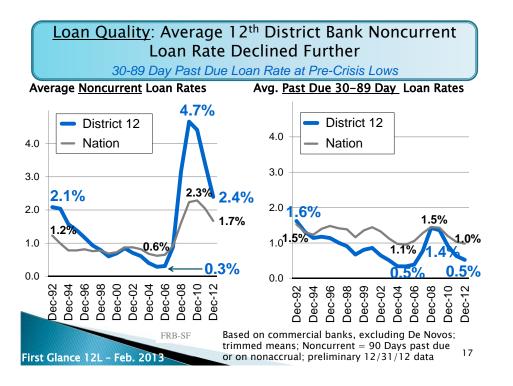
#### Earning Asset Yields & Funding Costs Fell Further

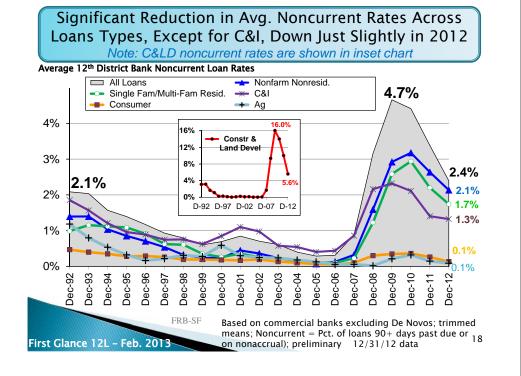


#### Average Bank Efficiency Measures Improved Moderately in 2012; But Still Worse than the Nation

**District Banks' Efficiency Measures** – overhead / (net interest income + noninterest income) (this metric measures the cost to produce \$1 of revenue)

