

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 11-K**

**(Mark One)**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (FEE REQUIRED).**

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED)**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission file number: 001-11713**

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:  
**Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank**

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:  
**OceanFirst Financial Corp.**

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**975 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey 08753**

## REQUIRED INFORMATION

**Items 1-3.** The Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank (the Plan ) is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ( ERISA ) and files plan financial statements and schedules prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA. The plan intends to file such financial statements and schedules in lieu of the financial statements required by these items as permitted by Item 4.

**Item 4.** The Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank, which is subject to ERISA, files plan financial statements and schedules prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA.

**Financial Statements.** Listed below are all financial statements and schedules filed as a part of the annual report:

- (a) Audited Statements of Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits as of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and the related Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits for the years then ended and the Schedule H, Line 4 (i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year).

### Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report.

- 23.1 Consent of WeiserMazars LLP
- 23.2 Consent of KPMG LLP

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this Annual Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 24, 2016

Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank  
Employee Profit Sharing Plan

By: /s/ Gary S. Hett  
Gary S. Hett  
Plan Administrator

**RETIREMENT PLAN FOR OCEANFIRST BANK**

Financial Statements and Schedule

December 31, 2015 and 2014

(With Report of Independent Registered

Public Accounting Firm Thereon)

To the Retirement Plan Administrative Committee of

OceanFirst Bank

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefit of the Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank ( the Plan ) as of December 31, 2015 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2015 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan s management. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ WeiserMazars LLP

Edison, NJ

June 24, 2016

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors

Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for plan benefits of the Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank (the Plan) as of December 31, 2014, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for plan benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2014, and the changes in its net assets available for plan benefits for the year then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Short Hills, New Jersey

June 17, 2015

## RETIREMENT PLAN FOR OCEANFIRST BANK

## Statements of Net Assets

## Available for Plan Benefits

December 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Assets:		
Investments (Notes 3 and 7):		
Guaranteed Interest Contract Fund	\$ 1,634,414	1,833,665
Insurance Company Pooled Separate Accounts	6,104,891	5,460,779
Collective Trust Funds	1,739,774	1,513,479
Mutual Funds	9,984,326	11,445,539
OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund	6,603,815	5,845,248
Total investments at fair value	26,067,220	26,098,710
Notes receivable from participants	604,615	585,239
Accrued interest receivable	254	391
Net assets available for plan benefits	\$ 26,672,089	26,684,340

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## RETIREMENT PLAN FOR OCEANFIRST BANK

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

## Available for Plan Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments (Note 7)	\$ 622,545	932,650
Interest	31,119	17,833
Dividends	128,755	164,284
Total investment income	782,419	1,114,767
Interest income on notes receivable	22,479	23,104
Contributions:		
Employer contributions	583,699	517,329
Employee contributions	1,521,029	1,463,616
Employee rollover contributions	28,449	116,518
Total contributions	2,133,177	2,097,463
Total additions to net assets	2,938,075	3,235,334
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits to participants	2,945,543	1,740,903
Expenses	4,783	4,619
Total deductions	2,950,326	1,745,522
Net (decrease) increase before transfers	(12,251)	1,489,812
Transfers		94,744
Net assets available for plan benefits at beginning of year	26,684,340	25,099,784
Net assets available for plan benefits at end of year	\$ 26,672,089	26,684,340

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR OCEANFIRST BANK

Notes to Financial Statements

**(1) Plan Description**

The Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank (the Plan) is a voluntary, participant-directed defined contribution plan sponsored by OceanFirst Bank (OceanFirst or the Bank) for employees of the Bank. The Bank is also the Plan Administrator.

**(a) General**

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. The Plan is a defined contribution plan which became effective on September 1, 1988. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

**(b) Merger**

On July 31, 2015, OceanFirst Financial Corp. acquired Colonial American Bank which was then merged into OceanFirst Bank. Effective January 1, 2016, the Colonial American Bank 401(K) Plan (the Colonial Plan) was merged into the Plan. All participants of the Colonial Plan become participants of the Plan and all assets, liabilities and participant account balances of the Colonial Plan were transferred to the Plan on January 26, 2016. Certain protected benefits under the Colonial Plan remain in place including: a five year vesting schedule for Non-Elective Contributions (NECs); in-service withdrawals at age 59 ½ from all sources, including rollover contributions and NECs; and a Normal Retirement Age (NRA) of 65 and Normal Retirement Date as of the participant's NRA.

