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# Fourth Quarter Investor Presentation

**Associated Banc-Corp** 



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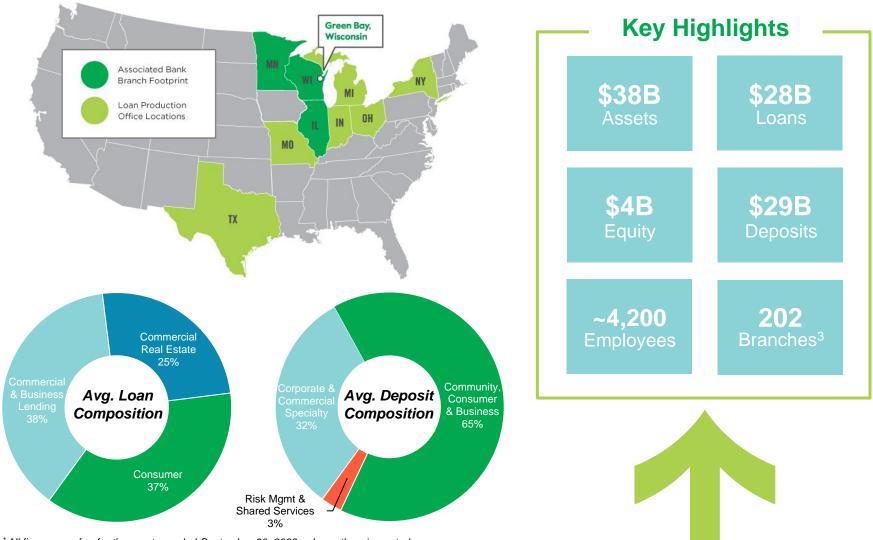
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### **Franchise Profile<sup>1</sup>**



#### Associated Banc-Corp (NYSE: ASB) is the largest bank holding company based in Wisconsin<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> All figures as of or for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 unless otherwise noted.

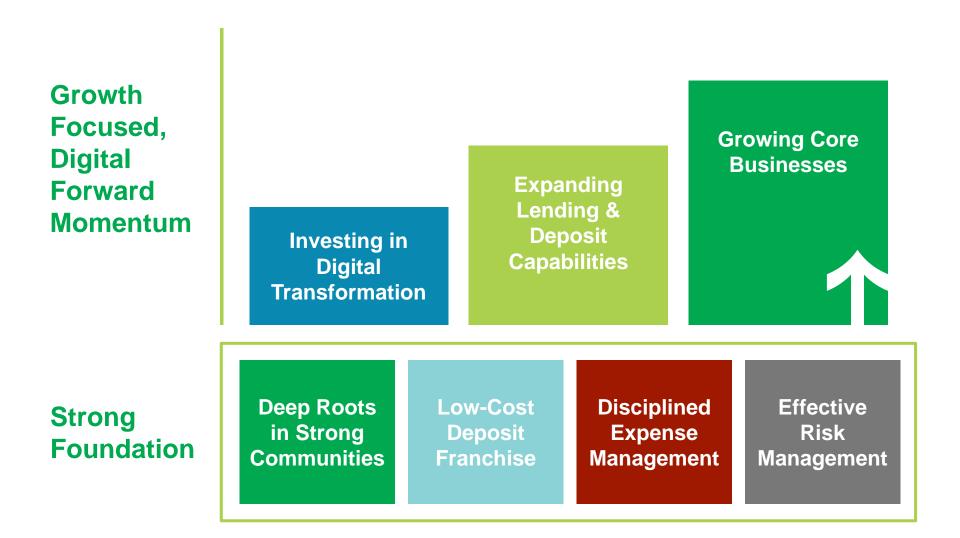
<sup>2</sup> Based on assets as of June 30, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Projected pro forma branch count at year end 2022 based on regulatory filings.