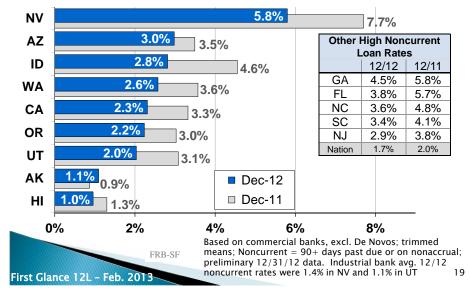




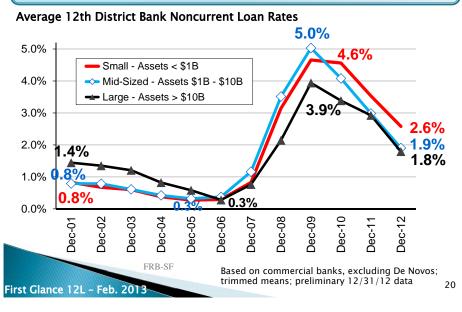


### By State: Noncurrent Loan Rates Dropped Broadly, Especially in Nevada and Idaho

Average 12th District Bank Noncurrent Loan Rates

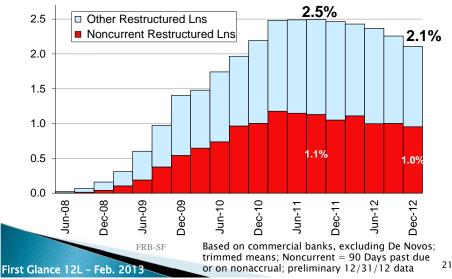


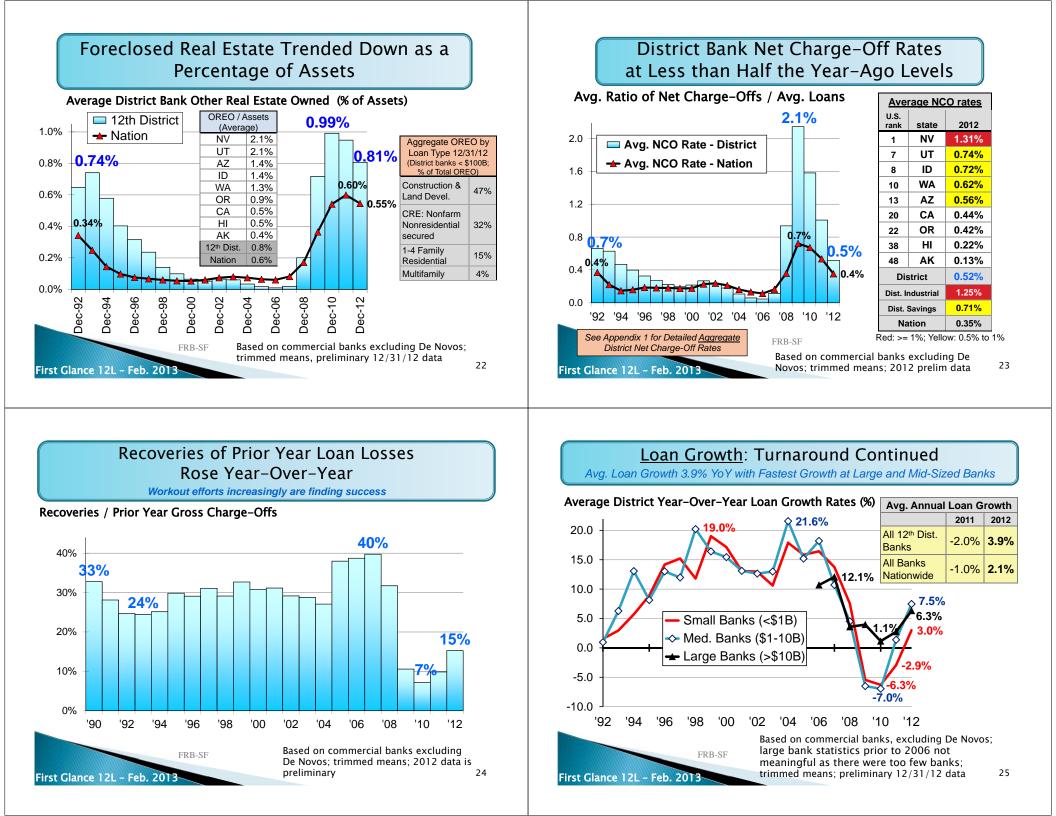
#### Noncurrent Rates Declined for Four Years in All Size Groups; Small Banks Have Highest Noncurrent Rates

