

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 10-Q  
October 28, 2015  
Table of Contents

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

---

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2015

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission File No. 0-5965

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

36-2723087

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

50 South LaSalle Street

60603

Chicago, Illinois

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 630-6000

---

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "small reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

231,220,304 Shares – \$1.66 2/3 Par Value  
(Shares of Common Stock Outstanding on September 30, 2015)

---

(Shares of Common Stock Outstanding on September 30, 2015)

Table of Contents

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION  
QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q  
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015  
TABLE OF CONTENTS

|  | Page      |
|--|-----------|
| <u>Consolidated Financial Highlights (unaudited)</u>   | <u>1</u>  |
| <u>Part I – Financial Information</u>  |           |
| <u>Items 2 and 3: Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u> | <u>3</u>  |
| <u>Item 1: Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)</u>   | <u>28</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Balance Sheets</u>   | <u>28</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Income</u>   | <u>29</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income</u>   | <u>29</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders’ Equity</u>  | <u>30</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows</u>   | <u>31</u> |
| <u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements</u>  | <u>32</u> |
| <u>Item 4: Controls and Procedures</u>   | <u>74</u> |
| <u>Part II – Other Information</u>   |           |
| <u>Item 1: Legal Proceedings</u>   | <u>74</u> |
| <u>Item 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>   | <u>74</u> |
| <u>Item 6: Exhibits</u>  | <u>74</u> |
| <u>Signatures</u>  | <u>75</u> |

Table of ContentsCONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS  
(UNAUDITED)

| CONDENSED INCOME<br>STATEMENTS (In Millions) | Three Months Ended September 30, |         |              | Nine Months Ended September 30, |           |              |
|--|----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
|  | 2015                             | 2014    | % Change (*) | 2015                            | 2014      | % Change (*) |
| Noninterest Income                           | \$886.6                          | \$829.6 | 7 %          | \$2,765.2                       | \$2,459.5 | 12 %         |
| Net Interest Income                          | 268.9                            | 249.3   | 8            | 780.7                           | 741.6     | 5            |
| Provision for Credit Losses                  | (10.0 )                          | —       | N/M          | (24.5 )                         | 3.0       | N/M          |
| Noninterest Expense                          | 812.3                            | 774.7   | 5            | 2,455.8                         | 2,353.7   | 4            |
| Income before Income Taxes                   | 353.2                            | 304.2   | 16           | 1,114.6                         | 844.4     | 32           |
| Provision for Income Taxes                   | 118.6                            | 99.7    | 19           | 380.1                           | 276.6     | 37           |
| Net Income                                   | \$234.6                          | \$204.5 | 15 %         | \$734.5                         | \$567.8   | 29 %         |
| <b>PER COMMON SHARE</b>                      |                                  |         |              |                                 |           |              |
| Net Income — Basic                           | \$0.97                           | \$0.85  | 14 %         | \$3.03                          | \$2.36    | 28 %         |
| — Diluted                                    | 0.96                             | 0.84    | 14           | 3.00                            | 2.34      | 28           |
| Cash Dividends Declared Per Common Share     | 0.36                             | 0.33    | 9            | 1.05                            | 0.97      | 8            |
| Book Value — End of Period (EOP)             | 36.31                            | 34.62   | 5            | 36.31                           | 34.62     | 5            |
| Market Price — EOP                           | 68.16                            | 68.03   | —            | 68.16                           | 68.03     | —            |

SELECTED BALANCE SHEET DATA  
(In Millions)

| End of Period:                     | September   | December    | % Change (*) |   |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---|
|                                    | 30, 2015    | 31, 2014    |              |   |
| Assets                             | \$119,995.2 | \$109,946.5 | 9            | % |
| Earning Assets                     | 110,565.5   | 100,889.8   | 10           |   |
| Deposits                           | 99,935.9    | 90,757.0    | 10           |   |
| Stockholders' Equity               | 8,784.5     | 8,448.9     | 4            |   |
| <b>Average Balances:</b>           |             |             |              |   |
| Assets                             | \$109,924.1 | \$105,244.7 | 4            | % |
| Earning Assets                     | 100,809.2   | 96,967.5    | 4            |   |
| Deposits                           | 91,027.0    | 85,717.2    | 6            |   |
| Stockholders' Equity               | 8,710.5     | 8,285.5     | 5            |   |
| <b>CLIENT ASSETS (In Billions)</b> |             |             |              |   |
|                                    | September   | December    | % Change (*) |   |
|                                    | 30, 2015    | 31, 2014    |              |   |
| Assets Under Custody               | \$5,956.4   | \$5,968.8   | —            | % |
| Assets Under Management            | 886.8       | 934.1       | (5           | ) |

Table of Contents

## SELECTED RATIOS AND METRICS

|                                 | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |                    | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                   |                           |   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                                 | 2015                                | 2014    | % Change (*)       | 2015                               | 2014              | % Change (*)              |   |
| <b>Financial Ratios:</b>        |                                     |         |                    |                                    |                   |                           |   |
| Return on Average Common Equity | 10.91                               | % 10.09 | % 8                | % 11.68                            | % 9.52            | % 23                      |   |
| Return on Average Assets        | 0.85                                | 0.77    | 10                 | 0.90                               | 0.74              | 22                        |   |
| Dividend Payout Ratio           | 37.5                                | 39.3    | (5                 | ) 35.0                             | 41.5              | (16                       | ) |
| Net Interest Margin (**)        | 1.08                                | 1.05    | 3                  | 1.06                               | 1.08              | (2                        | ) |
|                                 |                                     |         | September 30, 2015 |                                    |                   | December 31, 2014         |   |
|                                 |                                     |         | Advanced Approach  | Standardized Approach (a)          | Advanced Approach | Standardized Approach (a) |   |
| <b>Capital Ratios:</b>          |                                     |         |                    |                                    |                   |                           |   |
| Northern Trust Corporation      |                                     |         |                    |                                    |                   |                           |   |
| Common Equity Tier 1            |                                     |         | 12.4               | % 10.4                             | % 12.4            | % 12.5                    |   |
| Tier 1                          |                                     |         | 13.0               | 11.0                               | 13.2              | 13.3                      |   |
| Total                           |                                     |         | 14.8               | 12.8                               | 15.0              | 15.5                      |   |
| Tier 1 Leverage                 |                                     |         | 7.8                | 7.8                                | n/a               | 7.8                       |   |
| Supplementary Leverage (b)      |                                     |         | 6.4                | n/a                                | n/a               | n/a                       |   |
| The Northern Trust Company      |                                     |         |                    |                                    |                   |                           |   |
| Common Equity Tier 1            |                                     |         | 12.0               | % 9.9                              | % 12.0            | % 11.8                    |   |
| Tier 1                          |                                     |         | 12.0               | 9.9                                | 12.0              | 11.8                      |   |
| Total                           |                                     |         | 13.6               | 11.6                               | 13.8              | 14.0                      |   |
| Tier 1 Leverage                 |                                     |         | 7.0                | 7.0                                | n/a               | 6.9                       |   |
| Supplementary Leverage (b)      |                                     |         | 5.7                | n/a                                | n/a               | n/a                       |   |

(\*) Percentage calculations are based on actual balances rather than the rounded amounts presented in the Consolidated Financial Highlights.

Net interest margin is presented on a fully taxable equivalent (FTE) basis, a

(\*\*) non-generally-accepted-accounting-principle (GAAP) financial measure that facilitates the analysis of asset yields. The net interest margin on a GAAP basis and a reconciliation of net interest income on a GAAP basis to net interest income on an FTE basis are presented on page 25.

In 2014, Standardized Approach risk-weighted assets were determined by Basel I requirements. Effective with the (a) first quarter of 2015, risk-weighted assets are calculated in accordance with the Basel III Standardized Approach final rules.

(b) Beginning with the first quarter of 2015, advanced approaches banking organizations must calculate and report their supplementary leverage ratio. Effective January 1, 2018, advanced approaches institutions, such as the Corporation, will be subject to a minimum supplementary leverage ratio of 3 percent.

Table of Contents

PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items 2. and 3. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

THIRD QUARTER CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

General

Northern Trust Corporation (Corporation) is a financial holding company that is a leading provider of asset servicing, fund administration, asset management, fiduciary and banking solutions for corporations, institutions, families and individuals worldwide. The Corporation focuses on managing and servicing client assets through its two client-focused reporting segments: Corporate & Institutional Services (C&IS) and Wealth Management. Asset management and related services are provided to C&IS and Wealth Management clients primarily by the Asset Management business. Except where the context requires otherwise, the term “Northern Trust,” “we,” “us,” “our” or similar terms mean the Corporation and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

The following should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related footnotes included in this report. Investors also should read the section entitled “Forward-Looking Statements.”

Overview

Net income per diluted common share was \$0.96 in the current quarter, up from \$0.84 in the third quarter of 2014. Net income was \$234.6 million in the current quarter as compared to \$204.5 million in the prior-year quarter. Annualized return on average common equity in the quarter was 10.9% as compared to 10.1% in the prior-year quarter. The annualized return on average assets was 0.8%, relatively unchanged from the prior-year quarter.

Revenue of \$1.16 billion was up \$76.6 million, or 7%, from \$1.08 billion in the prior-year quarter, primarily reflecting higher trust, investment and other servicing fees, foreign exchange trading income and security commissions and trading income. Noninterest income increased \$57.0 million, or 7%, to \$886.6 million from \$829.6 million in the prior-year quarter.

Net interest income increased 8% to \$268.9 million in the current quarter as compared to \$249.3 million in the prior-year quarter, due to growth in earning assets and a higher net interest margin.

The provision for credit losses was a credit of \$10.0 million in the current quarter, reflecting improved credit quality.

There was no provision for credit losses recorded in the prior-year quarter.

Noninterest expense totaled \$812.3 million, up \$37.6 million, or 5%, from \$774.7 million in the prior-year quarter, attributable to higher outside services, compensation and equipment and software expenses.

Table of Contents

## THIRD QUARTER CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Noninterest Income

The components of noninterest income are provided below.

Table 1: Noninterest Income

| Noninterest Income<br>(\$ In Millions)     | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |        |       |   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|---|
|  | 2015                                | 2014    | Change |       |   |
| Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees | \$749.1                             | \$718.2 | \$30.9 | 4     | % |
| Foreign Exchange Trading Income            | 62.9                                | 46.4    | 16.5   | 36    |   |
| Treasury Management Fees                   | 16.1                                | 16.4    | (0.3)  | (2)   | ) |
| Security Commissions and Trading Income    | 20.4                                | 14.2    | 6.2    | 44    |   |
| Other Operating Income                     | 38.1                                | 34.1    | 4.0    | 12    |   |
| Investment Security Gains, net             | —                                   | 0.3     | (0.3)  | (100) | ) |
| Total Noninterest Income                   | \$886.6                             | \$829.6 | \$57.0 | 7     | % |

Trust, investment and other servicing fees are based primarily on: the market value of assets held in custody, managed or serviced; the volume of transactions; securities lending volume and spreads; and fees for other services rendered. Certain market value calculations on which fees are based are performed on a monthly or quarterly basis in arrears. For a further discussion of trust, investment and other servicing fees and how they are derived, refer to the “Reporting Segments” section.

The following table presents Northern Trust’s assets under custody by reporting segment.

Table 2: Assets Under Custody

| Assets Under Custody<br>(\$ In Billions) | September<br>30, 2015 | June 30,<br>2015 | September<br>30, 2014 | Change<br>Q3-15/Q2-15 | Change<br>Q3-15/Q3-14 |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Corporate & Institutional                | \$5,460.6             | \$5,652.6        | \$5,403.1             | (3)%                  | 1%                    |
| Wealth Management                        | 495.8                 | 524.4            | 507.2                 | (5)                   | (2)                   |
| Total Assets Under Custody               | \$5,956.4             | \$6,177.0        | \$5,910.3             | (4)%                  | 1%                    |

The following table presents the allocation of Northern Trust’s custodied assets by reporting segment.

Table 3: Allocations of Assets Under Custody

| Assets Under<br>Custody  | September 30, 2015 |     |       | June 30, 2015 |     |       | September 30, 2014 |     |       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|---------------|-----|-------|--------------------|-----|-------|
|                          | C&IS               | WM  | Total | C&IS          | WM  | Total | C&IS               | WM  | Total |
| Equities                 | 43%                | 53% | 44%   | 45%           | 55% | 46%   | 44%                | 55% | 45%   |
| Fixed Income             | 38                 | 24  | 37    | 37            | 23  | 35    | 37                 | 22  | 36    |
| Securities               |                    |     |       |               |     |       |                    |     |       |
| Cash and Other<br>Assets | 19                 | 23  | 19    | 18            | 22  | 19    | 19                 | 23  | 19    |

The \$46.1 billion increase in consolidated assets under custody from \$5.9 trillion at September 30, 2014, to \$6.0 trillion as of September 30, 2015 primarily reflected increased net new business driven by institutional clients in global funds services.

The following table presents Northern Trust’s assets under management by reporting segment.

Table 4: Assets Under Management

| Assets Under Management<br>(\$ In Billions) | September<br>30, 2015 | June 30,<br>2015 | September<br>30, 2014 | Change<br>Q3-15/Q2-15 | Change<br>Q3-15/Q3-14 |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Corporate & Institutional                   | \$661.5               | \$713.6          | \$702.9               | (7)%                  | (6)%                  |
| Wealth Management                           | 225.3                 | 232.0            | 220.4                 | (3)                   | 2                     |
| Total Assets Under Management               | \$886.8               | \$945.6          | \$923.3               | (6)%                  | (4)%                  |

The following table presents consolidated assets under management by investment type.



Table of Contents

## THIRD QUARTER CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Noninterest Income (continued)

Table 5: Assets Under Management by Investment Type

| (\$ In Billions)              | September 30,<br>2015 | June 30, 2015 | September 30,<br>2014 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Equities                      | \$437.8               | \$487.7       | \$477.1               |
| Fixed Income Securities       | 150.1                 | 167.7         | 154.2                 |
| Cash and Other Assets         | 176.9                 | 169.9         | 170.9                 |
| Securities Lending Collateral | 122.0                 | 120.3         | 121.1                 |
| Total Assets Under Management | \$886.8               | \$945.6       | \$923.3               |

The 4% decrease in consolidated assets under management from \$923.3 billion at September 30, 2014, to \$886.8 billion as of September 30, 2015 primarily reflected lower equity assets and fixed income securities, partially offset by increases in cash and securities lending collateral.

The following table presents the allocation of Northern Trust's assets under management by reporting segment.

Table 6: Allocations of Assets Under Management

| Assets Under Management       | September 30, 2015 |      |       | June 30, 2015 |      |       | September 30, 2014 |      |       |   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------|-------|---------------|------|-------|--------------------|------|-------|---|
|                               | C&IS               | WM   | Total | C&IS          | WM   | Total | C&IS               | WM   | Total |   |
| Equities                      | 51                 | % 44 | % 49  | % 53          | % 47 | % 51  | % 53               | % 48 | % 52  | % |
| Fixed Income Securities       | 13                 | 29   | 17    | 14            | 28   | 18    | 13                 | 28   | 17    |   |
| Securities Lending Collateral | 18                 | —    | 14    | 17            | —    | 13    | 17                 | —    | 13    |   |
| Cash and Other Assets         | 18                 | 27   | 20    | 16            | 25   | 18    | 17                 | 24   | 18    |   |

Changes in assets under custody and under management are in comparison to the twelve-month decrease in the S&P 500® index of 2.6% and decline in the MSCI EAFE® index (USD) of 10.9%.

Foreign exchange trading income totaled \$62.9 million in the current quarter, up \$16.5 million, or 36%, compared to \$46.4 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase was primarily due to higher currency volatility as compared to the prior-year quarter.

Security commissions and trading income totaled \$20.4 million, up \$6.2 million, or 44%, compared with \$14.2 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase was primarily attributable to higher income from interest rate protection products sold to clients.

Other operating income totaled \$38.1 million, up \$4.0 million, or 12%, compared to \$34.1 million in the prior-year quarter, reflecting increases in various other income categories. The components of other operating income are provided below.

Table 7: Other Operating Income

| Other Operating Income<br>(\$ In Millions) | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |        |               |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
|  | 2015                                | 2014   | Change        |
| Loan Service Fees                          | \$14.8                              | \$15.3 | \$(0.5) (3) % |
| Banking Service Fees                       | 11.9                                | 12.3   | (0.4) (3) %   |
| Other Income                               | 11.4                                | 6.5    | 4.9 75 %      |
| Total Other Operating Income               | \$38.1                              | \$34.1 | \$4.0 12 %    |



Table of Contents

## THIRD QUARTER CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Net Interest Income

The following table presents an analysis of average balances and interest rate changes affecting net interest income.

| (\$ In Millions)  | Interest | Average<br>Balance | Rate (4) | Interest | Average<br>Balance | Rate (4) |   |  |
|---|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|---|--|
| Average Earning Assets                                      |          |                    |          |          |                    |          |   |  |
| Federal Funds Sold and Securities<br>Purchased under        |          |                    |          |          |                    |          |   |  |
| Agreements to Resell  | \$ 1.3   | \$ 1,080.4         | 0.49     | % \$ 1.0 | \$ 923.1           | 0.44     | % |  |
| Interest-Bearing Due from and Deposits<br>with Banks (1)    | 27.0     | 15,828.1           | 0.68     | 30.9     | 16,288.3           | 0.75     |   |  |
| Federal Reserve Deposits                                    | 8.1      | 12,721.3           | 0.25     | 10.4     | 15,914.3           | 0.26     |   |  |
| Securities  |          |                    |          |          |                    |          |   |  |
| U.S. Government   | 14.1     | 5,034.6            | 1.11     | 7.9      | 3,031.9            | 1.03     |   |  |
| Obligations of States and Political<br>Subdivisions         | 1.8      | 103.3              | 6.80     | 2.5      | 148.5              | 6.74     |   |  |
| Government Sponsored Agency                                 | 34.9     | 16,198.2           | 0.86     | 34.2     | 17,385.6           | 0.78     |   |  |
| Other (2)   | 36.4     | 16,705.0           | 0.86     | 27.5     | 13,019.4           | 0.84     |   |  |
| Total Securities  | 87.2     | 38,041.1           | 0.91     | 72.1     | 33,585.4           | 0.85     |   |  |
| Loans and Leases (3)  | 188.2    | 33,138.3           | 2.25     | 186.3    | 30,256.4           | 2.44     |   |  |
| Total Earning Assets  | 311.8    | 100,809.2          | 1.23     | 300.7    | 96,967.5           | 1.23     |   |  |
| Allowance for Credit Losses Assigned to<br>Loans and Leases | —        | (256.0 )           | —        | —        | (273.4 )           | —        |   |  |
| Cash and Due from Banks                                     | —        | 2,683.5            | —        | —        | 2,783.0            | —        |   |  |
| Buildings and Equipment                                     | —        | 435.6              | —        | —        | 445.6              | —        |   |  |
| Client Security Settlement Receivables                      | —        | 1,031.8            | —        | —        | 820.8              | —        |   |  |
| Goodwill  | —        | 532.4              | —        | —        | 541.9              | —        |   |  |
| Other Assets  | —        | 4,687.6            | —        | —        | 3,959.3            | —        |   |  |
| Total Assets  | \$—      | \$ 109,924.1       | —        | % \$—    | \$ 105,244.7       | —        | % |  |
| Average Source of Funds                                     |          |                    |          |          |                    |          |   |  |
| Deposits  |          |                    |          |          |                    |          |   |  |
| Savings and Money Market                                    | \$ 2.4   | \$ 15,168.4        | 0.06     | % \$ 2.5 | \$ 15,019.0        | 0.07     | % |  |
| Savings Certificates and Other Time                         | 2.2      | 1,487.0            | 0.57     | 1.4      | 1,902.9            | 0.30     |   |  |
| Non-U.S. Offices — Interest-Bearing                         | 13.3     | 50,107.9           | 0.11     | 17.7     | 48,725.5           | 0.14     |   |  |
| Total Interest-Bearing Deposits                             | 17.9     | 66,763.3           | 0.11     | 21.6     | 65,647.4           | 0.13     |   |  |
| Short-Term Borrowings                                       | 1.1      | 3,878.5            | 0.11     | 1.5      | 4,860.3            | 0.12     |   |  |
| Senior Notes  | 11.7     | 1,497.2            | 3.10     | 11.6     | 1,496.8            | 3.10     |   |  |
| Long-Term Debt  | 5.5      | 1,374.3            | 1.60     | 9.2      | 1,636.5            | 2.23     |   |  |
| Floating Rate Capital Debt                                  | 0.6      | 277.3              | 0.86     | 0.6      | 277.2              | 0.81     |   |  |
| Total Interest-Related Funds                                | 36.8     | 73,790.6           | 0.20     | 44.5     | 73,918.2           | 0.24     |   |  |
| Interest Rate Spread  | —        | —                  | 1.03     | —        | —                  | 0.99     |   |  |
| Demand and Other Noninterest-Bearing<br>Deposits            | —        | 24,263.7           | —        | —        | 20,069.8           | —        |   |  |
| Other Liabilities   | —        | 3,159.3            | —        | —        | 2,971.2            | —        |   |  |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|  |         |             |      |           |             |      |   |
|--|---------|-------------|------|-----------|-------------|------|---|
| Stockholders' Equity                       | —       | 8,710.5     | —    | —         | 8,285.5     | —    |   |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$—     | \$109,924.1 | —    | % \$—     | \$105,244.7 | —    | % |
| Net Interest Income/Margin (FTE Adjusted)  | \$275.0 | \$—         | 1.08 | % \$256.2 | \$—         | 1.05 | % |
| Net Interest Income/Margin (Unadjusted)    | \$268.9 | \$—         | 1.06 | % \$249.3 | \$—         | 1.02 | % |

6

---

Table of Contents

## THIRD QUARTER CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Net Interest Income (continued)

ANALYSIS OF NET INTEREST INCOME CHANGES  
DUE TO VOLUME AND RATE

| (In Millions)             | Three Months Ended September 30, 2015/2014 |        |         |
|---------------------------|--|--------|---------|
|                           | Change Due To                              |        |         |
|                           | Average                                    | Rate   | Total   |
|                           | Balance                                    |        |         |
| Earning Assets (FTE)      | \$ 11.1                                    | \$—    | \$ 11.1 |
| Interest-Related Funds    | (0.1                                       | ) (7.6 | ) (7.7  |
| Net Interest Income (FTE) | \$ 11.2                                    | \$ 7.6 | \$ 18.8 |

(1) Interest-Bearing Due from and Deposits with Banks includes the interest-bearing component of Cash and Due from Banks and Interest-Bearing Deposits with Banks as presented on the consolidated balance sheets.

Other securities include certain community development investments and Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve stock, which are classified in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2015 and 2014.

(3) Average balances include nonaccrual loans. Lease financing receivable balances are reduced by deferred income.

(4) Rate calculations are based on actual balances rather than the rounded amounts presented in the Average

(4) Consolidated Balance Sheets with Analysis of Net Interest Income.

Net Interest Income (FTE Adjusted) includes adjustments to a fully taxable equivalent basis for loans and securities. Such adjustments are based on a blended federal and state tax rate of 37.6% and 37.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Total taxable equivalent interest adjustments amounted to \$6.1 million and \$6.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Interest revenue on cash collateral positions is reported above within interest-bearing deposits with banks and within loans and leases. Interest expense on cash collateral positions is reported above within non-U.S. offices interest-bearing deposits. Related cash collateral received from and deposited with derivative counterparties is recorded net of the associated derivative contract within other assets and other liabilities, respectively.

Net interest income is defined as the total of interest income and amortized fees on earning assets, less interest expense on deposits and borrowed funds, adjusted for the impact of interest-related hedging activity.

Net interest income on a fully taxable equivalent (FTE) basis totaled \$275.0 million, up \$18.8 million, or 7%, compared to \$256.2 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase was primarily the result of growth in earning assets and a higher net interest margin. Earning assets for the current quarter averaged \$100.8 billion, up \$3.8 billion, or 4%, from \$97.0 billion in the prior-year quarter, primarily resulting from higher levels of securities and loans. Earning asset growth was funded by a higher level of demand deposits and other noninterest-bearing deposits.

The net interest margin on an FTE basis, increased to 1.08% in the current quarter from 1.05% in the prior-year quarter, primarily reflecting a lower cost of interest-related funds, partially offset by lower yields on certain categories of earning assets.

When adjusted to an FTE basis, yields on taxable, nontaxable, and partially taxable assets are comparable; however, the adjustment to an FTE basis has no impact on net income. A reconciliation of net interest income on a GAAP basis to net interest income on an FTE basis (a non-GAAP financial measure) is provided on page 25.

Federal Reserve deposits averaged \$12.7 billion, down \$3.2 billion, or 20%, from \$15.9 billion in the prior-year quarter. Average securities were \$38.0 billion, up \$4.5 billion, or 13%, from \$33.6 billion in the prior-year quarter and include certain community development investments and Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve stock of \$183.5 million, \$125.8 million and \$53.1 million, respectively, which are recorded in other assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

Loans and leases averaged \$33.1 billion, up \$2.9 billion, or 10%, from \$30.3 billion in the prior-year quarter, primarily reflecting higher levels of commercial and institutional loans and commercial real estate loans. Private client

loans averaged \$8.4 billion, up \$1.9 billion, or 29%, from \$6.5 billion for the prior-year quarter. Commercial and institutional loans averaged \$9.2 billion, up \$1.2 billion, or 15%, from \$8.0 billion for the prior-year quarter. Commercial real estate loans averaged \$3.7 billion, up \$648.0 million, or 21%, from \$3.1 billion for the prior-year quarter.

Northern Trust utilizes a diverse mix of funding sources. Total interest-bearing deposits averaged \$66.8 billion, compared to \$65.6 billion in the prior-year quarter, an increase of \$1.1 billion, or 2%. Other interest-bearing funds averaged \$7.0 billion, a decrease of \$1.2 billion, from \$8.3 billion in the prior-year quarter, attributable to decreased short-term borrowings and long-term debt. The balances within short-term borrowing classifications vary based on funding requirements and strategies, interest rate levels, changes in the volume of lower-cost deposit sources, and the availability of collateral to secure these borrowings. Average net noninterest-related funds utilized to fund earning assets increased \$4.0 billion, or 17%, to \$27.0 billion from \$23.0 billion in the prior-year quarter, primarily resulting from higher levels of demand and other noninterest-bearing deposits.

Table of Contents

## THIRD QUARTER CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Net Interest Income (continued)

## Provision for Credit Losses

The provision for credit losses was a credit of \$10.0 million in the current quarter, reflecting improved credit quality. There was no provision for credit losses recorded in the prior-year quarter. Net charge-offs in the current quarter were \$9.4 million, resulting from charge-offs of \$11.9 million and recoveries of \$2.5 million. The prior-year quarter included \$5.2 million of net charge-offs, resulting from \$8.6 million of charge-offs and \$3.4 million of recoveries. Nonperforming assets of \$207.5 million decreased 10% from the prior-year quarter. Residential real estate loans and commercial real estate loans accounted for 77% and 13%, respectively, of total nonperforming loans and leases at September 30, 2015. For additional discussion of the provision and allowance for credit losses, refer to the “Asset Quality” section beginning on page 21.

## Noninterest Expense

The components of noninterest expense are provided below.

Table 9: Noninterest Expense

| Noninterest Expense<br>(\$ In Millions) | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |        |     |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|-----|---|
|   | 2015                                | 2014    | Change |     |   |
| Compensation                            | \$361.6                             | \$348.0 | \$13.6 | 4   | % |
| Employee Benefits                       | 69.8                                | 70.6    | (0.8)  | (1) | ) |
| Outside Services                        | 158.3                               | 142.4   | 15.9   | 11  |   |
| Equipment and Software                  | 113.6                               | 100.5   | 13.1   | 13  |   |
| Occupancy                               | 43.7                                | 43.8    | (0.1)  | )   | — |
| Other Operating Expense                 | 65.3                                | 69.4    | (4.1)  | (6) | ) |
| Total Noninterest Expense               | \$812.3                             | \$774.7 | \$37.6 | 5   | % |

Compensation expense, the largest component of noninterest expense, totaled \$361.6 million in the current quarter, up \$13.6 million, or 4%, from \$348.0 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase primarily reflects higher staff levels, base pay adjustments and performance-based compensation, partially offset by the favorable impact of movements in foreign exchange rates. Staff on a full-time equivalent basis at September 30, 2015, totaled approximately 16,000, up 5% from September 30, 2014.

Employee benefit expense totaled \$69.8 million in the current quarter, down slightly, from \$70.6 million in the prior-year quarter, reflecting lower expense associated with employee medical benefits offset by higher pension expense.

Expense associated with outside services totaled \$158.3 million in the current quarter, up \$15.9 million, or 11%, from \$142.4 million in the prior-year quarter, primarily reflecting higher consulting expense due to regulatory-related spend and increased technical services expense, partially offset by lower third-party advisory and sub-custodian expenses.

Equipment and software expense totaled \$113.6 million in the current quarter, up \$13.1 million, or 13%, from \$100.5 million in the prior-year quarter, reflecting higher software-related costs.

Occupancy expense totaled \$43.7 million, relatively unchanged from \$43.8 million in the prior-year quarter.

Table of Contents

## THIRD QUARTER CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Noninterest Expense (continued)

Other operating expense totaled \$65.3 million in the current quarter, down 6% from \$69.4 million in the prior-year quarter, reflecting decreases in various categories. The components of other operating expense are provided below.

Table 10: Other Operating Expense

| Other Operating Expense<br>(\$ In Millions) | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |        |         |      |    |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|------|----|
|   | 2015                                | 2014   | Change  |      |    |
| Business Promotion                          | \$20.4                              | \$19.1 | \$1.3   | 7    | %  |
| Staff Related                               | 8.9                                 | 10.8   | (1.9)   | (18) | )  |
| FDIC Insurance Premiums                     | 6.6                                 | 5.8    | 0.8     | 14   |    |
| Other Intangibles Amortization              | 2.1                                 | 4.8    | (2.7)   | (56) | )  |
| Other Expenses                              | 27.3                                | 28.9   | (1.6)   | (6)  | )  |
| Total Other Operating Expense               | \$65.3                              | \$69.4 | \$(4.1) | (6)  | )% |
| Provision for Income Taxes                  |                                     |        |         |      |    |

Income tax expense was \$118.6 million in the current quarter, representing an effective tax rate of 33.6%, compared to \$99.7 million in the prior-year quarter, representing an effective tax rate of 32.8%.

## REPORTING SEGMENTS

Northern Trust is organized around its two client-focused reporting segments: C&IS and Wealth Management. Asset management and related services are provided to C&IS and Wealth Management clients primarily by the Asset Management business. The revenue and expenses of Asset Management and certain other support functions are allocated fully to C&IS and Wealth Management. Income and expense associated with the wholesale funding activities and investment portfolios of the Corporation and its principal subsidiary, The Northern Trust Company (the Bank), as well as certain corporate-based expense, executive level compensation and nonrecurring items, are not allocated to C&IS and Wealth Management, and are reported in Northern Trust's third reporting segment, Treasury and Other, in the following pages.

Table of Contents

## REPORTING SEGMENTS (continued)

The following tables reflect the earnings contributions and average assets of Northern Trust's reporting segments for the three- and nine- month periods ended September 30, 2015, and 2014. Reporting segment financial information, presented on an internal management-reporting basis, is determined by accounting systems that are used to allocate revenue and expense related to each segment and incorporates processes for allocating assets, liabilities, equity and the applicable interest income and expense.