### **ASB Investment Thesis**



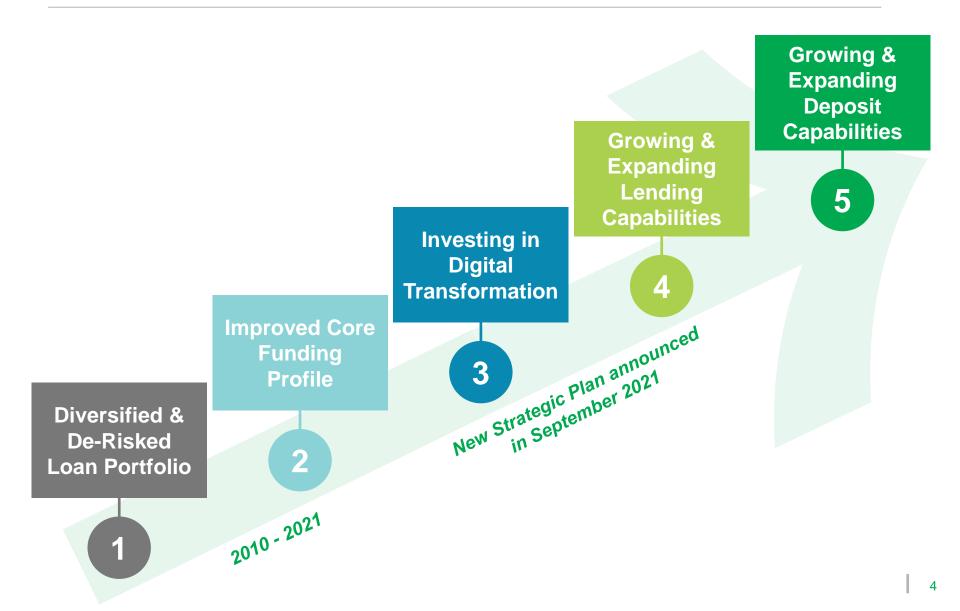
ASB is a deep-rooted franchise built on a strong foundation with increasing momentum



### **Franchise Evolution**



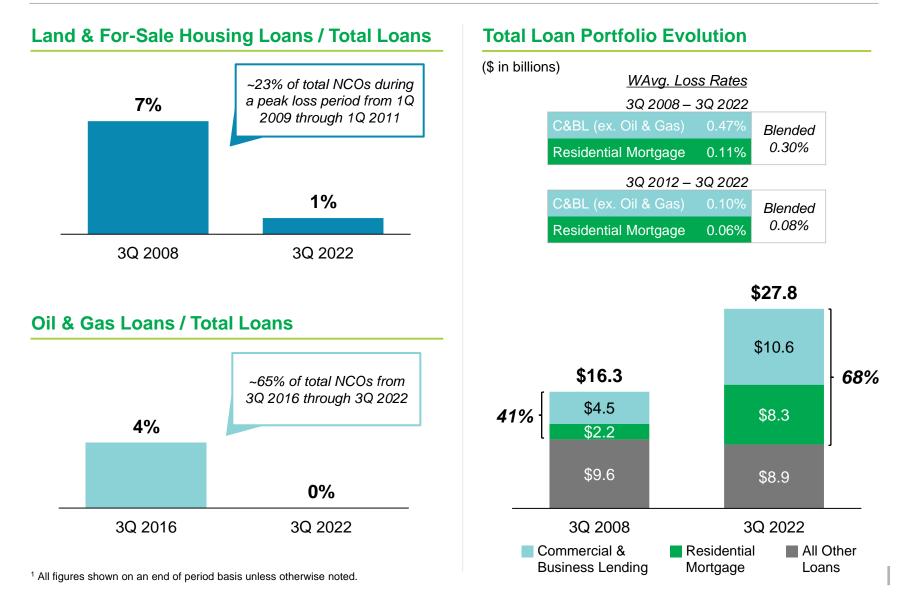
#### The ASB franchise is built for growth, while remaining well-positioned for an economic downturn



