

Northwest Bank

May 16, 2024

## Dear Shareholder:

Western Capital Corporation (WCC) is pleased to share our financial performance for the first quarter ending, March 31, 2024.

This quarter's financial performance demonstrates our continued trajectory of steady growth, rooted in our strong balance sheet structure, diversified income sources, proactive management of capital and liquidity, and disciplined oversight of credit and interest rate risk. WCC realized earnings of \$5.4 million, a 1.68% return on average assets (ROAA), primarily driven by an expansion in our loan portfolio in the current high interest rate climate. Over the last year, total assets have increased by 14.8%, reaching \$1.4 billion.

Our approach to managing WCC's balance sheet remains prudent, with a strategic focus on securing higher quality, risk-adjusted returns from our loans and securities portfolios, and minimizing broad-based interest rate risks.

WCC's balance sheet is both highly liquid and strongly capitalized, as evidenced by a Tier 1 Leverage Ratio of 13.69%, comfortably surpassing regulatory standards of 5%. Additionally, WCC has experienced consistent growth in deposits, with an increase of 17.61% since 2022, resulting in a total of \$1.1 billion in deposits as of March 31, 2024. Our current liquid assets, including cash and U.S. Treasury securities maturing within 17 months, amount to \$300.7 million, which accounts for 21.6% of total assets.

Key performance and balance sheet highlights for the quarter ended, March 31, 2024, include:

- Net Income of \$5.4 million was \$1.1 million higher than the prior year, March 31, 2023. Net interest margin remained strong, increasing by 38 basis points during the quarter to 4.63%.
- ROAA of 1.68% increased from 1.39% for the quarter end December 31, 2023, and return on average equity of 13.95% increased from 13.17% for the same period.
- Total assets grew \$70 million, or 5.3%, to \$1.4 billion, as compared to \$1.3 billion at December 31, 2023.
- Total deposits grew \$107.1 million, or 10.8%, to \$1.1 billion, as compared to \$987.2 million at December 31, 2023.
- Cost of interest-bearing liabilities increased to 4.09%, compared to 3.36% for the quarter end December
  31, 2023, as deposit rates and market competition increased during the period.
- Net Interest Margin increased to 4.63%, compared to 4.25% for the quarter end December 31, 2023.
- Total equity remained very strong with a tier 1 leverage ratio of 13.69%.





- Efficiency ratio improved to 53.17% compared to March 31, 2023, of 54.67%, reflects a strong emphasis on prudent control of expenses.
- Non-performing assets increased to \$3.7 million on March 31, 2024, from \$2.9 million on December 31, 2023. As a percentage of total assets, non-performing assets accounted for 0.27% as of March 31, 2024.
- The allowance for credit losses was adequately funded at 1.38% of total loans.

As we move forward in 2024, we expect to see continued growth and stable financial performance, while adhering to a disciplined strategy and focusing intently on our fundamental principles to navigate anticipated market variations. The banking industry experienced notable volatility in 2023, and we predict that these conditions will persist in 2024, potentially increasing cautiousness in the lending environment. This environment, however, presents us with significant opportunities as other banks may see regulatory or financial constraints to service their clients.

Thanks to our solid capital base, sound financial health, and operational stability, WCC continues to stand as a strong and reliable bank for our customers. We offer competitively priced deposit products and create customized deposit structures tailored to meet the specific needs of our clients, ensuring that our offerings align with each depositor's unique financial goals and requirements.

We deeply value and appreciate your support and are dedicated to delivering continued value to our shareholders through long-term stock appreciation and dividends. We encourage you to personally reach out or refer your family, friends, and business associates to our team members, who are ready to discuss the advantages of banking with Northwest Bank.

Sincerely,

Jeff Gow

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Northwest Bank Chairman, Western Capital Corporation Kyle Leyendecker

President and Chief Operating Officer, Northwest Bank Director, Northwest Bank | Western Capital Corporation

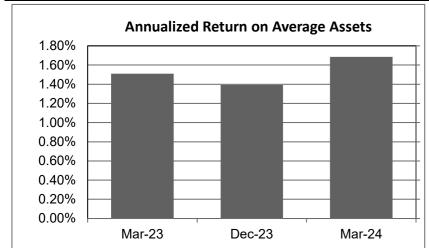
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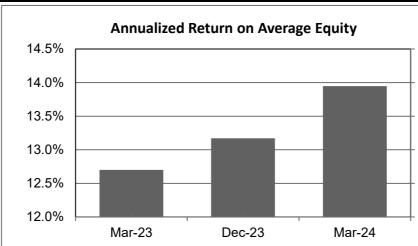