Table 11: Results of Reporting Segments

| Three Months Ended September 30, (\$ In Millions)             | Corporate & Institutional Services |            | Wealth Management |            | Treasury and Other |            | Total Consolidated |             |   |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|---|
|   | 2015                               | 2014       | 2015              | 2014       | 2015               | 2014       | 2015               | 2014        |   |
| Noninterest Income Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees | \$429.7                            | \$399.9    | \$319.4           | \$318.3    | \$—                | \$—        | \$749.1            | \$718.2     |   |
| Foreign Exchange Trading Income                               | 60.0                               | 44.4       | 2.9               | 2.0        | —                  | —          | 62.9               | 46.4        |   |
| Other Noninterest Income                                      | 45.9                               | 42.8       | 28.3              | 20.9       | 0.4                | 1.3        | 74.6               | 65.0        |   |
| Net Interest Income (FTE)*                                    | 108.6                              | 78.4       | 142.5             | 131.2      | 23.9               | 46.6       | 275.0              | 256.2       |   |
| Revenue*  | 644.2                              | 565.5      | 493.1             | 472.4      | 24.3               | 47.9       | 1,161.6            | 1,085.8     |   |
| Provision for Credit Losses                                   | (2.8 )                             | 0.9        | (7.2 )            | (0.9 )     | —                  | —          | (10.0 )            | —           |   |
| Noninterest Expense   | 464.6                              | 429.6      | 316.3             | 312.1      | 31.4               | 33.0       | 812.3              | 774.7       |   |
| Income before Income Taxes*                                   | 182.4                              | 135.0      | 184.0             | 161.2      | (7.1 )             | 14.9       | 359.3              | 311.1       |   |
| Provision for Income Taxes*                                   | 58.3                               | 42.4       | 69.0              | 60.7       | (2.6 )             | 3.5        | 124.7              | 106.6       |   |
| Net Income  | \$124.1                            | \$92.6     | \$115.0           | \$100.5    | \$(4.5 )           | \$11.4     | \$234.6            | \$204.5     |   |
| Percentage of Consolidated Net Income                         | 53                                 | % 45       | % 49              | % 49       | % (2 )             | % 6        | % 100              | % 100       | % |
|   | \$41,305.7                         | \$59,907.1 | \$25,274.6        | \$26,061.8 | \$43,343.8         | \$19,275.8 | \$109,924.1        | \$105,244.7 |   |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

Average  
Assets

\* Stated on a fully taxable equivalent basis (FTE). Total consolidated includes FTE adjustments of \$6.1 million for 2015 and \$6.9 million for 2014.

Nine Months

| Ended<br>September<br>30,<br>(\$ In<br>Millions)                                | Corporate &<br>Institutional Services |            | Wealth<br>Management |            | Treasury and<br>Other |            | Total<br>Consolidated |             |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|
|   | 2015                                  | 2014       | 2015                 | 2014       | 2015                  | 2014       | 2015                  | 2014        |   |
| Noninterest<br>Income<br>Trust,<br>Investment<br>and Other<br>Servicing<br>Fees | \$1,269.0                             | \$1,174.5  | \$964.4              | \$930.1    | \$—                   | \$—        | \$2,233.4             | \$2,104.6   |   |
| Foreign<br>Exchange<br>Trading<br>Income  | 199.3                                 | 143.2      | 10.0                 | 6.2        | —                     | —          | 209.3                 | 149.4       |   |
| Other<br>Noninterest<br>Income  | 131.0                                 | 134.3      | 83.9                 | 66.7       | 107.6                 | 4.5        | 322.5                 | 205.5       |   |
| Net Interest<br>Income<br>(FTE)*  | 297.3                                 | 228.8      | 421.8                | 398.8      | 80.3                  | 136.4      | 799.4                 | 764.0       |   |
| Revenue*  | 1,896.6                               | 1,680.8    | 1,480.1              | 1,401.8    | 187.9                 | 140.9      | 3,564.6               | 3,223.5     |   |
| Provision for<br>Credit Losses  | (3.0 )                                | 4.5        | (21.5 )              | (1.5 )     | —                     | —          | (24.5 )               | 3.0         |   |
| Noninterest<br>Expense  | 1,387.7                               | 1,299.5    | 960.9                | 960.3      | 107.2                 | 93.9       | 2,455.8               | 2,353.7     |   |
| Income<br>before<br>Income<br>Taxes*  | 511.9                                 | 376.8      | 540.7                | 443.0      | 80.7                  | 47.0       | 1,133.3               | 866.8       |   |
| Provision for<br>Income<br>Taxes*   | 160.9                                 | 113.3      | 203.2                | 166.9      | 34.7                  | 18.8       | 398.8                 | 299.0       |   |
| Net Income  | \$351.0                               | \$263.5    | \$337.5              | \$276.1    | \$46.0                | \$28.2     | \$734.5               | \$567.8     |   |
| Percentage of<br>Consolidated<br>Net Income                                     | 48                                    | % 46       | % 46                 | % 49       | % 6                   | % 5        | % 100                 | % 100       | % |
| Average<br>Assets   | \$41,461.6                            | \$59,061.3 | \$24,806.8           | \$23,613.4 | \$43,449.9            | \$20,281.1 | \$109,718.3           | \$102,955.8 |   |

\* Stated on a fully taxable equivalent basis (FTE). Total consolidated includes FTE adjustments of \$18.7 million for 2015 and \$22.4 million for 2014.

Corporate & Institutional Services

C&IS net income totaled \$124.1 million in the current quarter compared to \$92.6 million in the prior-year quarter, an increase of \$31.5 million, or 34%. Noninterest income was \$535.6 million in the current quarter, up \$48.5 million, or



10%, from \$487.1 million in the prior-year quarter, reflecting higher trust, investment and other servicing fees and foreign exchange trading income. The following table provides a summary of C&IS trust, investment and other servicing fees.

10

---

Table of Contents

## REPORTING SEGMENTS (continued)

## Corporate &amp; Institutional Services (continued)

Table 12: C&amp;IS Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees

| (\$ In Millions)                                      | Three Months Ended |         |        |      |   |
|---|--------------------|---------|--------|------|---|
|   | September 30,      |         |        |      |   |
|   | 2015               | 2014    | Change |      |   |
| Custody and Fund Administration                       | \$293.9            | \$275.0 | \$18.9 | 7    | % |
| Investment Management                                 | 82.6               | 75.4    | 7.2    | 10   |   |
| Securities Lending                                    | 19.8               | 22.0    | (2.2)  | (10) | ) |
| Other   | 33.4               | 27.5    | 5.9    | 21   |   |
| Total C&IS Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees | \$429.7            | \$399.9 | \$29.8 | 7    | % |

Custody and fund administration fees, the largest component of C&IS fees, are driven primarily by values of client assets under custody, transaction volumes and number of accounts. The asset values used to calculate these fees vary depending on the individual fee arrangements negotiated with each client. Custody fees related to asset values are client specific and are priced based on quarter- end or month-end values, values at the beginning of each quarter or average values for a month or quarter. The fund administration fees that are asset-value-related are priced using month-end, quarter-end, or average daily balances. Investment management fees, which are based generally on client assets under management, are based primarily on market values throughout a period.

Custody and fund administration fees increased 7%, driven by new business and higher equity markets, partially offset by the unfavorable impact of movements in foreign exchange rates. Investment management fees increased 10% due to new business and lower money market mutual fund fee waivers. Money market mutual fund fee waivers in C&IS totaled \$12.2 million in the current quarter compared to \$16.7 million in the prior-year quarter. Securities lending decreased 10% due to changes in fee arrangements.

Foreign exchange trading income totaled \$60.0 million in the current quarter, an increase of \$15.6 million, or 35%, from \$44.4 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase was primarily attributable to higher currency volatility as compared to the prior-year quarter.

Other noninterest income in C&IS totaled \$45.9 million in the current quarter, up 7%, from \$42.8 million in the prior-year quarter, primarily due to higher security commissions and trading income and increases within various other miscellaneous income categories.

Net interest income stated on an FTE basis was \$108.6 million in the current quarter, up \$30.2 million, or 39% from \$78.4 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase in net interest income was attributable to an increase in the net interest margin, partially offset by lower levels of average earning assets. The changes to both the net interest margin and average earning assets versus prior-year period were primarily due to a change in presentation, as certain assets were transferred to the Treasury and Other segment in the first quarter of 2015 and the related internal funds pricing method was updated. As a result, the net interest margin increased to 1.27% from 0.58% in the prior-year quarter while average earning assets totaled \$34.0 billion, a decrease of \$19.3 billion, or 36%, from \$53.3 billion in the prior-year quarter. The earning assets that remain in C&IS consist primarily of intercompany assets and loans and leases. Funding sources were primarily comprised of non-U.S. custody-related interest-bearing deposits, which averaged \$45.7 billion in the current quarter, an increase of 3%, from \$44.6 billion in the prior-year quarter.

The provision for credit losses was a credit of \$2.8 million in the current quarter, reflecting continued improvement in credit quality. The prior-year quarter included a provision of \$0.9 million.

Total C&IS noninterest expense, which includes the direct expense of the reporting segment, indirect expense allocations for product and operating support and indirect expense allocations for certain corporate support services, totaled \$464.6 million in the current quarter, up \$35.0 million, or 8%, from \$429.6 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase was primarily attributable to higher indirect expense allocations and outside services expense in the current quarter.

Wealth Management

Wealth Management net income was \$115.0 million in the current quarter, up \$14.5 million, or 14%, from \$100.5 million in the prior-year quarter. Noninterest income was \$350.6 million, up \$9.4 million, or 3%, from \$341.2 million in the prior-year quarter, primarily reflecting higher security commissions and trading income and increases within various miscellaneous categories of

Table of Contents

## REPORTING SEGMENTS (continued)

## Wealth Management

other operating income. Trust, investment and other servicing fees in Wealth Management totaled \$319.4 million in the current quarter, up slightly from \$318.3 million in the prior-year quarter. The following table provides a summary of Wealth Management trust, investment and other servicing fees.

Table 13: Wealth Management Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees

| (\$ In Millions)   | Three Months Ended |         |                |
|--|--------------------|---------|----------------|
|  | September 30,      |         |                |
|  | 2015               | 2014    | Change         |
| Central  | \$126.8            | \$129.5 | \$(2.7 ) (2 )% |
| East   | 82.1               | 83.2    | (1.1 ) (1 )    |
| West   | 66.8               | 67.5    | (0.7 ) (1 )    |
| Global Family Office   | 43.7               | 38.1    | 5.6 15         |
| Total Wealth Management Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees | \$319.4            | \$318.3 | \$1.1 — %      |

Wealth Management fee income is calculated primarily based on market values. Global Family Office fees increased 15%, primarily attributable to new business, while fees across the regions decreased 1% to 2%. Money market mutual fund fee waivers in Wealth Management totaled \$15.3 million in the current quarter compared to \$16.9 million in the prior-year quarter.

Other noninterest income totaled \$28.3 million in the current quarter, up \$7.4 million, or 35%, from \$20.9 million in the prior-year quarter, primarily reflecting higher security commissions and trading income and increases within various miscellaneous categories of other operating income.

Net interest income stated on an FTE basis was \$142.5 million in the current quarter, up \$11.3 million, or 9%, from \$131.2 million in the prior-year quarter, primarily reflecting higher levels of average earning assets. The net interest margin totaled 2.26% in both the current and prior-year quarters. Earning assets averaged \$25.0 billion, up \$2.0 billion, or 9%, from \$23.0 billion in the prior-year quarter. Earning assets and funding sources were primarily comprised of loans and domestic retail interest-bearing deposits, respectively.

The provision for credit losses was a credit of \$7.2 million in the current quarter, reflecting improvement in the credit quality of commercial real estate and private client loans, and a decrease in the level of residential real estate loans, partially offset by an increase in the level of private client and commercial real estate loans. The provision for credit losses was a credit of \$0.9 million in the prior-year quarter.

Total noninterest expense, which includes the direct expense of the reporting segment, indirect expense allocations for product and operating support and indirect expense allocations for certain corporate support services, totaled \$316.3 million in the current quarter, compared to \$312.1 million in the prior-year quarter, an increase of 1%. The increase was primarily attributable to higher indirect expense allocations, partially offset by lower expense for outside services and compensation in the current quarter.

## Treasury and Other

Treasury and Other includes income and expense associated with the wholesale funding activities and the investment portfolios of the Corporation and the Bank, and certain corporate-based expenses, executive-level compensation and nonrecurring items not allocated to C&IS and Wealth Management. Treasury and Other noninterest income totaled \$0.4 million in the current quarter, compared to \$1.3 million in the prior-year quarter.

Net interest income decreased \$22.7 million, or 49%, to \$23.9 million in the current quarter, compared to \$46.6 million in the prior-year quarter. The decrease reflects a decline in the net interest margin, partially offset by higher levels of earning assets. The changes to both the net interest margin and average earning assets versus prior year are primarily due to a change in presentation, as certain assets were transferred to Treasury and Other from C&IS and the related internal funds pricing method was updated in the prior quarter. Average earning assets increased \$21.1 billion to \$41.7 billion from the prior-year quarter's \$20.6 billion.

Noninterest expense totaled \$31.4 million in the current quarter, down 5%, from \$33.0 million in the prior-year quarter, primarily reflecting higher indirect expense allocations to C&IS and Wealth Management, partially offset by higher general overhead costs, including equipment and software expense, compensation and outside services as compared to the prior-year quarter.

12

---

Table of Contents

NINE-MONTH CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

Net income per diluted common share was \$3.00 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and \$2.34 in the comparable prior-year period. Net income totaled \$734.5 million, up \$166.7 million, or 29%, as compared to \$567.8 million in the prior-year period. The performance in the current period produced an annualized return on average common equity of 11.7%, compared to 9.5% in the prior-year period. The annualized return on average assets was 0.9%, compared to 0.7% in the prior-year period.

The current period includes a net pre-tax gain on the sale of 1.0 million Visa Inc. Class B common shares totaling \$99.9 million; voluntary cash contributions to certain constant dollar NAV funds of \$45.8 million; and the impairment of the residual value of certain aircraft under leveraged lease agreements of \$17.8 million. Excluding these items, net income per diluted common share, net income, and return on average common equity were \$2.91, \$712.1 million and 11.3%, respectively.

The prior-year period included pre-tax charges of \$32.8 million for severance and related costs and for the realignment of the Corporation's real estate portfolio and \$9.5 million of software write-offs. Excluding these items, net income per diluted common share, net income, and return on average common equity were \$2.45, \$595.6 million, and 10.0% respectively.

Revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 totaled \$3.55 billion, up \$344.8 million, or 11%, as compared to \$3.20 billion in the prior-year period. Noninterest income was \$2.77 billion, up \$305.7 million, or 12%, from \$2.46 billion in the prior-year period. Trust, investment and other servicing fees increased \$128.8 million, or 6%, to \$2.23 billion from \$2.10 billion in the prior-year period.

Table of Contents

## NINE-MONTH CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Noninterest Income

The components of noninterest income are provided below.

Table 14: Nine Months Ended September 30 Noninterest Income

| Noninterest Income<br>(\$ In Millions)     | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |           |         |      |   |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|------|---|
|  | 2015                               | 2014      | Change  |      |   |
| Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees | \$2,233.4                          | \$2,104.6 | \$128.8 | 6    | % |
| Foreign Exchange Trading Income            | 209.3                              | 149.4     | 59.9    | 40   |   |
| Treasury Management Fees                   | 48.5                               | 49.8      | (1.3)   | (3)  | ) |
| Security Commissions and Trading Income    | 60.2                               | 46.7      | 13.5    | 29   |   |
| Other Operating Income                     | 214.1                              | 112.3     | 101.8   | 91   |   |
| Investment Security Losses, net            | (0.3)                              | (3.3)     | 3.0     | (91) | ) |
| Total Noninterest Income                   | \$2,765.2                          | \$2,459.5 | \$305.7 | 12   | % |

As illustrated in the following table, trust, investment and other servicing fees from C&IS increased \$94.5 million, or 8%, totaling \$1.27 billion, compared to \$1.17 billion a year ago.

Table 15: Nine Months Ended September 30 C&amp;IS Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees

| C&IS Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees<br>(\$ In Millions) | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |           |        |     |   |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----|---|
|   | 2015                               | 2014      | Change |     |   |
| Custody and Fund Administration                                     | \$864.6                            | \$788.3   | \$76.3 | 10  | % |
| Investment Management   | 239.6                              | 228.1     | 11.5   | 5   |   |
| Securities Lending  | 68.2                               | 74.7      | (6.5)  | (9) | ) |
| Other   | 96.6                               | 83.4      | 13.2   | 16  |   |
| Total   | \$1,269.0                          | \$1,174.5 | \$94.5 | 8   | % |

Custody and fund administration fees, the largest component of C&IS fees, increased 10%, primarily driven by new business and higher equity markets, partially offset by the unfavorable impact of movements in foreign exchange rates. C&IS investment management fees increased 5%, primarily reflecting new business, lower money market mutual fund fee waivers and higher equity markets. Money market mutual fund fee waivers in C&IS totaled \$41.0 million, compared to waived fees of \$46.4 million in the prior-year period. Securities lending revenue decreased 9%, reflecting changes in fee arrangements and lower spreads, partially offset by higher loan volumes in the current period. Other fees in C&IS increased 16%, primarily reflecting increased sub-advisory fees and new business in investment risk and analytical services.

As illustrated in the following table, trust, investment and other servicing fees from Wealth Management increased \$34.3 million, or 4%, totaling \$964.4 million, compared to \$930.1 million a year ago.

Table 16: Nine Months Ended September 30 Wealth Management Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees

| (\$ In Millions)   | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |        |    |   |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|--------|----|---|
|  | 2015                               | 2014    | Change |    |   |
| Wealth Management Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees |                                    |         |        |    |   |
| Central  | \$385.8                            | \$379.8 | \$6.0  | 2  | % |
| East   | 250.4                              | 242.9   | 7.5    | 3  |   |
| West   | 202.1                              | 194.9   | 7.2    | 4  |   |
| Global Family Office   | 126.1                              | 112.5   | 13.6   | 12 |   |
| Total  | \$964.4                            | \$930.1 | \$34.3 | 4  | % |

The increase is primarily due to higher equity markets and new business. Money market mutual fund fee waivers in Wealth Management totaled \$47.6 million, compared with \$50.4 million in the prior-year period.





Table of Contents

## NINE-MONTH CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Noninterest Income (continued)

Foreign exchange trading income increased \$59.9 million, or 40%, and totaled \$209.3 million compared with \$149.4 million in the prior-year period. The increase was attributable to higher currency volatility and client volumes compared to the prior-year period.

Other operating income totaled \$214.1 million, up \$101.8 million, compared to \$112.3 million in the prior-year period. The components of other operating income are provided below.

Table 17: Nine Months Ended September 30 Other Operating Income

| Other Operating Income<br>(\$ In Millions) | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         | Change  |    |      |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|---------|----|------|
|  | 2015                               | 2014    |         |    |      |
| Loan Service Fees                          | \$44.3                             | \$47.0  | \$(2.7) | )  | (6)% |
| Banking Service Fees                       | 35.6                               | 37.2    | (1.6)   | )  | (4)  |
| Other Income                               | 134.2                              | 28.1    | 106.1   |    | N/M  |
| Total Other Operating Income               | \$214.1                            | \$112.3 | \$101.8 | 91 | %    |

The current-year period other income includes a \$99.9 million net gain on the sale of 1.0 million Visa Inc. Class B common shares held by the Corporation. Excluding the gain, other operating income totaled \$114.2 million, relatively unchanged from the prior-year period, reflecting increases in various other income categories offset by lower loan service and banking service fees.

Table of Contents

## NINE-MONTH CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Net Interest Income

The following table presents an analysis of average balances and interest rate changes affecting net interest income.

Table 18: AVERAGE NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE Nine Months Ended September 30,

SHEETS WITH ANALYSIS OF NET

INTEREST INCOME

(INTEREST AND RATE ON A

2015

2014

FULLY TAXABLE EQUIVALENT

BASIS)

| (\$ In Millions)   | Interest | Average Balance | Rate (4) | Interest | Average Balance | Rate (4) |   |
|--|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|---|
| Average Earning Assets                                   |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |   |
| Federal Funds Sold and Securities Purchased under        |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |   |
| Agreements to Resell                                     | \$3.7    | \$1,052.2       | 0.47     | % \$2.3  | \$670.6         | 0.47     | % |
| Interest-Bearing Due from and Deposits with Banks (1)    | 82.3     | 16,006.0        | 0.69     | 96.6     | 16,879.0        | 0.77     |   |
| Federal Reserve Deposits                                 | 26.8     | 14,065.9        | 0.25     | 26.9     | 13,967.6        | 0.26     |   |
| Securities   |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |   |
| U.S. Government  | 40.2     | 4,802.9         | 1.12     | 21.0     | 2,574.0         | 1.09     |   |
| Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions         | 5.7      | 112.3           | 6.77     | 8.8      | 176.4           | 6.68     |   |
| Government Sponsored Agency                              | 106.6    | 16,509.5        | 0.86     | 108.3    | 17,858.3        | 0.81     |   |
| Other (2)  | 100.6    | 15,838.1        | 0.85     | 83.5     | 12,815.0        | 0.87     |   |
| Total Securities   | 253.1    | 37,262.8        | 0.91     | 221.6    | 33,423.7        | 0.89     |   |
| Loans and Leases (3)                                     | 546.1    | 32,723.6        | 2.23     | 558.0    | 29,832.9        | 2.50     |   |
| Total Earning Assets                                     | 912.0    | 101,110.5       | 1.21     | 905.4    | 94,773.8        | 1.28     |   |
| Allowance for Credit Losses Assigned to Loans and Leases | —        | (260.6 )        | —        | —        | (276.0 )        | —        |   |
| Cash and Due from Banks                                  | —        | 2,137.3         | —        | —        | 2,814.6         | —        |   |
| Buildings and Equipment                                  | —        | 443.0           | —        | —        | 451.3           | —        |   |
| Client Security Settlement Receivables                   | —        | 979.1           | —        | —        | 835.1           | —        |   |
| Goodwill   | —        | 531.1           | —        | —        | 541.9           | —        |   |
| Other Assets   | —        | 4,777.9         | —        | —        | 3,815.1         | —        |   |
| Total Assets   | \$—      | \$109,718.3     | —        | % \$—    | \$102,955.8     | —        | % |
| Average Source of Funds                                  |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |   |
| Deposits   |          |                 |          |          |                 |          |   |
| Savings and Money Market                                 | \$7.3    | \$15,410.9      | 0.06     | % \$7.3  | \$14,854.9      | 0.07     | % |
| Savings Certificates and Other Time                      | 5.5      | 1,668.5         | 0.44     | 4.8      | 1,908.5         | 0.34     |   |
| Non-U.S. Offices — Interest-Bearing                      | 40.2     | 48,943.0        | 0.11     | 52.0     | 48,101.2        | 0.14     |   |
| Total Interest-Bearing Deposits                          | 53.0     | 66,022.4        | 0.11     | 64.1     | 64,864.6        | 0.13     |   |
| Short-Term Borrowings                                    | 3.9      | 4,485.5         | 0.12     | 3.8      | 4,544.5         | 0.11     |   |
| Senior Notes   | 35.2     | 1,497.1         | 3.14     | 42.8     | 1,716.5         | 3.34     |   |
| Long-Term Debt   | 18.8     | 1,441.4         | 1.75     | 29.0     | 1,668.9         | 2.32     |   |
| Floating Rate Capital Debt                               | 1.7      | 277.3           | 0.84     | 1.7      | 277.2           | 0.81     |   |
| Total Interest-Related Funds                             | 112.6    | 73,723.7        | 0.20     | 141.4    | 73,071.7        | 0.26     |   |
| Interest Rate Spread                                     | —        | —               | 1.01     | —        | —               | 1.02     |   |
|  | —        | 23,956.8        | —        | —        | 18,857.0        | —        |   |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|  |         |             |      |       |             |     |      |   |
|--|---------|-------------|------|-------|-------------|-----|------|---|
| Demand and Other<br>Noninterest-Bearing Deposits |         |             |      |       |             |     |      |   |
| Other Liabilities                                | —       | 3,439.9     | —    | —     | 2,972.8     | —   |      |   |
| Stockholders' Equity                             | —       | 8,597.9     | —    | —     | 8,054.3     | —   |      |   |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders'<br>Equity    | \$—     | \$109,718.3 | —    | % \$— | \$102,955.8 | —   | %    |   |
| Net Interest Income/Margin (FTE<br>Adjusted)     | \$799.4 | \$—         | 1.06 | %     | \$764.0     | \$— | 1.08 | % |
| Net Interest Income/Margin<br>(Unadjusted)       | \$780.7 | \$—         | 1.03 | %     | \$741.6     | \$— | 1.05 | % |

Table of Contents

## NINE-MONTH CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Net Interest Income (continued)

ANALYSIS OF NET INTEREST INCOME CHANGES  
DUE TO VOLUME AND RATE

| (In Millions)             | Nine Months ended September 30, 2015/2014 |         |          |
|---------------------------|---|---------|----------|
|                           | Change Due To                             |         |          |
|                           | Average                                   | Rate    | Total    |
|                           | Balance                                   |         |          |
| Earning Assets (FTE)      | \$58.2                                    | \$(51.6 | ) \$6.6  |
| Interest-Related Funds    | 1.4                                       | (30.2   | ) (28.8  |
| Net Interest Income (FTE) | \$56.8                                    | \$(21.4 | ) \$35.4 |

(1) Interest-Bearing Due from and Deposits with Banks includes the interest-bearing component of Cash and Due from Banks and Interest-Bearing Deposits with Banks as presented on the consolidated balance sheets.

Other securities include certain community development investments and Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve stock, which are classified in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2015 and 2014.

(3) Average balances include nonaccrual loans. Lease financing receivable balances are reduced by deferred income.

(4) Rate calculations are based on actual balances rather than the rounded amounts presented in the Average Consolidated Balance Sheets with Analysis of Net Interest Income.

Net Interest Income (FTE Adjusted) includes adjustments to a fully taxable equivalent basis for loans and securities. Such adjustments are based on a blended federal and state tax rate of 37.6% and 37.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Total taxable equivalent interest adjustments amounted to \$18.7 million and \$22.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Interest revenue on cash collateral positions is reported above within interest-bearing deposits with banks and within loans and leases. Interest expense on cash collateral positions is reported above within non-U.S. offices interest-bearing deposits. Related cash collateral received from and deposited with derivative counterparties is recorded net of the associated derivative contract within other assets and other liabilities, respectively.

Net interest income, stated on an FTE basis, totaled \$799.4 million, an increase of \$35.4 million, or 5%, from \$764.0 million reported in the prior-year period. The increase is the result of growth in earning assets, offset by a \$17.8 million impairment of the residual value of certain aircraft under leveraged lease agreements. Average earning assets were \$101.1 billion, up \$6.3 billion, or 7%, from \$94.8 billion in the prior-year period, primarily attributable to higher levels of securities and loans. The net interest margin, on an FTE basis, declined to 1.06% from 1.08% in the prior-year period. Excluding the impairment, the net interest margin was unchanged from the prior-year period.

**Provision for Credit Losses**

The provision for credit losses was a credit of \$24.5 million in the current-year period, compared to a provision of \$3.0 million recorded in the prior-year period. Net charge-offs in the current-year period totaled \$16.6 million resulting from \$25.5 million of charge-offs and \$8.9 million of recoveries, compared to net charge-offs of \$12.6 million in the prior-year period resulting from \$27.9 million of charge-offs and \$15.3 million of recoveries. The current period provision reflects improved credit quality. Residential real estate loans continued to reflect weakness relative to the overall portfolio, accounting for 77% and 67% of total nonperforming loans and leases at September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Loan balances within the private client, commercial and institutional and commercial real estate loan portfolios increased in the current period, while the residential real estate loan balance decreased. For a fuller discussion of the consolidated allowance and provision for credit losses refer to the "Asset Quality" section beginning on page 21.

Table of Contents

## NINE-MONTH CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense totaled \$2.46 billion for the current period, up \$102.1 million, or 4%, compared to \$2.35 billion in the prior-year period. The components of noninterest expense are provided below.

Table 19: Nine Months Ended September 30 Noninterest Expense

| Noninterest Expense<br>(\$ In Millions) | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |           |         | Change |   |   |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---|---|
|   | 2015                               | 2014      |         |        |   |   |
| Compensation                            | \$1,077.8                          | \$1,062.2 | \$15.6  | 1      |   | % |
| Employee Benefits                       | 215.9                              | 206.0     | 9.9     | 5      |   |   |
| Outside Services                        | 440.6                              | 431.4     | 9.2     | 2      |   |   |
| Equipment and Software                  | 338.3                              | 317.9     | 20.4    | 6      |   |   |
| Occupancy                               | 129.7                              | 135.2     | (5.5)   | (4)    | ) | ) |
| Other Operating Expense                 | 253.5                              | 201.0     | 52.5    | 26     |   |   |
| Total Noninterest Expense               | \$2,455.8                          | \$2,353.7 | \$102.1 | 4      |   | % |

Compensation expense, the largest component of noninterest expense increased to \$1.08 billion from the prior-year period's \$1.06 billion. The prior-year period included severance-related charges of \$25.5 million. Excluding the severance-related charges, compensation expense increased \$41.1 million, or 4%, primarily reflecting higher performance-based compensation, staff levels and base pay adjustments, partially offset by favorable impact of movements in foreign exchange rates.

Employee benefit expense increased \$9.9 million, or 5% to \$215.9 million from \$206.0 million in the prior-year period. The prior-year period included \$1.9 million of severance-related charges. Excluding these charges, employee benefit expense increased \$11.8 million, or 6%, primarily attributable to higher pension expense.

Outside services expense equaled \$440.6 million, up \$9.2 million, or 2%, from \$431.4 million in the prior-year period. In the prior-year period, outside services expense included \$1.1 million of severance-related charges. Excluding these charges, outside services expense increased \$10.3 million, or 2%, primarily reflecting higher technical services and consulting expense, partially offset by lower third-party advisor fees, sub-custodian and legal expense.

Equipment and software expense totaled \$338.3 million, up \$20.4 million, or 6% from \$317.9 million in the prior-year period. The prior-year period included \$9.5 million of write-offs of replaced or eliminated software. Excluding these write-offs, equipment and software expense increased \$29.9 million, or 10%, reflecting higher software amortization.

Occupancy expense equaled \$129.7 million, down \$5.5 million, or 4%, from \$135.2 million in the prior-year period. The prior-year period included charges totaling \$4.3 million in connection with reductions in office space. Excluding these charges, occupancy expense was relatively unchanged from the prior-year period.

The components of other operating expense are provided below.

Table 20: Nine Months Ended September 30 Other Operating Expense

| Other Operating Expense<br>(\$ In Millions) | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |        | Change |   |   |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---|---|
|   | 2015                               | 2014    |        |        |   |   |
| Business Promotion                          | \$69.5                             | \$66.6  | \$2.9  | 4      |   | % |
| Staff Related                               | 28.0                               | 30.3    | (2.3)  | (8)    | ) | ) |
| FDIC Insurance Premiums                     | 18.2                               | 16.4    | 1.8    | 11     |   |   |
| Other Intangibles Amortization              | 8.8                                | 14.7    | (5.9)  | (40)   | ) | ) |
| Other Expenses                              | 129.0                              | 73.0    | 56.0   | 77     |   |   |
| Total Other Operating Expense               | \$253.5                            | \$201.0 | \$52.5 | 26     |   | % |

Other operating expense totaled \$253.5 million, up \$52.5 million, or 26%, from \$201.0 million in the prior-year period. The current-year period other expenses includes a charge related to voluntary cash contributions to certain constant dollar NAV funds totaling



Table of Contents

## NINE-MONTH CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

## Noninterest Expense (continued)

\$45.8 million. Excluding the current-period charge, other operating expense increased \$6.7 million, or 3%, reflecting higher charitable contributions and charges associated with account servicing activities.