## 1 Diversified & De-Risked Loan Portfolio<sup>1</sup>



### Since 2008, ASB has largely exited several high-risk portfolios while growing historically low-risk asset types



## 2 Improved Core Funding Profile

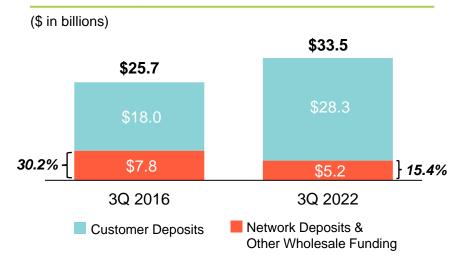


#### Since 2016, we've grown low-cost, granular customer deposits while reducing wholesale funding

### **ASB Funding Thesis**

- We have nearly halved our reliance on higher-beta network and wholesale funding since the last rate cycle
- This higher-beta funding has been replaced by lower-cost, core customer deposits, helping us control interestbearing deposit betas
- We expect to maintain wholesale funding at a level of approximately 15% of total funding over the near-term

### **EoP Funding Trends**



### YTD Cumulative Int-Bearing Deposit Beta<sup>1</sup>



## **3** Investing in Digital Transformation



#### We are leveraging agile frameworks and customer feedback to more quickly deliver custom digital solutions

### Launch of Associated Bank Digital

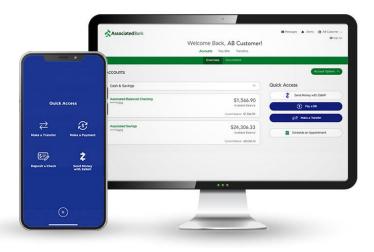
- Cloud-based platform with 99.9% uptime
- Open architecture
- Improved security and self-service controls

## Digital Account Opening Upgrades (Consumer)

- Fast, simplified & intuitive experience
- Flexible platform structure
- More robust risk controls

### Al-led Financial Wellness and Personal Insights

### **Debit Card Controls**



### This investment is largely being funded with physical distribution cost savings

- Pruning our branch network by 11% vs. year end 2020<sup>1</sup>
- Reduced staffing levels in mortgage banking and branch management
- Closed and consolidated several back-office facilities

## 4 Growing & Expanding Lending Capabilities



#### Our new lending initiatives have provided additional pathways to drive balanced growth

	Progress Update	Balance Trends (\$ in millions)
Core Commercial <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>We've strategically increased our total commercial and business relationship manager ranks by 33% from March 2021 to September 2022, which is driving core loan growth</li> </ul>	\$17,201 \$15,550 \$17,201 \$17,000+ \$18,000+ 12/31/21 9/30/22 12/31/22 Target 12/31/23 Target
New Asset-Based Lending + Equipment Finance <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>We've built out both our asset- based and equipment finance lending teams over the past year and have steadily grown our portfolio through 2022</li> </ul>	\$650 \$270 \$300+ 12/31/21 9/30/22 12/31/22 12/31/22 Target Target
Auto Finance	<ul> <li>Our experienced auto finance team is executing a prime / super-prime growth strategy from a near-zero baseline; adding fixed-rate and less prepayment-sensitive assets to the balance sheet</li> </ul>	\$1,117 \$1,400 \$143 12/31/21 9/30/22 12/31/22 Target \$2,450 \$1,400 12/31/22 Target \$2,450 \$1,400 12/31/22 Target

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$111 million of legacy baseline asset-based lending + equipment finance balances and excludes the balances captured in footnote 2.

<sup>2</sup> Reflected as balance growth above the 3Q 2021 legacy baseline of \$111 million; the baseline balances are reflected in Core Commercial above.

