# **Shareholder Newsletter**

QUARTER 1 | 2022



# Operations continue to be strong during the first quarter of 2022.

Despite the expected reduction in residential mortgage activity and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) fee income, the Bank's first quarter was healthy. For the quarter, Fortifi Bank posted net income after tax of \$1,534,000 vs. \$3,018,000 for the first quarter of 2021. Annualized Return on Equity was 9.63%, down from 24.01% last year. First quarter 2021 saw record mortgage refinance activity, significant PPP income as well as a one-time gain on sale of a branch location. Economic conditions resulted in a significant contraction of our net interest margin which was 3.35% for the quarter vs. 4.23% for the same period in 2021. Despite the challenges, the Bank was able to maintain a strong Return on Assets of 1.04% for the first quarter vs. 2.29% in 2021.

The total book value per share of common stock was \$98/share at 3/31/22 vs. \$104/share at 12/31/21. The book value was negatively impacted by the requirement that banks recognize an unrealized loss on the value of their investment portfolio. (Commonly referred to as "mark to market"). Treasury market interest rates increased significantly during the first quarter of 2022. This change in rates has caused the market value of the Bank's investment portfolio to decline resulting in an unrealized loss value on the Bank's balance sheet. A portion of the unrealized loss is recorded as accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) which is factored in the book value per share of First Berlin stock. The resulting AOCI impact on book value per share is \$9.00. The unrealized loss is based entirely on the interest rate market so in no manner reflects the credit quality of the investment portfolio.

Our total loans were \$373,994,000 at the end of the quarter up from \$353,768,000 at 12/31/21. The growth has been due to an increase in commercial loan demand. The quality of our loan portfolio remains acceptable, however we continue to maintain a strong Reserve for Loan Losses to reflect the uncertainty of the economy. At 3/31 the reserve stood at \$4,808,000 or 1.29% of total loans. Despite the significant impact of the unrealized loss on the value of the investment portfolio, Total Equity Capital was \$61,426,000 at 3/31/22 up from \$51,483,000 at 3/31/21. The Bank's Total Assets grew 15% year over year to \$589,268,000 at 3/31/22 vs. \$512,586,000 at 3/31/21.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Bank President and CEO. I am extremely proud of the team at Fortifi and look forward to watching them grow. On behalf of our Board of Directors and employees, thank you.

Sincerely,

Greg Lundberg President + CEC



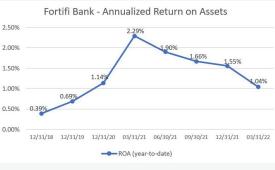
## **FINANCIAL CONDITION**

	(dollars in thousands)	
Income Statement Items:	Q1 2022	Q1 2021
Interest Income	\$4,896	\$5,591
Interest Expense	\$228	\$347
Non-Interest Income	\$1,199	\$2,935
Net Income After Taxes	\$1,534	\$3,018
Net Interest Margin (1)	3.35%	4.23%
Return on Equity (annualized)	9.63%	24.01%
Return on Assets (annualized)	1.04%	2.29%
Efficiency Ratio	64.19%	47.66%
Capital Ratios:	Q1 2022	Q1 2021
Leverage Ratio	11.09%	9.64%
Risk Based Capital	16.12%	13.13%
RLL/Total Loans	1.29%	1.31%

(	dollars in thousands)
Q1 2022	Q1 2021
\$512,659	\$443,661
\$373,994	\$387,537
\$4,808	\$5,075
\$589,268	\$512,586
\$61,426	\$51,483
Q1 2022	Q1 2021
554,512	448,250
\$3	\$7
\$98	\$97
	Q1 2022   \$512,659   \$373,994   \$4,808   \$589,268   \$61,426   Q1 2022   \$554,512   \$3

(1) "Net Interest Margin" reflects interest income including select loan origination fees net of interest expenses, adjusted for tax-exempt loans and securities, as a percentage of average earning assets.