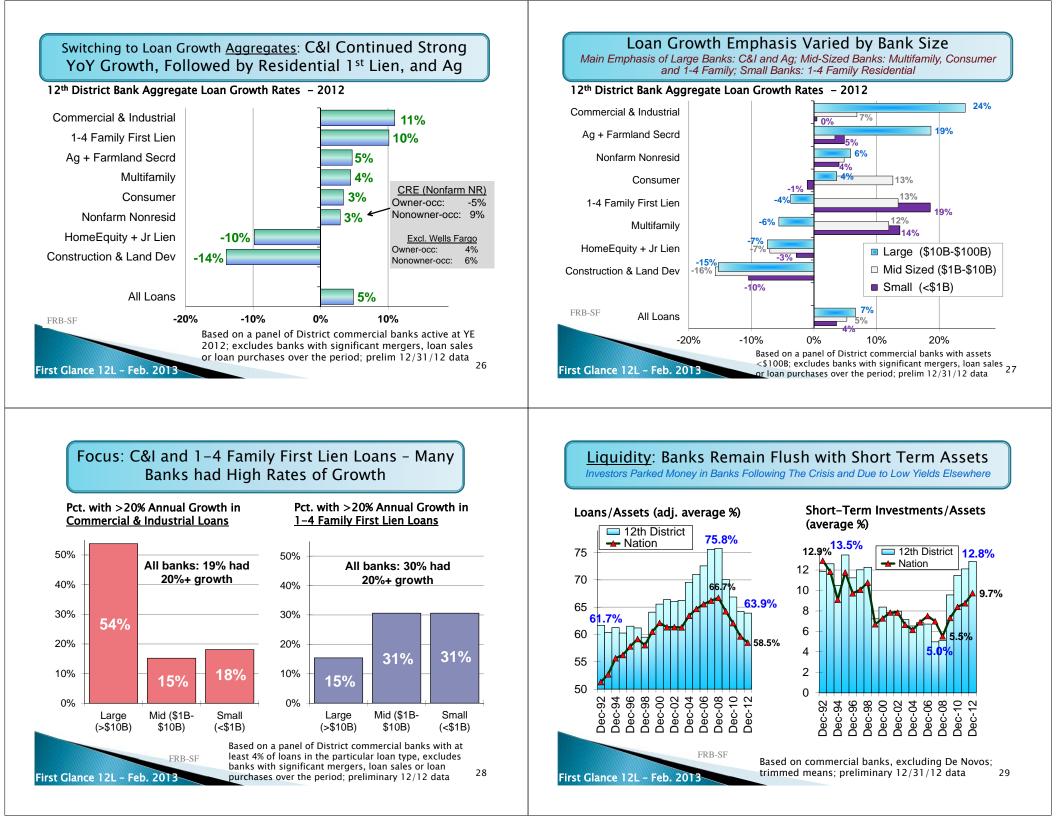


Troubled Debt Restructurings Continued to Edge Downward

#### 12<sup>th</sup> District Bank Restructured Loans as a Percentage (%) of Total Loans

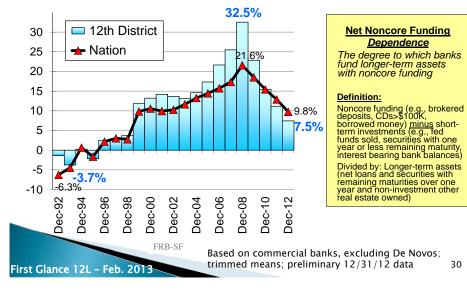






#### Average District Bank Reliance on Noncore Funding Sources Down to 14-Year Low

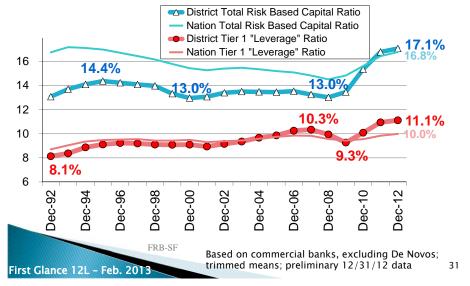
#### Net Noncore Funding Dependence (Adjusted Average %)



### Capital Adequacy: District Bank Ratios Rose Further

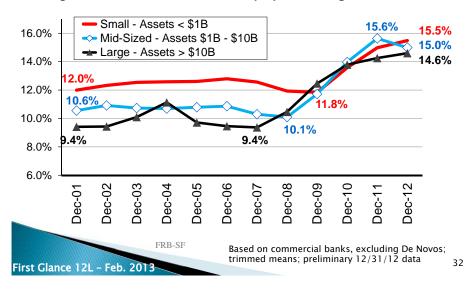
Slow Loan Growth & Modest Earnings Provided Bank Ratio Boosts