## **5** Growing & Expanding Deposit Capabilities



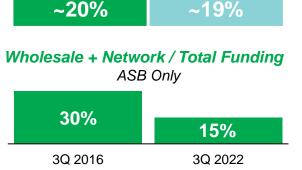
#### Our initiatives are designed to grow sustainable core deposits over time...and are already having an impact

### **Relationship-Focused Deposit Initiatives**

- Our Commercial initiatives have driven a 33% increase in RMs and a renewed focus on deepening new and existing relationships
- We launched our new Associated Bank Digital platform in September 2022
- We launched a new digital account opening platform for consumers in October 2022
- Our Mass Affluent initiative is on track for launch by year end 2022

#### **NIB Demand Deposit Growth** 6/30/22 to 9/30/22 ASB Peer Median<sup>1</sup> +1.7%(2.6)% **Total Deposit Growth** 6/30/22 to 9/30/22 ASB Peer Median<sup>1</sup> +2.2%+0.5%Cumulative IB Deposit Beta<sup>2</sup> 4Q21 to 3Q22 ASB Peer Median<sup>1</sup>

**Improved Deposit and Funding Profile** 



<sup>1</sup> Peer financial data as of September 30, 2022 sourced from company filings. Peer group reflects 2022 proxy peer group.

<sup>2</sup> Beta calculated as change in quarterly average yield from 4Q 2021 to 3Q 2022 vs. change in average Fed Effective Rate. Fed data derived from St. Louis FRED database.

### **2022 Full-Year Outlook**



### Management Guidance (no changes from 10/20/2022)

Balance Sheet Management <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Total commercial<sup>2</sup> loan growth of ~\$1.7B</li> <li>Target investments/total assets ratio of ~18%</li> <li>We expect to maintain wholesale funding of ~15% of total funding</li> </ul>
Net Interest Income & Noninterest Income	<ul> <li>Net interest income (GAAP) of \$935M+ <ul> <li>Assumes a 50bp Fed Funds increase in December; interest-bearing deposit betas of 30% to 40% for this rate cycle; and benefits of additional loan growth</li> </ul> </li> <li>Total net interest income &amp; noninterest income of \$1.225B+</li> </ul>
Expense Management	<ul> <li>Noninterest expense of \$740M to \$750M</li> <li>Effective tax rate of ~21%</li> </ul>
Capital Targets	<ul> <li>Target TCE ratio range of 7.00% to 7.25%</li> <li>Target CET1 ratio range of 9.25% to 9.75%</li> </ul>

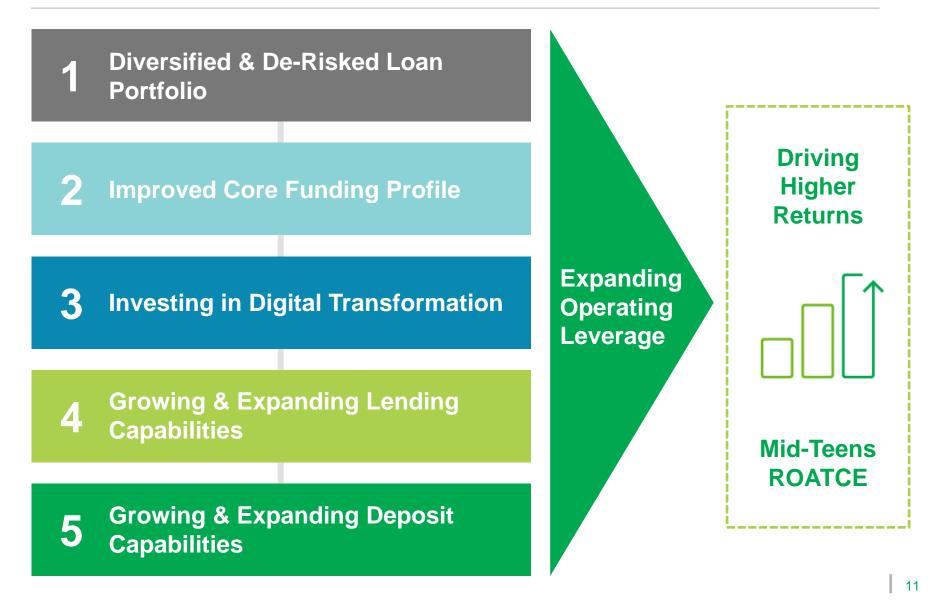
<sup>1</sup> Growth to end of period as compared to 12/31/2021.