**(c) Eligibility**

Employees of OceanFirst who have attained the age of 21 and are expected to work 1,000 hours in the 12-month period following the employee's employment date may join the Plan after completing three months of service, as defined.

**(d) Employee Contribution**

Participants may contribute from 1% to 100% of earnings (as defined), subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations of \$18,000 in 2015 and \$17,500 in 2014 per participant plus an additional \$6,000 in 2015 and \$5,500 in 2014 for participants over 50 years of age. A participant may direct their contributions among the Plan investments in any manner they desire. Employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan upon meeting the eligibility requirements. Unless otherwise elected, the initial contribution is 3% of earnings, increasing by 1% annually until a cap of 6% is reached. Unless otherwise elected, these contributions are invested in the Intermediate Horizon Asset Allocation Fund.

***(e) Transfers***

Participants in the Bank's Employee Stock Ownership Plan ( ESOP ) who are 55 years of age and who have completed 10 years of ESOP participation may elect to diversify part of their ESOP investment. If elected, the designated amount is transferred to the Retirement Plan for OceanFirst Bank.

***(f) Employer Contributions***

The Bank provides a matching contribution to participants equal to 100% of the first 1% of employee contributions and 50% on the next 5% of employee contributions.

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Notes to Financial Statements, continued

**(g) Vesting**

The employer matching contribution is fully vested after 2 years of service. Participant's contributions are fully vested at all times.

**(h) Forfeitures**

At December 31, 2015 and 2014 forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$4,132 and \$237, respectively. These accounts will be used to pay future Plan expenses or reduce employer contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, no forfeitures were used to pay Plan expenses.

**(i) Notes Receivable from Participants**

Participants may borrow up to 50% of the value of their vested interest in the Plan, subject to certain limitations defined in the Plan. Loans must be repaid with interest over a term not to exceed five years, except for a loan for a principal residence which may be repaid over a longer period of time, as established by the Plan. Notes receivable are recorded at their outstanding principal balance plus accrued interest. The interest rate charged on the loan is set at the current prime rate plus 1%. At December 31, 2015 the notes receivable carried interest rates of 4.25% to 4.50% with maturities through January 2025. At December 31, 2014 the notes receivable carried an interest rate of 4.25% with maturities through November 2024.

**(j) Benefit Payments/Withdrawal**

Participants are entitled to receive their vested account balance in a lump sum upon separation from service for any reason, including disability and death. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the vested benefit that can be provided from a participant's account. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Participants may request the withdrawal of any vested amount from their account for financial hardship, as defined, subject to written approval from the Plan Administrator. Participants who receive a withdrawal for financial hardship are prevented from making pre-tax contributions for six months.

**(k) Participant Accounts**

A participant's account is credited with their employee contributions and employer contributions, plus any accumulated investment earnings or losses on those contributions.

**(l) Excess Contributions**

Excess contributions above plan limits are refunded to participants. There were no excess contributions refunded for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***(a) Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on an accrual basis and present the net assets available for plan benefits and changes in those net assets.

***(b) Investments***

Under the terms of an agreement between Transamerica Retirement Solutions Corporation ( Transamerica ) and OceanFirst, Transamerica maintains separate pooled accounts into which certain of the contributions made by OceanFirst on behalf of its employees and contributions made by OceanFirst employees are invested.

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Notes to Financial Statements, continued

Other contributions may be made directly to trust funds managed by State Street Bank and Trust Company or to various mutual funds. Additionally, OceanFirst has appointed State Street Bank and Trust Company as custodian for the OceanFirst Financial Corp. common stock fund. Investments are stated at fair value. Interest income is recognized in the period earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade date basis.