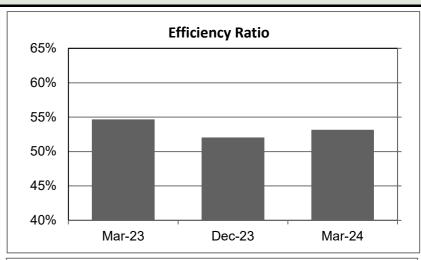
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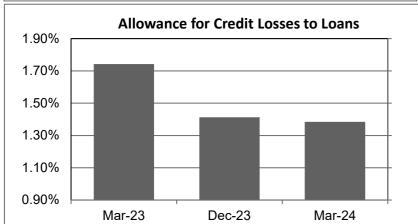
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Statement of Condition	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-23	31-Mar-24	Statement of income	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-24
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Assets	000.000	100.017	000 000	Interest income	40.500	45.045
Cash and due from banks	203,936	136,017	200,902	Loans	13,580	15,815
Investment securities	309,160	427,083	398,811	Investments	5,133	7,659
Loans	683,383	731,546	766,155	Total interest income	18,713	23,474
Allowance for credit losses	(11,907)	(10,333)	(10,610)			
Loans, net of Allowance for credit losses	671,476	721,213	755,545	Interest expense	E 447	7.000
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Deferred tax asset, net	6,683	7,210	6,859	Borrowings	283	1,525
Accrued interest & other assets	20,294	29,276	29,091	Total interest expense	5,400	8,907
Total assets	1,211,549	1,320,799	1,391,208	Net interest income before		
	, ,		, ,	provision for credit losses	13,313	14,567
				Provision for credit losses	599	46
				Net interest income after		
Liabilities				provision for credit losses	12,714	14,521
Deposits						
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	267,524	231,497	244,175	Noninterest income		
Interest-bearing checking	81,554	80,864	73,508	Gain on sale of government		
Money market & savings accounts	327,358	407,539	470,620	guaranteed loans	224	420
Certificates of deposit	331,271	267,337	306,046	Other noninterest income	306	376
Total deposits	1,007,707	987,237	1,094,349	Total noninterest income	530	796
Borrowings	49,180	163,697	123,615			
Other liabilities	18,818	17,067	14,606	Noninterest expense		
				Salaries & employee benefits	5,525	5,945
Total liabilities	1,075,705	1,168,001	1,232,570	Occupancy & equipment	456	540
			_	Data processing & telecom	531	557
				Professional fees	422	277
Stockholders' equity				Other	634	850
Common stock, \$1 par value	6,026	6,060	6,069	Total noninterest expense	7,568	8,169
Surplus & retained earnings	125,554	127,331	147,171			
Net income YTD	4,264	19,407	5,398	Net income before tax	5,676	7,148
Total stockholders' equity	135,844	152,798	158,638			. =
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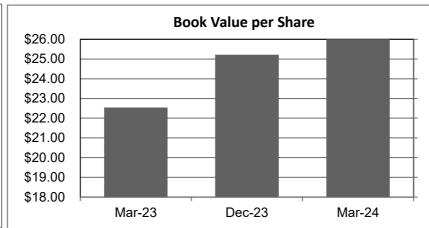
## **Western Capital Corporation - Current Financial Performance**

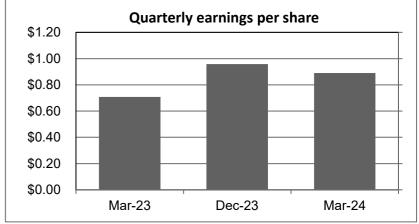












		Mar-23	Dec-23	Mar-24		Mar-23	Dec-23	Mar-24
Operating Results/Ratios - YEAR-TO-DATE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED					Key Ratios @ Quarter-End			
Return on avg equity		12.70%	13.17%	13.95%	Loans (net of allowance) to deposits	66.63%	73.05%	69.04%
Return on avg assets		1.51%	1.39%	1.68%	Allowance for credit losses to loans	1.74%	1.41%	1.38%
Quarterly net income (\$000's)	\$	4,265 \$	5,808 \$	5,398	Nonperforming assets/assets	0.32%	0.22%	0.27%
Efficiency ratio		55%	52%	53%	Net chg-offs(recoveries) to loans	0.00%	0.21%	-0.01%
Book value per share	\$	22.54 \$	25.21 \$	26.16				
Quarterly earnings per share	\$	0.71 \$	0.96 \$	0.89	Quarterly capital ratio - Northwest Bank			
Net interest margin		4.84%	4.25%	4.63%	Tier 1 leverage ratio	11.43%	12.23%	13.69%
Yield on earning assets		6.80%	6.70%	7.46%				
Cost of int-bearing liabilities		3.22%	3.36%	4.09%				

## **Western Capital Corporation - Historical Financial Performance**