<sup>2</sup> Includes asset-based lending & equipment finance.

### **Building on our Strong Foundation**



Our growth focused, digital forward plan has already added to the bottom line and is proving to be sustainable





### Appendix

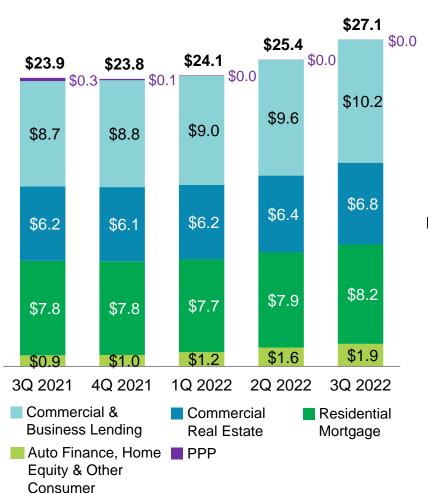
### 3Q 2022 Loan Trends



#### Total average loans grew by 7% vs. the prior quarter, while total period end loans grew by 5%

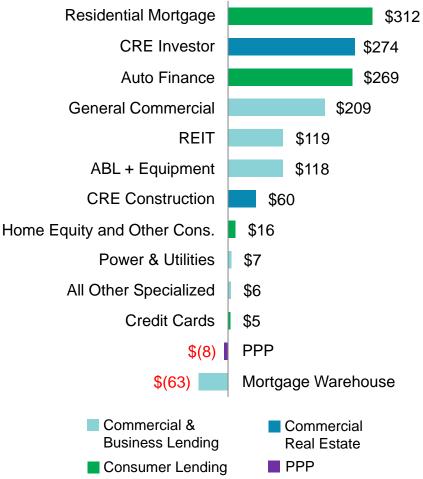
### **Average Quarterly Loans**

(\$ in billions)



### EoP Loan Change (6/30/2022 to 9/30/2022)

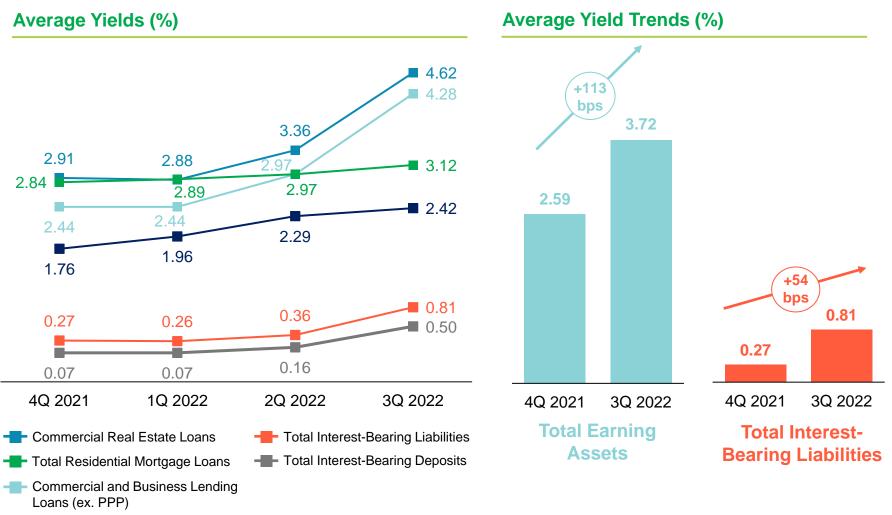
#### (\$ in millions)



### **Poised for Further Margin Expansion**



ASB's structurally asset sensitive balance sheet continues to benefit from the rising rate environment