Under the terms of the agreement with Transamerica, the Plan entered into a direct fully benefit responsive Guaranteed Interest Contract (GIC Fund) issued by Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company. Transamerica maintains the contributions to the GIC Fund in a general account which is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The GIC Fund invests in a group annuity contract which is represented by contributions plus a fixed rate of interest, less distributions from and administrative expenses of the contract. Transamerica is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The GIC Fund is stated at fair value which approximates contract value and there are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is based upon a formula agreed upon with the issuer and reset annually, with a guaranteed rate of 0.25%. The average yield for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 0.90% and 0.78%, respectively, and the crediting interest rate for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was 0.80% and 0.75%, respectively. Except as disclosed in the next paragraph, there are no additional restrictions that would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Management believes there are no events and circumstances that would allow the issuer to terminate the fully benefit-responsive contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value.

Direct transfers between the GIC, the Government Fixed Bond fund and the Money Market Fund are prohibited. Funds must be transferred to one of the other investment options for 90 days before returning to one of these three investment funds.

***(c) Risks and Uncertainties***

The assets of the Plan are primarily financial instruments which are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates have a more significant impact on the Plan's performance than the effects of general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or in the same magnitude as the prices of goods and services as measured by the consumer price index. Investments are subject to risk conditions of the individual fund objectives, stock market, interest rates, economic conditions, and world affairs. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for plan benefits.

***(d) Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( U.S. GAAP ) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



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Notes to Financial Statements, continued

**(e) Party-in-Interest Transactions**

Certain Plan investments are managed by Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Co., an affiliate of Transamerica and by State Street Bank and Trust. Transamerica is the trustee as defined by the Plan and State Street Bank and Trust is the custodian for the OceanFirst Financial Corp. common stock fund and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**(f) Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-12, *Plan accounting: Part I, Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts; Part II, Plan Investment disclosures; and Part III, Measurement Date Practical Expedient*. The ASU is intended to simplify employee benefit plan reporting. Parts I and II are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and should be applied retrospectively; Part III should be applied prospectively with early adoption permitted. The Plan Administrator is evaluating the impact of adopting this new accounting standard update on the Plan's financial statement.

On May 1, 2015 the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU No. 2015-07, *Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or its Equivalent)*, which removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which the fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The ASU also removes the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The ASU is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The effective date for all other entities is fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. The Plan Administrator is evaluating the impact of adopting this new accounting standard update on the Plan's financial statements.

**(3) Investment Options**

Under the terms of the agreement between Transamerica and OceanFirst, Transamerica is authorized to execute and enter into any and all agreements for the purpose of effecting the Plan. All monies contributed to the Plan are invested in either the Guaranteed Interest Contract Fund, OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund, pooled separate accounts, collective trusts or mutual funds in accordance with employee investment elections. The pooled separate accounts, collective trusts and mutual funds available for investments include:

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co. Money Market	Money Market	Seeks liquidity and as high a level of income as is consistent with the preservation of capital. Invests primarily in high quality, short-term

Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.  
Inflation-Protected Securities

Inflation-Protected Securities

money market instruments.

Seeks maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management. Invests primarily in inflation-protected securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities.

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<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co. Government Fixed Bond	Intermediate Term Bond	Invests in obligations issued, insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government or national mortgage agencies, including GNMA, FHLMC and FNMA certificates and U.S. Treasury issues.
Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co. Short Horizon Asset Allocation	Asset Allocation	Seeks a high level of income and preservation of capital with a primary emphasis on fixed income funds with limited exposure to equity funds.
Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co. Intermediate Horizon Asset Allocation	Asset Allocation	Seeks long-term returns from a combination of investment income and capital appreciation. The portfolio will invest in a combination of both fixed income and equity funds, maintaining approximately equal exposure to both asset classes.
Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co. Intermediate/Long Horizon Asset Allocation	Asset Allocation	Seeks long-term returns from a combination of investment income and capital appreciation. The portfolio will invest in a combination of equity and fixed income funds, with the greater emphasis on equity funds.
State Street Global Advisors Dow Jones Target 2015	Target Date	Seeks to provide capital appreciation by matching as closely as possible, before expenses, the return of the Dow Jones Target 2015 Index.
State Street Global Advisors Dow Jones Target 2025	Target Date	Seeks to provide capital appreciation by matching as closely as possible, before expenses, the return of the Dow Jones Target 2025 Index.
State Street Global Advisors Dow Jones Target 2035	Target Date	Seeks to provide capital appreciation by matching as closely as possible, before expenses, the

State Street Global Advisors Dow Jones Target Date  
Target 2045

return of the Dow Jones Target  
2035 Index.