**Provision for Income Taxes**

Income tax expense was \$380.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, representing an effective tax rate of 34.1%. The provision for income taxes was \$276.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, representing an effective tax rate of 32.8%.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

Total assets were \$120.0 billion and \$109.9 billion at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively, and averaged \$109.9 billion in the current quarter compared with \$105.2 billion in the quarter ended September 30, 2014. Average balances are considered to be a better measure of balance sheet trends, as period-end balances can be impacted by deposit and withdrawal activity involving large client balances. Loans and leases totaled \$33.4 billion and \$31.6 billion at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively, and averaged \$33.1 billion in the current quarter, up 10% from \$30.3 billion in the quarter ended September 30, 2014. Securities, inclusive of Federal Reserve stock, Federal Home Loan Bank stock, and certain community development investments, which are classified in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets, totaled \$37.4 billion and \$34.2 billion at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively, and averaged \$38.0 billion for the current quarter, up 13% from \$33.6 billion in the quarter ended September 30, 2014. In aggregate, the categories of federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell, interest-bearing due from and deposits with banks, and Federal Reserve deposits totaled \$39.8 billion and \$35.1 billion at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively, and averaged \$29.6 billion in the current quarter, down 11% from the quarter ended September 30, 2014 balances, primarily reflecting decreased Federal Reserve deposits. Interest-bearing client deposits at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, totaled \$70.4 billion and \$65.2 billion, respectively, and averaged \$66.8 billion in the current quarter, up 2% compared to \$65.6 billion in the quarter ended September 30, 2014. Noninterest-bearing client deposits at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, totaled \$29.5 billion and \$25.5 billion, respectively, and averaged \$24.3 billion in the current quarter, up 21% from \$20.1 billion in the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

Total stockholders' equity at September 30, 2015, was \$8.8 billion compared to \$8.4 billion at December 31, 2014, and averaged \$8.7 billion for the current quarter, up 5% from \$8.3 billion for the quarter ended September 30, 2014. The increase in average stockholders' equity compared to the prior-year quarter was primarily attributable to earnings, partially offset by dividend declarations and the repurchase of common stock pursuant to the Corporation's share repurchase program.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Corporation declared cash dividends totaling \$85.0 million and \$248.7 million to common stockholders, and cash dividends totaling \$5.8 million and \$17.5 million to preferred stockholders, respectively. During the three and nine ended September 30, 2015, the Corporation repurchased 1,914,950 shares of common stock at a cost of \$140.5 million (\$73.37 average price per share) and 4,766,083 shares at a cost of \$344.4 million (\$72.27 average price per share), respectively.

**CAPITAL RATIOS**

The capital ratios of the Corporation and the Bank remained strong at September 30, 2015, with all ratios applicable to classification as "well capitalized" under U.S. regulatory requirements having exceeded all "well capitalized" ratio guidelines.

Table of Contents

## CAPITAL RATIOS (continued)

The table below provides capital ratios for Northern Trust Corporation and The Northern Trust Company determined by Basel III phased in requirements.

Table 21: Regulatory Capital Ratios

| Capital Ratios — Northern Trust Corporation | September 30, 2015 |                           | June 30, 2015     |                           | September 30, 2014 |                           |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Advanced Approach  | Standardized Approach (a) | Advanced Approach | Standardized Approach (a) | Advanced Approach  | Standardized Approach (a) |
| Common Equity Tier 1                        | 12.4 %             | 10.4 %                    | 12.0 %            | 10.7 %                    | 12.7 %             | 12.8 %                    |
| Tier 1                                      | 13.0 %             | 11.0 %                    | 12.6 %            | 11.2 %                    | 13.4 %             | 13.6 %                    |
| Total                                       | 14.8 %             | 12.8 %                    | 14.4 %            | 13.2 %                    | 15.3 %             | 16.0 %                    |
| Tier 1 Leverage                             | 7.8 %              | 7.8 %                     | 7.6 %             | 7.6 %                     | n/a                | 7.9 %                     |
| Supplementary Leverage (b)                  | 6.4 %              | n/a                       | 6.3 %             | n/a                       | n/a                | n/a                       |
| Capital Ratios — The Northern Trust Company | September 30, 2015 |                           | June 30, 2015     |                           | September 30, 2014 |                           |
|   | Advanced Approach  | Standardized Approach (a) | Advanced Approach | Standardized Approach (a) | Advanced Approach  | Standardized Approach (a) |
| Common Equity Tier 1                        | 12.0 %             | 9.9 %                     | 11.6 %            | 10.1 %                    | 11.7 %             | 11.6 %                    |
| Tier 1                                      | 12.0 %             | 9.9 %                     | 11.6 %            | 10.1 %                    | 11.7 %             | 11.6 %                    |
| Total                                       | 13.6 %             | 11.6 %                    | 13.2 %            | 11.9 %                    | 13.7 %             | 14.0 %                    |
| Tier 1 Leverage                             | 7.0 %              | 7.0 %                     | 6.8 %             | 6.8 %                     | n/a                | 6.8 %                     |
| Supplementary Leverage (b)                  | 5.7 %              | n/a                       | 5.6 %             | n/a                       | n/a                | n/a                       |

In 2014, Standardized Approach risk-weighted assets were determined by Basel I requirements. Effective with the (a) first quarter of 2015, risk-weighted assets are calculated in accordance with the Basel III Standardized Approach final rules.

Beginning with the first quarter of 2015, advanced approaches banking organizations must calculate and report (b) their supplementary leverage ratio. Effective January 1, 2018, advanced approaches institutions, such as the Corporation, will be subject to a minimum supplementary leverage ratio of 3 percent.

## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Net cash provided by operating activities of \$483.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, was primarily attributable to period earnings and the impact of non-cash charges such as amortization of computer software, partially offset by other operating activities and increased net collateral deposited with counterparties. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$1.3 billion, primarily attributable to period earnings, and the impact of non-cash charges such as amortization of computer software, other operating activities and a reduction of net collateral deposited with derivative counterparties.

Net cash used in investing activities of \$10.5 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily reflects higher levels of Federal Reserve deposits, net purchases of securities available for sale and held to maturity and increased loans and leases, partially offset by decreased levels of interest-bearing deposits with banks. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, net cash used in investing activities was \$9.1 billion, primarily reflecting increased levels of Federal Reserve deposits, net purchases of securities held to maturity, and increased levels of loans and leases, partially offset by decreased levels of interest-bearing deposits with banks.

Net cash provided by financing activities of \$11.6 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily reflects higher levels of total deposits and increased short-term other borrowings, partially offset by lower federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase and the repurchase of common stock pursuant to the Corporation's share repurchase program. The increase in total deposits is attributable to higher levels of interest-bearing and noninterest-bearing non-U.S. office client and demand and other noninterest-bearing client deposits. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$7.5 billion, primarily reflecting increased total deposits and proceeds from the issuance of Series C Preferred Stock, partially offset by repayments of senior notes and other long-term debt and the repurchase of common stock pursuant to the



Corporation's share repurchase program.

20

---

Table of Contents

ASSET QUALITY

Securities Portfolio

Northern Trust maintains a high quality securities portfolio, with 82% of the combined available for sale, held to maturity, and trading account portfolios at September 30, 2015, comprised of U.S. Treasury and government sponsored agency securities and triple-A rated corporate notes, asset-backed securities, covered bonds, sub-sovereign, supranational, sovereign and non-U.S. agency bonds, auction rate securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities and obligations of states and political subdivisions. The remaining portfolio was comprised of corporate notes, asset-backed securities, negotiable certificates of deposit, obligations of states and political subdivisions, auction rate securities and other securities, of which as a percentage of the total securities portfolio, 6% was rated double-A, 3% was rated below double-A, and 9% was not rated by Standard and Poor's or Moody's Investors Service (primarily negotiable certificates of deposits of banks whose long term ratings are at least A).

Net unrealized gains within the investment securities portfolio totaled \$70.2 million at September 30, 2015, comprised of \$145.0 million and \$74.8 million of gross unrealized gains and losses, respectively. Of the unrealized losses on securities at September 30, 2015, the largest component was \$34.1 million of unrealized losses in securities classified as "other," related to securities primarily purchased at a premium or par by Northern Trust for compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). Unrealized losses on these CRA-related securities were attributable to yields that are below market rates for the purpose of supporting institutions and programs that benefit low- to moderate-income communities within Northern Trust's market area. Also, \$20.1 million of the unrealized losses related to corporate debt securities, primarily reflecting higher market rates since purchase; 35% of the corporate debt portfolio is backed by guarantees provided by U.S. and non-U.S. governmental entities. Unrealized losses of \$12.7 million related to government sponsored agency securities were primarily attributable to changes in market rates since their purchase.

There were no other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, charges of \$3.9 million were recorded relating to OTTI of certain CRA-eligible securities. Northern Trust has evaluated all securities with unrealized losses for possible OTTI in accordance with GAAP and Northern Trust's security impairment review policy.

Northern Trust participates in the repurchase agreement market as a relatively low cost alternative for short-term funding. Securities purchased under agreements to resell and securities sold under agreements to repurchase are accounted for as collateralized financings and recorded at the amounts at which the securities were acquired or sold plus accrued interest. To minimize potential credit risk associated with these transactions, the fair value of the securities purchased or sold is monitored, limits are set on exposure with counterparties, and the financial condition of counterparties is regularly assessed. It is Northern Trust's policy to take possession, either directly or via third-party custodians, of securities purchased under agreements to resell. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are held by the counterparty until their repurchase.

Nonperforming Loans and Leases and Other Real Estate Owned

Nonperforming assets consist of nonperforming loans and leases and other real estate owned (OREO). OREO is comprised of commercial and residential properties acquired in partial or total satisfaction of loans.

Table of Contents

## ASSET QUALITY (continued)

## Nonperforming Loans and Leases and Other Real Estate Owned (continued)

The following table provides the amounts of nonperforming loans and leases, by loan and lease segment and class, and of OREO that were outstanding at the dates shown, as well as the balance of loans that was delinquent 90 days or more and still accruing interest. The balance of loans delinquent 90 days or more and still accruing interest can fluctuate widely based on the timing of cash collections, renegotiations and renewals.

Table 22: Nonperforming Assets

| (\$ In Millions)   | September 30,<br>2015 | June 30, 2015 | September 30,<br>2014 |   |   |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Nonperforming Loans and Leases   |                       |               |                       |   |   |
| Commercial   |                       |               |                       |   |   |
| Commercial and Institutional   | \$20.3                | \$23.4        | \$31.7                |   |   |
| Commercial Real Estate   | 25.2                  | 26.0          | 39.9                  |   |   |
| Total Commercial   | 45.5                  | 49.4          | 71.6                  |   |   |
| Personal   |                       |               |                       |   |   |
| Residential Real Estate  | 152.6                 | 158.2         | 147.3                 |   |   |
| Private Client   | 0.5                   | 1.1           | 1.6                   |   |   |
| Total Personal   | 153.1                 | 159.3         | 148.9                 |   |   |
| Total Nonperforming Loans and Leases                                   | 198.6                 | 208.7         | 220.5                 |   |   |
| Other Real Estate Owned  | 8.9                   | 10.1          | 10.7                  |   |   |
| Total Nonperforming Assets   | 207.5                 | 218.8         | 231.2                 |   |   |
| 90 Day Past Due Loans Still Accruing                                   | \$2.3                 | \$14.9        | \$25.1                |   |   |
| Nonperforming Loans and Leases to Total Loans and Leases               | 0.59                  | % 0.63        | % 0.72                | % | % |
| Coverage of Loan and Lease Allowance to Nonperforming Loans and Leases | 1.2x                  | 1.2x          | 1.2x                  |   |   |

Nonperforming assets of \$207.5 million as of September 30, 2015, reflected improved credit quality from the prior year, though they remained elevated from levels preceding the economic downturn in 2008 and its impact on residential property valuations and general economic conditions. The loan portfolio in the current quarter reflected improvement in the credit quality of the commercial and institutional, commercial real estate and private client loan classes. In addition to the negative impact on net interest income and the risk of credit losses, nonperforming assets also increase operating costs due to the expense associated with collection efforts. Changes in the level of nonperforming assets may be indicative of changes in the credit quality of one or more loan classes. Changes in credit quality impact the allowance for credit losses through the resultant adjustment of the specific allowance and of the qualitative factors used in the determination of the inherent allowance levels within the allowance for credit losses. Northern Trust's underwriting standards do not allow for the origination of loan types generally considered to be high risk in nature, such as option adjustable rate mortgages, subprime loans, loans with initial "teaser" rates and loans with excessively high loan-to-value ratios. Residential real estate loans consist of first lien mortgages and equity credit lines, which generally require loan-to-collateral values of no more than 65% to 80% at inception. Revaluations of supporting collateral are obtained upon refinancing or default or when otherwise considered warranted. Collateral revaluations for mortgages are performed by independent third parties.

The commercial real estate class consists of commercial mortgages and construction, acquisition and development loans extended to experienced investors well known to Northern Trust. Underwriting standards generally reflect conservative loan-to-value ratios and debt service coverage requirements. Recourse to borrowers through guarantees is also commonly required.

## Provision and Allowance for Credit Losses

The provision for credit losses is the charge to current-period earnings that is determined by management, through a disciplined credit review process, to be the amount needed to maintain the allowance for credit losses at an appropriate level to absorb probable credit losses that have been identified with specific borrower relationships (specific loss

component) and for probable losses that are believed to be inherent in the loan and lease portfolios, undrawn commitments and standby letters of credit (inherent loss

Table of Contents

## ASSET QUALITY (continued)

## Provision and Allowance for Credit Losses (continued)

component). Control processes and analyses employed to evaluate the appropriateness of the allowance for credit losses are reviewed on at least an annual basis and modified as necessary.

The amount of specific allowance is determined through an individual evaluation of loans and lending-related commitments considered impaired that is based on expected future cash flows, collateral value and other factors that may impact the borrower's ability to pay. Changes in collateral values, delinquency ratios, portfolio volume and concentration and other asset quality metrics, including management's subjective evaluation of economic and business conditions, result in adjustments of qualitative allowance factors that are applied in the determination of inherent allowance requirements.

The provision for credit losses was a credit of \$10.0 million in the current quarter, compared to no provision in the prior-year quarter. Net charge-offs were \$9.4 million, resulting from \$11.9 million of charge-offs and \$2.5 million of recoveries, compared to \$5.2 million of net charge-offs in the prior-year quarter, resulting from \$8.6 million of charge-offs and \$3.4 million of recoveries. Residential real estate loans accounted for 77% and 67% of total nonperforming loans and leases at September 30, 2015, and 2014, respectively.

Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements includes a table that details the changes in the allowance for credit losses during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014 due to charge-offs, recoveries and provisions for credit losses.

The following table shows the specific portion of the allowance and the inherent portion of the allowance and its components by loan and lease segment and class.

Table 23: Allocation of the Allowance for Credit Losses

| (\$ In Millions)   | September 30, 2015 |                                 | June 30, 2015    |                                 | September 30, 2014 |                                 |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Allowance Amount   | Percent of Loans to Total Loans | Allowance Amount | Percent of Loans to Total Loans | Allowance Amount   | Percent of Loans to Total Loans |
| Specific Allowance   | \$4.0              | — %                             | \$15.3           | — %                             | \$24.0             | — %                             |
| Allocated Inherent Allowance                                     |                    |                                 |                  |                                 |                    |                                 |
| Commercial   |                    |                                 |                  |                                 |                    |                                 |
| Commercial and Institutional                                     | 66.1               | 28                              | 66.7             | 27                              | 71.9               | 27                              |
| Commercial Real Estate   | 63.5               | 12                              | 67.8             | 11                              | 68.3               | 10                              |
| Lease Financing, net   | 3.6                | 2                               | 3.6              | 3                               | 3.7                | 3                               |
| Non-U.S.   | 2.3                | 4                               | 2.2              | 5                               | 2.1                | 5                               |
| Other  | —                  | —                               | —                | 1                               | —                  | —                               |
| Total Commercial   | 135.5              | 46                              | 140.3            | 47                              | 146.0              | 45                              |
| Personal   |                    |                                 |                  |                                 |                    |                                 |
| Residential Real Estate  | 95.9               | 27                              | 99.2             | 28                              | 110.4              | 32                              |
| Private Client   | 19.3               | 27                              | 19.4             | 25                              | 17.9               | 23                              |
| Other  | —                  | —                               | —                | —                               | —                  | —                               |
| Total Personal   | 115.2              | 54                              | 118.6            | 53                              | 128.3              | 55                              |
| Total Allocated Inherent Allowance                               | \$250.7            | 100 %                           | \$258.9          | 100 %                           | \$274.3            | 100 %                           |
| Total Allowance for Credit Losses                                | \$254.7            |                                 | \$274.2          |                                 | \$298.3            |                                 |
| Allowance Assigned to  |                    |                                 |                  |                                 |                    |                                 |
| Loans and Leases   | \$242.2            |                                 | \$257.3          |                                 | \$269.4            |                                 |
| Undrawn Commitments and Standby Letters of Credit                | 12.5               |                                 | 16.9             |                                 | 28.9               |                                 |
| Total Allowance for Credit Losses                                | \$254.7            |                                 | \$274.2          |                                 | \$298.3            |                                 |
| Allowance Assigned to Loans and Leases to Total Loans and Leases | 0.73 %             |                                 | 0.78 %           |                                 | 0.88 %             |                                 |



Table of Contents

## MARKET RISK MANAGEMENT

Northern Trust faces two primary types of market risk through its business operations: interest rate risk, which is the potential for movements in interest rates to cause changes in earnings and the economic value of equity; and trading risk, which is the potential for movements in market variables such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates to cause changes in the value of trading positions.

Northern Trust uses two primary measurement techniques to manage interest rate risk: sensitivity of earnings (SOE) and sensitivity of economic value of equity (SEVE). SOE provides management with a short-term view of the impact of interest rate changes on future earnings. SEVE provides management with a long-term view of interest rate changes on the economic value of equity as of the period-end balance sheet. Both simulation models use the same initial market interest rates and product balances. These two techniques, which are performed monthly, are complementary and are used in concert to provide a comprehensive interest rate risk management capability.

As part of its risk management activities, Northern Trust also regularly measures the risk of loss associated with foreign currency positions using a Value-at-Risk (VaR) model. The following information about Northern Trust's management of market risk should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

**Sensitivity of Earnings** — The modeling of SOE incorporates on-balance-sheet positions, as well as derivative financial instruments (principally interest rate swaps) that are used to manage interest rate risk. Northern Trust uses market-implied forward interest rates as the base case and measures the sensitivity (i.e. change) in earnings if future rates are 100 or 200 basis points higher than base case forward rates. The following table shows the estimated impact on the next twelve months of pre-tax earnings of 100 and 200 basis point upward movements in interest rates relative to forward rates. Given the low level of interest rates, the simulation of earnings for rates 100 and 200 basis points lower would not provide meaningful results.

Table 24: Sensitivity of Earnings to Changes in Interest Rates

| (\$ In Millions)  | Increase/(Decrease)<br>Estimated Impact on<br>Next Twelve Months of<br>Pre-Tax Earnings |
|---|---|
| Increase in Interest Rates Above Market-Implied Forward Rates |   |
| 100 Basis Points  | \$ 17   |
| 200 Basis Points  | \$(2 )  |

The simulations of earnings incorporate several assumptions but do not incorporate any management actions that may be used to mitigate negative consequences of actual interest rate movements. For that reason and others, they do not reflect the likely actual results but serve as conservative estimates of interest rate risk. SOE is not directly comparable to actual results disclosed elsewhere or directly predictive of future values of other measures provided.

**Sensitivity of Economic Value of Equity** — Economic value of equity is defined as the present value of assets minus the present value of liabilities, net of the value of instruments that are used to manage the interest rate risk of balance sheet items. The potential effect of interest rate changes on economic equity is derived from the impact of such changes on projected future cash flows and the present value of these cash flows and is then compared to the established limit. Northern Trust uses current market rates (and the future rates implied by these market rates) as the base case and measures the sensitivity (i.e. change) if current rates are immediately shocked up by 100 or 200 basis points. The following table shows the estimated impact on economic value of equity of 100 and 200 basis point shocks up from current interest rates. Given the low level of interest rates and assumed interest rate floors as rates approach zero, the simulation of the economic value of equity for rates 100 or 200 basis points lower would not provide meaningful results.

Table 25: Sensitivity of Economic Value of Equity to Changes in Interest Rates as of September 30, 2015

| (\$ In Millions) | Increase/(Decrease)<br>Estimated Impact on<br>Economic Value of Equity |
|------------------|--|
|------------------|--|

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

Increase in Interest Rates Above Market Rates

|                  |         |   |
|------------------|---------|---|
| 100 Basis Points | \$ (38  | ) |
| 200 Basis Points | \$ (286 | ) |

24

---



Table of Contents

## MARKET RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The simulations of economic value of equity incorporate several assumptions but do not incorporate any management actions that may be used to mitigate negative consequences of actual interest rate movements. For that reason and others, they do not reflect the likely actual results but serve as conservative estimates of interest rate risk. SEVE is not directly comparable to actual results disclosed elsewhere or directly predictive of future values of other measures provided.

Foreign Currency Value-At-Risk (VaR) — Northern Trust measures daily the risk of loss associated with all non-U.S. currency positions using a VaR model and applying the historical simulation methodology. This statistical model provides estimates, based on a variety of high confidence levels, of the potential loss in value that might be incurred if an adverse shift in non-U.S. currency exchange rates were to occur over a small number of days. The model incorporates foreign currency and interest rate volatilities and correlations in price movements among the currencies. VaR is computed for each trading desk and for the global portfolio.

Northern Trust monitors several variations of the foreign exchange VaR measures to meet specific regulatory and internal management needs. Variations include different methodologies (historical, variance-covariance and Monte Carlo), equally-weighted and exponentially-weighted volatilities, horizons of one day and ten days, confidence levels ranging from 95% to 99.95% and look-back periods of one year and four years. The table below presents the levels of total regulatory VaR and its subcomponents for global foreign currency as September 30, 2015, and June 30, 2015, based on the historical simulation methodology, a 99% confidence level, a one-day horizon and equally-weighted volatility. The total VaR for foreign currency is typically less than the sum of its two components due to diversification benefits derived from the two subcomponents.

Table 26: Foreign Currency Value-At-Risk

| (\$ In Millions) | Total VaR<br>(Spot and Forward) |                  | Foreign Exchange Spot<br>VaR |                  | Foreign Exchange<br>Forward VaR |                  |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|                  | September<br>30, 2015           | June 30,<br>2015 | September<br>30, 2015        | June 30,<br>2015 | September<br>30, 2015           | June 30,<br>2015 |
|                  | High                            | \$0.8            | \$0.7                        | \$0.8            | \$0.7                           | \$0.3            |
| Low              | 0.1                             | 0.1              | —                            | —                | 0.1                             | 0.1              |
| Average          | 0.3                             | 0.2              | 0.1                          | 0.1              | 0.2                             | 0.1              |
| Quarter-End      | 0.6                             | 0.3              | 0.2                          | 0.2              | 0.1                             | 0.2              |

## RECONCILIATION OF CERTAIN REPORTED ITEMS TO FULLY TAXABLE EQUIVALENTS

The tables below present a reconciliation of interest income, net interest income and net interest margin prepared in accordance with GAAP to interest income, net interest income and net interest margin on an FTE basis, which are non-GAAP financial measures. Management believes an FTE presentation facilitates the analysis of asset yields and provides an additional presentation of net interest margins for comparative purposes that may be helpful to investors.

Table 27: Reconciliation of Reported Net Interest Income to Fully Taxable Equivalent

| (\$ In Millions)    | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, 2015 |          |         | September 30, 2014 |          |         |         |   |
|---------------------|--|----------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------|---------|---|
|                     | Reported                                 | FTE Adj. | FTE     | Reported           | FTE Adj. | FTE     |         |   |
|                     | Interest Income                          | \$305.7  | \$6.1   | \$311.8            | \$293.8  | \$6.9   | \$300.7 |   |
| Interest Expense    | 36.8                                     | —        | 36.8    | 44.5               | —        | 44.5    |         |   |
| Net Interest Income | \$268.9                                  | \$6.1    | \$275.0 | \$249.3            | \$6.9    | \$256.2 |         |   |
| Net Interest Margin | 1.06                                     | %        | 1.08    | %                  | 1.02     | %       | 1.05    | % |

  

| (\$ In Millions)    | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, 2015 |          |         | September 30, 2014 |          |         |
|---------------------|---|----------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------|
|                     | Reported                                | FTE Adj. | FTE     | Reported           | FTE Adj. | FTE     |
|                     | Interest Income                         | \$893.3  | \$18.7  | \$912.0            | \$883.0  | \$22.4  |
| Interest Expense    | 112.6                                   | —        | 112.6   | 141.4              | —        | 141.4   |
| Net Interest Income | \$780.7                                 | \$18.7   | \$799.4 | \$741.6            | \$22.4   | \$764.0 |

|                     |      |   |      |   |      |   |      |   |
|---------------------|------|---|------|---|------|---|------|---|
| Net Interest Margin | 1.03 | % | 1.06 | % | 1.05 | % | 1.08 | % |
|---------------------|------|---|------|---|------|---|------|---|

25

---

Table of Contents

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains statements that are forward-looking, such as statements concerning Northern Trust’s financial goals, capital adequacy, dividend policy, risk management policies, litigation-related matters and contingent liabilities, accounting estimates and assumptions, industry trends, strategic initiatives, credit quality including allowance levels, planned capital expenditures and technology spending, anticipated expense levels, future pension plan contributions, anticipated tax benefits and expenses, the impact of recent legislation and accounting pronouncements, and all other statements that do not relate to historical facts. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “project,” “likely,” “plan,” “goal,” “target,” “strategy,” expressions or future or conditional verbs such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “would,” and “could.”

Forward-looking statements are Northern Trust’s current estimates or expectations of future events or future results and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Actual results could differ materially from the results indicated by these statements because the realization of those results is subject to many risks and uncertainties including:

- the health and soundness of the financial institutions and other counterparties with which Northern Trust conducts business;
- financial market disruptions or economic recession, whether in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, Asia Pacific or other regions;
- the downgrade of U.S. government-issued and other securities;
- changes in financial markets, including debt and equity markets, that impact the value, liquidity, or credit ratings of financial assets in general, or financial assets in particular investment funds or client portfolios including those funds, portfolios, and other financial assets with respect to which Northern Trust has taken, or may in the future take, actions to provide asset value stability or additional liquidity;
- the impact of stress in the financial markets, the effectiveness of governmental actions taken in response, and the effect of such governmental actions on Northern Trust, its competitors and counterparties, financial markets generally and availability of credit specifically, and the U.S. and international economies;
- a significant downgrade of any of Northern Trust’s debt ratings;
- changes in foreign exchange trading client volumes and volatility in foreign currency exchange rates, and Northern Trust’s success in assessing and mitigating the risks arising from such changes and volatility;
- a decline in the value of securities held in Northern Trust’s investment portfolio, particularly asset-backed securities, the liquidity and pricing of which may be negatively impacted by periods of economic turmoil and financial market disruptions;
- uncertainties inherent in the complex and subjective judgments required to assess credit risk and establish appropriate allowances therefor;
- geopolitical risks and the risks of extraordinary events such as natural disasters, terrorist events and war, and the responses of the United States and other countries to those events;
- the pace and extent of continued globalization of investment activity and growth in worldwide financial assets;
- regulatory and monetary policy developments;
- failure to satisfy regulatory standards or to obtain regulatory approvals when required, including for the use and distribution of capital;
- changes in tax laws, accounting requirements or interpretations and other legislation in the United States or other countries that could affect Northern Trust or its clients;
- changes in the nature and activities of Northern Trust’s competition;
- Northern Trust’s success in maintaining existing business and continuing to generate new business in existing and targeted markets and its ability to deploy deposits in a profitable manner consistent with its liquidity requirements;
- the impact of equity markets on fee revenue;
- Northern Trust’s ability to address the complex needs of a global client base and manage compliance with legal, tax, regulatory and other requirements;
- Northern Trust’s ability to maintain a product mix that achieves acceptable margins;



Table of Contents

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS (continued)

Northern Trust's ability to continue to generate investment results that satisfy clients and to develop an array of investment products;

Northern Trust's success in recruiting and retaining the necessary personnel to support business growth and expansion and maintain sufficient expertise to support increasingly complex products and services;

Northern Trust's success in controlling expenses and implementing revenue enhancement initiatives;

uncertainties inherent in Northern Trust's assumptions concerning its pension plan, including discount rates and expected contributions, returns and payouts;

Northern Trust's ability to address operating risks, including those presented by human errors or omissions, data security breaches, pricing or valuation of securities, fraud, systems performance or defects, systems interruptions, and breakdowns in processes or internal controls;

Northern Trust's success in improving risk management practices and controls and managing risks inherent in its businesses, including credit risk, operational risk, market and liquidity risk, fiduciary risk, compliance risk and strategic risk;

increased costs of compliance and other risks associated with changes in regulation, the current regulatory environment, and areas of increased regulatory emphasis and oversight in the United States and other countries such as anti-money laundering, anti-bribery, and client privacy;

the potential for substantial changes in the legal, regulatory and enforcement framework and oversight applicable to financial institutions, including changes that may affect leverage limits and risk-based capital and liquidity requirements, require financial institutions to pay higher assessments, expose financial institutions to certain liabilities of their subsidiary depository institutions, and restrict or increase the regulation of certain activities, including foreign exchange, carried on by financial institutions, including Northern Trust;

risks and uncertainties inherent in the litigation and regulatory process, including the adequacy of contingent liability, tax, and other accruals;

risks associated with being a holding company, including Northern Trust's dependence on dividends from its principal subsidiary;

the risk of damage to Northern Trust's reputation which may undermine the confidence of clients, counterparties, rating agencies, and stockholders; and

other factors identified elsewhere in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, including those factors described in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," and other filings with the SEC, all of which are available on Northern Trust's website.

Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. The information contained herein is current only as of the date of that information. All forward-looking statements included in this document are based upon information presently available, and Northern Trust assumes no obligation to update its forward-looking statements.