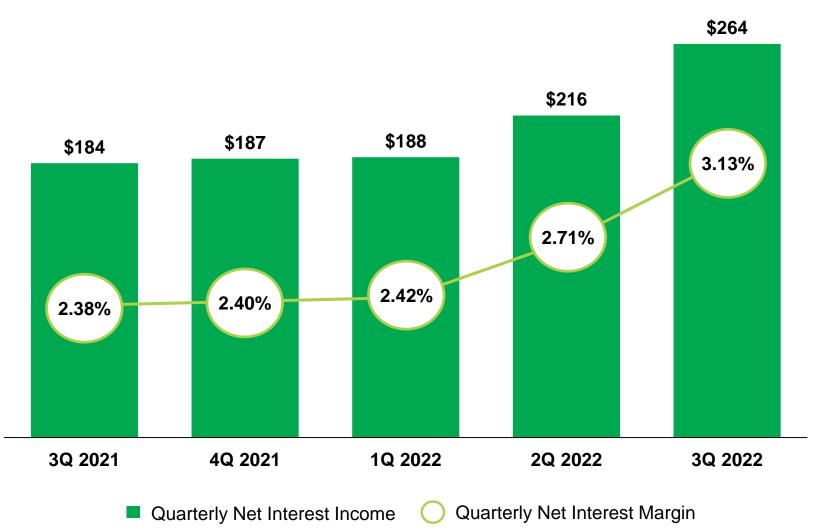
Investments and Other

### **Net Interest Income & Net Interest Margin Trends**



NII and NIM continued to grow in 3Q, driven by rising loan yields and controlled deposit costs

(\$ in millions)



### **Interest Rate Risk Management**



While ASB remains well-positioned to benefit from higher rates, we are proactively managing the downside risk

### Well-Positioned for Rising Rates



**91% of commercial loans outstanding** were floating rate, adjustable rate, re-pricing within one year or maturing within one year as of 9/30/2022



### We've decreased our reliance on higher-beta network and wholesale funding since the last rate cycle (15% of total funding in 3Q 2022 vs. 30% in 3Q 2016)

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This higher-beta funding has been replaced by lower-cost, core customer deposits, helping us drive **total interest-bearing deposit betas of** ~20% YTD<sup>1</sup>

### Managing Downside Risk



### **Estimated NII Sensitivity Profile**

Δ in interest rates	2Q 2022	3Q 2022
+200 bps ramp over 12 months	10.8%	9.2%
+100 bps ramp over 12 months	5.4%	4.6%
-100 bps ramp over 12 months	(5.0%)	(4.3%)

### **Diversified & De-Risked Loan Portfolio**<sup>1</sup>

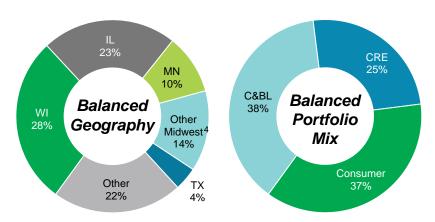


We have built a well-diversified portfolio of high-quality credits over the past decade

#### **Portfolio Summary**

- Focused on diversified strategies that target high-quality customers, markets and risk metrics
- Net charge offs of only \$7 million since the end of 3Q 2021, reflecting strong portfolio dynamics
- Largest single borrower < 1% of total loans; Top 10 largest borrowers < 4% of total loans</li>

#### **Diversified Portfolios<sup>3</sup>**



### Core Credit Discipline – Consumer Portfolio

	4Q 2021		3Q 2022	
Segment	LTV	WAvg. FICO <sup>2</sup>	LTV	WAvg. FICO <sup>2</sup>
Residential Mortgage	78%	779	78%	781
Home Equity	63%	790	63%	791
Auto Finance	82%	756	80%	765

### **Net Charge Offs / Average Loans<sup>5</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> All updates as of or for the period ended September 30, 2022 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup> Residential Mortgage and Home Equity FICOs reflect weighted average portfolio scores. Auto Finance FICOs reflect weighted average inception-to-date origination scores.

<sup>3</sup> Based on outstanding loan balances as of September 30, 2022. Loans by geography excludes Other Consumer portfolio.

<sup>4</sup> Other Midwest includes Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Iowa.