#### Fortifi Bank - Loans and Deposits (in millions)



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### CELEBRATING EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AT FORTIFI BANK

Stories touting statistics about The Great Resignation have become an all-too-familiar sight in today's media, making it tempting to think longevity no longer exists in the workplace. However, Fortifi Bank took time to recognize employees that defy the odds. At Fortifi's Berlin campus, which includes the retail branch at 240 Broadway St. and its support centers at 153 Franklin St. and 140 W. Huron St., five individuals have exceeded 20 years of service. Learn more about these individuals at FortifiBank.com/Longevity





Debbie Nigbor Loan Processor to Compliance Specialist

**Cindy Steinbrink** Customer Service Representative to Controller



Sara Simonis Teller to Digital Operations Specialist



Jennifer Grota Loan Processor to Systems Analyst



Wendy Swansby Teller

#### FINANCIAL LITERACY EVENTS

Throughout March, Fortifi Bank attended multiple events, promoting financial literacy and career opportunities. Fortifi attended the Find Your Inspiration event at the KI Convention Center to provide some educational activities for multiple middle schools in the Green Bay area. Students were able to practice counting cash, writing checks, and writing deposit and withdrawal tickets.

At Career Fair on the Fox at UW Oshkosh, team members attended the job fair to talk to students about potential opportunities, and of course to get Fortifi Bank's name out there!

### LUNDBERG APPOINTED TO WBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On April 1, 2022, the Wisconsin Bankers Association appointed Greg Lundberg to the WBA board of directors for a three-year term. The WBA nominating committee, which is comprised of the current WBA officers and recent past chairmen from WBA, elected Lundberg based on his dedication to leadership and forward-thinking in the industry.

"WBA's long-standing reputation for educating and growing Wisconsin banks is highly respected and aligns with Fortifi's mission of Growin' Wisconsin." Lundberg said. "I am eager to build on that mission at the state level."



**Greg Lundberg** President + CEO



Pictured left to right: **Courtney Lechnir**, Assistant Branch Manager; **Tiffany Hoxie**, Human Resources Manager; **Katie Thiem** 

#### BUSINESS BANKER JOINS NEW OSHKOSH OFFICE



Keegan Langkau Business Banker

Fortifi Bank has named Keegan Langkau as business banker of its new office located at 420 N. Koeller St. in Oshkosh.

In his role, Langkau partners with local Oshkosh businesses, helping them navigate the small business world and reach their goals. A life-long resident of Oshkosh, Langkau brings ten years of banking experience as a private banker, branch manager, and banking relationship representative.

#### INVESTOR RELATIONS - DIGITAL ARCHIVE

Starting with this newsletter, all shareholder communications and news will be stored and able to view on our website. The investor relations page can be found at FortifiBank.com/InvestorRelations

### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **CORE VALUES**





Supporting Each Other

Can-Do Attitude



**Seamless Service** 



**Building Relationships** 

### **OUR MISSION**

Remain an independent community bank that supports the growth of our shareholders, clients, and employees while Growin' Wisconsin - one person, one business, one relationship at a time.

### **OUR VISION**

Fortifi Bank helps people, businesses, and communities better understand their opportunities in the financial world based on 145 years of experience. We do this with a commitment to our core values, extraordinary client service, trusted financial solutions, and local decision making.



Greg Lundberg President + CEO



**Mike Boettcher Chief Financial** Officer

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 



**Gina Evans** SVP - Wealth Management



**Chris Jenkinson** SVP - Information Technology



Loni Meiborg SVP - Organizational Development



**Mike Uttech** Chief Credit Officer



Bruce Bohn President



Russel L. Kuehn President First Berlin Bancorp



Jeff Braun President + CEO | American **Prosthetic Components** 



**Eric Cerbins** Past President + CEO Fortifi Bank



Mark Milbrandt Plant Manager + Partner Apollo Tool Inc.



Peter J. Prickett

Former CEO | First National

Bank - Fox Valley



Pat Seaman **Retired Auto Dealer** Westside Garage





Bohn Farms, Inc.



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