

Our roots run deep.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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A commitment to community

Community banks have a rich history of meeting the needs of the cities and towns in which they operate. Whether through their normal business functions or their many philanthropic endeavors, they are inseparably linked to, and reflective of, the areas in which they are rooted. They are part of the fiber that binds communities together.

At North Shore Bank, we have always been proud to carry the community bank standard. Chartered in May of 1888, our organization has steadily grown to include twelve branches across the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and now southern New Hampshire. Throughout our history, we have been unwaveringly committed to the area by helping consumers to realize their financial goals, meeting the needs of the business community, providing a rewarding workplace for employees, giving back by donating to social service and civic programs, and frankly, by making our shared communities better places to live and work. Of course, the success of this strategy has always depended on the success of North Shore Bank, and in this regard I am quite pleased to report that the company again delivered a strong financial performance in 2016.

Ending the year at \$789MM in assets, this represented a 6% increase from year-end 2015. Fueled by a \$63MM boost in net lending, an 11%

jump from 2015, this was largely attributable to our business lending efforts, which grew by more than \$50MM during the period. While all major commercial categories increased, there were sizable gains in the commercial real estate and construction and development lending portfolios.

We had another successful year providing residential financing, especially with our home equity line program. Having modified the product terms in April, and then aggressively promoting it throughout the spring and fall, the bank ultimately originated more than \$26MM in credit availability.

Our Equity Capital approached the \$85 million mark by the end of 2016, with a Tier One Leverage Capital ratio of 10.57%, placing North Shore Bank well above the regulatory standard required for well-capitalized banks. Net Operating Income was strong at \$3.4MM, and even with our substantial increase in lending activity, the bank's asset quality remained strong, with low levels of non-performing assets.

As in years past, the bank continued to actively support an extensive cross section of nonprofits across our entire market area. Contributing financially to more than 180 different organizations, we earmarked funds to groups serving the arts, education, health







and human services and municipalities, as well as a variety of social welfare groups. In addition, our weekly employee Jeans Day program continued strongly throughout the year, ultimately supporting a dozen local organizations and accounting for over \$15,000 in direct contributions. Most notably, since its inception in 2015, the program has resulted in over \$30,000 in employee donations.

Besides providing financial backing, throughout the year, North Shore Bank employees continued to serve on a variety of different local, regional and state-wide boards and committees, volunteering their time and considerable expertise. Ranging from community organizations to municipal planning boards to charitable associations, we're confident that their collective energy, commitment and ongoing advocacy have served the community well.

Of course, none of this is surprising to us. After all, we have long believed that our employees are our greatest asset at North Shore Bank. One hundred and seventy-five strong — all sharing a common sense of purpose and continually striving to exceed our customers' expectations — they are more committed than ever to the values that have endured over the years.

As we approach the start of our 130th year, it's hard not to be humbled. We fully recognize that we are just the latest in a long list of stewards whose

cumulative legacy has been an impressive record of support for homeowners, individual savers, businesses and non-profits. This is not just our history; we're convinced that it's our future as well.

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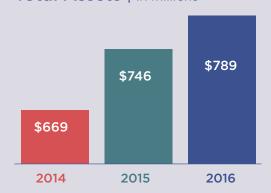
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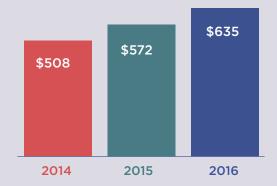
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	December 31,			
		2016		2015
Assets				
Cash & Due From Banks	\$	10,410	\$	9,197
Securities		94,308		106,617
Overnight Investments		12,342		21,333
Loans				
Loans		635,130		571,630
Allowance for Loan Losses		(6,266)		(5,607)
Net Loans		628,864		566,023
Total Fixed Assets		13,625		14,367
Other Assets		29,476		28,478
Total Assets	\$	789,025	\$	746,015
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Liabilities				
Deposits				
Demand Deposits	\$	151,876	\$	134,066
Interest Bearing Balances				
MMDA Accounts		138,720		140,171
Savings Accounts		120,961		119,453
Time Deposits		160,350		154,645
NOW Accounts		57,497		51,040
Total Interest Bearing		477,528		465,309
Total Deposits		629,404		599,375
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Borrowed Funds		67,074		57,721
Repurchase Agreements		0		0
Other Liabilities		7,854		7,290
Total Liabilities		704,332		664,386
Equity Capital				
Total Equity Capital		84,693		81,629
Total Liabilities				
and Equity Capital	\$	789,025	\$	746,015

Total Assets | in millions



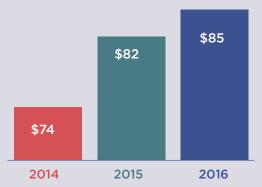
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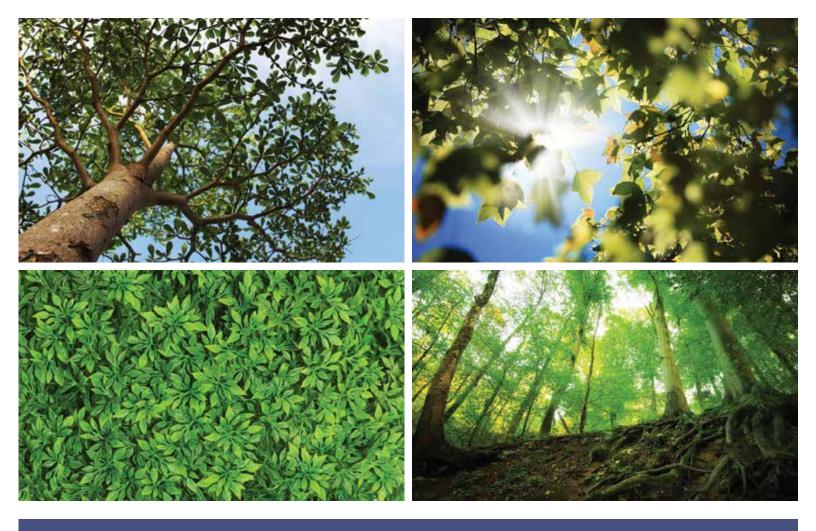


Total Deposits | in millions



Equity Capital | in millions







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