Seeks to provide capital  
appreciation by matching as closely  
as possible, before expenses, the  
return of the Dow Jones Target  
2045 Index.

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<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
Aston/Fairpointe Mid Cap	Mid Cap Blend	Seeks long-term total return through capital appreciation. Normally invests at least 80% of assets in mid-cap stocks of companies with an improving revenue and earnings growth outlook.
GE Institutional International Equity	Foreign Large Blend	Seeks long-term growth of capital. Invests primarily in companies in developed and developing countries outside the United States.
Royce Pennsylvania Mutual	Small Blend	Seeks long-term growth of capital. Normally invests at least 65% of assets in the equities of small and micro-cap companies.
Transamerica Partners Stock Index	Large Blend	Seeks its objective by investing in the stocks comprising the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index. The fund invests approximately the same percentage of its assets in each stock as the stock represents in the S&P 500 Index.
JP Morgan Large Cap	Large Growth	Seeks long-term capital appreciation and growth of income by investing in the equity securities of large, well-established companies, typically, those with a history of above-average growth or companies expected to enter periods of above-average growth.

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## Notes to Financial Statements, continued

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
Invesco Disciplined	Large Growth	Seek long-term capital appreciation through equity investments in U.S. and foreign issuers. The fund normally invests in securities that generate strong cash flow and are available at attractive valuations and may also invest in debt securities, including lower quality debt securities.

The following mutual funds were available for investment beginning May 27, 2015.

American Century Large Cap Value	Large Value	Seeks long-term capital appreciation; income is secondary consideration. Invests in stocks which appear undervalued.
Lord Abbett Total Return	Intermediate Term Bond	Seeks income and capital appreciation to produce a high total return. Invests primarily in investment grade debt securities and may invest up to 20% of its net assets in high-yield debt securities.

The following mutual funds were available for investment through May 27, 2015 but are no longer available to participants as of December 31, 2015. Balances in these investments were transferred to one of the investments noted above.

BlackRock Equity Dividend	Large Value	Seeks long-term total return and current income. Invests primarily in a portfolio of equity securities.
PIMCO Total Return	Intermediate Term Bond	Seeks maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management. Invests primarily in investment grade debt securities, but may invest up to 10% of total assets in high yield securities.

## RETIREMENT PLAN FOR OCEANFIRST BANK

Notes to Financial Statements, continued

**(4) Plan Termination**

OceanFirst expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, but reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time. In the event of dissolution of the Plan, the accounts shall be revalued as if the termination date were a valuation date, the participant account balance will become fully vested and the participant account balances shall be distributed.

**(5) Federal Income Taxes**

The sponsor of the prototype plan received a favorable tax determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated March 31, 2008 indicating that the prototype plan qualifies under the provisions of Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code and the related trust is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. In the opinion of the Plan Administrator, the Plan and its underlying trust have operated within the terms of the Plan and are qualified under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

U.S. GAAP requires the plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2015, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by the Internal Revenue Service; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2012.

**(6) Plan Expenses**

Costs of services rendered on behalf of the Plan are either paid using forfeitures or by OceanFirst except for participant transaction charges which are paid by the participant. Additionally, OceanFirst provides, without charge, personnel and office facilities for the administration of the Plan. Expenses incurred by the funds, including investment management fees paid to the advisor of those funds, are paid through the funds themselves and are reflected in the net asset value of the funds and included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

**(7) Investments**

The following is a summary of investments, at fair value, that represent 5% or more of net assets available for plan benefits at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund	\$ 6,603,815	5,845,248

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Intermediate Horizon Asset Allocation Fund	3,229,825	3,098,633
American Century Value Fund	2,316,904	
Black Rock Equity Dividend Fund		2,962,941
Invesco Disciplined Equity Fund	1,789,143	2,114,142
Guaranteed Interest Contract Fund	1,634,414	1,833,665
Royce Pennsylvania Mutual Fund	1,229,318	1,872,434

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## Notes to Financial Statements, continued

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Plan's net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, (including gains and losses on investments bought, sold and held during the year) for each significant class of investment consists of the following:

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Insurance Company Pooled Separate Accounts	\$ (47,966)	167,978
Collective Trust Funds	(51,583)	54,878
Mutual Funds	(359,787)	543,274
OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund	1,081,881	166,520
<b>Total net appreciation in fair value of investments</b>	<b>\$ 622,545</b>	<b>932,650</b>

**(8) Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The price in the principal (or the most advantageous) market used to measure the fair value of the asset or liability shall not be adjusted for transaction costs. An orderly transaction is a transaction that assumes exposure to the market for a period prior to the measurement date to allow for marketing activities that are usual and customary for transactions involving such assets and liabilities; it is not a forced transaction. Market participants are buyers and sellers in the principal market that are (i) independent, (ii) knowledgeable, (iii) able to transact and (iv) willing to transact.

The use of valuation techniques that are consistent with the market approach, the income approach and/or the cost approach are required. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets and liabilities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts, such as cash flows or earnings, to a single present amount on a discounted basis. The cost approach is based on the amount that currently would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement costs). Valuation techniques should be consistently applied. Inputs to valuation techniques refer to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Inputs may be observable, meaning those that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from independent sources, or unobservable, meaning those that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. In that regard, a fair value hierarchy has been established for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. Movements within the fair value hierarchy are recognized at the end of the applicable reporting period. There were no changes in fair value methodologies used at December 31, 2015 and 2014 and no transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy for the years ended December 31, 2015 or 2014. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:



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Notes to Financial Statements, continued

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (for example, interest rates, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates) or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlations or other means.

Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs that reflect an entity's own assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the assets or liabilities.

A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy, is set forth below.

In general, fair value is based upon unadjusted quoted prices, where available. If such quoted prices are not available, fair value is based upon models that primarily use, as inputs, observable market-based parameters. Valuation adjustments may be made to ensure that financial instruments are recorded at fair value. While management believes the Plan's valuation methodologies are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

**Guaranteed Interest Contract Fund** The investment is valued at fair value which is derived from a discounted cash flow analysis and other factors.

**Government Fixed Bond Fund** The investment is valued at fair value which is derived from a discounted cash flow analysis and other factors.

**Insurance Company Pooled Separate Accounts (excluding Government Fixed Bond Fund)** The investment is valued at a daily calculated unit value as a practical expedient for fair value based on the fair value of the underlying investments.

**Collective Trust** These investments are valued at a daily calculated Net Asset Value as a practical expedient for fair value based on the fair value of the underlying investments.

**Mutual Funds** The investment is valued based on unadjusted quoted prices through the National Securities Clearing Corporation.

**OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund** The fair value of OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund is based on the year end closing price of OceanFirst Financial Corp. common stock and monies held in the State Street Bank and Trust money market fund used to meet daily liquidity needs. The common stock is valued based on the unadjusted quoted market price of shares trading in active markets at year end. The OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund is tracked on a unitized basis, which allows for daily settling of trades by participants.

Fair value estimates are made at a point in time, based on relevant market data as well as the best information available about the security. Illiquid credit markets have resulted in inactive markets for certain securities. As a result, there may be limited observable market data for these assets. Fair value estimates for securities for which limited observable market data is available are based on judgments regarding current economic conditions,

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liquidity discounts, credit and interest rate risks, and other factors. These estimates involve significant uncertainties and judgments and cannot be determined with precision. As a result, such calculated fair value estimates may not be realizable in a current sale or immediate settlement of the security.

The following table summarizes financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value:

	<b>December 31, 2015</b>			
	<b>Level 1 inputs</b>	<b>Level 2 inputs</b>	<b>Level 3 inputs</b>	<b>Total fair value</b>
Guaranteed Interest Contract Fund	\$	1,634,414		1,634,414
Insurance Company Pooled Separate Accounts:				
Inflation-Protected Securities Fund		648,440		648,440
Government Fixed Bond Fund		531,748		531,748
Short Horizon Asset Allocation Fund		225,805		225,805
Intermediate Horizon Asset Allocation Fund		3,229,825		3,229,825
Intermediate/Long Horizon Asset Allocation Fund		865,979		865,979
Money Market Fund	603,094			603,094
Collective Trust Funds Target Dated		1,739,774		1,739,774
Mutual Funds:				
Transamerica Stock Index Fund	537,580			537,580
American Century Value Fund	2,316,904			2,316,904
GE Institutional International Equity Fund	975,759			975,759
Aston/Fairpointe Mid Cap Fund	625,038			625,038
Lord Abbett Total Return Fund	1,178,018			1,178,018
Royce Pennsylvania Mutual Fund	1,229,318			1,229,318
JP Morgan Large Cap Growth Fund	1,332,566			1,332,566
Invesco Disciplined Equity Fund	1,789,143			1,789,143
OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund:				
OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock	6,441,915			6,441,915
Money Market Fund	161,900			161,900
	\$ 17,191,235	8,875,985		26,067,220