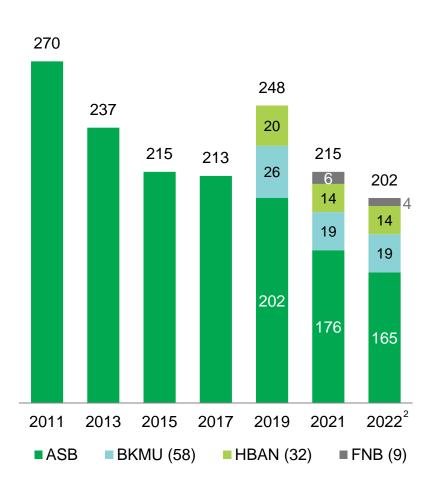
<sup>5</sup> Based on annual averages. 2022 reflects YTD figures.

### **Investing in Digital Transformation**



#### We continue to redirect spend to optimize physical assets and fund customer-centric digital enhancements

**Branch Count Trends<sup>1</sup>** 



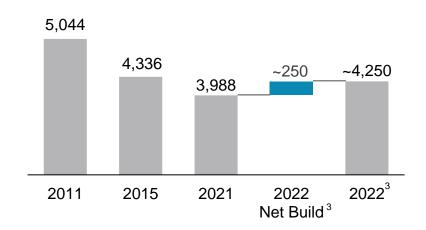
<sup>1</sup> Branch count at year end. Parenthetical amounts reflect amount at acquisition.

<sup>2</sup> Projected pro forma branch count at year end 2022 based on regulatory filings.

<sup>3</sup> Projected figures as of December 31, 2022.

- In 3Q, we announced the consolidation of 13 additional branches as we proactively look to further optimize our branch network to best serve our customers
- We also downsized our mortgage banking operation by ~40 FTE in response to shifting market dynamics
- Nonetheless, we expect to grow staff through year end, as we continue to invest in people and technology to drive our strategies forward
- Our 2022 expense guidance fully incorporates these branch actions, severance, technology investments and expected net staff additions

#### **EoP Full Time Employee Trends**





### Well-diversified \$28 billion loan portfolio

(\$ in millions)

		% of Total
	9/30/2022 <sup>1</sup>	Loans
C&BL (by NAICS <sup>2</sup> )		
Manufacturing & Wholesale Trade	\$ 2,119	7.6%
Utilities	2,108	7.6%
Real Estate (includes REITs)	1,821	6.5%
Mortgage Warehouse	837	3.0%
Finance & Insurance	552	2.0%
Construction	452	1.6%
Retail Trade	444	1.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	422	1.5%
Rental and Leasing Services	310	1.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	289	1.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Tech. Serv.	252	0.9%
Waste Management	157	0.6%
Information	95	0.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	90	0.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	85	0.3%
Financial Investments & Related Activities	82	0.3%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	77	0.3%
Mining	37	0.1%
Educational Services	30	0.1%
Public Administration	28	0.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1	0.0%
Other	283	1.0%
Total C&BL	\$ 10,572	38.0%