Table of Contents

## Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

## NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

(In Millions Except Share Information)

September 30,  
2015  
December 31,  
2014  
(Unaudited)

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Assets   |             |             |
| Cash and Due from Banks  | \$4,485.9   | \$3,050.6   |
| Federal Funds Sold and Securities Purchased under Agreements to Resell | 1,255.6     | 1,062.7     |
| Interest-Bearing Deposits with Banks                                   | 13,935.0    | 14,928.3    |
| Federal Reserve Deposits   | 22,252.0    | 17,386.3    |
| Securities   |             |             |
| Available for Sale   | 31,091.7    | 29,558.5    |
| Held to Maturity (Fair value of \$5,832.6 and \$4,176.1)               | 5,846.5     | 4,170.8     |
| Trading Account  | 0.5         | 4.7         |
| Total Securities   | 36,938.7    | 33,734.0    |
| Loans and Leases   |             |             |
| Commercial   | 15,517.4    | 14,353.6    |
| Personal   | 17,861.0    | 17,286.6    |
| Total Loans and Leases (Net of unearned income of \$246.4 and \$287.7) | 33,378.4    | 31,640.2    |
| Allowance for Credit Losses Assigned to Loans and Leases               | (242.2      | ) (267.0    |
| Buildings and Equipment  | 427.7       | 444.3       |
| Client Security Settlement Receivables                                 | 1,918.4     | 1,568.8     |
| Goodwill   | 529.7       | 533.2       |
| Other Assets   | 5,116.0     | 5,865.1     |
| Total Assets   | \$119,995.2 | \$109,946.5 |
| Liabilities  |             |             |
| Deposits   |             |             |
| Demand and Other Noninterest-Bearing                                   | \$23,667.6  | \$22,815.0  |
| Savings and Money Market   | 15,153.5    | 15,916.4    |
| Savings Certificates and Other Time                                    | 1,457.1     | 1,757.4     |
| Non U.S. Offices — Noninterest-Bearing                                 | 5,833.9     | 2,723.2     |
| — Interest-Bearing   | 53,823.8    | 47,545.0    |
| Total Deposits   | 99,935.9    | 90,757.0    |
| Federal Funds Purchased  | 343.5       | 932.9       |
| Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase                         | 484.5       | 885.1       |
| Other Borrowings   | 4,080.6     | 1,685.2     |
| Senior Notes   | 1,497.3     | 1,497.0     |
| Long-Term Debt   | 1,394.3     | 1,615.1     |
| Floating Rate Capital Debt   | 277.3       | 277.2       |
| Other Liabilities  | 3,197.3     | 3,848.1     |
| Total Liabilities  | 111,210.7   | 101,497.6   |
| Stockholders' Equity   |             |             |
| Preferred Stock, No Par Value; Authorized 10,000,000 shares:           |             |             |
| Series C, outstanding shares of 16,000                                 | 388.5       | 388.5       |
| Common Stock, \$1.66 2/3 Par Value; Authorized 560,000,000 shares;     |             |             |
| Outstanding shares of 231,220,304 and 233,390,705                      | 408.6       | 408.6       |
| Additional Paid-In Capital   | 1,058.7     | 1,050.9     |
| Retained Earnings  | 8,093.7     | 7,625.4     |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss                                   | (273.7      | ) (319.7    |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|  |             |             |   |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|
| Treasury Stock (13,951,220 and 11,780,819 shares, at cost) | (891.3      | ) (704.8    | ) |
| Total Stockholders' Equity                                 | 8,784.5     | 8,448.9     |   |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity                 | \$119,995.2 | \$109,946.5 |   |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

28

---

Table of ContentsCONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(UNAUDITED)

## NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

| (In Millions Except Share Information)                | Three Months Ended |             | Nine Months Ended |             |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
|   | September 30,      |             | September 30,     |             |
|   | 2015               | 2014        | 2015              | 2014        |
| Noninterest Income                                    |                    |             |                   |             |
| Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees            | \$749.1            | \$718.2     | \$2,233.4         | \$2,104.6   |
| Foreign Exchange Trading Income                       | 62.9               | 46.4        | 209.3             | 149.4       |
| Treasury Management Fees                              | 16.1               | 16.4        | 48.5              | 49.8        |
| Security Commissions and Trading Income               | 20.4               | 14.2        | 60.2              | 46.7        |
| Other Operating Income                                | 38.1               | 34.1        | 214.1             | 112.3       |
| Investment Security Gains (Losses), net (Note)        | —                  | 0.3         | (0.3              | ) (3.3      |
| Total Noninterest Income                              | 886.6              | 829.6       | 2,765.2           | 2,459.5     |
| Net Interest Income                                   |                    |             |                   |             |
| Interest Income                                       | 305.7              | 293.8       | 893.3             | 883.0       |
| Interest Expense                                      | 36.8               | 44.5        | 112.6             | 141.4       |
| Net Interest Income                                   | 268.9              | 249.3       | 780.7             | 741.6       |
| Provision for Credit Losses                           | (10.0              | ) —         | (24.5             | ) 3.0       |
| Net Interest Income after Provision for Credit Losses | 278.9              | 249.3       | 805.2             | 738.6       |
| Noninterest Expense                                   |                    |             |                   |             |
| Compensation  | 361.6              | 348.0       | 1,077.8           | 1,062.2     |
| Employee Benefits                                     | 69.8               | 70.6        | 215.9             | 206.0       |
| Outside Services                                      | 158.3              | 142.4       | 440.6             | 431.4       |
| Equipment and Software                                | 113.6              | 100.5       | 338.3             | 317.9       |
| Occupancy   | 43.7               | 43.8        | 129.7             | 135.2       |
| Other Operating Expense                               | 65.3               | 69.4        | 253.5             | 201.0       |
| Total Noninterest Expense                             | 812.3              | 774.7       | 2,455.8           | 2,353.7     |
| Income before Income Taxes                            | 353.2              | 304.2       | 1,114.6           | 844.4       |
| Provision for Income Taxes                            | 118.6              | 99.7        | 380.1             | 276.6       |
| Net Income  | \$234.6            | \$204.5     | \$734.5           | \$567.8     |
| Preferred Stock Dividends                             | 5.8                | —           | 17.5              | —           |
| Net Income Applicable to Common Stock                 | \$228.8            | \$204.5     | \$717.0           | \$567.8     |
| Per Common Share                                      |                    |             |                   |             |
| Net Income — Basic                                    | \$0.97             | \$0.85      | \$3.03            | \$2.36      |
| — Diluted   | 0.96               | 0.84        | 3.00              | 2.34        |
| Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding           |                    |             |                   |             |
| — Basic   | 232,231,720        | 235,701,076 | 232,916,425       | 236,301,789 |
| — Diluted   | 234,163,190        | 237,737,129 | 234,890,782       | 238,175,696 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF  
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(UNAUDITED)

## NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

| (In Millions)  | Three Months Ended |         | Nine Months Ended |         |
|--|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|  | September 30,      |         | September 30,     |         |
|  | 2015               | 2014    | 2015              | 2014    |
| Net Income   | \$234.6            | \$204.5 | \$734.5           | \$567.8 |
| Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Net of Tax and Reclassifications) | (7.0               | ) (5.7  | ) 24.7            | 32.3    |



Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale

|   |         |         |         |          |   |
|---|---------|---------|---------|----------|---|
| Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges                 | 3.2     | (7.4    | ) 5.3   | (6.4     | ) |
| Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments                          | (2.3    | ) (3.6  | ) (2.4  | ) (10.5  | ) |
| Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Adjustments              | 6.1     | 3.5     | 18.4    | 10.5     |   |
| Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)                                 | —       | (13.2   | ) 46.0  | 25.9     |   |
| Comprehensive Income  | \$234.6 | \$191.3 | \$780.5 | \$593.7  |   |
| Note: Changes in Other-Than-Temporary-Impairment (OTTI) Losses    | \$—     | \$—     | \$—     | \$(4.6   | ) |
| Noncredit-related OTTI Losses Recorded in/(Reclassified from) OCI | —       | —       | —       | 0.7      |   |
| Other Security Gains (Losses), net                                | —       | 0.3     | (0.3    | ) 0.6    |   |
| Investment Security Gains (Losses), net                           | \$—     | \$0.3   | \$(0.3  | ) \$(3.3 | ) |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN  
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
(UNAUDITED)

## NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

| (In Millions)  | Nine Months Ended     |           |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|
|  | September 30,<br>2015 | 2014      |
| Preferred Stock  |                       |           |
| Balance at January 1 and September 30                  | \$388.5               | \$—       |
| Issuance of Preferred Stock, Series C                  | —                     | 388.5     |
| Balance at September 30                                | 388.5                 | 388.5     |
| Common Stock   |                       |           |
| Balance at January 1 and September 30                  | 408.6                 | 408.6     |
| Additional Paid-in Capital                             |                       |           |
| Balance at January 1                                   | 1,050.9               | 1,035.7   |
| Treasury Stock Transactions — Stock Options and Awards | (69.7                 | ) (55.0   |
| Stock Options and Awards — Amortization                | 59.9                  | 60.4      |
| Stock Options and Awards — Tax Benefits                | 17.6                  | 14.4      |
| Balance at September 30                                | 1,058.7               | 1,055.5   |
| Retained Earnings                                      |                       |           |
| Balance at January 1                                   | 7,625.4               | 7,134.8   |
| Net Income   | 734.5                 | 567.8     |
| Dividends Declared — Common Stock                      | (248.7                | ) (233.2  |
| Dividends Declared — Preferred Stock                   | (17.5                 | ) —       |
| Balance at September 30                                | 8,093.7               | 7,469.4   |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)          |                       |           |
| Balance at January 1                                   | (319.7                | ) (244.3  |
| Net Unrealized Gains on Securities Available for Sale  | 24.7                  | 32.3      |
| Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges      | 5.3                   | (6.4      |
| Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments               | (2.4                  | ) (10.5   |
| Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Adjustments   | 18.4                  | 10.5      |
| Balance at September 30                                | (273.7                | ) (218.4  |
| Treasury Stock   |                       |           |
| Balance at January 1                                   | (704.8                | ) (422.8  |
| Stock Options and Awards                               | 157.9                 | 177.0     |
| Stock Purchased  | (344.4                | ) (315.2  |
| Balance at September 30                                | (891.3                | ) (561.0  |
| Total Stockholders' Equity at September 30             | \$8,784.5             | \$8,542.6 |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Table of ContentsCONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(UNAUDITED)

## NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

| (In Millions)  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2015                               | 2014       |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities:  |                                    |            |
| Net Income   | \$734.5                            | \$567.8    |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:    |                                    |            |
| Investment Security Losses, net  | 0.3                                | 3.3        |
| Amortization and Accretion of Securities and Unearned Income, net                    | 43.0                               | 30.1       |
| Provision for Credit Losses  | (24.5                              | ) 3.0      |
| Depreciation on Buildings and Equipment  | 67.4                               | 68.0       |
| Amortization of Computer Software  | 185.9                              | 167.9      |
| Amortization of Intangibles  | 8.8                                | 14.7       |
| Pension Plan Contributions   | (16.5                              | ) (13.9    |
| Change in Receivables  | (13.3                              | ) 42.1     |
| Change in Interest Payable   | (5.9                               | ) (2.9     |
| Change in Collateral With Derivative Counterparties, net                             | (165.7                             | ) 163.1    |
| Other Operating Activities, net  | (330.2                             | ) 230.3    |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities  | 483.8                              | 1,273.5    |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities:  |                                    |            |
| Net Change in Federal Funds Sold and Securities Purchased under Agreements to Resell | (192.9                             | ) (480.4   |
| Change in Interest-Bearing Deposits with Banks                                       | 238.7                              | 3,498.1    |
| Net Change in Federal Reserve Deposits   | (4,865.7                           | ) (8,416.5 |
| Purchases of Securities — Held to Maturity   | (7,216.7                           | ) (5,596.9 |
| Proceeds from Maturity and Redemption of Securities — Held to Maturity               | 5,288.3                            | 3,505.4    |
| Purchases of Securities — Available for Sale   | (7,633.7                           | ) (8,969.2 |
| Proceeds from Sale, Maturity and Redemption of Securities — Available for Sale       | 6,103.4                            | 9,254.9    |
| Change in Loans and Leases   | (1,764.9                           | ) (1,352.0 |
| Purchases of Buildings and Equipment   | (55.3                              | ) (51.0    |
| Purchases and Development of Computer Software                                       | (229.0                             | ) (235.2   |
| Change in Client Security Settlement Receivables                                     | (364.2                             | ) (181.8   |
| Other Investing Activities, net  | 181.4                              | (41.3      |
| Net Cash Used in Investing Activities  | (10,510.6                          | ) (9,065.9 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities:  |                                    |            |
| Change in Deposits   | 10,940.6                           | 8,556.6    |
| Change in Federal Funds Purchased  | (589.4                             | ) (178.7   |
| Change in Securities Sold under Agreements to Repurchase                             | (400.6                             | ) (50.5    |
| Change in Short-Term Other Borrowings  | 2,346.1                            | 33.4       |
| Repayments of Senior Notes and Long-Term Debt  | (229.5                             | ) (638.7   |
| Contingent Consideration Liability Payment   | —                                  | (55.3      |
| Proceeds from Issuance of Preferred Stock - Series C                                 | —                                  | 388.5      |
| Treasury Stock Purchased   | (344.4                             | ) (315.2   |
| Net Proceeds from Stock Options  | 88.2                               | 122.0      |
| Cash Dividends Paid on Common Stock  | (237.8                             | ) (225.4   |
| Cash Dividends Paid on Preferred Stock   | (21.2                              | ) —        |
| Other Financing Activities, net  | 17.4                               | (145.6     |
| Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities  | 11,569.4                           | 7,491.1    |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|  |           |           |   |
|--|-----------|-----------|---|
| Effect of Foreign Currency Exchange Rates on Cash  | (107.3    | ) 57.8    |   |
| Increase in Cash and Due from Banks                | 1,435.3   | (243.5    | ) |
| Cash and Due from Banks at Beginning of Year       | 3,050.6   | 3,162.4   |   |
| Cash and Due from Banks at End of Period           | \$4,485.9 | \$2,918.9 |   |
| Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information: |           |           |   |
| Interest Paid                                      | \$120.0   | \$146.4   |   |
| Income Taxes Paid                                  | 526.9     | 159.7     |   |
| Transfers from Loans to OREO                       | 10.4      | 10.0      |   |

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

31

---

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation — The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Northern Trust Corporation (Corporation) and its subsidiaries (collectively, Northern Trust). Significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. The consolidated financial statements, as of and for the periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, have not been audited by the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm. In the opinion of management, all accounting entries and adjustments, including normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and the results of operations for the interim periods have been made. The accounting and financial reporting policies of Northern Trust conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and reporting practices prescribed by the banking industry. For a description of Northern Trust's significant accounting policies, refer to Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements — In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." The ASU is a converged standard between the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) that provides a single comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers across transactions and industries. The primary objective of the ASU is revenue recognition that represents the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Northern Trust is currently assessing the impact of adoption of ASU 2014-09.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, "Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis" which changes the guidance with respect to the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. The amendments include: (1) modifying the evaluation of limited partnerships and similar legal entities, (2) amending when fees paid to a decision maker should be included in the variable interest entity analysis, (3) amending the related party relationship guidance, and (4) providing a scope exception from the consolidation guidance for reporting entities with interests in certain investment funds. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, although early adoption is permitted. Northern Trust is currently assessing the impact of adoption of ASU 2015-02.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, "Interest — Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs" which requires that debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction to the carrying amount of the associated debt liability. The ASU is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, although early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this ASU is not expected to impact significantly Northern Trust's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-05, "Intangibles — Goodwill and Other — Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement" which clarifies whether fees paid by a customer in a cloud computing arrangement pertain to the acquisition of a software license, services, or both. The ASU is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, although early adoption is permitted. Northern Trust is currently assessing the impact of adoption of ASU 2015-05.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-16, "Business Combinations (Topic 805): Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments" which requires that the acquirer recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustment amount is determined. Further, the effect on earnings of changes in depreciation, amortization, or other income effects, if any, as a result of the change to the provisional amounts, calculated as if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date, are to be recorded in the same period's financial statements. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years, although earlier application is permitted for financial statements that have not been issued. The adoption of this ASU is not expected to impact significantly Northern Trust's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

3. Fair Value Measurements — Fair Value Hierarchy. The following describes the hierarchy of valuation inputs (Levels 1, 2, and 3) used to measure fair value and the primary valuation methodologies used by Northern Trust for financial

instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity; unobservable inputs reflect the entity's own assumptions about how market participants would value an asset or liability based on the best information available. GAAP requires an entity measuring fair value to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and establishes a fair value hierarchy of inputs. Financial instruments are categorized within the hierarchy based on the lowest level input that is significant to their valuation. Northern Trust's policy is to recognize

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

transfers into and transfers out of fair value levels as of the end of the reporting period in which the transfer occurred. No transfers between fair value levels occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 or the year ended December 31, 2014.

Level 1 — Quoted, active market prices for identical assets or liabilities.

Northern Trust's Level 1 assets are comprised of available for sale investments in U.S. treasury securities.

Level 2 — Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted active market prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in inactive markets, and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets.

Northern Trust's Level 2 assets include available for sale and trading account securities, the fair values of which are determined predominantly by external pricing vendors. Prices received from vendors are compared to other vendor and third-party prices. If a security price obtained from a pricing vendor is determined to exceed pre-determined tolerance levels that are assigned based on an asset type's characteristics, the exception is researched and, if the price is not able to be validated, an alternate pricing vendor is utilized, consistent with Northern Trust's pricing source hierarchy. As of September 30, 2015, Northern Trust's available for sale securities portfolio included 987 Level 2 securities with an aggregate market value of \$26.0 billion. All 987 securities were valued by external pricing vendors. As of December 31, 2014, Northern Trust's available for sale securities portfolio included 881 Level 2 securities with an aggregate market value of \$25.0 billion. All 881 securities were valued by external pricing vendors. Trading account securities, which totaled \$0.5 million and \$4.7 million as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively, were all valued using external pricing vendors.

Northern Trust has established processes and procedures to assess the suitability of valuation methodologies used by external pricing vendors, including reviews of valuation techniques and assumptions used for selected securities. Quality control reviews of prices received from vendors are conducted on a daily basis, which include comparisons to prices on similar security types received from multiple pricing vendors and to the previous day's reported prices for each security. Predetermined tolerance level exceptions are researched and may result in additional validation through available market information or the use of an alternate pricing vendor. Quarterly, Northern Trust reviews documentation from third-party pricing vendors regarding the valuation processes and assumptions used in their valuations and assesses whether the fair value levels assigned by Northern Trust to each security classification are appropriate. Annually, valuation inputs used within third-party pricing vendor valuations are reviewed for propriety on a sample basis through a comparison of inputs used to comparable market data, including security classifications that are less actively traded and security classifications comprising significant portions of the portfolio.

Level 2 assets and liabilities also include derivative contracts which are valued internally using widely accepted income-based models that incorporate inputs readily observable in actively quoted markets and reflect the contractual terms of the contracts. Observable inputs include foreign exchange rates and interest rates for foreign exchange contracts; interest rates for interest rate swap contracts and forward contracts; and interest rates and volatility inputs for interest rate option contracts. Northern Trust evaluates the impact of counterparty credit risk and its own credit risk on the valuation of its derivative instruments. Factors considered include the likelihood of default by Northern Trust and its counterparties, the remaining maturities of the instruments, net exposures after giving effect to master netting arrangements or similar agreements, available collateral, and other credit enhancements in determining the appropriate fair value of derivative instruments. The resulting valuation adjustments have not been considered material.

Level 3 — Valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs are unobservable in the marketplace.

Northern Trust's Level 3 assets consist of auction rate securities purchased in 2008 from Northern Trust clients. To estimate the fair value of auction rate securities, for which trading is limited and market prices are generally unavailable, Northern Trust developed and maintains a pricing model that discounts estimated cash flows over their estimated remaining lives. Significant inputs to the model include the contractual terms of the securities, credit risk ratings, discount rates, forward interest rates, credit/liquidity spreads, and Northern Trust's own assumptions about the estimated remaining lives of the securities. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement are Northern Trust's own assumptions about the estimated remaining lives of the securities and the applicable discount

rates. Significant increases (decreases) in the estimated remaining lives or the discount rates in isolation would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.

As of September 30, 2015, Northern Trust's Level 3 liabilities consisted of a swap that Northern Trust entered into with the purchaser of 1.0 million shares of Visa Inc. Class B common stock (Visa Class B common shares) previously held by Northern Trust. Pursuant to the swap, Northern Trust retains the risks associated with the ultimate conversion of the Visa Class B common shares into shares of Visa Inc. Class A common stock (Visa Class A common shares), such that the counterparty will be compensated for any dilutive



Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

adjustments to the conversion ratio and Northern Trust will be compensated for any anti-dilutive adjustments to the ratio. The swap also requires periodic payments from Northern Trust to the counterparty calculated by reference to the market price of Visa Class A common shares and a fixed rate of interest. The fair value of the swap is determined using a discounted cash flow methodology. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement are Northern Trust's own assumptions about estimated changes in the conversion rate of the Visa Class B common shares into Visa Class A common shares, the date on which such conversion is expected to occur and the estimated growth rate of the Visa Class A common share price. See "Visa Class B Common Shares" under Note 19 — Contingent Liabilities for further information.

Northern Trust believes its valuation methods for its assets and liabilities carried at fair value are appropriate; however, the use of different methodologies or assumptions, particularly as applied to Level 3 assets and liabilities, could have a material effect on the computation of their estimated fair values.

Management of various businesses and departments of Northern Trust (including Corporate Market Risk, Credit Risk Management, Corporate Financial Management, Corporate & Institutional Services (C&IS) and Wealth Management) determine the valuation policies and procedures for Level 3 assets and liabilities. Generally, valuation policies are reviewed by management of each business or department. Fair value measurements are performed upon acquisitions of an asset or liability. As necessary, the valuation models are reviewed by management of the appropriate business or department, and adjusted for changes in inputs. Management of each business or department reviews the inputs in order to substantiate the unobservable inputs used in each fair value measurement. When appropriate, management reviews forecasts used in the valuation process in light of other relevant financial projections to understand any variances between current and previous fair value measurements. In certain circumstances, third-party information is used to support the fair value measurements. If certain third-party information seems inconsistent with consensus views, a review of the information is performed by management of the respective business or department to conclude as to the appropriate fair value of the asset or liability.

The following presents the fair values of, and the valuation techniques, significant unobservable inputs, and quantitative information used to develop significant unobservable inputs for, Northern Trust's Level 3 assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2015.

Table 28: Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs

| Financial Instrument                                       | Fair Value      | Valuation Technique  | Unobservable Inputs       | Range of Lives and Rates |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Auction Rate Securities                                    | \$ 16.2 million | Discounted Cash Flow | Remaining lives           | 0.67 — 8.64 years        |
| Swap Related to Sale of Certain Visa Class B Common Shares | \$ 10.9 million | Discounted Cash Flow | Discount rates            | 0.01 % — 8.48%           |
|  |                 |                      | Visa Class A Appreciation | 9.5 % — 15.0%            |
|  |                 |                      | Conversion Rate           | 1.61x — 1.65x            |
|  |                 |                      | Expected Conversion Rate  | 1.75 — 5.00 years        |

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The following tables present assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, segregated by fair value hierarchy level.

Table 29: Recurring Basis Hierarchy Leveling

| (In Millions)  | Level 1   | Level 2   | Level 3 | Netting      | Assets/Liabilities at Fair Value |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| September 30, 2015                                     |           |           |         |              |                                  |
| Securities   |           |           |         |              |                                  |
| Available for Sale                                     |           |           |         |              |                                  |
| U.S. Government  | \$5,125.1 | \$—       | \$—     | \$—          | \$ 5,125.1                       |
| Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions       | —         | 4.5       | —       | —            | 4.5                              |
| Government Sponsored Agency                            | —         | 15,705.9  | —       | —            | 15,705.9                         |
| Non-U.S. Government                                    | —         | 311.0     | —       | —            | 311.0                            |
| Corporate Debt   | —         | 3,794.6   | —       | —            | 3,794.6                          |
| Covered Bonds  | —         | 2,073.5   | —       | —            | 2,073.5                          |
| Sub-Sovereign, Supranational and Non-U.S. Agency Bonds | —         | 836.1     | —       | —            | 836.1                            |
| Other Asset-Backed                                     | —         | 2,815.7   | —       | —            | 2,815.7                          |
| Auction Rate   | —         | —         | 16.2    | —            | 16.2                             |
| Commercial Mortgage-Backed                             | —         | 299.4     | —       | —            | 299.4                            |
| Other  | —         | 109.7     | —       | —            | 109.7                            |
| Total Available for Sale                               | 5,125.1   | 25,950.4  | 16.2    | —            | 31,091.7                         |
| Trading Account  | —         | 0.5       | —       | —            | 0.5                              |
| Total Available for Sale and Trading Securities        | 5,125.1   | 25,950.9  | 16.2    | —            | 31,092.2                         |
| Other Assets   |           |           |         |              |                                  |
| Derivative Assets                                      |           |           |         |              |                                  |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts                             | —         | 2,818.3   | —       | —            | 2,818.3                          |
| Interest Rate Contracts                                | —         | 282.8     | —       | —            | 282.8                            |
| Total Derivative Assets                                | —         | 3,101.1   | —       | (1,167.0 )   | 1,934.1                          |
| Other Liabilities                                      |           |           |         |              |                                  |
| Derivative Liabilities                                 |           |           |         |              |                                  |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts                             | —         | 2,774.6   | —       | —            | 2,774.6                          |
| Interest Rate Contracts                                | —         | 165.5     | —       | —            | 165.5                            |
| Other Financial Derivatives (1)                        | —         | —         | 10.9    | —            | 10.9                             |
| Total Derivative Liabilities                           | \$—       | \$2,940.1 | \$10.9  | \$(2,261.3 ) | \$ 689.7                         |

Note: Northern Trust has elected to net derivative assets and liabilities when legally enforceable master netting arrangements or similar agreements exist between Northern Trust and the counterparty. As of September 30, 2015, derivative assets and liabilities shown above also include reductions of \$69.0 million and \$1.2 billion, respectively, as a result of cash collateral received from and deposited with derivative counterparties.

(1) This line includes a swap related to the sale of certain Visa Class B common shares.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

| (In Millions)                                       | Level 1   | Level 2   | Level 3 | Netting    | Assets/Liabilities<br>at Fair Value |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| December 31, 2014                                   |           |           |         |            |                                     |
| Securities  |           |           |         |            |                                     |
| Available for Sale                                  |           |           |         |            |                                     |
| U.S. Government                                     | \$4,506.9 | \$—       | \$—     | \$—        | \$ 4,506.9                          |
| Obligations of States and Political<br>Subdivisions | —         | 4.6       | —       | —          | 4.6                                 |
| Government Sponsored Agency                         | —         | 16,389.2  | —       | —          | 16,389.2                            |
| Non-U.S. Government                                 | —         | 310.4     | —       | —          | 310.4                               |
| Corporate Debt                                      | —         | 3,577.7   | —       | —          | 3,577.7                             |
| Covered Bonds                                       | —         | 1,907.5   | —       | —          | 1,907.5                             |
| Supranational and Non-U.S.<br>Agency Bonds          | —         | 360.6     | —       | —          | 360.6                               |
| Residential Mortgage-Backed                         | —         | 6.4       | —       | —          | 6.4                                 |
| Other Asset-Backed                                  | —         | 2,321.3   | —       | —          | 2,321.3                             |
| Auction Rate  | —         | —         | 18.1    | —          | 18.1                                |
| Other   | —         | 155.8     | —       | —          | 155.8                               |
| Total Available for Sale                            | 4,506.9   | 25,033.5  | 18.1    | —          | 29,558.5                            |
| Trading Account                                     | —         | 4.7       | —       | —          | 4.7                                 |
| Total Available for Sale and<br>Trading Securities  | 4,506.9   | 25,038.2  | 18.1    | —          | 29,563.2                            |
| Other Assets  |           |           |         |            |                                     |
| Derivative Assets                                   |           |           |         |            |                                     |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts                          | —         | 4,275.2   | —       | —          | 4,275.2                             |
| Interest Rate Contracts                             | —         | 232.3     | —       | —          | 232.3                               |
| Total Derivative Assets                             | —         | 4,507.5   | —       | (2,257.1   | ) 2,250.4                           |
| Other Liabilities                                   |           |           |         |            |                                     |
| Derivative Liabilities                              |           |           |         |            |                                     |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts                          | —         | 4,095.5   | —       | —          | 4,095.5                             |
| Interest Rate Contracts                             | —         | 131.8     | —       | —          | 131.8                               |
| Total Derivative Liabilities                        | \$—       | \$4,227.3 | \$—     | \$(3,173.3 | ) \$ 1,054.0                        |

Note: Northern Trust has elected to net derivative assets and liabilities when legally enforceable master netting arrangements or similar agreements exist between Northern Trust and the counterparty. As of December 31, 2014, derivative assets and liabilities shown above also include reductions of \$315.8 million and \$1.2 billion, respectively, as a result of cash collateral received from and deposited with derivative counterparties.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The following tables present the changes in Level 3 assets and liabilities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014.

Table 30: Changes in Level 3 Assets

| Level 3 Assets (In Millions)               | Auction Rate Securities |         |
|--|-------------------------|---------|
|  | 2015                    | 2014    |
| Three Months Ended September 30,           |                         |         |
| Fair Value at July 1                       | \$16.6                  | \$98.8  |
| Total Gains (Losses):                      |                         |         |
| Included in Earnings                       | —                       | 0.7     |
| Included in Other Comprehensive Income (2) | (0.4                    | ) 0.1   |
| Purchases, Issues, Sales, and Settlements  |                         |         |
| Sales                                      | —                       | (14.4   |
| Settlements                                | —                       | )       |
| Fair Value at September 30                 | \$16.2                  | \$85.2  |
| Nine Months Ended September 30,            |                         |         |
| Fair Value at January 1                    | \$18.1                  | \$98.9  |
| Total Gains (Losses):                      |                         |         |
| Included in Earnings (1)                   | —                       | 0.7     |
| Included in Other Comprehensive Income (2) | (0.2                    | ) 0.4   |
| Purchases, Issues, Sales, and Settlements  |                         |         |
| Sales                                      | (1.2                    | ) (14.4 |
| Settlements                                | (0.5                    | ) (0.4  |
| Fair Value at September 30                 | \$16.2                  | \$85.2  |

Realized gains for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014 of \$0.7 million represent gains from (1) redemptions by issues. Gains on sales are recorded in investment security gains (losses) and gains on redemptions are recorded in interest income, within the consolidated statements of income.

(2) Unrealized gains (losses) are included in net unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

Table 31: Changes in Level 3 Liabilities

| Level 3 Liabilities (In Millions)         | Contingent Consideration |      | Swap Related to Sale of Certain Visa Class B Common Shares |      |
|---|--------------------------|------|--|------|
|   | 2015                     | 2014 | 2015   | 2014 |
| Three Months Ended September 30,          |                          |      |  |      |
| Fair Value at July 1                      | \$—                      | \$—  | \$11.3   | \$—  |
| Total (Gains) Losses:                     |                          |      |  |      |
| Included in Earnings (1)                  | —                        | —    | 0.2  | —    |
| Included in Other Comprehensive Income    | —                        | —    | —  | —    |
| Purchases, Issues, Sales, and Settlements |                          |      |  |      |
| Purchases                                 | —                        | —    | —  | —    |
| Settlements                               | —                        | —    | (0.6   | ) —  |
| Fair Value at September 30                | \$—                      | \$—  | \$10.9   | \$—  |

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

|   |      |        |        |      |
|---|------|--------|--------|------|
| Nine Months Ended September 30,           | 2015 | 2014   | 2015   | 2014 |
| Fair Value at January 1                   | \$—  | \$55.4 | \$—    | \$—  |
| Total (Gains) Losses:                     |      |        |        |      |
| Included in Earnings (1)                  | —    | (0.1   | ) 11.5 | —    |
| Included in Other Comprehensive Income    | —    | —      | —      | —    |
| Purchases, Issues, Sales, and Settlements |      |        |        |      |
| Purchases                                 | —    | —      | —      | —    |
| Settlements                               | —    | (55.3  | ) (0.6 | ) —  |
| Fair Value at September 30                | \$—  | \$—    | \$10.9 | \$—  |

(1)(Gains) losses are recorded in other operating income (expense) in the consolidated statements of income.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, there were no transfers into or out of Level 3 assets or liabilities.

Carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis may be adjusted to fair value in periods subsequent to their initial recognition, for example, to record an impairment of an asset. GAAP requires entities to disclose separately these subsequent fair value measurements and to classify them under the fair value hierarchy.

Assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at September 30, 2015, and 2014, all of which were categorized as Level 3 under the fair value hierarchy, were comprised of impaired loans whose values were based on real estate and other available collateral, and of other real estate owned (OREO) properties. Fair values of real-estate loan collateral were estimated using a market approach typically supported by third-party valuations and property-specific fees and taxes, and were subject to adjustments to reflect management's judgment as to realizable value. Other loan collateral, which typically consists of accounts receivable, inventory and equipment, is valued using a market approach adjusted for asset-specific characteristics and in limited instances third-party valuations are used. OREO assets are carried at the lower of cost or fair value less estimated costs to sell, with fair value typically based on third-party appraisals.

Collateral-based impaired loans and OREO assets that have been adjusted to fair value totaled \$10.9 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, at September 30, 2015, and \$26.6 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, at September 30, 2014. Assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis reflect management's judgment as to realizable value.

The following table provides the fair value of, and the valuation technique, significant unobservable inputs and quantitative information used to develop the significant unobservable inputs for, Northern Trust's Level 3 assets that were measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as of September 30, 2015.

Table 32: Level 3 Nonrecurring Basis Significant Unobservable Inputs

| Financial Instrument | Fair Value     | Valuation Technique | Unobservable Input                   | Range of Discounts Applied |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Loans                | \$10.9 million | Market Approach     | Discount to reflect realizable value | 15 %- 25%                  |
| OREO                 | \$0.3 million  | Market Approach     | Discount to reflect realizable value | 15 %- 20%                  |

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments.** GAAP requires disclosure of the estimated fair value of certain financial instruments and the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair value. It excludes from this requirement nonfinancial assets and liabilities, as well as a wide range of franchise, relationship and intangible values that add value to Northern Trust. Accordingly, the required fair value disclosures provide only a partial estimate of the fair value of Northern Trust. Financial instruments recorded at fair value in Northern Trust's consolidated balance sheets are discussed above. The following methods and assumptions were used in estimating the fair values of financial instruments that are not carried at fair value.