#### 12th District bank average capital ratios (%)

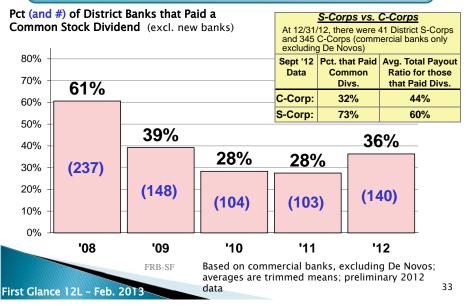


#### Tier 1 Common Equity Ratios also are Up Sharply from Pre-Crisis Levels for Banks of All Sizes

Average District Bank Tier 1 Common Equity / Risk Weighted Assets Ratios

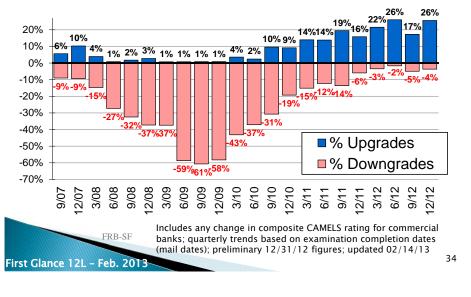


Number of District Banks Paying Common Dividends Jumped Up

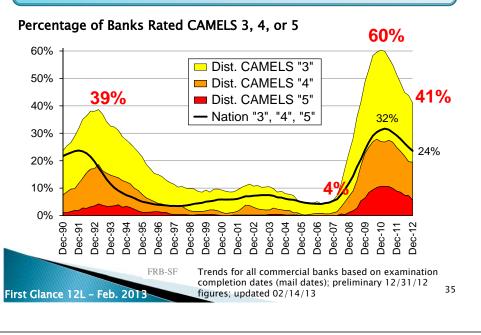


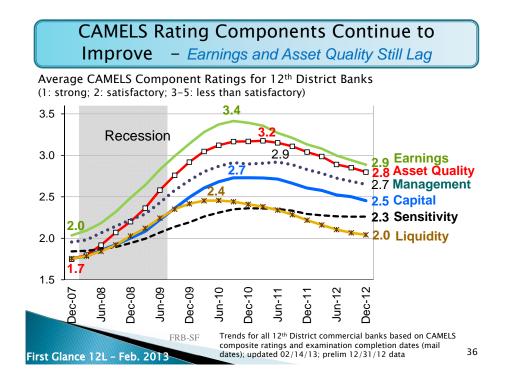
#### Regulatory Ratings: CAMELS Upgrades Outpaced Downgrades for the Past Seven Quarters

Pct. of 12<sup>th</sup> District Exams Each Quarter that Resulted in CAMELS Composite Rating Upgrade or Downgrade (downgrades are shown as negative percentages)



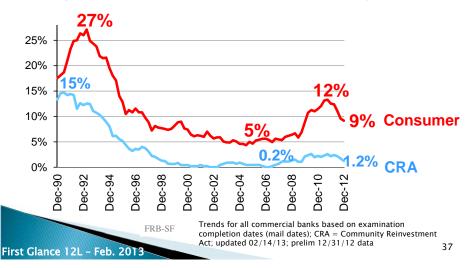
#### Percentage of Banks Rated CAMELS 3, 4, or 5 Continued to Fall