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The Guaranteed Interest Contract Fund and the Government Fixed Bond fund are stated at Contract Value which approximates Fair Value.

		December 31, 2014			
	Level 1 inputs	Level 2 inputs	Level 3 inputs	Total fair value	
Guaranteed Interest Contract Fund	\$	1,833,665			1,833,665
Insurance Company Pooled Separate Accounts:					
Inflation-Protected Securities Fund		575,190			575,190
Government Fixed Bond Fund		537,053			537,053
Short Horizon Asset Allocation Fund		180,550			180,550
Intermediate Horizon Asset Allocation Fund		3,098,633			3,098,633
Intermediate/Long Horizon Asset Allocation Fund		778,835			778,835
Money Market Fund	290,518				290,518
Collective Trust Funds Target Dated		1,513,479			1,513,479
Mutual Funds:					
Transamerica Stock Index Fund	570,789				570,789
PIMCO Total Return Fund	1,058,618				1,058,618
GE Institutional International Equity Fund	858,339				858,339
Aston/Fairpointe Mid Cap Fund	754,300				754,300
Black Rock Equity Dividend Fund	2,962,941				2,962,941
Royce Pennsylvania Mutual Fund	1,872,434				1,872,434
JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund	1,253,976				1,253,976
Invesco Disciplined Equity Fund	2,114,142				2,114,142
OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock Fund:					
OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock	5,688,526				5,688,526
Money Market Fund	156,722				156,722
	\$ 17,581,305	8,517,405			26,098,710

**(9) Subsequent Events**

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements, the Plan Administrator has evaluated subsequent events from December 31, 2015 through June 24, 2016, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded that no additional disclosures or recordable transactions were required.

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2015

Identity of issuer	Description of investments	Number of Units	Current Value
*Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Guaranteed Interest Contract Fund		\$ 1,634,414
*Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Inflation-Protected Securities Fund	17,669	648,440
*Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Government Fixed Bond Fund		531,748
*Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Short Horizon Asset Allocation Fund	7,666	225,805
*Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Intermediate Horizon Asset Allocation Fund	83,521	3,229,825
*Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Intermediate/Long Horizon Asset Allocation Fund	18,542	865,979
*Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Money Market Fund	17,320	603,094
Insurance company pooled separate accounts total			6,104,891
*State Street Global Advisors	Dow Jones Target 2015 Fund	11,379	303,208
*State Street Global Advisors	Dow Jones Target 2025 Fund	30,746	1,097,759
*State Street Global Advisors	Dow Jones Target 2035 Fund	3,523	128,650
*State Street Global Advisors	Dow Jones Target 2045 Fund	4,781	210,157
Collective trust funds total			1,739,774
*Transamerica	Stock Index Fund	33,874	537,580
GE	Institutional International Equity Fund	83,327	975,759
Aston	Aston/Fairpointe Mid Cap Fund	18,207	625,038
Royce	Pennsylvania Mutual Fund	131,619	1,229,318
Amercian Century	Large Cap Value Fund	305,257	2,316,904
Lord Abbett	Total Return Fund	115,833	1,178,018
JPMorgan	Large Cap Growth Fund	38,237	1,332,566
Invesco	Disciplined Equity Fund	118,801	1,789,143
Mutual funds total			9,984,326
*OceanFirst Financial Corp.	Common Stock Fund: OceanFirst Financial Corp. Common Stock		6,441,915
	Money market fund		161,900
			106,770
*Notes Receivable from Participants			604,615

Notes receivable, 171 notes with maturities through January 2025 and with an interest rate of 4.25% to 4.50%

Total plan assets \$ 26,671,835

\* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.