**Held to Maturity Securities.** The fair values of held to maturity securities were modeled by external pricing vendors, or in limited cases internally, using widely accepted models which are based on an income approach (discounted cash

flow) that incorporates current market yield curves.

38

---

Table of Contents

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Loans (excluding lease receivables). The fair value of the loan portfolio was estimated using an income approach (discounted cash flow) that incorporates current market rates offered by Northern Trust as of the date of the consolidated financial statements. The fair values of all loans were adjusted to reflect current assessments of loan collectability. Loans held for sale are recorded at the lower of cost or fair value.

Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank Stock. The fair values of Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock are equal to their carrying values which represent redemption value.

Community Development Investments. The fair values of these instruments were estimated using an income approach (discounted cash flow) that incorporates current market rates.

Employee Benefit and Deferred Compensation. These assets include U.S. Treasury securities and investments in mutual and collective trust funds held to fund certain supplemental employee benefit obligations and deferred compensation plans. Fair values of U.S. Treasury securities were determined using quoted, active market prices for identical securities. The fair values of investments in mutual and collective trust funds were valued at the funds' net asset values based on a market approach.

Savings Certificates and Other Time Deposits. The fair values of these instruments were estimated using an income approach (discounted cash flow) that incorporates market interest rates currently offered by Northern Trust for deposits with similar maturities.

Senior Notes, Subordinated Debt, and Floating Rate Capital Debt. Fair values were determined using a market approach based on quoted market prices, when available. If quoted market prices were not available, fair values were based on quoted market prices for comparable instruments.

Federal Home Loan Bank Borrowings. The fair values of these instruments were estimated using an income approach (discounted cash flow) that incorporates market interest rates available to Northern Trust.

Loan Commitments. The fair values of loan commitments represent the estimated costs to terminate or otherwise settle the obligations with a third party adjusted for any related allowance for credit losses.

Standby Letters of Credit. The fair values of standby letters of credit are measured as the amount of unamortized fees on these instruments, inclusive of the related allowance for credit losses. Fees are determined by applying basis points to the principal amounts of the letters of credit.

Financial Instruments Valued at Carrying Value. Due to their short maturity, the carrying values of certain financial instruments approximated their fair values. These financial instruments include: cash and due from banks; federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell; interest-bearing deposits with banks; Federal Reserve deposits; client security settlement receivables; non-U.S. offices interest-bearing deposits; federal funds purchased; securities sold under agreements to repurchase; and other borrowings (includes term federal funds purchased and other short-term borrowings). The fair values of demand, noninterest-bearing, savings, and money market deposits represent the amounts payable on demand as of the reporting date, although such deposits are typically priced at a premium in banking industry consolidations.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The following tables summarize the fair values of all financial instruments.

Table 33: Fair Value of Financial Instruments

(In Millions)

|   | September 30, 2015 |                  | Fair Value |          |          |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------|----------|----------|
|   | Book Value         | Total Fair Value | Level 1    | Level 2  | Level 3  |
| <b>Assets</b>   |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Cash and Due from Banks                               | \$4,485.9          | \$4,485.9        | \$4,485.9  | \$—      | \$—      |
| Federal Funds Sold and Resell Agreements              | 1,255.6            | 1,255.6          | —          | 1,255.6  | —        |
| Interest-Bearing Deposits with Banks                  | 13,935.0           | 13,935.0         | —          | 13,935.0 | —        |
| Federal Reserve Deposits                              | 22,252.0           | 22,252.0         | —          | 22,252.0 | —        |
| <b>Securities</b>                                     |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Available for Sale (1)                                | 31,091.7           | 31,091.7         | 5,125.1    | 25,950.4 | 16.2     |
| Held to Maturity                                      | 5,846.5            | 5,832.6          | —          | 5,832.6  | —        |
| Trading Account                                       | 0.5                | 0.5              | —          | 0.5      | —        |
| <b>Loans (excluding Leases)</b>                       |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Held for Investment                                   | 31,997.3           | 32,245.0         | —          | —        | 32,245.0 |
| Held for Sale   | 335.3              | 335.3            | —          | —        | 335.3    |
| Client Security Settlement Receivables                | 1,918.4            | 1,918.4          | —          | 1,918.4  | —        |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                                   |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank Stock      | 253.1              | 253.1            | —          | 253.1    | —        |
| Community Development Investments                     | 176.5              | 178.7            | —          | 178.7    | —        |
| Employee Benefit and Deferred Compensation            | 155.5              | 154.3            | 106.2      | 48.1     | —        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                    |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| <b>Deposits</b>                                       |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Demand, Noninterest-Bearing, Savings and Money Market | \$44,655.0         | \$44,655.0       | \$44,655.0 | \$—      | \$—      |
| Savings Certificates and Other Time                   | 1,457.1            | 1,469.3          | —          | 1,469.3  | —        |
| Non U.S. Offices Interest-Bearing                     | 53,823.8           | 53,823.8         | —          | 53,823.8 | —        |
| Federal Funds Purchased                               | 343.5              | 343.5            | —          | 343.5    | —        |
| Securities Sold under Agreements to Repurchase        | 484.5              | 484.5            | —          | 484.5    | —        |
| Other Borrowings                                      | 4,080.6            | 4,085.4          | —          | 4,085.4  | —        |
| Senior Notes  | 1,497.3            | 1,544.5          | —          | 1,544.5  | —        |
| <b>Long Term Debt (excluding Leases)</b>              |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Subordinated Debt                                     | 1,363.2            | 1,342.9          | —          | 1,342.9  | —        |
| Floating Rate Capital Debt                            | 277.3              | 238.4            | —          | 238.4    | —        |
| <b>Other Liabilities</b>                              |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Standby Letters of Credit                             | 38.1               | 38.1             | —          | —        | 38.1     |
| Loan Commitments                                      | 24.6               | 24.6             | —          | —        | 24.6     |
| <b>Derivative Instruments</b>                         |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| <b>Asset/Liability Management</b>                     |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| <b>Foreign Exchange Contracts</b>                     |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Assets  | \$39.3             | \$39.3           | \$—        | \$39.3   | \$—      |
| Liabilities   | 22.7               | 22.7             | —          | 22.7     | —        |
| <b>Interest Rate Contracts</b>                        |                    |                  |            |          |          |
| Assets  | 143.7              | 143.7            | —          | 143.7    | —        |
| Liabilities   | 29.4               | 29.4             | —          | 29.4     | —        |
| <b>Other Financial Derivatives (2)</b>                |                    |                  |            |          |          |



Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|  |         |         |   |         |      |
|--|---------|---------|---|---------|------|
| Liabilities  | 10.9    | 10.9    | — | —       | 10.9 |
| Client-Related and Trading<br>Foreign Exchange Contracts |         |         |   |         |      |
| Assets   | 2,779.0 | 2,779.0 | — | 2,779.0 | —    |
| Liabilities  | 2,751.9 | 2,751.9 | — | 2,751.9 | —    |
| Interest Rate Contracts                                  |         |         |   |         |      |
| Assets   | 139.1   | 139.1   | — | 139.1   | —    |
| Liabilities  | 136.1   | 136.1   | — | 136.1   | —    |

(1) Refer to the table located on page 35 for the disaggregation of available for sale securities.

(2) This line includes a swap related to the sale of certain Visa Class B common shares.

40

---

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

| (In Millions)   | December 31, 2014 |                  | Fair Value |          |          |
|---|-------------------|------------------|------------|----------|----------|
|   | Book Value        | Total Fair Value | Level 1    | Level 2  | Level 3  |
| <b>Assets</b>   |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Cash and Due from Banks                               | \$3,050.6         | \$3,050.6        | \$3,050.6  | \$—      | \$—      |
| Federal Funds Sold and Resell Agreements              | 1,062.7           | 1,062.7          | —          | 1,062.7  | —        |
| Interest-Bearing Deposits with Banks                  | 14,928.3          | 14,928.3         | —          | 14,928.3 | —        |
| Federal Reserve Deposits                              | 17,386.3          | 17,386.3         | —          | 17,386.3 | —        |
| <b>Securities</b>                                     |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Available for Sale (1)                                | 29,558.5          | 29,558.5         | 4,506.9    | 25,033.5 | 18.1     |
| Held to Maturity                                      | 4,170.8           | 4,176.1          | —          | 4,176.1  | —        |
| Trading Account                                       | 4.7               | 4.7              | —          | 4.7      | —        |
| <b>Loans (excluding Leases)</b>                       |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Held for Investment                                   | 30,458.0          | 30,600.4         | —          | —        | 30,600.4 |
| Held for Sale   | 2.5               | 2.5              | —          | —        | 2.5      |
| Client Security Settlement Receivables                | 1,568.8           | 1,568.8          | —          | 1,568.8  | —        |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                                   |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank Stock      | 207.5             | 207.5            | —          | 207.5    | —        |
| Community Development Investments                     | 209.9             | 210.8            | —          | 210.8    | —        |
| Employee Benefit and Deferred Compensation            | 143.2             | 146.7            | 96.7       | 50.0     | —        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                    |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| <b>Deposits</b>                                       |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Demand, Noninterest-Bearing, Savings and Money Market | \$41,454.6        | \$41,454.6       | \$41,454.6 | \$—      | \$—      |
| Savings Certificates and Other Time                   | 1,757.4           | 1,757.0          | —          | 1,757.0  | —        |
| Non U.S. Offices Interest-Bearing                     | 47,545.0          | 47,545.0         | —          | 47,545.0 | —        |
| Federal Funds Purchased                               | 932.9             | 932.9            | —          | 932.9    | —        |
| Securities Sold under Agreements to Repurchase        | 885.1             | 885.1            | —          | 885.1    | —        |
| Other Borrowings                                      | 1,685.2           | 1,686.2          | —          | 1,686.2  | —        |
| Senior Notes  | 1,497.0           | 1,541.8          | —          | 1,541.8  | —        |
| <b>Long Term Debt (excluding Leases)</b>              |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Subordinated Debt                                     | 1,583.3           | 1,583.4          | —          | 1,583.4  | —        |
| Floating Rate Capital Debt                            | 277.2             | 242.8            | —          | 242.8    | —        |
| <b>Other Liabilities</b>                              |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Standby Letters of Credit                             | 60.1              | 60.1             | —          | —        | 60.1     |
| Loan Commitments                                      | 28.3              | 28.3             | —          | —        | 28.3     |
| <b>Derivative Instruments</b>                         |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| <b>Asset/Liability Management</b>                     |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| <b>Foreign Exchange Contracts</b>                     |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Assets  | \$125.7           | \$125.7          | \$—        | \$125.7  | \$—      |
| Liabilities   | 23.5              | 23.5             | —          | 23.5     | —        |
| <b>Interest Rate Contracts</b>                        |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Assets  | 126.8             | 126.8            | —          | 126.8    | —        |
| Liabilities   | 30.5              | 30.5             | —          | 30.5     | —        |
| <b>Client-Related and Trading</b>                     |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| <b>Foreign Exchange Contracts</b>                     |                   |                  |            |          |          |
| Assets  | 4,149.5           | 4,149.5          | —          | 4,149.5  | —        |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|                         |         |         |   |         |   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---|---------|---|
| Liabilities             | 4,072.0 | 4,072.0 | — | 4,072.0 | — |
| Interest Rate Contracts |         |         |   |         |   |
| Assets                  | 105.5   | 105.5   | — | 105.5   | — |
| Liabilities             | 101.3   | 101.3   | — | 101.3   | — |

(1) Refer to the table located on page 36 for the disaggregation of available for sale securities.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

4. Securities — The following tables provide the amortized cost and fair values of securities at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

Table 34: Reconciliation of Amortized Cost to Fair Value of Securities Available for Sale

| Securities Available for Sale<br>(In Millions)         | September 30, 2015 |                        |        | Fair Value |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|--------|------------|
|  | Amortized Cost     | Gross Unrealized Gains | Losses |            |
| U.S. Government  | \$5,094.0          | \$31.1                 | \$—    | \$5,125.1  |
| Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions       | 4.5                | —                      | —      | 4.5        |
| Government Sponsored Agency                            | 15,637.4           | 81.2                   | 12.7   | 15,705.9   |
| Non-U.S. Government                                    | 310.8              | 0.2                    | —      | 311.0      |
| Corporate Debt   | 3,810.7            | 4.0                    | 20.1   | 3,794.6    |
| Covered Bonds  | 2,073.2            | 3.3                    | 3.0    | 2,073.5    |
| Sub-Sovereign, Supranational and Non-U.S. Agency Bonds | 834.8              | 1.5                    | 0.2    | 836.1      |
| Other Asset-Backed                                     | 2,817.2            | 0.6                    | 2.1    | 2,815.7    |
| Auction Rate   | 16.7               | 0.5                    | 1.0    | 16.2       |
| Commercial Mortgage-Backed                             | 298.8              | 0.7                    | 0.1    | 299.4      |
| Other  | 109.5              | 0.2                    | —      | 109.7      |
| Total  | \$31,007.6         | \$123.3                | \$39.2 | \$31,091.7 |
| Securities Available for Sale<br>(In Millions)         | December 31, 2014  |                        |        | Fair Value |
|  | Amortized Cost     | Gross Unrealized Gains | Losses |            |
| U.S. Government  | \$4,493.5          | \$15.1                 | \$1.7  | \$4,506.9  |
| Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions       | 4.5                | 0.1                    | —      | 4.6        |
| Government Sponsored Agency                            | 16,326.4           | 82.3                   | 19.5   | 16,389.2   |
| Non-U.S. Government                                    | 309.5              | 0.9                    | —      | 310.4      |
| Corporate Debt   | 3,617.5            | 1.8                    | 41.6   | 3,577.7    |
| Covered Bonds  | 1,899.9            | 7.9                    | 0.3    | 1,907.5    |
| Supranational and Non-U.S. Agency Bonds                | 360.0              | 1.5                    | 0.9    | 360.6      |
| Residential Mortgage-Backed                            | 6.9                | —                      | 0.5    | 6.4        |
| Other Asset-Backed                                     | 2,321.8            | 0.5                    | 1.0    | 2,321.3    |
| Auction Rate   | 18.4               | 0.5                    | 0.8    | 18.1       |
| Other  | 155.7              | 0.3                    | 0.2    | 155.8      |
| Total  | \$29,514.1         | \$110.9                | \$66.5 | \$29,558.5 |

Table of Contents

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Table 35: Reconciliation of Amortized Cost to Fair Value of Securities Held to Maturity

| Securities Held to Maturity<br><br>(In Millions)       | September 30, 2015 |                        |               | Fair Value       |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|
|  | Amortized Cost     | Gross Unrealized Gains | Losses        |                  |
| Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions       | \$97.2             | \$5.8                  | \$—           | \$103.0          |
| Government Sponsored Agency                            | 10.6               | 0.7                    | —             | 11.3             |
| Covered Bonds  | 408.9              | 0.3                    | 0.6           | 408.6            |
| Non-U.S. Government                                    | 1,187.1            | 6.6                    | 0.4           | 1,193.3          |
| Certificates of Deposit                                | 1,732.5            | 0.2                    | 0.2           | 1,732.5          |
| Sub-Sovereign, Supranational and Non-U.S. Agency Bonds | 2,314.6            | 8.1                    | 0.3           | 2,322.4          |
| Other  | 95.6               | —                      | 34.1          | 61.5             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$5,846.5</b>   | <b>\$21.7</b>          | <b>\$35.6</b> | <b>\$5,832.6</b> |
| Securities Held to Maturity<br><br>(In Millions)       | December 31, 2014  |                        |               | Fair Value       |
|  | Amortized Cost     | Gross Unrealized Gains | Losses        |                  |
| Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions       | \$121.9            | \$7.4                  | \$—           | \$129.3          |
| Government Sponsored Agency                            | 18.4               | 1.1                    | —             | 19.5             |
| Non-U.S. Government                                    | 1,281.6            | 6.6                    | 0.4           | 1,287.8          |
| Certificates of Deposit                                | 924.3              | 0.1                    | 0.1           | 924.3            |
| Supranational and Non-U.S. Agency Bonds                | 1,745.8            | 10.9                   | 0.5           | 1,756.2          |
| Other  | 78.8               | 0.3                    | 20.1          | 59.0             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$4,170.8</b>   | <b>\$26.4</b>          | <b>\$21.1</b> | <b>\$4,176.1</b> |

Securities held to maturity consist of debt securities that management intends to, and Northern Trust has the ability to, hold until maturity.

The following table provides the remaining maturity of securities as of September 30, 2015.

Table 36: Remaining Maturity of Securities Available for Sale and Held to Maturity

| (In Millions)                          | September 30, 2015 |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
|  | Amortized Cost     | Fair Value       |
| <b>Available for Sale</b>              |                    |                  |
| Due in One Year or Less                | \$8,454.1          | \$8,478.9        |
| Due After One Year Through Five Years  | 17,915.3           | 17,971.4         |
| Due After Five Years Through Ten Years | 3,677.6            | 3,678.8          |
| Due After Ten Years                    | 960.6              | 962.6            |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>31,007.6</b>    | <b>31,091.7</b>  |
| <b>Held to Maturity</b>                |                    |                  |
| Due in One Year or Less                | 2,499.8            | 2,501.3          |
| Due After One Year Through Five Years  | 3,278.4            | 3,292.3          |
| Due After Five Years Through Ten Years | 15.5               | 12.2             |
| Due After Ten Years                    | 52.8               | 26.8             |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$5,846.5</b>   | <b>\$5,832.6</b> |

Note: Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities are included in the above table taking into account anticipated future prepayments.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Investment Security Gains and Losses. There were no net investment security gains or losses recognized in the three months ended September 30, 2015. Net investment security gains of \$0.3 million were recognized in the three months ended September 30, 2014. Gross proceeds from the sale of securities during the three months ended September 30, 2015 were \$3.8 million. Gross proceeds from the sale of securities during the three months ended September 30, 2014 of \$337.3 million resulted in gross realized gains and losses of \$1.0 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

Net investment security losses of \$0.3 million were recognized in the nine months ended September 30, 2015, representing net realized losses from the sale of securities. Net investment security losses of \$3.3 million were recognized in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and included \$3.9 million of charges related to the other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) of certain Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) eligible held to maturity securities. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, proceeds of \$110.3 million were received from the sale of securities, resulting in gross realized gains and losses of \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, proceeds of \$801.2 million were received from the sale of securities, resulting in gross realized gains and losses of \$1.7 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

Securities with Unrealized Losses. The following tables provide information regarding securities that had been in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than 12 months and for 12 months or longer as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

Table 37: Securities with Unrealized Losses

| Securities with Unrealized Losses as of<br>September 30, 2015 | Less than 12 Months |                      | 12 Months or Longer |                      | Total      |                      |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| (In Millions)   | Fair Value          | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair Value          | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized<br>Losses |
| Government Sponsored Agency                                   | 4,502.5             | 7.8                  | 701.0               | 4.9                  | 5,203.5    | 12.7                 |
| Non-U.S. Government   | 132.3               | 0.4                  | —                   | —                    | 132.3      | 0.4                  |
| Corporate Debt  | 1,244.0             | 6.0                  | 1,022.0             | 14.1                 | 2,266.0    | 20.1                 |
| Covered Bonds   | 842.0               | 3.6                  | —                   | —                    | 842.0      | 3.6                  |
| Sub-Sovereign, Supranational and Non-U.S.<br>Agency Bonds     | 494.3               | 0.4                  | 223.3               | 0.1                  | 717.6      | 0.5                  |
| Other Asset-Backed  | 1,657.6             | 2.0                  | 179.5               | 0.1                  | 1,837.1    | 2.1                  |
| Certificates of Deposit                                       | 555.1               | 0.2                  | —                   | —                    | 555.1      | 0.2                  |
| Auction Rate  | 1.4                 | 0.2                  | 4.3                 | 0.8                  | 5.7        | 1.0                  |
| Commercial Mortgage-Backed                                    | 57.7                | 0.1                  | —                   | —                    | 57.7       | 0.1                  |
| Other   | 37.3                | 16.7                 | 46.9                | 17.4                 | 84.2       | 34.1                 |
| Total   | \$9,524.2           | \$37.4               | \$2,177.0           | \$37.4               | \$11,701.2 | \$74.8               |
| Securities with Unrealized Losses as of<br>December 31, 2014  | Less than 12 Months |                      | 12 Months or Longer |                      | Total      |                      |
| (In Millions)   | Fair Value          | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair Value          | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized<br>Losses |
| U.S. Government   | \$998.2             | \$1.7                | \$—                 | \$—                  | \$998.2    | \$1.7                |
| Government Sponsored Agency                                   | 2,344.9             | 6.6                  | 1,730.0             | 12.9                 | 4,074.9    | 19.5                 |
| Non-U.S. Government   | 292.9               | 0.4                  | —                   | —                    | 292.9      | 0.4                  |
| Corporate Debt  | 1,244.5             | 3.9                  | 1,338.8             | 37.7                 | 2,583.3    | 41.6                 |
| Covered Bonds   | 142.3               | 0.2                  | 10.0                | 0.1                  | 152.3      | 0.3                  |
| Supranational and Non-U.S. Agency Bonds                       | 313.2               | 0.3                  | 175.5               | 1.1                  | 488.7      | 1.4                  |
| Residential Mortgage-Backed                                   | —                   | —                    | 4.5                 | 0.5                  | 4.5        | 0.5                  |
| Other Asset-Backed  | 1,297.6             | 1.0                  | —                   | —                    | 1,297.6    | 1.0                  |
| Certificates of Deposit                                       | 438.6               | 0.1                  | —                   | —                    | 438.6      | 0.1                  |
| Auction Rate  | 2.4                 | 0.2                  | 4.7                 | 0.6                  | 7.1        | 0.8                  |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|       |           |        |           |        |            |        |
|-------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|
| Other | 27.1      | 12.1   | 45.6      | 8.2    | 72.7       | 20.3   |
| Total | \$7,101.7 | \$26.5 | \$3,309.1 | \$61.1 | \$10,410.8 | \$87.6 |

As of September 30, 2015, 581 securities with a combined fair value of \$11.7 billion were in an unrealized loss position, with their unrealized losses totaling \$74.8 million. Unrealized losses of \$20.1 million within corporate debt securities primarily reflected

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

higher market rates since purchase; 35% of the corporate debt portfolio is backed by guarantees provided by U.S. and non-U.S. governmental entities. Unrealized losses of \$12.7 million related to government sponsored agency securities were primarily attributable to higher market interest rates since purchase.

Securities classified as “other asset-backed” had average lives less than 5 Years, and 99.6% were rated triple-A. The majority of the \$34.1 million of unrealized losses in securities classified as “other” at September 30, 2015, related to securities primarily purchased at a premium or par by Northern Trust for compliance with the CRA. Unrealized losses on these CRA-related securities were attributable to yields that are below market rates for the purpose of supporting institutions and programs that benefit low- to moderate- income communities within Northern Trust’s market area. Unrealized losses of \$1.0 million related to auction rate securities primarily reflected reduced market liquidity as a majority of auctions continued to fail, preventing holders from liquidating their investments at par. The remaining unrealized losses on Northern Trust’s securities portfolio as of September 30, 2015, were attributable to changes in overall market interest rates, increased credit spreads or reduced market liquidity. As of September 30, 2015, Northern Trust did not intend to sell any investment in an unrealized loss position and it was not more likely than not that Northern Trust would be required to sell any such investment before the recovery of its amortized cost basis, which may be maturity.

Security impairment reviews are conducted quarterly to identify and evaluate securities that have indications of possible OTTI. A determination as to whether a security’s decline in market value is other-than-temporary takes into consideration numerous factors and the relative significance of any single factor can vary by security. Factors Northern Trust considers in determining whether impairment is other-than-temporary include, but are not limited to: the length of time the security has been impaired; the severity of the impairment; the cause of the impairment and the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer; activity in the market of the issuer which may indicate adverse credit conditions; Northern Trust’s intent regarding the sale of the security as of the balance sheet date; and the likelihood that it will not be required to sell the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for the recovery of the security’s amortized cost basis. For each security meeting the requirements of Northern Trust’s internal screening process, an extensive review is conducted to determine if OTTI has occurred.

While all securities are considered, the process for identifying credit impairment within CRA-eligible mortgage-backed securities, the security type for which Northern Trust recognized all of its OTTI in 2014, incorporates an expected loss approach using discounted cash flows on the underlying collateral pools. To evaluate whether an unrealized loss on CRA-eligible mortgage-backed securities is other-than-temporary, a calculation of the security’s present value is made using current pool data, the current delinquency pipeline, default rates and loan loss severities based on the historical performance of like collateral, and Northern Trust’s outlook for the housing market and the overall economy. If the present value of the collateral pools was found to be less than the current amortized cost of the security, a credit-related OTTI loss would be recorded in earnings equal to the difference between the two amounts.

Impairments of CRA-eligible mortgage-backed securities are influenced by a number of factors, including but not limited to, U.S. economic and housing market performance, pool credit enhancement level, year of origination and estimated credit quality of the collateral. The factors used in estimating losses related to CRA-eligible mortgage-backed securities vary by vintage of loan origination and collateral quality.

There were no OTTI losses recognized in the three or nine months ended September 30, 2015 or in the three months ended September 30, 2014. There were \$3.9 million of OTTI losses recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 related to CRA-eligible mortgage-backed securities.



Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Credit Losses on Debt Securities. The table below provides information regarding total other-than-temporarily impaired securities, including noncredit-related amounts recognized in other comprehensive income and net impairment losses recognized in earnings, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 38: Net Impairment Losses Recognized in Earnings

| (In Millions)  | Three Months Ended |      | Nine Months Ended  |          |
|--|--------------------|------|--------------------|----------|
|  | September 30, 2015 | 2014 | September 30, 2015 | 2014     |
| Changes in OTTI Losses*  | \$—                | \$—  | \$—                | \$(4.6 ) |
| Noncredit-related Losses Recorded in / (Reclassified from) OCI** | —                  | —    | —                  | 0.7      |
| Net Impairment Losses Recognized in Earnings                     | \$—                | \$—  | \$—                | \$(3.9 ) |

For initial OTTI in the applicable period, the balance includes the excess of the amortized cost over the fair value of \*the impaired securities. For subsequent impairments of the same security, the balance includes any additional changes in fair value of the security subsequent to its most recently recorded OTTI.

For initial OTTI in the applicable period, the balance includes the portion of the excess of amortized cost over the \*\*fair value of the impaired securities that was recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI). For subsequent impairments of the same security, the balance includes additional changes in OCI for that security subsequent to its most recently recorded OTTI.

Provided in the table below are the cumulative credit-related losses recognized in earnings on debt securities other-than-temporarily impaired.

Table 39: Cumulative Credit-Related Losses on Securities

| (In Millions)  | Three Months Ended |        | Nine Months Ended  |        |
|--|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
|  | September 30, 2015 | 2014   | September 30, 2015 | 2014   |
| Cumulative Credit-Related Losses on Securities Held — Beginning of Period  | \$5.2              | \$12.7 | \$5.2              | \$8.8  |
| Plus: Losses on Newly Identified Impairments                               | —                  | —      | —                  | 1.8    |
| Additional Losses on Previously Identified Impairments                     | —                  | —      | —                  | 2.1    |
| Less: Current and Prior Period Losses on Securities Sold During the Period | —                  | (1.8 ) | —                  | (1.8 ) |
| Cumulative Credit-Related Losses on Securities Held — End of Period        | \$5.2              | \$10.9 | \$5.2              | \$10.9 |

5. Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase — Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are accounted for as collateralized financings and recorded at the amounts at which the securities were sold plus accrued interest. To minimize any potential credit risk associated with these transactions, the fair value of the securities sold is monitored, limits are set on exposure with counterparties, and the financial condition of counterparties is regularly assessed. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are held by the counterparty until the repurchase.

The following table provides information regarding repurchase agreements that are accounted for as secured borrowings as of September 30, 2015.

Table 40: Repurchase Agreements Accounted for as Secured Borrowings

| (In Millions)   | September 30, 2015<br>Remaining Contractual<br>Maturity of the<br>Agreements<br>Overnight and<br>Continuous |
|---|---|
| Repurchase Agreements   | \$ 484.5  |
| U.S. Treasury and Agency Securities   | \$ 484.5  |
| Total Borrowings  | \$ 484.5  |
| Gross Amount of Recognized Liabilities for Repurchase Agreements in footnote 21 | \$ 484.5  |

Amounts related to agreements not included in footnote 21

\$—

46

---

Table of Contents

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

6. Loans and Leases — Amounts outstanding for loans and leases, by segment and class, are shown below.

Table 41: Loans and Leases

| (In Millions)  | September 30,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial   |                       |                      |
| Commercial and Institutional                             | \$9,478.6             | \$8,381.9            |
| Commercial Real Estate                                   | 3,814.6               | 3,333.3              |
| Lease Financing, net                                     | 807.2                 | 916.3                |
| Non-U.S.   | 1,250.2               | 1,530.6              |
| Other  | 166.8                 | 191.5                |
| Total Commercial   | 15,517.4              | 14,353.6             |
| Personal   |                       |                      |
| Residential Real Estate                                  | 9,077.5               | 9,782.6              |
| Private Client   | 8,751.3               | 7,466.9              |
| Other  | 32.2                  | 37.1                 |
| Total Personal   | 17,861.0              | 17,286.6             |
| Total Loans and Leases                                   | 33,378.4              | 31,640.2             |
| Allowance for Credit Losses Assigned to Loans and Leases | (242.2                | ) (267.0             |
| Net Loans and Leases                                     | \$33,136.2            | \$31,373.2           |

Residential real estate loans consist of traditional first lien mortgages and equity credit lines that generally require a loan-to-collateral value of no more than 65% to 80% at inception. Northern Trust's equity credit line products generally have draw periods of up to 10 years and a balloon payment of any outstanding balance is due at maturity. Payments are interest only with variable interest rates. Northern Trust does not offer equity credit lines that include an option to convert the outstanding balance to an amortizing payment loan. As of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, equity credit lines totaled \$1.6 billion and \$1.8 billion, respectively, and equity credit lines for which first liens were held by Northern Trust represented 89% of the total equity credit lines as of both of those dates. Included within the non-U.S., commercial-other and personal-other classes are short-duration advances primarily related to the processing of custodied client investments that totaled \$929.2 million at September 30, 2015, and \$1.5 billion at December 31, 2014. Demand deposits reclassified as loan balances totaled \$163.2 million and \$92.1 million at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively. Loans classified as held for sale totaled \$335.3 million at September 30, 2015 related to the decision to exit a portion of a non-strategic loan portfolio. Loans classified as held for sale totaled \$2.5 million at December 31, 2014.

**Credit Quality Indicators.** Credit quality indicators are statistics, measurements or other metrics that provide information regarding the relative credit risk of loans and leases. Northern Trust utilizes a variety of credit quality indicators to assess the credit risk of loans and leases at the segment, class and individual credit exposure levels. As part of its credit process, Northern Trust utilizes an internal borrower risk rating system to support identification, approval and monitoring of credit risk. Borrower risk ratings are used in credit underwriting, management reporting and the calculation of credit loss allowances and economic capital.

Risk ratings are used for ranking the credit risk of borrowers and the probability of their default. Each borrower is rated using one of a number of ratings models or other subjective assessment methodologies, which consider both quantitative and qualitative factors. The ratings models vary among classes of loans and leases in order to capture the unique risk characteristics inherent within each particular type of credit exposure. Provided below are the more significant performance indicator attributes considered within Northern Trust's borrower rating models, by loan and lease class.