District Bank Consumer and CRA Ratings Also are Improving

#### Percentage of District Banks with Less-than-Satisfactory Ratings

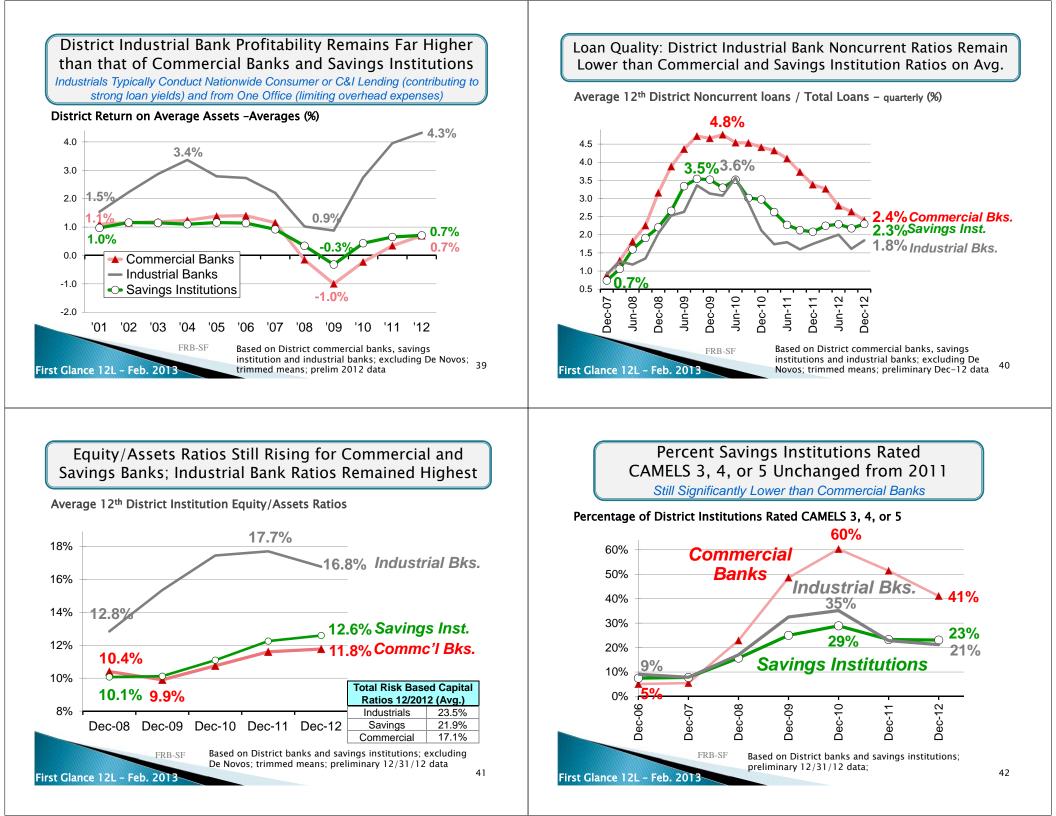


# Section 2 – Savings Institution and Industrial Bank Performance

Slides in this section focus on trends among the 47 savings institutions and 32 industrial banks headquartered within the 12<sup>th</sup> Federal Reserve District.

The savings institutions represent a combined population of District savings & loan associations plus savings banks – regardless of whether they filed the thrift Call Report or the bank Call Report. Starting March 2012, all savings institutions file the bank Call Report.





# Section 3 Bank Supervisors' Hot Topics

Supervisory hot topics are a sampling of issues on bank supervisors' radar screens that tend to be a focus of attention during on-site examinations or off-site reviews



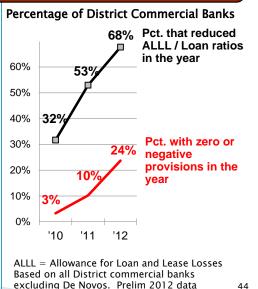
#### Bank Supervisors' Hot Topic: ALLL Reductions Most Banks Reduced ALLL / Loan Ratios in 2012

- ✓ Rising portion of banks reduced their ALLL (negative provisions for 38 banks, zero provisions for 53 banks)
- ✓ Over two-thirds reduced ALLL/Loan coverage ratios
- ✓ A sign of improving credit quality

#### However:

- ✓ Examiners expect well-documented iustification for such decisions
- ✓ Reductions in ALLL and coverage should be aligned with improving credit quality; also considered: risk appetite and new loan growth
- ✓ Provisions not covering net chargeoffs can't be sustained long-term
- ✓ FASB is proposing an Expected Credit Loss model for ALLL accounting





#### Bank Supervisors' Hot Topic **Earnings Challenges**

EARNINGS ISSUE	DURATION?
Low interest rate environment – narrow margins	Short term
Intense competition for quality borrowers	Short term
Limited opportunities to grow fee income, especially for smaller banks	Long term?
Overhead expense headwinds (e.g. fraud prevention, compliance costs)	Long term?
Not likely to see high rates of Construction & Land Development lending anytime soon	Long term?