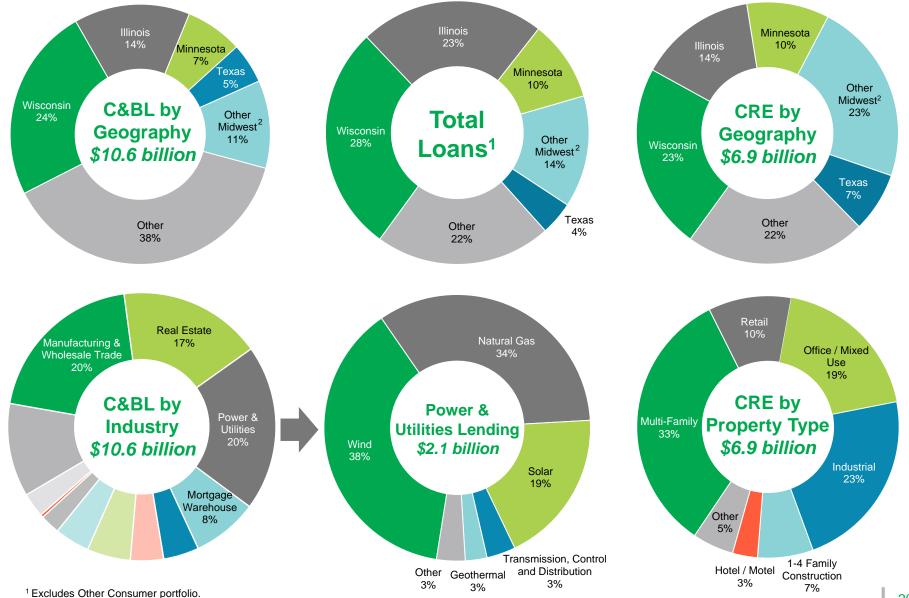
	9/3	30/2022 <sup>1</sup>	% of Total Loans
CRE (by property type)			
Multi-Family	\$	2,296	8.3%
Industrial		1,557	5.6%
Office/Mixed		1,319	4.7%
Retail		707	2.5%
Single Family Construction		475	1.7%
Hotel/Motel		234	0.8%
Land		72	0.3%
Mobile Home Parks		53	0.2%
Parking Lots and Garages		13	0.0%
Other		174	0.6%
Total CRE	\$	6,899	24.8%
Consumer			
Residential Mortgage	\$	8,315	29.9%
Auto Finance		1,117	4.0%
Home Equity		613	2.2%
Credit Cards		124	0.4%
Student Loans		85	0.3%
Other Consumer		93	0.3%
Total Consumer	\$	10,346	37.2%
	<u> </u>		
Total Loans	\$	27,817	100.0%

<sup>1</sup> All values as of period end.

<sup>2</sup> North American Industry Classification System.

### Loan Stratification Outstanding Balances as of September 30, 2022





<sup>2</sup> Other Midwest includes Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Iowa.

### 2021-2023 Community Commitment Plan



Associated is working to address economic development and equity issues in each of our markets

### **\$3.37 billion** Three-year commitment

To support minority communities, low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities and small businesses in our three-state branch footprint of Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota





**\$2.4 billion** in residential mortgages and \$15 million in down payment assistance



**\$8 million** in Community Reinvestment Act-qualified grants and/or in-kind donations



**14,000 hours** of Community Reinvestment Act-qualified volunteer time



**\$350 million** in loans to support small businesses



**\$600 million** in community development loans and investments to support affordable housing development and small business growth



Continued collaboration with community advisors to address the needs of underserved markets

### Environmental, Social and Governance Highlights<sup>1</sup>



Associated's Environmental, Social and Governance Report was released in March 2022



Nearly **\$2.2 billion** in credit commitments to support wind, solar, battery and hydroelectric projects since 2011



**\$3.1 million** in grants to support CRA programming at various nonprofit organizations



Over 36% of our Board is diverse in terms of ethnicity or gender



**42,000** volunteer hours logged, with a value of \$1.2 million

85% of employees participated in

our annual colleague engagement

participated in one or more of our

Best Place to Work for LGBTQ+

2022 | Corporate Equality Index

Secretary of Defense Employer

2021 | Employer Support of the

Support Freedom Award<sup>4</sup>

Guard & Reserve

Equality<sup>3</sup>

seven Colleague Resource Groups

survey and 43% of employees



**17% reduction in energy consumption**<sup>2</sup> and approximately 6.0M kwh<sup>2</sup> of annual electricity savings through our LED retrofit program



**\$1.2 billion** in loans to support lowto moderate-income (LMI) and minority homeownership



Over **75% of customers** elect to receive statement information electronically

<sup>1</sup> All updates as of or for the year ended December 31, 2021 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup> Over the last six years with 2021 being annualized.

<sup>3</sup> The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is the educational arm of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) people.

<sup>4</sup> The highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of employees serving in the Guard and Reserve.