• **Commercial and Institutional:** leverage, profit margin, liquidity, asset size and capital levels;

• **Commercial Real Estate:** debt service coverage, loan-to-value ratio, leasing status and guarantor support;

• **Lease Financing and Commercial-Other:** leverage, profit margin, liquidity, asset size and capital levels;

Non-U.S.: leverage, profit margin, liquidity, return on assets and capital levels;

47

---

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

**R**esidential Real Estate: payment history, credit bureau scores and loan-to-value ratio;

**P**rivate Client: cash-flow-to-debt and net worth ratios, leverage and liquidity; and

**P**ersonal-Other: cash-flow-to-debt and net worth ratios.

While the criteria vary by model, the objective is for the borrower ratings to be consistent in both the measurement and ranking of risk. Each model is calibrated to a master rating scale to support this consistency. Ratings for borrowers not in default range from “1” for the strongest credits to “7” for the weakest non-defaulted credits. Ratings of “8” or “9” are used for defaulted borrowers. Borrower risk ratings are monitored and are revised when events or circumstances indicate a change is required. Risk ratings are validated at least annually.

Loan and lease segment and class balances as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, are provided below, segregated by borrower ratings into “1 to 3,” “4 to 5” and “6 to 9” (watch list), categories.

Table 42: Borrower Ratings

| (In Millions)                | September 30, 2015 |                    |                                    |            | December 31, 2014  |                    |                                    |            |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|                              | 1 to 3<br>Category | 4 to 5<br>Category | 6 to 9<br>Category<br>(Watch List) | Total      | 1 to 3<br>Category | 4 to 5<br>Category | 6 to 9<br>Category<br>(Watch List) | Total      |
| Commercial                   |                    |                    |                                    |            |                    |                    |                                    |            |
| Commercial and Institutional | \$6,472.1          | \$2,932.1          | \$74.4                             | \$9,478.6  | \$5,340.9          | \$2,947.3          | \$93.7                             | \$8,381.9  |
| Commercial Real Estate       | 1,648.0            | 2,113.5            | 53.1                               | 3,814.6    | 1,371.7            | 1,861.8            | 99.8                               | 3,333.3    |
| Lease Financing, net         | 458.5              | 345.9              | 2.8                                | 807.2      | 552.5              | 360.3              | 3.5                                | 916.3      |
| Non-U.S.                     | 435.4              | 814.6              | 0.2                                | 1,250.2    | 636.8              | 892.9              | 0.9                                | 1,530.6    |
| Other                        | 99.0               | 67.8               | —                                  | 166.8      | 108.1              | 83.4               | —                                  | 191.5      |
| Total Commercial             | 9,113.0            | 6,273.9            | 130.5                              | 15,517.4   | 8,010.0            | 6,145.7            | 197.9                              | 14,353.6   |
| Personal                     |                    |                    |                                    |            |                    |                    |                                    |            |
| Residential Real Estate      | 3,092.5            | 5,631.4            | 353.6                              | 9,077.5    | 3,148.0            | 6,207.0            | 427.6                              | 9,782.6    |
| Private Client               | 5,641.4            | 3,098.9            | 11.0                               | 8,751.3    | 5,143.8            | 2,311.7            | 11.4                               | 7,466.9    |
| Other                        | 19.0               | 13.2               | —                                  | 32.2       | 21.1               | 16.0               | —                                  | 37.1       |
| Total Personal               | 8,752.9            | 8,743.5            | 364.6                              | 17,861.0   | 8,312.9            | 8,534.7            | 439.0                              | 17,286.6   |
| Total Loans and Leases       | \$17,865.9         | \$15,017.4         | \$495.1                            | \$33,378.4 | \$16,322.9         | \$14,680.4         | \$636.9                            | \$31,640.2 |

Loans and leases in the “1 to 3” category are expected to exhibit minimal to modest probabilities of default and are characterized by borrowers having the strongest financial qualities, including above average financial flexibility, cash flows and capital levels. Borrowers assigned these ratings are anticipated to experience very little to moderate financial pressure in adverse down cycle scenarios. As a result of these characteristics, borrowers within this category exhibit a minimal to modest likelihood of loss.

Loans and leases in the “4 to 5” category are expected to exhibit moderate to acceptable probabilities of default and are characterized by borrowers with less financial flexibility than those in the “1 to 3” category. Cash flows and capital levels are generally sufficient to allow for borrowers to meet current requirements, but have reduced cushion in adverse down cycle scenarios. As a result of these characteristics, borrowers within this category exhibit a moderate likelihood of loss.

Loans and leases in the watch list category have elevated credit risk profiles that are monitored through internal watch lists, and consist of credits with borrower ratings of “6 to 9.” These credits, which include all nonperforming credits, are expected to exhibit minimally acceptable probabilities of default, elevated risk of default, or are currently in default. Borrowers associated with these risk profiles that are not currently in default have limited financial flexibility. Cash

flows and capital levels range from acceptable to potentially insufficient to meet current requirements, particularly in adverse down cycle scenarios. As a result of these characteristics, borrowers in this category exhibit an elevated to probable likelihood of loss.

Recognition of Income. Interest income on loans is recorded on an accrual basis unless, in the opinion of management, there is a question as to the ability of the debtor to meet the terms of the loan agreement, or interest or principal is more than 90 days contractually past due and the loan is not well-secured and in the process of collection. Loans meeting such criteria are classified as nonperforming and interest income is recorded on a cash basis. At the time a loan is determined to be nonperforming, interest

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

accrued but not collected is reversed against interest income in the current period. Interest collected on nonperforming loans is applied to principal unless, in the opinion of management, collectability of principal is not in doubt. Management's assessment of the indicators of loan and lease collectability, and its policies relative to the recognition of interest income, including the suspension and subsequent resumption of income recognition, do not meaningfully vary between loan and lease classes. Nonperforming loans are returned to performing status when factors indicating doubtful collectability no longer exist. Factors considered in returning a loan to performing status are consistent across all classes of loans and leases and, in accordance with regulatory guidance, relate primarily to expected payment performance. Loans are eligible to be returned to performing status when: (i) no principal or interest that is due is unpaid and repayment of the remaining contractual principal and interest is expected or (ii) the loan has otherwise become well-secured (possessing realizable value sufficient to discharge the debt, including accrued interest, in full) and is in the process of collection (through action reasonably expected to result in debt repayment or restoration to a current status in the near future). A loan that has not been brought fully current may be restored to performing status provided there has been a sustained period of repayment performance (generally a minimum of six months) by the borrower in accordance with the contractual terms, and Northern Trust is reasonably assured of repayment within a reasonable period of time. Additionally, a loan that has been formally restructured so as to be reasonably assured of repayment and performance according to its modified terms may be returned to accrual status, provided there was a well-documented credit evaluation of the borrower's financial condition and prospects of repayment under the revised terms and there has been a sustained period of repayment performance (generally a minimum of six months) under the revised terms.

Past due status is based on how long since the contractual due date a principal or interest payment has been past due. For disclosure purposes, loans that are 29 days past due or less are reported as current. The following tables provide balances and delinquency status of performing and nonperforming loans and leases by segment and class, as well as the total OREO and nonperforming asset balances, as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

Table 43: Delinquency Status

September 30, 2015

| (In Millions)                 | Current           | 30-59 Days<br>Past Due | 60-89 Days<br>Past Due | 90 Days or<br>More Past<br>Due | Total<br>Performing | Nonperforming   | Total Loans<br>and Leases |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Commercial</b>             |                   |                        |                        |                                |                     |                 |                           |
| Commercial and Institutional  | \$9,445.4         | \$ 11.7                | \$ 0.8                 | \$ 0.4                         | \$9,458.3           | \$ 20.3         | \$ 9,478.6                |
| Commercial Real Estate        | 3,783.5           | 3.7                    | 2.2                    | —                              | 3,789.4             | 25.2            | 3,814.6                   |
| Lease Financing, net          | 807.2             | —                      | —                      | —                              | 807.2               | —               | 807.2                     |
| Non-U.S.                      | 1,250.2           | —                      | —                      | —                              | 1,250.2             | —               | 1,250.2                   |
| Other                         | 166.8             | —                      | —                      | —                              | 166.8               | —               | 166.8                     |
| <b>Total Commercial</b>       | <b>15,453.1</b>   | <b>15.4</b>            | <b>3.0</b>             | <b>0.4</b>                     | <b>15,471.9</b>     | <b>45.5</b>     | <b>15,517.4</b>           |
| <b>Personal</b>               |                   |                        |                        |                                |                     |                 |                           |
| Residential Real Estate       | 8,911.3           | 2.9                    | 9.6                    | 1.1                            | 8,924.9             | 152.6           | 9,077.5                   |
| Private Client                | 8,724.3           | 20.0                   | 5.7                    | 0.8                            | 8,750.8             | 0.5             | 8,751.3                   |
| Other                         | 32.2              | —                      | —                      | —                              | 32.2                | —               | 32.2                      |
| <b>Total Personal</b>         | <b>17,667.8</b>   | <b>22.9</b>            | <b>15.3</b>            | <b>1.9</b>                     | <b>17,707.9</b>     | <b>153.1</b>    | <b>17,861.0</b>           |
| <b>Total Loans and Leases</b> | <b>\$33,120.9</b> | <b>\$ 38.3</b>         | <b>\$ 18.3</b>         | <b>\$ 2.3</b>                  | <b>\$33,179.8</b>   | <b>\$ 198.6</b> | <b>\$ 33,378.4</b>        |
|                               |                   |                        |                        |                                |                     | 8.9             |                           |
|                               |                   |                        |                        |                                |                     | \$ 207.5        |                           |

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

December 31, 2014

| (In Millions)                | Current    | 30-59 Days<br>Past Due | 60-89 Days<br>Past Due | 90 Days or<br>More Past<br>Due | Total<br>Performing | Nonperforming              | Total Loans<br>and Leases |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Commercial</b>            |            |                        |                        |                                |                     |                            |                           |
| Commercial and Institutional | \$8,340.5  | \$ 14.5                | \$ 4.0                 | \$ 7.9                         | \$8,366.9           | \$ 15.0                    | \$ 8,381.9                |
| Commercial Real Estate       | 3,274.3    | 9.6                    | 9.8                    | 2.5                            | 3,296.2             | 37.1                       | 3,333.3                   |
| Lease Financing, net         | 916.3      | —                      | —                      | —                              | 916.3               | —                          | 916.3                     |
| Non-U.S.                     | 1,530.6    | —                      | —                      | —                              | 1,530.6             | —                          | 1,530.6                   |
| Other                        | 191.5      | —                      | —                      | —                              | 191.5               | —                          | 191.5                     |
| Total Commercial             | 14,253.2   | 24.1                   | 13.8                   | 10.4                           | 14,301.5            | 52.1                       | 14,353.6                  |
| <b>Personal</b>              |            |                        |                        |                                |                     |                            |                           |
| Residential Real Estate      | 9,556.3    | 49.5                   | 9.9                    | 4.5                            | 9,620.2             | 162.4                      | 9,782.6                   |
| Private Client               | 7,396.0    | 56.0                   | 5.9                    | 7.8                            | 7,465.7             | 1.2                        | 7,466.9                   |
| Other                        | 37.1       | —                      | —                      | —                              | 37.1                | —                          | 37.1                      |
| Total Personal               | 16,989.4   | 105.5                  | 15.8                   | 12.3                           | 17,123.0            | 163.6                      | 17,286.6                  |
| Total Loans and Leases       | \$31,242.6 | \$ 129.6               | \$ 29.6                | \$ 22.7                        | \$31,424.5          | \$ 215.7                   | \$ 31,640.2               |
|                              |            |                        |                        |                                |                     | Other Real Estate Owned    | 16.6                      |
|                              |            |                        |                        |                                |                     | Total Nonperforming Assets | \$ 232.3                  |

Impaired Loans. A loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, management determines that it is probable that Northern Trust will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans are identified through ongoing credit management and risk rating processes, including the formal review of past due and watch list credits. Payment performance and delinquency status are critical factors in identifying impairment for all loans and leases, particularly those within the residential real estate, private client and personal-other classes. Other key factors considered in identifying impairment of loans and leases within the commercial and institutional, non-U.S., lease financing and commercial-other classes relate to the borrower's ability to perform under the terms of the obligation as measured through the assessment of future cash flows, including consideration of collateral value, market value and other factors. A loan is also considered to be impaired if its terms have been modified as a concession resulting from the debtor's financial difficulties, referred to as a troubled debt restructuring (TDR) and discussed in further detail below. Impairment is measured based upon the loan's market price, the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. If the loan valuation is less than the recorded value of the loan, based on the certainty of loss, either a specific allowance is established or a charge-off is recorded for the difference. Smaller balance (individually less than \$250,000) homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment and excluded from impaired loan disclosures as allowed under applicable accounting standards. Northern Trust's accounting policies for impaired loans are consistent across all classes of loans and leases.



Table of Contents

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The following tables provide information related to impaired loans by segment and class.

Table 44: Information about Impaired Loans as of the Period End

| (In Millions)                             | As of September 30, 2015         |                            |                             | As of December 31, 2014    |                                 |                            |                             |                            |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
|   | Recorded Investment              | Unpaid Principal Balance   | Specific Allowance          | Recorded Investment        | Unpaid Principal Balance        | Specific Allowance         |                             |                            |
| <b>With No Related Specific Allowance</b> |                                  |                            |                             |                            |                                 |                            |                             |                            |
| Commercial and Institutional              | \$9.8                            | \$12.3                     | \$—                         | \$9.0                      | \$12.0                          | \$—                        |                             |                            |
| Commercial Real Estate                    | 25.2                             | 30.6                       | —                           | 47.0                       | 52.4                            | —                          |                             |                            |
| Lease Financing, net                      | —                                | —                          | —                           | 4.2                        | 4.2                             | —                          |                             |                            |
| Residential Real Estate                   | 151.7                            | 199.4                      | —                           | 160.9                      | 204.8                           | —                          |                             |                            |
| Private Client                            | 0.2                              | 0.2                        | —                           | 0.2                        | 0.5                             | —                          |                             |                            |
| <b>With a Related Specific Allowance</b>  |                                  |                            |                             |                            |                                 |                            |                             |                            |
| Commercial and Institutional              | 6.5                              | 6.6                        | 1.5                         | 6.5                        | 6.6                             | 2.9                        |                             |                            |
| Commercial Real Estate                    | 3.9                              | 6.3                        | 0.7                         | 12.2                       | 18.3                            | 2.9                        |                             |                            |
| Lease Financing, net                      | 2.8                              | 2.8                        | 1.4                         | —                          | —                               | —                          |                             |                            |
| Residential Real Estate                   | —                                | 1.8                        | 0.4                         | 1.4                        | 1.4                             | 0.4                        |                             |                            |
| Private Client                            | 1.8                              | —                          | —                           | 0.8                        | 0.8                             | 0.4                        |                             |                            |
| <b>Total</b>                              |                                  |                            |                             |                            |                                 |                            |                             |                            |
| Commercial                                | 48.2                             | 58.6                       | 3.6                         | 78.9                       | 93.5                            | 5.8                        |                             |                            |
| Personal                                  | 153.7                            | 201.4                      | 0.4                         | 163.3                      | 207.5                           | 0.8                        |                             |                            |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>\$201.9</b>                   | <b>\$260.0</b>             | <b>\$4.0</b>                | <b>\$242.2</b>             | <b>\$301.0</b>                  | <b>\$6.6</b>               |                             |                            |
| (In Millions)                             | Three Months Ended September 30, |                            |                             |                            | Nine Months Ended September 30, |                            |                             |                            |
|   | 2015                             |                            | 2014                        |                            | 2015                            |                            | 2014                        |                            |
|   | Average Recorded Investment      | Interest Income Recognized | Average Recorded Investment | Interest Income Recognized | Average Recorded Investment     | Interest Income Recognized | Average Recorded Investment | Interest Income Recognized |
| <b>With No Related Specific Allowance</b> |                                  |                            |                             |                            |                                 |                            |                             |                            |
| Commercial and Institutional              | \$9.4                            | \$—                        | \$12.6                      | \$0.1                      | \$8.9                           | \$—                        | \$11.5                      | \$0.1                      |
| Commercial Real Estate                    | 25.1                             | —                          | 48.5                        | 0.2                        | 35.8                            | 0.4                        | 46.0                        | 0.7                        |
| Lease Financing, net                      | —                                | —                          | 4.3                         | 0.1                        | 1.1                             | 0.1                        | 4.3                         | 0.2                        |
| Residential Real Estate                   | 154.0                            | 0.5                        | 172.0                       | 0.8                        | 157.0                           | 1.3                        | 180.8                       | 2.1                        |
| Private Client                            | 0.2                              | —                          | 0.3                         | —                          | 0.4                             | —                          | 0.6                         | —                          |
| <b>With a Related Specific Allowance</b>  |                                  |                            |                             |                            |                                 |                            |                             |                            |
| Commercial and Institutional              | 6.4                              | —                          | 11.9                        | —                          | 9.0                             | —                          | 10.6                        | —                          |
| Commercial Real Estate                    | 5.1                              | —                          | 13.7                        | —                          | 9.1                             | —                          | 20.9                        | —                          |
| Lease Financing, net                      | 2.8                              | —                          | —                           | —                          | 2.0                             | —                          | —                           | —                          |
| Residential Real Estate                   | 6.6                              | —                          | 1.3                         | —                          | 5.4                             | —                          | 4.1                         | —                          |
| Private Client                            | 0.2                              | —                          | 0.9                         | —                          | 0.6                             | —                          | 0.5                         | —                          |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Total      |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| Commercial | 48.8    | —      | 91.0    | 0.4    | 66.0    | 0.5    | 93.3    | 1.0    |
| Personal   | 161.0   | 0.5    | 174.5   | 0.8    | 163.4   | 1.3    | 186.0   | 2.1    |
| Total      | \$209.8 | \$ 0.5 | \$265.5 | \$ 1.2 | \$229.4 | \$ 1.8 | \$279.3 | \$ 3.1 |

Note: Average recorded investment in impaired loans is calculated as the average of the month-end impaired loan balances for the period.

51

---

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Interest income that would have been recorded for nonperforming loans in accordance with their original terms was \$2.0 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and \$4.1 million and \$7.1 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

There were \$2.6 million and \$2.4 million of aggregate undrawn loan commitments and standby letters of credit at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively, issued to borrowers whose loans were classified as nonperforming or impaired.

Troubled Debt Restructurings (TDRs). Included within impaired loans were \$85.4 million and \$82.7 million of nonperforming TDRs, and \$36.9 million and \$68.6 million of performing TDRs as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively. All TDRs are reported as impaired loans in the calendar year of their restructuring. In subsequent years, a TDR may cease being reported as impaired if the loan was modified at a market rate and has performed according to the modified terms for at least six months. A loan that has been modified at a below market rate will return to performing status if it satisfies the six-month performance requirement; however, it will remain reported as impaired.

The following tables provide, by segment and class, the number of loans and leases modified in TDRs during the three- and nine- month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the recorded investments and unpaid principal balances as of September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 45: Troubled Debt Restructurings

| (\$ In Millions)             | Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 |                     |                          | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 |                     |                          |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
|                              | Number of Loans and Leases            | Recorded Investment | Unpaid Principal Balance | Number of Loans and Leases           | Recorded Investment | Unpaid Principal Balance |
| Commercial                   |                                       |                     |                          |                                      |                     |                          |
| Commercial and Institutional | —                                     | \$—                 | \$—                      | 2                                    | \$0.1               | \$0.1                    |
| Commercial Real Estate       | —                                     | —                   | —                        | 1                                    | 0.8                 | 0.8                      |
| Total Commercial             | —                                     | —                   | —                        | 3                                    | 0.9                 | 0.9                      |
| Personal                     |                                       |                     |                          |                                      |                     |                          |
| Residential Real Estate      | 26                                    | 7.6                 | 9.4                      | 102                                  | 23.2                | 29.0                     |
| Private Client               | —                                     | —                   | —                        | 1                                    | 0.6                 | 0.6                      |
| Total Personal               | 26                                    | 7.6                 | 9.4                      | 103                                  | 23.8                | 29.6                     |
| Total Loans and Leases       | 26                                    | \$7.6               | \$9.4                    | 106                                  | \$24.7              | \$30.5                   |

Note: Period end balances reflect all paydowns and charge-offs during the period.

| (\$ In Millions)             | Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 |                     |                          | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 |                     |                          |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
|                              | Number of Loans and Leases            | Recorded Investment | Unpaid Principal Balance | Number of Loans and Leases           | Recorded Investment | Unpaid Principal Balance |
| Commercial                   |                                       |                     |                          |                                      |                     |                          |
| Commercial and Institutional | 1                                     | \$0.4               | \$0.4                    | 3                                    | \$0.7               | \$0.8                    |
| Commercial Real Estate       | 5                                     | 2.9                 | 3.4                      | 6                                    | 3.5                 | 4.1                      |
| Total Commercial             | 6                                     | 3.3                 | 3.8                      | 9                                    | 4.2                 | 4.9                      |
| Personal                     |                                       |                     |                          |                                      |                     |                          |
| Residential Real Estate      | 28                                    | 18.0                | 18.7                     | 96                                   | 25.3                | 27.1                     |
| Private Client               | —                                     | —                   | —                        | 3                                    | —                   | 0.3                      |
| Total Personal               | 28                                    | 18.0                | 18.7                     | 99                                   | 25.3                | 27.4                     |
| Total Loans and Leases       | 34                                    | \$21.3              | \$22.5                   | 108                                  | \$29.5              | \$32.3                   |

Note: Period end balances reflect all paydowns and charge-offs during the period.

TDR modifications involve interest rate concessions, extensions of term, deferrals of principal and other modifications. Other modifications typically reflect other nonstandard terms which Northern Trust would not offer in non-troubled situations.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the majority of the TDR modifications of loans within residential real estate were interest rate concessions, extensions of term or deferred principal. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the majority of TDR modifications of loans within the commercial real estate, residential real estate, and private client classes were extensions of term and/or other modifications.

There were two residential real estate loans modified as TDRs in the 12 months ended June 30, 2015, which subsequently became nonperforming during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. The total recorded investment and unpaid principal balance for these loans was approximately \$0.5 million.

There were no loans or leases modified in TDRs in the 12 months ended June 30, 2014, which subsequently became nonperforming during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2014.

All loans and leases modified in troubled debt restructurings are evaluated for impairment. The nature and extent of impairment of TDRs, including those that have experienced a subsequent default, is considered in the determination of an appropriate level of allowance for credit losses.

Northern Trust may obtain physical possession of residential real estate collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan via foreclosure on an in-substance repossession. As of September 30, 2015, Northern Trust held foreclosed residential real estate properties with a carrying value of \$6.9 million as a result of obtaining physical possession. In addition, as of September 30, 2015, Northern Trust had consumer loans with a carrying value of \$23.7 million collateralized by residential real estate property for which formal foreclosure proceedings were in process.

Leveraged Leases. During the three months ended June 30, 2015, Northern Trust determined that there was an other-than-temporary impairment of the residual value related to certain aircraft under leveraged lease agreements. The impact of the impairment was \$17.8 million, which was recognized as a reduction to interest income in the consolidated statements of income during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. See “Leveraged Leases” under Note 18 — Variable Interest Entities for further information.

7. Allowance for Credit Losses — The allowance for credit losses, which represents management’s estimate of probable losses related to specific borrower relationships and inherent in the various loan and lease portfolios, undrawn commitments, and standby letters of credit, is determined by management through a disciplined credit review process. Northern Trust’s accounting policies related to the estimation of the allowance for credit losses and the charging off of loans, leases and other extensions of credit deemed uncollectible are consistent across both loan and lease segments. In establishing the inherent portion of the allowance for credit losses, Northern Trust’s Loan Loss Reserve Committee assesses a common set of qualitative factors applicable to both the commercial and personal loan segments. The risk characteristics underlying these qualitative factors, and management’s assessments as to the relative importance of a qualitative factor, can vary between loan segments and between classes within loan segments. Factors evaluated include those related to external matters, such as economic conditions and changes in collateral value, and those related to internal matters, such as changes in asset quality metrics and loan review activities. In addition to the factors noted above, risk characteristics such as portfolio delinquencies, percentage of portfolio on the watch list and on nonperforming status, and average borrower ratings are assessed in the determination of the inherent allowance. Loan-to-value levels are considered for collateral-secured loans and leases in both the personal and commercial segments. Borrower debt service coverage is evaluated in the personal segment, and cash flow coverage is analyzed in the commercial segment.

Similar risk characteristics by type of exposure are analyzed when determining the allowance for undrawn commitments and standby letters of credit. These qualitative factors, together with historical loss rates, serve as the basis for the allowance for credit losses.

Loans, leases and other extensions of credit deemed uncollectible are charged to the allowance for credit losses. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. Determinations as to whether an uncollectible loan is charged-off or a specific allowance is established are based on management’s assessment as to the level of certainty regarding the amount of loss.



Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The following tables provide information regarding changes in the total allowance for credit losses by segment during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 46: Changes in the Allowance for Credit Losses

| (In Millions)                    | Three Months Ended September 30, |          |         |            |          |         |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|---------|------------|----------|---------|
|                                  | 2015                             |          |         | 2014       |          |         |
|                                  | Commercial                       | Personal | Total   | Commercial | Personal | Total   |
| Balance at Beginning of Period   | \$152.7                          | \$121.5  | \$274.2 | \$168.7    | \$134.8  | \$303.5 |
| Charge-Offs                      | (7.7)                            | (4.2)    | (11.9)  | (2.5)      | (6.1)    | (8.6)   |
| Recoveries                       | 0.5                              | 2.0      | 2.5     | 1.9        | 1.5      | 3.4     |
| Net (Charge-Offs) Recoveries     | (7.2)                            | (2.2)    | (9.4)   | (0.6)      | (4.6)    | (5.2)   |
| Provision for Credit Losses      | (6.2)                            | (3.8)    | (10.0)  | 1.0        | (1.0)    | —       |
| Effect of Foreign Exchange Rates | (0.1)                            | —        | (0.1)   | —          | —        | —       |
| Balance at End of Period         | \$139.2                          | \$115.5  | \$254.7 | \$169.1    | \$129.2  | \$298.3 |
| (In Millions)                    | Nine Months Ended September 30,  |          |         |            |          |         |
|                                  | 2015                             |          |         | 2014       |          |         |
|                                  | Commercial                       | Personal | Total   | Commercial | Personal | Total   |
| Balance at Beginning of Period   | \$169.7                          | \$126.2  | \$295.9 | \$168.0    | \$139.9  | \$307.9 |
| Charge-Offs                      | (12.9)                           | (12.6)   | (25.5)  | (8.8)      | (19.1)   | (27.9)  |
| Recoveries                       | 4.6                              | 4.3      | 8.9     | 10.7       | 4.6      | 15.3    |
| Net (Charge-Offs) Recoveries     | (8.3)                            | (8.3)    | (16.6)  | 1.9        | (14.5)   | (12.6)  |
| Provision for Credit Losses      | (22.1)                           | (2.4)    | (24.5)  | (0.8)      | 3.8      | 3.0     |
| Effect of Foreign Exchange Rates | (0.1)                            | —        | (0.1)   | —          | —        | —       |
| Balance at End of Period         | \$139.2                          | \$115.5  | \$254.7 | \$169.1    | \$129.2  | \$298.3 |

The following table provides information regarding the balances of the recorded investments in loans and leases and the allowance for credit losses by segment as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

Table 47: Information about the Recorded Investments in Loans and Leases

| (In Millions)                             | September 30, 2015 |          |          | December 31, 2014 |          |          |
|---|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
|   | Commercial         | Personal | Total    | Commercial        | Personal | Total    |
| <b>Loans and Leases</b>                   |                    |          |          |                   |          |          |
| Specifically Evaluated for Impairment     | \$48.2             | \$153.7  | \$201.9  | \$78.9            | \$163.3  | \$242.2  |
| Evaluated for Inherent Impairment         | 15,469.2           | 17,707.3 | 33,176.5 | 14,274.7          | 17,123.3 | 31,398.0 |
| Total Loans and Leases                    | 15,517.4           | 17,861.0 | 33,378.4 | 14,353.6          | 17,286.6 | 31,640.2 |
| <b>Allowance for Loans and Leases</b>     |                    |          |          |                   |          |          |
| Specifically Evaluated for Impairment     | 3.6                | 0.4      | 4.0      | 5.8               | 0.8      | 6.6      |
| Evaluated for Inherent Impairment         | 126.4              | 111.8    | 238.2    | 138.0             | 122.4    | 260.4    |
| Allowance Assigned to Loans and Leases    | 130.0              | 112.2    | 242.2    | 143.8             | 123.2    | 267.0    |
| <b>Allowance for Unfunded Exposures</b>   |                    |          |          |                   |          |          |
| Commitments and Standby Letters of Credit | 9.2                | 3.3      | 12.5     | 25.9              | 3.0      | 28.9     |
| Total Allowance for Credit Losses         | \$139.2            | \$115.5  | \$254.7  | \$169.7           | \$126.2  | \$295.9  |

8. Pledged Assets — Certain of Northern Trust's subsidiaries, as required or permitted by law, pledge assets to secure public and trust deposits, repurchase agreements and Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings, as well as for other purposes, including support for securities settlement, primarily related to client activities, and for potential Federal Reserve Bank discount window borrowings. As of September 30, 2015, securities and loans totaling \$34.1 billion (\$24.9 billion of government-sponsored agency and other securities, \$97.6 million of obligations of states and political

subdivisions and \$9.1 billion of loans) were pledged. This compares

54

---



Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

to \$32.3 billion (\$23.1 billion of government-sponsored agency and other securities, \$122.9 million of obligations of states and political subdivisions and \$9.1 billion of loans) at December 31, 2014. Collateral required for these purposes totaled \$8.5 billion and \$5.9 billion at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively. Included in the total pledged assets at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, were available for sale securities with a total fair value of \$982.4 million and \$884.8 million, respectively, which were pledged as collateral for agreements to repurchase securities sold transactions. The secured parties to these transactions have the right to repledge or sell these securities.

Northern Trust is not permitted, by contract or custom, to repledge or sell collateral from agreements to resell securities purchased transactions. The total fair value of accepted collateral was \$1.2 billion as of September 30, 2015 and \$1.0 billion as of December 31, 2014. There was no repledged or sold collateral at September 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

Deposits maintained to meet Federal Reserve Bank reserve requirements averaged \$1.7 billion and \$1.6 billion for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and \$1.3 billion and \$1.3 billion for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively.

9. Goodwill and Other Intangibles — The carrying amounts of goodwill and other intangibles assets, reflecting the effect of foreign exchange rates on non-U.S.-dollar-denominated balances, by reporting segment at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, were as follows:

Table 48: Goodwill by Reporting Segment

| (In Millions)                      | September 30,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Corporate & Institutional Services | \$458.3               | \$461.8              |
| Wealth Management                  | 71.4                  | 71.4                 |
| Total Goodwill                     | \$529.7               | \$533.2              |

The gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of other intangible assets subject to amortization as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, were as follows:

Table 49: Other Intangible Assets

| (In Millions)                  | September 30,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Gross Carrying Amount          | \$184.8               | \$189.5              |
| Less: Accumulated Amortization | 135.6                 | 129.5                |
| Net Book Value                 | \$49.2                | \$60.0               |

Other intangible assets consist primarily of the value of acquired client relationships and are included within other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. Amortization expense related to other intangible assets totaled \$2.1 million and \$8.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and \$4.8 million and \$14.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively. Amortization for the remainder of 2015 and for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 is estimated to be \$2.1 million, \$8.5 million, \$8.4 million, \$7.8 million and \$7.6 million, respectively.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

10. Reporting Segments — The following tables show the earnings contributions of Northern Trust's reporting segments for the three- and nine- month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 50: Results of Reporting Segments

| Three Months Ended September 30, (\$ In Millions) | Corporate & Institutional Services |            | Wealth Management |            | Treasury and Other |            | Total Consolidated |             |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|
|   | 2015                               | 2014       | 2015              | 2014       | 2015               | 2014       | 2015               | 2014        |
| Noninterest Income                                |                                    |            |                   |            |                    |            |                    |             |
| Trust, Investment and Other                       | \$429.7                            | \$399.9    | \$319.4           | \$318.3    | \$—                | \$—        | \$749.1            | \$718.2     |
| Fees  |                                    |            |                   |            |                    |            |                    |             |
| Foreign Exchange                                  | 60.0                               | 44.4       | 2.9               | 2.0        | —                  | —          | 62.9               | 46.4        |
| Trading   |                                    |            |                   |            |                    |            |                    |             |
| Other   | 45.9                               | 42.8       | 28.3              | 20.9       | 0.4                | 1.3        | 74.6               | 65.0        |
| Noninterest Income                                |                                    |            |                   |            |                    |            |                    |             |
| Net Interest Income                               | 108.6                              | 78.4       | 142.5             | 131.2      | 23.9               | 46.6       | 275.0              | 256.2       |
| (FTE)*  |                                    |            |                   |            |                    |            |                    |             |
| Revenue*  | 644.2                              | 565.5      | 493.1             | 472.4      | 24.3               | 47.9       | 1,161.6            | 1,085.8     |
| Provision for Credit Losses                       | (2.8 )                             | 0.9        | (7.2 )            | (0.9 )     | —                  | —          | (10.0 )            | —           |
| Noninterest Expense                               | 464.6                              | 429.6      | 316.3             | 312.1      | 31.4               | 33.0       | 812.3              | 774.7       |
| Income before Income Taxes*                       | 182.4                              | 135.0      | 184.0             | 161.2      | (7.1 )             | 14.9       | 359.3              | 311.1       |
| Provision for Income Taxes*                       | 58.3                               | 42.4       | 69.0              | 60.7       | (2.6 )             | 3.5        | 124.7              | 106.6       |
| Net Income  | \$124.1                            | \$92.6     | \$115.0           | \$100.5    | \$(4.5 )           | \$11.4     | \$234.6            | \$204.5     |
| Percentage of Consolidated Net Income             | 53                                 | % 45       | % 49              | % 49       | % (2 )             | % 6        | % 100              | % 100       |
| Average Assets                                    | \$41,305.7                         | \$59,907.1 | \$25,274.6        | \$26,061.8 | \$43,343.8         | \$19,275.8 | \$109,924.1        | \$105,244.7 |

\* Stated on a fully taxable equivalent basis (FTE). Total consolidated includes FTE adjustments of \$6.1 million for 2015 and \$6.9 million for 2014.