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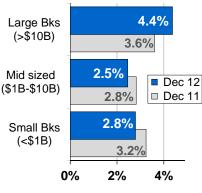
#### Bank Supervisors' Hot Topic Housing Related Credits, Particularly HELOCs and **Other Iunior Liens**

- ✓ Many borrowers with defaulted first lien mortgages have junior lien mortgages
- Banks should ensure that their nonaccrual and charge-off policies on junior liens comply with recent regulatory guidance
- $\checkmark$ Sufficient information should be gathered to adequately assess the loss incurred within junior lien portfolios (e.g., obtain credit reports or data from third-party servicers to help match junior liens with the associated senior liens; consider possible payment shock due to rising rates or HELOC conversion to amortizing loans)
- HELOC/Jr. Lien loans account for  $\checkmark$ more than 4% of loans at half of all District banks

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Total Past Due or Nonaccrual HELOC + other Jr. Lien 1-4 Family Mortgages -District Bank Aggregates by Bank Size



Based on aggregate data for District commercial banks: excluding de novos; preliminary 12/31/12 data

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### Bank Supervisors' Hot Topic CRE Income Property Loans Originated from 2005 to 2008

While examiners find that most CRE loans at banks are performing and collateralized adequately, questions remain on loans originated near market peaks ....

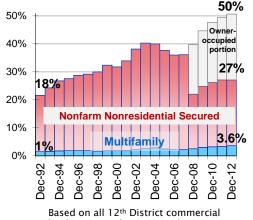
Average 12<sup>th</sup> District Bank CRE Income

- ✓ Bank exposure to CRE loans in general remains significant
- ✓ Core sector property values are down over 30% from their peak\*, and some borrowers are left with little or no equity
- ✓ The average noncurrent rate of 2.1% exceeds any major loan category aside from C&LD loans
- ✓ Concerns: maturing loans; matured loans extended but with weaknesses
- ✓ Current low interest rates have helped keep CRE loans performing, so far
- ✓ Extensions must be well supported

\* From Moody's/RCA Commercial Price Property Index for core sectors (office, retail, industrial) in non-major markets

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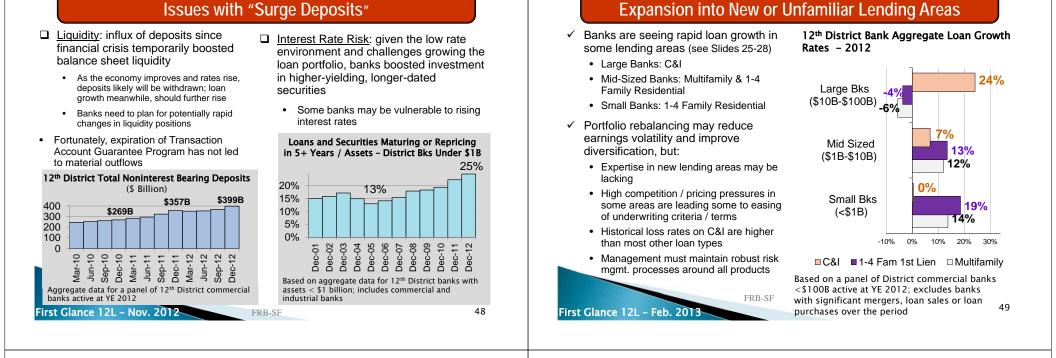
Property Loans (% of Total Loans)



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banks: trimmed means, preliminary



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#### Bank Supervisors' Hot Topic Assorted Other Issues

Bank Supervisors' Hot Topic

- ✓ Capital planning / stress testing expectations of banks
- ✓ Sequestration / Debt Ceiling Impact on U.S. credit ratings & economy if fiscal situation remains continually uncertain
- ✓ CyberSecurity issues e.g., denial of service attacks
- Challenges with adjusting to new rules and regulations (e.g., new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau "Ability to Repay Rule" for mortgage lending)