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

| Nine Months Ended September 30, (\$ In Millions)              | Corporate & Institutional Services |            | Wealth Management |            | Treasury and Other |          | Total Consolidated |             |   |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|---|
|   | 2015                               | 2014       | 2015              | 2014       | 2015               | 2014     | 2015               | 2014        |   |
| Noninterest Income Trust, Investment and Other Servicing Fees | \$1,269.0                          | \$1,174.5  | \$964.4           | \$930.1    | \$—                | \$—      | \$2,233.4          | \$2,104.6   |   |
| Foreign Exchange Trading Income                               | 199.3                              | 143.2      | 10.0              | 6.2        | —                  | —        | 209.3              | 149.4       |   |
| Other Noninterest Income                                      | 131.0                              | 134.3      | 83.9              | 66.7       | 107.6              | 4.5      | 322.5              | 205.5       |   |
| Net Interest Income (FTE)*                                    | 297.3                              | 228.8      | 421.8             | 398.8      | 80.3               | 136.4    | 799.4              | 764.0       |   |
| Revenue*  | 1,896.6                            | 1,680.8    | 1,480.1           | 1,401.8    | 187.9              | 140.9    | 3,564.6            | 3,223.5     |   |
| Provision for Credit Losses                                   | (3.0 )                             | 4.5        | (21.5 )           | (1.5 )     | —                  | —        | (24.5 )            | 3.0         |   |
| Noninterest Expense   | 1,387.7                            | 1,299.5    | 960.9             | 960.3      | 107.2              | 93.9     | 2,455.8            | 2,353.7     |   |
| Income before Income Taxes*                                   | 511.9                              | 376.8      | 540.7             | 443.0      | 80.7               | 47.0     | 1,133.3            | 866.8       |   |
| Provision for Income Taxes*                                   | 160.9                              | 113.3      | 203.2             | 166.9      | 34.7               | 18.8     | 398.8              | 299.0       |   |
| Net Income  | \$351.0                            | \$263.5    | \$337.5           | \$276.1    | \$46.0             | \$28.2   | \$734.5            | \$567.8     |   |
| Percentage of Consolidated Net Income                         | 48                                 | % 46       | % 46              | % 49       | % 6                | % 5      | % 100              | % 100       | % |
| Average Assets  | \$41,461.6                         | \$59,061.3 | \$24,806.8        | \$23,613.4 | \$43,449.9         | 20,281.1 | \$109,718.3        | \$102,955.8 |   |

\* Stated on a fully taxable equivalent basis (FTE). Total consolidated includes FTE adjustments of \$18.7 million for 2015 and \$22.4 million for 2014.

In the nine-month period ended September 30, 2015, the presentation of certain assets was changed from C&IS to Treasury and Other to reflect better the internal management responsibility for these assets. In addition to the transfer of assets, the Corporation's internal funds pricing treatment of deposits that fund the transferred assets was updated to reflect the economics of these deposits.

Further discussion of reporting segment results is provided within the "Reporting Segments" section of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.



Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

## 11. Stockholders' Equity

**Preferred Stock.** The Corporation is authorized to issue 10 million shares of preferred stock without par value. The Board of Directors is authorized to fix the particular designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions for each series of preferred stock issued. As of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, preferred stock totaled \$388.5 million, related to the issuance of Series C Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock (Series C Preferred Stock) in August 2014. As of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, 16 million depositary shares, each representing 1/1000 ownership interest in a share of Series C Preferred Stock, were issued and outstanding. Series C Preferred Stock has no par value and has a liquidation preference of \$25,000 (\$25 per depositary share).

Dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock will accrue and be payable on the liquidation preference amount, on a non-cumulative basis, quarterly in arrears on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year, at a rate per annum equal to 5.85%. On July 21, 2015, the Corporation declared a cash dividend of \$365.625 per share of Series C Preferred Stock payable on October 1, 2015, to stockholders of record as of September 15, 2015.

**Common Stock.** During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Corporation repurchased 1,914,950 shares at a cost of \$140.5 million (\$73.37 average price per share) and 4,766,083 shares at a cost of \$344.4 million (\$72.27 average price per share), respectively. The Corporation's current common stock repurchase authorization was approved by the Board of Directors in April 2015, pursuant to which the Corporation may repurchase up to 15 million shares. The stock repurchase authorization remaining as of September 30, 2015 was 11,789,787 shares. The repurchase authorization approved by the Board of Directors has no expiration date.

Under the Corporation's capital plan submitted in January 2015, which was reviewed without objection by the Federal Reserve, the Corporation may repurchase up to \$437.8 million of common stock after September 30, 2015, through June 2016.

**12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) —** The following tables summarize the components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (AOCI) at September 30, 2015 and 2014, and changes during the three- and nine- month periods then ended.

Table 51: Summary of Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

| (In Millions)  | Balance at<br>September 30,<br>2015 | Net Change | Balance at<br>December 31,<br>2014 |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale | \$52.3                              | \$24.7     | \$27.6                             |
| Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges              | 0.6                                 | 5.3        | (4.7 )                             |
| Net Foreign Currency Adjustments                               | (4.1 )                              | (2.4 )     | (1.7 )                             |
| Net Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Adjustments       | (322.5 )                            | 18.4       | (340.9 )                           |
| Total  | \$(273.7 )                          | \$46.0     | \$(319.7 )                         |
| (In Millions)  | Balance at<br>September 30,<br>2014 | Net Change | Balance at<br>December 31,<br>2013 |
| Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale | \$38.3                              | \$32.3     | \$6.0                              |
| Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges              | (3.5 )                              | (6.4 )     | 2.9                                |
| Net Foreign Currency Adjustments                               | (3.4 )                              | (10.5 )    | 7.1                                |
| Net Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Adjustments       | (249.8 )                            | 10.5       | (260.3 )                           |
| Total  | \$(218.4 )                          | \$25.9     | \$(244.3 )                         |

Table of Contents

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Table 52: Details of Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

| (In Millions)   | Three Months Ended September 30, |            |           | 2014       |            |           |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
|   | 2015                             |            |           | 2014       |            |           |
|   | Before Tax                       | Tax Effect | After Tax | Before Tax | Tax Effect | After Tax |
| Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale            |                                  |            |           |            |            |           |
| Noncredit-Related Unrealized Losses on Securities OTTI                | \$—                              | \$—        | \$—       | \$5.5      | \$(2.1)    | \$3.4     |
| Other Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale      | (11.0)                           | ) 4.0      | (7.0)     | (14.2)     | ) 5.4      | (8.8)     |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Losses Included in Net Income | —                                | —          | —         | (0.3)      | ) —        | (0.3)     |
| Net Change  | (11.0)                           | ) 4.0      | (7.0)     | (9.0)      | ) 3.3      | (5.7)     |
| Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges                         |                                  |            |           |            |            |           |
| Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges                         | 6.4                              | (3.3)      | 3.1       | (7.6)      | ) 2.5      | (5.1)     |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Losses Included in Net Income | 0.1                              | —          | 0.1       | (3.7)      | ) 1.4      | (2.3)     |
| Net Change  | 6.5                              | (3.3)      | 3.2       | (11.3)     | ) 3.9      | (7.4)     |
| Foreign Currency Adjustments  |                                  |            |           |            |            |           |
| Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments                              | (32.6)                           | ) —        | (32.6)    | (77.1)     | ) 3.6      | (73.5)    |
| Long-Term Intra-Entity Foreign Currency Transaction Gains (Losses)    | (0.3)                            | ) 0.1      | (0.2)     | (7.4)      | ) 3.0      | (4.4)     |
| Net Investment Hedge Gains (Losses)                                   | 49.1                             | (18.6)     | 30.5      | 119.9      | (45.6)     | 74.3      |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Losses Included in Net Income | —                                | —          | —         | —          | —          | —         |
| Net Change  | 16.2                             | (18.5)     | (2.3)     | 35.4       | (39.0)     | (3.6)     |
| Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Adjustments                  |                                  |            |           |            |            |           |
| Net Actuarial Gain (Loss)   | —                                | —          | —         | —          | —          | —         |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Losses Included in Net Income | 9.6                              | (3.5)      | 6.1       | 6.5        | (3.0)      | 3.5       |
| Net Change  | \$9.6                            | \$(3.5)    | \$6.1     | \$6.5      | \$(3.0)    | \$3.5     |

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

| (In Millions)   | Nine Months Ended September 30, |            |           | 2014       |            |           |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
|   | 2015<br>Before Tax              | Tax Effect | After Tax | Before Tax | Tax Effect | After Tax |
| Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale            |                                 |            |           |            |            |           |
| Noncredit-Related Unrealized Losses on Securities OTTI                | \$—                             | \$—        | \$—       | \$3.7      | \$(1.4)    | \$2.3     |
| Other Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale      | 39.4                            | (14.9)     | 24.5      | 48.8       | (18.2)     | 30.6      |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Losses Included in Net Income | 0.3                             | (0.1)      | 0.2       | (0.6)      | —          | (0.6)     |
| Net Change  | 39.7                            | (15.0)     | 24.7      | 51.9       | (19.6)     | 32.3      |
| Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges                         |                                 |            |           |            |            |           |
| Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges                         | 6.5                             | (2.7)      | 3.8       | (6.5)      | 2.2        | (4.3)     |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Losses Included in Net Income | 2.4                             | (0.9)      | 1.5       | (3.3)      | 1.2        | (2.1)     |
| Net Change  | 8.9                             | (3.6)      | 5.3       | (9.8)      | 3.4        | (6.4)     |
| Foreign Currency Adjustments  |                                 |            |           |            |            |           |
| Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments                              | (69.7)                          | 14.6       | (55.1)    | (57.2)     | 3.0        | (54.2)    |
| Long-Term Intra-Entity Foreign Currency Transaction Gains (Losses)    | 0.2                             | (0.1)      | 0.1       | (9.0)      | 3.0        | (6.0)     |
| Net Investment Hedge Gains (Losses)                                   | 84.6                            | (32.0)     | 52.6      | 79.7       | (30.0)     | 49.7      |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Losses Included in Net Income | —                               | —          | —         | —          | —          | —         |
| Net Change  | 15.1                            | (17.5)     | (2.4)     | 13.5       | (24.0)     | (10.5)    |
| Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Adjustments                  |                                 |            |           |            |            |           |
| Net Actuarial Gain (Loss)   | —                               | —          | —         | —          | —          | —         |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Losses Included in Net Income | 28.8                            | (10.4)     | 18.4      | 19.0       | (8.5)      | 10.5      |
| Net Change  | \$28.8                          | \$(10.4)   | \$18.4    | \$19.0     | \$(8.5)    | \$10.5    |

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The following table provides the location and before-tax amounts of reclassifications out of AOCI during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Table 53: Reclassification Adjustment out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

| (In Millions)  | Location of<br>Reclassification Adjustments<br>Recognized<br>in Income | Amount of Reclassification<br>Adjustments Recognized<br>in Income |                      |
|--|--|---|----------------------|
|  |  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, 2015                          | Nine Months<br>Ended |
| Securities Available for Sale                        |  |   |                      |
| Realized Losses on Securities Available for Sale     | Investment Security Gains (Losses), net                                | \$—   | \$0.3                |
| Realized Losses on Cash Flow Hedges                  |  |   |                      |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts                           | Other Operating Income/Expense   | 0.1   | 2.4                  |
| Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Adjustments |  |   |                      |
| Amortization of Net Actuarial Loss                   | Employee Benefits  | 9.7   | 29.0                 |
| Amortization of Prior Service Cost                   | Employee Benefits  | (0.1  | ) (0.2               |
| Gross Reclassification Adjustment                    |  | \$9.6   | \$28.8               |

13. Net Income Per Common Share Computations — The computations of net income per common share are presented in the following table.

Table 54: Net Income per Common Share

| (\$ In Millions Except Per Common Share Information)     | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |             | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |             |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2015                                | 2014        | 2015                               | 2014        |
| Basic Net Income Per Common Share                        |                                     |             |                                    |             |
| Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding              | 232,231,720                         | 235,701,076 | 232,916,425                        | 236,301,789 |
| Net Income   | \$234.6                             | \$204.5     | \$734.5                            | \$567.8     |
| Less: Dividends on Preferred Stock                       | 5.8                                 | —           | 17.5                               | —           |
| Net Income Applicable to Common Stock                    | 228.8                               | 204.5       | 717.0                              | 567.8       |
| Less: Earnings Allocated to Participating Securities     | 3.8                                 | 3.5         | 11.6                               | 9.5         |
| Earnings Allocated to Common Shares Outstanding          | 225.0                               | 201.0       | 705.4                              | 558.3       |
| Basic Net Income Per Common Share                        | \$0.97                              | \$0.85      | \$3.03                             | \$2.36      |
| Diluted Net Income Per Common Share                      |                                     |             |                                    |             |
| Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding              | 232,231,720                         | 235,701,076 | 232,916,425                        | 236,301,789 |
| Plus: Dilutive Effect of Share-based Compensation        | 1,931,470                           | 2,036,053   | 1,974,357                          | 1,873,907   |
| Average Common and Potential Common Shares               | 234,163,190                         | 237,737,129 | 234,890,782                        | 238,175,696 |
| Earnings Allocated to Common and Potential Common Shares | \$225.0                             | \$201.0     | \$705.4                            | \$558.4     |
| Diluted Net Income Per Common Share                      | 0.96                                | 0.84        | 3.00                               | 2.34        |

Note: For the three months ended September 30, 2015, there were no common stock equivalents excluded in the computation of diluted net income per common share. Common stock equivalents of 496,104 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 1,071,654 and 1,671,849 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted net income per common share because their inclusion would have been antidilutive.





Table of Contents

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

14. Net Interest Income — The components of net interest income were as follows:

Table 55: Net Interest Income

| (In Millions)   | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
|   | 2015                                | 2014    | 2015                               | 2014    |
| Interest Income                                       |                                     |         |                                    |         |
| Loans and Leases                                      | \$186.7                             | \$184.8 | \$541.6                            | \$553.5 |
| Securities — Taxable                                  | 81.5                                | 65.1    | 235.2                              | 198.0   |
| — Non-Taxable   | 1.1                                 | 1.6     | 3.7                                | 5.7     |
| Interest-Bearing Due from and Deposits with Banks (1) | 27.0                                | 30.9    | 82.3                               | 96.6    |
| Federal Reserve Deposits and Other                    | 9.4                                 | 11.4    | 30.5                               | 29.2    |
| Total Interest Income                                 | 305.7                               | 293.8   | 893.3                              | 883.0   |
| Interest Expense                                      |                                     |         |                                    |         |
| Deposits  | 17.9                                | 21.6    | 53.0                               | 64.1    |
| Federal Funds Purchased                               | 0.1                                 | 0.5     | 0.4                                | 1.1     |
| Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase        | —                                   | 0.1     | 0.2                                | 0.3     |
| Other Borrowings                                      | 1.0                                 | 0.9     | 3.3                                | 2.4     |
| Senior Notes  | 11.7                                | 11.6    | 35.2                               | 42.8    |
| Long-Term Debt  | 5.5                                 | 9.2     | 18.8                               | 29.0    |
| Floating Rate Capital Debt                            | 0.6                                 | 0.6     | 1.7                                | 1.7     |
| Total Interest Expense                                | 36.8                                | 44.5    | 112.6                              | 141.4   |
| Net Interest Income                                   | \$268.9                             | \$249.3 | \$780.7                            | \$741.6 |

(1) Interest-Bearing Due from and Deposits with Banks includes the interest-bearing component of Cash and Due from Banks and Interest-Bearing Deposits with Banks as presented on the consolidated balance sheets.

15. Income Taxes — Income tax expense for the three- and nine- months ended September 30, 2015 of \$118.6 million and \$380.1 million was recorded representing an effective tax rate of 33.6% and 34.1%, respectively. The prior-year three- and nine- month provisions for income taxes were \$99.7 million and \$276.6 million, representing an effective tax rate of 32.8% for both the three and nine months then ended.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

16. Pension and Postretirement Health Care — The following tables set forth the net periodic pension and postretirement benefit expense for Northern Trust's U.S. and non-U.S. pension plans, supplemental pension plan, and postretirement health care plan for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 56: Net Periodic Pension Expense (Benefit)

| Net Periodic Pension Expense<br>U.S. Plan<br>(In Millions)  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
|   | 2015                                | 2014    | 2015                               | 2014    |
| Service Cost  | \$9.5                               | \$8.2   | \$28.4                             | \$24.6  |
| Interest Cost   | 11.1                                | 11.1    | 33.5                               | 33.3    |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets<br>Amortization  | (24.1                               | ) (24.4 | ) (72.3                            | ) (73.3 |
| Net Actuarial Loss  | 7.5                                 | 5.4     | 22.3                               | 16.1    |
| Prior Service Cost  | (0.1                                | ) (0.1  | ) (0.3                             | ) (0.3  |
| Net Periodic Pension Expense  | \$3.9                               | \$0.2   | \$11.6                             | \$0.4   |
| Net Periodic Pension Expense (Benefit)<br>Non-U.S. Plans<br>(In Millions)                         | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |
|   | 2015                                | 2014    | 2015                               | 2014    |
| Interest Cost   | \$1.4                               | \$1.8   | \$4.2                              | \$5.3   |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets<br>Amortization  | (1.5                                | ) (1.8  | ) (4.4                             | ) (5.3  |
| Net Actuarial Loss  | 0.4                                 | (0.4    | ) 1.2                              | (1.2    |
| Net Periodic Pension Expense (Benefit)  | \$0.3                               | \$(0.4  | ) \$1.0                            | \$(1.2  |
| Net Periodic Pension Expense<br>Supplemental Plan<br>(In Millions)                                | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |
|   | 2015                                | 2014    | 2015                               | 2014    |
| Service Cost  | \$0.9                               | \$0.8   | \$2.7                              | \$2.3   |
| Interest Cost   | 1.3                                 | 1.2     | 3.8                                | 3.6     |
| Amortization  |                                     |         |                                    |         |
| Net Actuarial Loss  | 1.8                                 | 1.5     | 5.5                                | 4.4     |
| Prior Service Cost  | —                                   | 0.2     | 0.1                                | 0.4     |
| Net Periodic Pension Expense  | \$4.0                               | \$3.7   | \$12.1                             | \$10.7  |
| Net Periodic Postretirement Expense (Benefit)<br>Postretirement Health Care Plan<br>(In Millions) | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |
|   | 2015                                | 2014    | 2015                               | 2014    |
| Service Cost  | \$—                                 | \$—     | \$0.1                              | \$0.1   |
| Interest Cost   | 0.3                                 | 0.4     | 1.0                                | 1.1     |
| Amortization  |                                     |         |                                    |         |
| Net Actuarial (Gain)  | —                                   | (0.1    | ) —                                | (0.4    |
| Net Periodic Postretirement Expense   | \$0.3                               | \$0.3   | \$1.1                              | \$0.8   |

17. Share-Based Compensation Plans — The Northern Trust Corporation 2012 Stock Plan provides for the grant of nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards, restricted stock units and performance stock units.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Total compensation expense for share-based payment arrangements and the associated tax impacts were as follows for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 57: Total Compensation Expense for Share-Based Payment Arrangements

| (In Millions)                          | Three Months Ended |        | Nine Months Ended |        |
|--|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
|  | September 30,      |        | September 30,     |        |
|  | 2015               | 2014   | 2015              | 2014   |
| Restricted Stock Unit Awards           | \$11.8             | \$12.7 | \$38.7            | \$41.7 |
| Stock Options                          | 1.3                | 2.2    | 9.0               | 10.7   |
| Performance Stock Units                | 3.7                | 3.1    | 11.2              | 8.9    |
| Total Share-Based Compensation Expense | 16.8               | 18.0   | 58.9              | 61.3   |
| Tax Benefits Recognized                | \$6.4              | \$6.8  | \$22.2            | \$23.0 |

18. Variable Interest Entities — Variable Interest Entities (VIEs) are defined within GAAP as entities that either have a total equity investment that is insufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support or whose equity investors lack the characteristics of a controlling financial interest. Investors that finance a VIE through debt or equity interests, or other counterparties that provide other forms of support, such as guarantees, subordinated fee arrangements, or certain types of derivative contracts, are variable interest holders in the entity. The variable interest holder, if any, that has both the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity and a variable interest that could potentially be significant to the entity is deemed to be the VIE's primary beneficiary and is required to consolidate the VIE.

Leveraged Leases. In leveraged leasing transactions, Northern Trust acts as lessor of the underlying asset subject to the lease and typically funds 20 - 30% of the asset's cost via an equity ownership in a trust with the remaining 70 - 80% provided by third-party non-recourse debt holders. In such transactions, the trusts, which are VIEs, are created to provide the lessee use of the property with substantially all of the rights and obligations of ownership. The lessee's maintenance and operation of the leased property has a direct effect on the fair value of the underlying property, and the lessee also has the ability to increase the benefits it can receive and limit the losses it can suffer by the manner in which it uses the property. As a result, Northern Trust has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of these VIEs given it lacks the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the VIEs.

Northern Trust's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with the leveraged lease trust VIEs is limited to the carrying amounts of its leveraged lease investments. As of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, the carrying amounts of these investments, which are included in loans and leases in the consolidated balance sheets, were \$496.3 million and \$547.6 million, respectively. Northern Trust's funding requirements relative to the VIEs are limited to its invested capital. Northern Trust has no other liquidity arrangements or obligations to purchase assets of the VIEs that would expose Northern Trust to a loss.

Tax Credit Structures. Northern Trust invests in qualified affordable housing projects and community development entities (collectively, community development projects) that are designed to generate a return primarily through the realization of tax credits. The community development projects are formed as limited partnerships and LLCs in which Northern Trust invests as a limited partner/investor member through equity contributions. The economic performance of the community development projects, which are VIEs, is subject to the performance of their underlying investment and their ability to operate in compliance with the rules and regulations necessary for the qualification of tax credits generated by equity investments. Northern Trust has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of any community development projects as it lacks the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the underlying investments or to affect their ability to operate in compliance with the rules and regulations necessary for the qualification of tax credits generated by equity investments. This power is held by the general partners and managing members who exercise full and exclusive control of the operations of the VIEs. Northern Trust's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with community development projects is limited to the carrying amount of its investments, including any undrawn commitments. As of September 30, 2015,

and December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of investments in community development projects that generate tax credits, included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets, totaled \$176.4 million and \$208.9 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, liabilities related to undrawn commitments on investments in tax credit community development projects, included in other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets, totaled \$12.1 million and \$15.6 million, respectively. Northern Trust's funding requirements are limited to its invested capital and undrawn commitments for future equity contributions. Northern Trust has no exposure to loss from liquidity arrangements and no obligation to purchase assets of the community development projects.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Affordable housing tax credits and other tax benefits attributable to community development projects totaled \$13.1 million and \$14.5 million, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and \$39.6 million and \$43.2 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Trust Preferred Securities. In 1997, Northern Trust issued Floating Rate Capital Securities, Series A and Series B, through NTC Capital I and NTC Capital II, respectively, statutory business trusts wholly-owned by the Corporation. The sole assets of the trusts are subordinated debentures of the Corporation that have the same interest rates and maturity dates as the corresponding distribution rates and redemption dates of the Floating Rate Capital Securities. NTC Capital I and NTC Capital II are considered VIEs; however, as the sole asset of each trust is a receivable from the Corporation and proceeds to the Corporation from the receivable exceed the Corporation's investment in the VIEs' equity shares, the Corporation is not permitted to consolidate the trusts, even though the Corporation owns all of the voting equity shares of the trusts, has fully guaranteed the trusts' obligations and has the right to redeem the preferred securities in certain circumstances. Northern Trust recognizes the subordinated debentures in its consolidated balance sheets as long-term liabilities.

Investment Funds. Northern Trust acts as asset manager for various funds in which clients of Northern Trust are investors. As an asset manager of funds, Northern Trust earns a competitively priced fee that is based on assets managed and varies with each fund's investment objective.

In June 2015, Northern Trust voluntarily elected to contribute an aggregate \$45.8 million of cash to four constant-dollar-net-asset-value investment funds (Funds) for which it serves as asset manager to bring the net asset values of such funds to \$1.00. The contributions, which were recorded to other operating expense in the consolidated statements of income, resulted in a pre-tax charge of \$45.8 million.

Under GAAP, the contributions noted above are deemed to reflect Northern Trust's implicit interest in the credit risk of the Funds, which must be considered when determining whether it is the primary beneficiary of the Funds. In determining whether Northern Trust is the primary beneficiary of the Funds, Northern Trust used an expected loss calculation based on the characteristics of the underlying investments in the Funds to estimate the expected losses related to interest rate and credit risk, and also considered the relative rights and obligations of each of the applicable variable interest holders. Upon consideration of this analysis, Northern Trust determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of the Funds, as interest rate risk was determined to be the primary driver of expected losses within such funds. Similarly, based on its analysis, including consideration of the contributions noted above, Northern Trust has also determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of any other investment funds for which it serves as asset manager under GAAP. Accordingly, Northern Trust is not required to consolidate the Funds or any other investment funds for which it serves as asset manager within its consolidated balance sheets.

Any potential future support of the Funds will be at the discretion of Northern Trust after an evaluation of the specific facts and circumstances and with careful consideration as to the potential impact on Northern Trust's regulatory capital levels and other operational needs. As of September 30, 2015, Northern Trust has no exposure to loss from its implicit interest in such Funds as there are no current plans to provide any further support to the Funds.

#### 19. Contingent Liabilities

Commitments, Letters of Credit and Indemnifications. Northern Trust, in the normal course of business, enters into various types of commitments and issues letters of credit to meet the liquidity and credit enhancement needs of its clients.

Legally binding commitments to extend credit generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. Since a significant portion of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future loans or liquidity requirements. Legally binding commitments to extend credit totaled \$36.5 billion and \$35.1 billion as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

Standby letters of credit obligate Northern Trust to meet certain financial obligations of its clients, if, under the contractual terms of the agreement, the clients are unable to do so. These instruments are primarily issued to support

public and private financial commitments, including commercial paper, bond financing, initial margin requirements on futures exchanges and similar transactions. Northern Trust is obligated to meet the entire financial obligation of these agreements and in certain cases is able to recover the amounts paid through recourse against collateral received or other participants. Standby letters of credit outstanding were \$4.3 billion and \$4.5 billion as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

As part of its securities custody activities and at the direction of its clients, Northern Trust lends securities owned by clients to borrowers who are reviewed and approved by the Northern Trust Counterparty Risk Management Committee. In connection with

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

these activities, Northern Trust has issued indemnifications to certain clients against certain losses that are a direct result of a borrower's failure to return securities when due, should the value of such securities exceed the value of the collateral required to be posted. Borrowers are required to collateralize fully securities received with cash or marketable securities. As securities are loaned, collateral is maintained at a minimum of 100% of the fair value of the securities plus accrued interest. The collateral is revalued on a daily basis. The amount of securities loaned as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, subject to indemnification was \$110.1 billion and \$98.1 billion, respectively. Because of the credit quality of the borrowers and the requirement to collateralize fully securities borrowed, management believes that the exposure to credit loss from this activity is not significant and no liability was recorded as of September 30, 2015, or December 31, 2014, related to these indemnifications.

**Legal Proceedings.** In the normal course of business, the Corporation and its subsidiaries are routinely defendants in or parties to a number of pending and threatened legal actions, including, but not limited to, actions brought on behalf of various claimants or classes of claimants, regulatory matters, employment matters and challenges from tax authorities regarding the amount of taxes due. In certain of these actions and proceedings, claims for substantial monetary damages or adjustments to recorded tax liabilities are asserted.

Based on current knowledge, after consultation with legal counsel and after taking into account current accruals, management does not believe that losses, if any, arising from pending litigation or threatened legal actions or regulatory matters will have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or liquidity of the Corporation, although such matters could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's operating results for a particular period.

Under GAAP, (i) an event is "probable" if the "future event or events are likely to occur"; (ii) an event is "reasonably possible" if "the chance of the future event or events occurring is more than remote but less than likely"; and (iii) an event is "remote" if "the chance of the future event or events occurring is slight."

For the reasons set out in this paragraph, the outcome of some matters is inherently difficult to predict and/or the range of loss cannot be reasonably estimated. This may be the case in matters that (i) will be decided by a jury, (ii) are in early stages, (iii) involve uncertainty as to the likelihood of a class being certified or the ultimate size of the class, (iv) are subject to appeals or motions, (v) involve significant factual issues to be resolved, including with respect to the amount of damages, (vi) do not specify the amount of damages sought or (vii) seek very large damages based on novel and complex damage and liability legal theories. Accordingly, the Corporation cannot reasonably estimate the eventual outcome of these pending matters, the timing of their ultimate resolution or what the eventual loss, fines or penalties, if any, related to each pending matter will be.

In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, the Corporation records accruals for litigation and regulatory matters when those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and reasonably estimable. When loss contingencies are not both probable and reasonably estimable, the Corporation does not record accruals. No material accruals have been recorded for pending litigation or threatened legal actions or regulatory matters.

For a limited number of the matters for which a loss is reasonably possible in future periods, whether in excess of an accrued liability or where there is no accrued liability, the Corporation is able to estimate a range of possible loss. As of September 30, 2015, the Corporation has estimated the upper end of the range of reasonably possible losses for these matters to be approximately \$125 million in the aggregate. This aggregate amount of reasonably possible loss is based upon currently available information and is subject to significant judgment and a variety of assumptions and known and unknown uncertainties. The matters underlying the estimated range will change from time to time, and actual results will vary significantly from the current estimate.

In certain other pending matters, there may be a range of reasonably possible losses (including reasonably possible losses in excess of amounts accrued) that cannot be reasonably estimated for the reasons described above. Such matters are not included in the estimate of reasonably possible losses identified above.

A number of participants in Northern Trust's securities lending program, which is associated with its asset servicing business, have commenced either individual lawsuits or purported class actions in which they claim, among other things, that Northern Trust failed to exercise prudence in the investment management of the collateral received from



the borrowers of the securities, resulting in losses that they seek to recover. The cases assert various contractual, statutory and common law claims, including claims for breach of fiduciary duty under common law and under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). In 2013, Northern Trust recorded a \$19.2 million pre-tax charge in connection with a settlement to resolve certain claims related to two of these lawsuits. Other lawsuits and claims related to securities lending are not part of the proposed settlement and remain pending.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

As previously disclosed in April 2014, Northern Trust remains subject to an investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) related to Northern Trust's securities lending activities. Northern Trust continues to cooperate with the SEC in this investigation.