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Bank Supervisors' Hot Topic

### Appendix 1 12<sup>th</sup> District Bank <u>Aggregate</u> Net Charge-Off Rates

NCO rates declined year-over-year but remained at high levels

	All Banks			Small Bks (<\$1 Billion	
	2011	2012		2011	2012
Construction & Land Development	2.49	0.85		3.47	1.43
Residential Construction	3.11	0.19		3.41	1.08
Other C&LD	2.36	1.01		3.48	1.53
CRE - Nonfarm Nonresidential Loans	0.63	0.29		0.73	0.48
Owner-Occupied	0.74	0.33		0.59	0.40
Nonowner-Occupied	0.55	0.25		0.86	0.56
Residential Closed-End Loans	1.14	0.91		1.38	0.76
Home Equity Loans	2.34	2.39		1.23	0.74
Multifamily Loans	0.37	0.03		0.69	0.17
Commercial & Industrial Loans	0.66	0.40		1.62	0.74
Agricultural Loans	0.37	0.79		0.30	(0.02)
Credit Card Loans	5.30	3.86		2.90	2.15
Installment Loans	1.05	0.90		1.80	0.85
Total Loans	1.13	0.81		1.20	0.62

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Yellow: 0.75% to 2% This data soon will be available at <u>http://www.frbsf.org/banking/data/index.html</u> - see Charge-Off Rates: 12th District (FRB SF) 52

#### Appendix 2 - Banks Covered in this Report

Geography	Commercial Banks (De Novos)		Industrial Banks (De Novos)		Savings Institutions (De Novos)	
	12-11	12-12	12-11	12-12	12-11	12-12
Alaska	4 (0)	4 (0)	-	-	2 (0)	2 (0)
Arizona	30 (7)	28 (0)	-	-	1 (0)	1 (0)
California	227 (28)	215 (8)	9 (1)	7 (1)	18 (2)	18 (2)
Guam	2 (0)	2 (0)	-	-	1 (0)	1 (0)
Hawaii	6 (0)	6 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)	2 (0)	2 (0)
Idaho	17 (2)	15 (1)	-	-	1 (0)	1 (0)
Nevada	19 (6)	17 (2)	4 (0)	4 (0)	2 (0)	2 (0)
Oregon	31 (2)	29 (1)	-	-	3 (0)	3 (0)
Utah	33 (2)	32 (2)	19 (0)	19 (0)	4(0)	4 (0)
Washington	58 (2)	58 (2)	-		14 (0)	13 (0)
12th District	427 (49)	410 (16)	33 (1)	31 (1)	48 (2)	47 (2)
Nation	6,238 (260)	6,035 (114)	35 (1)	33 (1)	1075 (22)	1,010 (8)

Based on preliminary 12/31/12 data

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## Appendix 3 – Technical Information

This report focuses on the financial trends and performance of commercial banks headquartered within the 12<sup>th</sup> Federal Reserve District ("12L"). 12L includes 9 western states: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, and WA, as well as Guam.

**De Novos:** Many of the charts exclude "De Novo" banks, or banks less than five years old.

Trimmed Mean (also referred to as "adjusted average" or "average"): Many of the charts present trends in ratio averages, adjusted for outliers. The method used is to eliminate or "trim" out the highest 10% and the lowest 10% of ratio values, and average the remaining values.

**Aggregate:** In some cases, the trimmed mean method is not appropriate (e.g., when many banks have zero values for a particular ratio, or, for example, for some growth rates where there may be many highly positive and highly negative values). In these cases, District aggregates sometimes are computed (i.e., summing numerator values across all District banks and dividing by the sum of all denominator values; as opposed to averaging individual bank ratios). When an aggregate is used, it is indicated on the chart.

**Industrial banks and savings institutions:** The main focus of this report is on commercial banks. Industrial banks and savings institutions have different operating characteristics so are highlighted separately in Section 2. There, the saving institution data include institutions that file the bank Call Report plus those that, up until recently, filed the thrift Call Report.