In January 2015, the Public Prosecutor's Office of France recommended that certain charges be brought against Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Guernsey) Limited (NTFS), an indirect subsidiary of the Corporation, relating to the administration of two trusts for which NTFS serves as trustee. In April 2015, a French investigating magistrate judge charged NTFS with complicity in estate tax fraud. NTFS will contest the criminal charge in the French court. As trustee, NTFS provided no tax advice and had no involvement in the preparation or filing of the challenged estate tax filings.

Visa Class B Common Shares. Northern Trust, as a member of Visa U.S.A. Inc. (Visa U.S.A.) and in connection with the 2007 restructuring of Visa U.S.A. and its affiliates and the 2008 initial public offering of Visa Inc. (Visa), received certain Visa Class B common shares. The Visa Class B common shares are subject to certain selling restrictions until the final resolution of the covered litigation noted below, at which time the shares are convertible into Visa Class A common shares based on a conversion rate dependent upon the ultimate cost of resolving the covered litigation.

Certain members of Visa U.S.A. are obligated to indemnify Visa for losses resulting from certain litigation relating to interchange fees (the covered litigation). On October 19, 2012, Visa signed a settlement agreement with plaintiff representatives for binding settlement of the covered litigation. On January 14, 2014, the trial court entered a final judgment order approving the settlement with the class plaintiffs, which is subject to appeal. A number of objectors have appealed from that order and more than 30 opt-out cases have been filed by merchants in various federal district courts. The ultimate resolution of the covered litigation and the timing for removal of the selling restrictions on the Visa Class B common shares are uncertain.

In June 2015, Northern Trust recorded a \$99.9 million net pre-tax gain on the sale of 1.0 million of its Visa Class B common shares. This sale does not affect Northern Trust's risk related to the impact of the covered litigation on the rate at which such shares will ultimately convert into Visa Class A common shares. As of September 30, 2015, Northern Trust continued to hold approximately 5.2 million Visa Class B common shares, which are recorded at their original cost basis of zero.

20. Derivative Financial Instruments — Northern Trust is a party to various derivative financial instruments that are used in the normal course of business to meet the needs of its clients, as part of its trading activity for its own account and as part of its risk management activities. These instruments include foreign exchange contracts, interest rate contracts and other contracts.

Northern Trust's primary risks associated with foreign exchange and interest rate instruments are the possibility that interest rates or foreign exchange rates could change in an unanticipated manner, resulting in higher costs or a loss in the underlying value of the instrument. These risks are mitigated by establishing limits, monitoring the level of actual positions taken against such established limits and monitoring the level of any interest rate sensitivity gaps created by such positions. When establishing position limits, market liquidity and volatility, as well as experience in each market, are taken into account.

Credit risk associated with derivative instruments relates to the failure of the counterparty to pay based on the contractual terms of the agreement, and is generally limited to the unrealized fair value gains on these instruments, net of any cash collateral received. The amount of credit risk will increase or decrease during the lives of the instruments as interest rates, foreign exchange rates or other underlying exposures fluctuate. Northern Trust's risk is controlled by limiting such activity to an approved list of counterparties and by subjecting such activity to the same credit and quality controls as are followed in lending and investment activities. Credit Support Annexes and other similar agreements are currently in place with a number of Northern Trust's counterparties which mitigate the aforementioned credit risk associated with derivative activity conducted with those counterparties by requiring that significant net unrealized fair value gains be supported by collateral placed with Northern Trust.

All derivative financial instruments, whether designated as hedges or not, are recorded in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value within other assets or other liabilities. As noted in the discussions below, the manner in which

changes in the fair value of a derivative is accounted for in the consolidated statements of income depends on whether the contract has been designated as a hedge and qualifies for hedge accounting under GAAP. Northern Trust has elected to net derivative assets and liabilities when legally enforceable master netting arrangements or similar agreements exist between Northern Trust and the counterparty. Derivative assets and liabilities recorded in the consolidated balance sheets were each reduced by \$1.1 billion and \$1.9 billion as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively, as a result of master netting arrangements and similar agreements in place. Derivative assets and liabilities recorded at September 30, 2015, also reflect reductions of \$69.0 million and \$1.2 billion, respectively, as a result of cash collateral received from and deposited with derivative counterparties, respectively. This compares with reductions of derivative assets and liabilities of \$315.8 million and \$1.2 billion, respectively, at December 31, 2014. Additional cash collateral received from and deposited with derivative counterparties totaling \$24.3 million and \$218.6 million, respectively,

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

as of September 30, 2015, and \$19.6 million and \$153.2 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2014, were not offset against derivative assets and liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets as the amounts exceeded the net derivative positions with those counterparties. Northern Trust centrally clears eligible interest rate derivative instruments as required under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Securities posted as collateral for these transactions totaled \$17.1 million and \$27.4 million at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively, are not offset against derivative assets and liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets, and the counterparty receiving the securities as collateral does not have the right to repledge or sell the securities.

Certain master netting arrangements Northern Trust enters into with derivative counterparties contain credit-risk-related contingent features in which the counterparty has the option to declare Northern Trust in default and accelerate cash settlement of net derivative liabilities with the counterparty in the event Northern Trust's credit rating falls below specified levels. The aggregate fair value of all derivative instruments with credit-risk-related contingent features that were in a liability position was \$391.4 million and \$299.5 million at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively. Cash collateral amounts deposited with derivative counterparties on those dates included \$348.2 million and \$272.9 million, respectively, posted against these liabilities, resulting in a net maximum amount of termination payments that could have been required at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, of \$43.2 million and \$26.6 million, respectively. Accelerated settlement of these liabilities would not have a material effect on the consolidated financial position or liquidity of Northern Trust.

Foreign exchange contracts are agreements to exchange specific amounts of currencies at a future date, at a specified rate of exchange. Foreign exchange contracts are entered into primarily to meet the foreign exchange needs of clients. Foreign exchange contracts are also used for trading purposes and risk management. For risk management purposes, Northern Trust uses foreign exchange contracts to reduce its exposure to changes in foreign exchange rates relating to certain forecasted non-functional-currency-denominated revenue and expenditure transactions, foreign-currency-denominated assets and liabilities and net investments in non-U.S. affiliates.

Interest rate contracts include swap and option contracts. Interest rate swap contracts involve the exchange of fixed and floating rate interest payment obligations without the exchange of the underlying principal amounts. Northern Trust enters into interest rate swap contracts with its clients and offsetting contracts with outside counterparties. It also may utilize such contracts to reduce or eliminate the exposure to changes in the cash flows or fair value of hedged assets or liabilities due to changes in interest rates. Interest rate option contracts may include caps, floors, collars and swaptions, and provide for the transfer or reduction of interest rate risk, typically in exchange for a fee. Northern Trust enters into option contracts primarily as a seller of interest rate protection to clients. Northern Trust receives a fee at the outset of the agreement for the assumption of the risk of an unfavorable change in interest rates. This assumed interest rate risk is then mitigated by entering into an offsetting position with an outside counterparty. Northern Trust may also purchase or enter into option contracts for risk management purposes including to reduce the exposure to changes in the cash flows of hedged assets due to changes in interest rates.

Client-Related and Trading Derivative Instruments. Approximately 97% of Northern Trust's derivatives outstanding at September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, measured on a notional value basis, relate to client-related and trading activities. These activities consist principally of providing foreign exchange services to clients in connection with Northern Trust's global custody business. However, in the normal course of business, Northern Trust also engages in trading of currencies for its own account.

The following table shows the notional and fair values of client-related and trading derivative financial instruments. Notional amounts of derivative financial instruments do not represent credit risk, and are not recorded in the consolidated balance sheets. They are used merely to express the volume of this activity. Northern Trust's credit-related risk of loss is limited to the positive fair value of the derivative instrument, which is significantly less than the notional amount.

Table 58: Notional and Fair Values of Client-Related and Trading Derivative Financial Instruments

September 30, 2015

December 31, 2014

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

| (In Millions)                 | Notional<br>Value | Fair Value<br>Asset | Liability | Notional<br>Value | Fair Value<br>Asset | Liability |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Foreign Exchange<br>Contracts | \$244,510.8       | \$2,779.0           | \$2,751.9 | \$257,568.7       | \$4,149.5           | \$4,072.0 |
| Interest Rate Contracts       | 6,046.3           | 139.1               | 136.1     | 5,353.8           | 105.5               | 101.3     |
| Total                         | \$250,557.1       | \$2,918.1           | \$2,888.0 | \$262,922.5       | \$4,255.0           | \$4,173.3 |

67

---

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Changes in the fair value of client-related and trading derivative instruments are recognized currently in income. The following table shows the location and amount of gains and losses recorded in the consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014.

Table 59: Location and Amount of Gains and Losses Recorded in Income

| (In Millions)              | Location of Derivative Gain Recognized in Income | Amount of Derivative Gain Recognized in Income |        |                                 |         |
|----------------------------|--|--|--------|---------------------------------|---------|
|                            |  | Three Months Ended September 30,               |        | Nine Months Ended September 30, |         |
|                            |  | 2015   | 2014   | 2015                            | 2014    |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts | Foreign Exchange Trading Income                  | \$62.9   | \$46.4 | \$209.3                         | \$149.4 |
| Interest Rate Contracts    | Security Commissions and Trading Income          | 5.0  | 0.6    | 12.9                            | 4.6     |
| Total                      |  | \$67.9   | \$47.0 | \$222.2                         | \$154.0 |

**Risk Management Instruments.** Northern Trust uses derivative instruments to hedge its exposure to foreign currency, interest rate and other risks. Certain hedging relationships are formally designated and qualify for hedge accounting under GAAP as fair value, cash flow or net investment hedges. Other derivatives that are entered into for risk management purposes as economic hedges are not formally designated as hedges and changes in fair value are recognized currently in other operating income.

In order to qualify for hedge accounting, a formal assessment is performed on a calendar-quarter basis to verify that derivatives used in designated hedging transactions continue to be highly effective in offsetting the changes in fair value or cash flows of the hedged item. If a derivative ceases to be highly effective, matures, is sold or is terminated, or if a hedged forecasted transaction is no longer probable of occurring, hedge accounting is terminated and the derivative is treated as if it were a trading instrument.

The following table identifies the types and classifications of derivative instruments formally designated as hedges under GAAP and used by Northern Trust to manage risk, their notional and fair values, and the respective risks addressed.

Table 60: Notional and Fair Values of Designated Risk Management Derivative Financial Instruments

| (In Millions)  | Derivative Instrument        | Risk Classification | September 30, 2015 |                  |           | December 31, 2014 |                  |           |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
|  |                              |                     | Notional Value     | Fair Value Asset | Liability | Notional Value    | Fair Value Asset | Liability |
| Fair Value Hedges                                    |                              |                     |                    |                  |           |                   |                  |           |
| Available for Sale Investment Securities             | Interest Rate Swap Contracts | Interest Rate       | \$2,632.5          | \$3.1            | \$27.2    | \$2,859.5         | \$12.7           | \$28.5    |
| Senior Notes and Long-Term Subordinated Debt         | Interest Rate Swap Contracts | Interest Rate       | 1,250.0            | 133.0            | 2.2       | 1,250.0           | 112.8            | 2.0       |
| Cash Flow Hedges                                     |                              |                     |                    |                  |           |                   |                  |           |
| Forecasted Foreign Currency Denominated Transactions | Foreign Exchange Contracts   | Foreign Currency    | 387.5              | 10.0             | 15.9      | 344.9             | 6.0              | 14.8      |
| Available for Sale Investment Securities             | Interest Rate Swap Contracts | Interest Rate       | 10.0               | —                | —         | 10.0              | —                | —         |
| Available for Sale Investment Securities             | Interest Rate Option         | Interest Rate       | 925.0              | 7.6              | —         | 625.0             | 1.3              | —         |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|  |                            |                  |           |         |        |           |         |        |
|--|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Net Investment Hedges                  | Contracts                  |                  |           |         |        |           |         |        |
| Net Investments in Non-U.S. Affiliates | Foreign Exchange Contracts | Foreign Currency | 1,957.7   | 28.9    | 4.2    | 1,795.4   | 118.9   | 3.4    |
| Total                                  |                            |                  | \$7,162.7 | \$182.6 | \$49.5 | \$6,884.8 | \$251.7 | \$48.7 |

68

---

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

In addition to the above, Sterling denominated debt, totaling \$243.9 million at December 31, 2014, was designated as a hedge of the foreign exchange associated with the net investment in certain non-U.S. affiliates. This debt matured during the quarter ended March 31, 2015.

Derivatives are designated as fair value hedges to limit Northern Trust's exposure to changes in the fair value of assets and liabilities due to movements in interest rates. For a fair value hedge, changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument and changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability attributable to the hedged risk are recorded currently in income. The following table shows the location and amount of derivative gains and losses recorded in the consolidated statements of income related to fair value hedges for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 61: Location and Amount of Derivative Gains and Losses Recorded in Income

| (In Millions)                                | Derivative Instrument        | Location of Derivative Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income | Amount of Derivative Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income |        |                    |           |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------------------|-----------|
|  |                              |   | Three Months Ended                                    |        | Nine Months Ended  |           |
|  |                              |   | September 30, 2015                                    | 2014   | September 30, 2015 | 2014      |
| Available for Sale Investment Securities     | Interest Rate Swap Contracts | Interest Income   | \$(22.5 )   | \$5.1  | \$(34.8 )          | \$(21.9 ) |
| Senior Notes and Long-Term Subordinated Debt | Interest Rate Swap Contracts | Interest Expense  | 43.7  | 5.8    | 45.8               | 66.0      |
| Total  |                              |   | \$21.2  | \$10.9 | \$11.0             | \$44.1    |

Northern Trust applies the "shortcut" method of accounting, available under GAAP, to substantially all of its fair value hedges, which assumes there is no ineffectiveness in a hedge. As a result, changes recorded in the fair value of the hedged item, attributable to the hedged risk, are equal to the offsetting gain or loss on the derivative and are reflected in the same line item. For fair value hedges that do not qualify for the "shortcut" method of accounting, Northern Trust utilizes regression analysis, the "long-haul" method of accounting, in assessing whether the hedging relationships are highly effective at inception and quarterly thereafter. Ineffectiveness resulting from fair value hedges is recorded in either interest income or interest expense. There was no ineffectiveness or changes in the fair value of hedged items recognized in income for fair value hedges accounted for under the "long-haul" method of accounting during the three- and nine- month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Derivatives are also designated as cash flow hedges in order to minimize the variability in cash flows of earning assets or forecasted transactions caused by movements in interest or foreign exchange rates. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of such derivatives is recognized in AOCI, a component of stockholders' equity, and there is no change in the accounting for the hedged item. Balances in AOCI are reclassified to income when the hedged forecasted transaction impacts income. Northern Trust applies the "shortcut" method of accounting for cash flow hedges of certain available for sale investment securities. For cash flow hedges of certain other available for sale investment securities and forecasted foreign currency denominated revenue and expenditure transactions, Northern Trust closely matches all terms of the hedged item and the hedging derivative at inception and on an ongoing basis which limits hedge ineffectiveness. For cash flow hedges of available for sale investment securities, to the extent all terms are not perfectly matched, effectiveness is assessed using regression analysis and any ineffectiveness is measured using the hypothetical derivative method. For cash flow hedges of forecasted foreign currency denominated revenue and expenditure transactions, to the extent all terms are not perfectly matched, effectiveness is assessed using the dollar-offset method and any ineffectiveness is measured using the hypothetical derivative method. There was no ineffectiveness recognized in income for cash flow hedges during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. As of September 30, 2015, 23 months was the maximum length of time over which the exposure to variability in future cash flows of forecasted foreign-currency-denominated transactions was being hedged.





Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The following tables provide cash flow hedge derivative gains and losses recognized in AOCI and the amounts reclassified to income during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 62: Cash Flow Hedge Derivative Gains and Losses Recognized in AOCI and Reclassified to Income

| (In Millions)  | Foreign Exchange       |         | Interest Rate Option   |        |
|--|------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|
|  | Contracts (Before Tax) |         | Contracts (Before Tax) |        |
| Three Months Ended September 30,                     | 2015                   | 2014    | 2015                   | 2014   |
| Net Gain/(Loss) Recognized in AOCI                   | \$1.8                  | \$(6.9  | ) \$4.6                | \$(0.7 |
| Net Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI to Net Income |                        |         |                        |        |
| Other Operating Income                               | (1.0                   | ) 0.7   | —                      | —      |
| Interest Income                                      | —                      | —       | 1.4                    | 0.1    |
| Other Operating Expense                              | (0.5                   | ) —     | —                      | —      |
| Total  | \$(1.5                 | ) \$0.7 | \$1.4                  | \$0.1  |
| (In Millions)  | Foreign Exchange       |         | Interest Rate Option   |        |
|  | Contracts (Before Tax) |         | Contracts (Before Tax) |        |
| Nine Months Ended September 30,                      | 2015                   | 2014    | 2015                   | 2014   |
| Net Gain/(Loss) Recognized in AOCI                   | \$0.4                  | \$(5.8  | ) \$6.1                | \$(0.7 |
| Net Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI to Net Income |                        |         |                        |        |
| Other Operating Income                               | (4.9                   | ) 3.4   | —                      | —      |
| Interest Income                                      | —                      | —       | 3.8                    | 0.1    |
| Other Operating Expense                              | (1.3                   | ) (0.2  | ) —                    | —      |
| Total  | \$(6.2                 | ) \$3.2 | \$3.8                  | \$0.1  |

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, there were no transactions discontinued due to the original forecasted transactions no longer being probable of occurring. It is estimated that a net loss of \$5.5 million will be reclassified into net income within the next twelve months relating to cash flow hedges of foreign-currency-denominated transactions. It is estimated that a net gain of \$4.8 million will be reclassified into net income upon the receipt of interest payments on earning assets within the next twelve months relating to cash flow hedges of available for sale investment securities.

Certain foreign exchange contracts and qualifying nonderivative instruments are designated as net investment hedges to minimize Northern Trust's exposure to variability in the foreign currency translation of net investments in non-U.S. branches and subsidiaries. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument is recognized in AOCI consistent with the related translation gains and losses of the hedged net investment. For net investment hedges, all critical terms of the hedged item and the hedging instrument are matched at inception and on an ongoing basis to minimize the risk of hedge ineffectiveness. To the extent all terms are not perfectly matched, any ineffectiveness is measured using the hypothetical derivative method. Ineffectiveness resulting from net investment hedges is recorded in other operating income. There was no ineffectiveness recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. Amounts recorded in AOCI are reclassified to net income only upon the sale or liquidation of an investment in a non-U.S. branch or subsidiary.

The following table provides net investment hedge gains and losses recognized in AOCI during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 63: Net Investment Hedge Gains and Losses Recognized in AOCI

| (In Millions) | Hedging Gain                   |               |                   |               |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
|               | Recognized in OCI (Before Tax) |               |                   |               |
|               | Three Months Ended             |               | Nine Months Ended |               |
|               | September 30,                  | September 30, | September 30,     | September 30, |
|               | 2015                           | 2014          | 2015              | 2014          |
|               |                                |               |                   |               |

Edgar Filing: NORTHERN TRUST CORP - Form 10-Q

|  |        |         |        |        |
|--|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Foreign Exchange Contracts             | \$49.1 | \$106.2 | \$79.6 | \$74.3 |
| Sterling Denominated Subordinated Debt | —      | 13.7    | 5.0    | 5.4    |
| Total                                  | \$49.1 | \$119.9 | \$84.6 | \$79.7 |

70

---

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Certain derivatives entered into for risk management purposes are not formally designated as hedges under GAAP. Foreign exchange contracts are entered into to manage the foreign currency risk of non-U.S.-dollar-denominated assets and liabilities, the net investment in certain non-U.S. affiliates, commercial loans and forecasted foreign-currency-denominated transactions. For a description of the swap related to the sale of certain Visa Class B common shares, see “Level 3” under Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements. The following table identifies the types of risk management derivative instruments not formally designated as hedges and their notional amounts and fair values.

Table 64: Notional and Fair Values of Non-Designated Risk Management Derivative Instruments

| (In Millions)                   | September 30, 2015 |            |           | December 31, 2014 |            |           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
|                                 | Notional           | Fair Value |           | Notional          | Fair Value |           |
|                                 | Value              | Asset      | Liability | Value             | Asset      | Liability |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts      | \$192.0            | \$0.4      | \$2.6     | \$246.3           | \$0.8      | \$5.3     |
| Other Financial Derivatives (1) | 114.8              | —          | 10.9      | —                 | —          | —         |
| Total                           | \$306.8            | \$0.4      | \$13.5    | \$246.3           | \$0.8      | \$5.3     |

(1) This line includes a swap related to the sale of certain Visa Class B common shares.

Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments not formally designated as hedges are recognized currently in income. The following table provides the location and amount of gains and losses recorded in the consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Table 65: Location and Amount of Gains and Losses Recorded in Income for Non-Designated Risk Management Derivative Instruments

| (In Millions)                   | Location of Derivative (Loss) Recognized in Income | Amount of Derivative (Loss) Recognized in Income |           |                    |          |   |
|---------------------------------|--|--|-----------|--------------------|----------|---|
|                                 |  | Three Months Ended                               |           | Nine Months Ended  |          |   |
|                                 |  | September 30, 2015                               | 2014      | September 30, 2015 | 2014     |   |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts      | Other Operating Income                             | (6.3   | ) (10.1   | ) (8.4             | ) (9.3   | ) |
| Other Financial Derivatives (1) | Other Operating Income                             | (0.2   | ) —       | (11.5              | ) —      | ) |
| Total                           |  | \$(6.5   | ) \$(10.1 | ) \$(19.9          | ) \$(9.3 | ) |

(1) This line includes a swap related to the sale of certain Visa Class B common shares.

Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

## 21. Offsetting of Assets and Liabilities

The following tables provide information regarding the offsetting of derivative assets and securities purchased under agreements to resell within the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

Table 66: Offsetting of Derivative Assets and Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell  
September 30, 2015

| (In Millions)   | Gross<br>Recognized<br>Assets | Gross<br>Amounts<br>Offset | Net<br>Amounts<br>Presented | Gross<br>Amounts<br>Not Offset | Net<br>Amount (3) |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Derivative Assets (1)   |                               |                            |                             |                                |                   |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts Over the Counter (OTC)             | \$2,051.9                     | \$1,002.1                  | \$1,049.8                   | \$—                            | \$1,049.8         |
| Interest Rate Swaps OTC                                       | 206.7                         | 29.7                       | 177.0                       | —                              | 177.0             |
| Interest Rate Swaps Exchange Cleared                          | 76.1                          | 51.6                       | 24.5                        | —                              | 24.5              |
| Cross Product Netting Adjustment                              | —                             | 14.6                       | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Cross Product Collateral Adjustment                           | —                             | 69.0                       | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Total Derivatives Subject to a Master Netting Arrangement     | 2,334.7                       | 1,167.0                    | 1,167.7                     | —                              | 1,167.7           |
| Total Derivatives Not Subject to a Master Netting Arrangement | 766.4                         | —                          | 766.4                       | —                              | 766.4             |
| Total Derivatives   | 3,101.1                       | 1,167.0                    | 1,934.1                     | —                              | 1,934.1           |
| Securities Purchased under Agreements to Resell (2)           | \$1,245.0                     | \$—                        | \$1,245.0                   | \$1,245.0                      | \$—               |
| December 31, 2014   |                               |                            |                             |                                |                   |
| (In Millions)   | Gross<br>Recognized<br>Assets | Gross<br>Amounts<br>Offset | Net<br>Amounts<br>Presented | Gross<br>Amounts<br>Not Offset | Net<br>Amount (3) |
| Derivative Assets (1)   |                               |                            |                             |                                |                   |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts OTC                                | \$3,442.8                     | \$1,889.8                  | \$1,553.0                   | \$—                            | \$1,553.0         |
| Interest Rate Swaps OTC                                       | 183.9                         | 32.1                       | 151.8                       | —                              | 151.8             |
| Interest Rate Swaps Exchange Cleared                          | 48.4                          | 13.1                       | 35.3                        | —                              | 35.3              |
| Cross Product Netting Adjustment                              | —                             | 6.3                        | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Cross Product Collateral Adjustment                           | —                             | 315.8                      | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Total Derivatives Subject to a Master Netting Arrangement     | 3,675.1                       | 2,257.1                    | 1,418.0                     | —                              | 1,418.0           |
| Total Derivatives Not Subject to a Master Netting Arrangement | 832.4                         | —                          | 832.4                       | —                              | 832.4             |
| Total Derivatives   | 4,507.5                       | 2,257.1                    | 2,250.4                     | —                              | 2,250.4           |
| Securities Purchased under Agreements to Resell (2)           | \$1,000.0                     | \$—                        | \$1,000.0                   | \$1,000.0                      | \$—               |

(1) Derivative assets are reported in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. Other assets (excluding derivative assets) totaled \$3.2 billion and \$3.6 billion as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

(2) Securities purchased under agreements to resell are reported in federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in the consolidated balance sheets. Federal funds sold totaled \$10.6 million and \$62.7 million as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

(3) Northern Trust did not possess any cash collateral that was not offset in the consolidated balance sheets that could have been used to offset the net amounts presented in the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.



Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The following tables provide information regarding the offsetting of derivative liabilities and securities sold under agreements to repurchase within the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

Table 67: Offsetting of Derivative Liabilities and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase  
September 30, 2015

| (In Millions)  | Gross<br>Recognized<br>Liabilities | Gross<br>Amounts<br>Offset | Net<br>Amounts<br>Presented | Gross<br>Amounts<br>Not Offset | Net<br>Amount (2) |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Derivative Liabilities (1)                                       |                                    |                            |                             |                                |                   |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts OTC                                   | \$2,373.9                          | \$1,002.1                  | \$1,371.8                   | \$—                            | \$1,371.8         |
| Interest Rate Swaps OTC  | 113.9                              | 29.7                       | 84.2                        | —                              | 84.2              |
| Interest Rate Swaps Exchange Cleared                             | 51.6                               | 51.6                       | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Other Financial Derivatives                                      | 10.9                               | —                          | 10.9                        | —                              | 10.9              |
| Cross Product Netting Adjustment                                 | —                                  | 14.6                       | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Cross Product Collateral Adjustment                              | —                                  | 1,163.3                    | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Total Derivatives Subject to a Master<br>Netting Arrangement     | 2,550.3                            | 2,261.3                    | 289.0                       | —                              | 289.0             |
| Total Derivatives Not Subject to a Master<br>Netting Arrangement | 400.7                              | —                          | 400.7                       | —                              | 400.7             |
| Total Derivatives  | 2,951.0                            | 2,261.3                    | 689.7                       | —                              | 689.7             |
| Securities Sold under Agreements to<br>Repurchase                | \$484.5                            | \$—                        | \$484.5                     | \$484.5                        | \$—               |
| December 31, 2014  |                                    |                            |                             |                                |                   |
| (In Millions)  | Gross<br>Recognized<br>Liabilities | Gross<br>Amounts<br>Offset | Net<br>Amounts<br>Presented | Gross<br>Amounts<br>Not Offset | Net<br>Amount (2) |
| Derivative Liabilities (1)                                       |                                    |                            |                             |                                |                   |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts OTC                                   | \$3,431.0                          | \$1,889.8                  | \$1,541.2                   | \$—                            | \$1,541.2         |
| Interest Rate Swaps OTC  | 118.7                              | 32.1                       | 86.6                        | —                              | 86.6              |
| Interest Rate Swaps Exchange Cleared                             | 13.1                               | 13.1                       | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Cross Product Netting Adjustment                                 | —                                  | 6.3                        | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Cross Product Collateral Adjustment                              | —                                  | 1,232.0                    | —                           | —                              | —                 |
| Total Derivatives Subject to a Master<br>Netting Arrangement     | 3,562.8                            | 3,173.3                    | 389.5                       | —                              | 389.5             |
| Total Derivatives Not Subject to a Master<br>Netting Arrangement | 664.5                              | —                          | 664.5                       | —                              | 664.5             |
| Total Derivatives  | 4,227.3                            | 3,173.3                    | 1,054.0                     | —                              | 1,054.0           |
| Securities Sold under Agreements to<br>Repurchase                | \$885.1                            | \$—                        | \$885.1                     | \$885.1                        | \$—               |

Derivative liabilities are reported in other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. Other liabilities (excluding (1) derivative liabilities) totaled \$2.5 billion and \$2.8 billion as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

Northern Trust did not place any cash collateral with counterparties that was not offset in the consolidated balance (2) sheets that could have been used to offset the net amounts presented in the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014.

All of Northern Trust's securities sold under agreements to repurchase (repurchase agreements) and securities purchased under agreements to resell (reverse repurchase agreements) involve the transfer of financial assets in exchange for cash subject to a right and obligation to repurchase those assets for an agreed upon amount. In the event

of a repurchase failure, the cash or financial assets are available for offset. All of Northern Trust's repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements are subject to a master netting arrangement, which sets forth the rights and obligations for repurchase and offset. Under the master netting



Table of Contents

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

arrangement, Northern Trust is entitled to set off receivables from and collateral placed with a single counterparty against obligations owed to that counterparty. In addition, collateral held by Northern Trust can be offset against receivables from that counterparty.

Derivative asset and liability positions with a single counterparty can be offset against each other in cases where legally enforceable master netting arrangements or similar agreements exist. Derivative assets and liabilities can be further offset by cash collateral received from, and deposited with, the transacting counterparty. The basis for this view is that, upon termination of transactions subject to a master netting arrangement or similar agreement, the individual derivative receivables do not represent resources to which general creditors have rights and individual derivative payables do not represent claims that are equivalent to the claims of general creditors. Northern Trust centrally clears those interest rate derivative instruments addressed under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. These transactions are subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement which has the same rights of offset as described above.

## Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2015, the Corporation's management, with the participation of the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms. Based on such evaluation, such officers have concluded that, as of September 30, 2015, the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

There have been no changes in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information presented under the caption "Legal Proceedings" in "Note 19 — Contingent Liabilities" included under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

(c) The following table shows certain information relating to the Corporation's purchases of common stock for the three months ended September 30, 2015.

Table 68: Repurchases of Common Stock

| Period                | Total Number of Shares Purchased (1) | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of a Publicly Announced Plan (2) | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| July 1-31, 2015       | 158,211                              | \$76.68                      | 158,211   | 13,546,526  |
| August 1-31, 2015     | 1,068,077                            | 75.39                        | 1,068,077   | 12,478,449  |
| September 1-30, 2015  | 688,662                              | 69.48                        | 688,662   | 11,789,787  |
| Total (Third Quarter) | 1,914,950                            | \$73.37                      | 1,914,950   | 11,789,787  |

(1) Includes shares purchased from employees in connection with equity plan transactions such as the surrender of shares to pay an option exercise price or tax withholding.

(2) Repurchases were made pursuant to the repurchase program announced by the Corporation on April 22, 2015, under which the Corporation's board of directors authorized the Corporation to repurchase up to 15.0 million shares

of the Corporation's common stock. The repurchase program has no expiration date.

Item 6. Exhibits

A list of exhibits to this Form 10-Q is set forth on the Exhibit Index immediately preceding such exhibits and is incorporated herein by reference.

74

---

Table of Contents

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: October 28, 2015

By: /s/ S. Biff Bowman  
S. Biff Bowman  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: October 28, 2015

By: /s/ Jane Karpinski  
Jane Karpinski  
Senior Vice President and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Table of Contents

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit  
Number Description

10.1 Amendment Number Two, dated August 6, 2015 and effective January 1, 2015, to the Northern Trust Corporation Supplemental Thrift-Incentive Plan (as amended and restated effective as of January 1, 2008)

31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CEO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CFO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

32 Certifications of CEO and CFO Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

101 Includes the following financial and related information from Northern Trust's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as of and for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (1) the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, (2) the Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, (3) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, (4) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, (5) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and (6) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

76