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Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-4**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Michigan**

**6022**

**38-2032782**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share <sup>(2)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(2)</sup>	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock	2,902,157	N/A	\$ 36,777,280	\$ 4,579

- (1) Represents the maximum number of shares of Independent Bank Corporation common stock that may be issued upon the completion of the merger described in this registration statement. Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(f) under the Securities Act. The proposed maximum aggregate offering price was calculated by multiplying (i) 2,599,101, the estimated maximum number of shares of TCSB Bancorp, Inc. common stock to be received by the Registrant or (2) cancelled upon completion of the merger, including 2,428,001 shares of common stock and 171,100 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding stock options, by (ii) \$14.15, the book value per share of TCSB Bancorp, Inc. common stock as of November 30, 2017, the latest practicable date prior to the date of filing the registration statement

**The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus and proxy statement is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS AND PROXY STATEMENT  
DATED DECEMBER 29, 2017, SUBJECT TO COMPLETION**

**MERGER PROPOSED – YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT**

The board of directors of TCSB Bancorp, Inc. ( TCSB ) is furnishing this prospectus and proxy statement and the accompanying form of proxy to the shareholders of TCSB to solicit proxies to vote at a special meeting of TCSB s shareholders to be held on [•], 2018, at [•], [•], Michigan [•] at [•] local time and at any adjournments of the special meeting. At the special meeting, the shareholders of TCSB will consider and vote upon a proposal to approve an agreement and plan of merger ( merger agreement ) with Independent Bank Corporation ( IBCP ), under which TCSB will be merged with and into IBCP (the merger ). This prospectus and proxy statement, when delivered to shareholders of TCSB, is also a prospectus of IBCP relating to an offering of IBCP common stock. This offering is made only to holders of TCSB common stock.

Completion of the merger is subject to regulatory approval, approval of the merger agreement by TCSB shareholders, and other customary closing conditions. If the merger agreement is approved and the merger is completed, each outstanding share of TCSB common stock that you hold will be converted into the right to receive 1.1166 shares of IBCP common stock plus cash in lieu of any fractional share (the Merger Consideration ). IBCP s common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the trading symbol IBCP. On December 4, 2017, the date of execution of the merger agreement, the closing price of a share of IBCP common stock was \$22.55. On [•], 2018, the closing price of a share of IBCP common stock was \$[•].

TCSB s board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger is in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and is fair to and in the best interests of TCSB and TCSB s shareholders, adopted the merger agreement and authorized the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, and unanimously recommends that TCSB shareholders vote FOR approval of the merger agreement. In the opinion of D.A. Davidson & Co., the Exchange Ratio is fair, from a financial point of view, to TCSB.

**Your vote is important. Approval of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of TCSB common stock as of the record date for the special meeting. Please submit your proxy as soon as possible, regardless of whether or not you expect to attend the meeting in person.**

**Please read this prospectus and proxy statement carefully because it contains important information about the merger and the merger agreement. Read carefully the risk factors beginning on page 12. You can also obtain additional information about IBCP from documents that it has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).**

**The shares of IBCP common stock to be issued in the merger are not deposits or savings accounts or other obligations of any bank or savings association, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. IBCP common stock is subject to investment risks, including possible loss of value.**

**Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus and proxy statement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

This prospectus and proxy statement is dated [•], 2018,  
and it is first being mailed to TCSB shareholders on or about [•], 2018.

#### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

As permitted by SEC rules, this document incorporates certain important business and financial information about IBCP from other documents that are not included in or delivered with this document. These documents are available to you without charge upon your written or oral request. Your requests for these documents should be directed to the following:

Independent Bank Corporation  
4200 East Beltline  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525  
Attn.: Robert N. Shuster, Chief Financial Officer  
(616) 527-5820

**A shareholder making such a request must request the information at least five business days before the date they must make their investment decision to ensure timely delivery. Accordingly, the deadline for a TCSB shareholder to make a request is [•], 2018.**

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**TCSB BANCORP, INC.**

**333 West Grandview Parkway  
Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

To the Shareholders of TCSB Bancorp, Inc.:

A special meeting of shareholders of TCSB Bancorp, Inc. will be held on [•], 2018, at [•], [•], Michigan [•] at [•] local time, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the merger agreement by and between TCSB Bancorp, Inc. and Independent Bank Corporation;
2. To consider and vote upon a proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes present at the special meeting in person or by proxy to approve the merger agreement (the Adjournment Proposal ); and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the special meeting.

The board of directors has established the close of business on [•], 2018, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting and any adjournment of the special meeting.

**TCSB s board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger is in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and is fair to and in the best interests of TCSB and TCSB s shareholders, adopted the merger agreement and authorized the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, and unanimously recommends that TCSB shareholders vote FOR approval of the merger agreement and FOR approval of the Adjournment Proposal.**

[•], 2018 By Order of the Board of Directors,

Raymond Weigel III  
Chairman of the Board

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. EVEN IF YOU PLAN TO  
ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING, PLEASE  
SUBMIT YOUR PROXY PROMPTLY.**

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### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus and proxy statement contain forward-looking statements that are based on management's beliefs, assumptions, current expectations, estimates and projections about the financial services industry, the economy, and IBCP and TCSB. Words such as anticipates, believes, estimates, expects, forecasts, intends, is likely, judgment, opinion, plans, predicts, probable, projects, should, trend, will, strategy and variations of such words and expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Such statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations and involve substantial risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements include, among others, statements related to future levels of loan charge-offs, future levels of provisions for loan losses, real estate valuation, future levels of nonperforming assets, the rate of asset dispositions, future capital levels, future changes in regulatory requirements, future dividends, future growth and funding sources, future liquidity levels, future profitability levels, future deposit insurance premiums, the effects on earnings of future changes in interest rates, the future level of other revenue sources, future economic trends and conditions, future initiatives to expand market share, expected performance and cash flows from acquired loans, future effects of new or changed accounting standards, future opportunities for acquisitions, opportunities to increase top line revenues, the ability to grow core franchise, future cost savings and the ability to maintain adequate liquidity and capital based on the requirements adopted by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and U.S. regulators. All statements referencing future time periods are forward-looking.

Management's determination of the provision and allowance for loan losses; the carrying value of acquired loans, goodwill and mortgage servicing rights; the fair value of investment securities (including whether any impairment on any investment security is temporary or other-than-temporary and the amount of any impairment); and management's assumptions concerning pension and other postretirement benefit plans involve judgments that are inherently forward-looking. There can be no assurance that future loan losses will be limited to the amounts estimated. All of the information concerning interest rate sensitivity is forward-looking. The future effect of changes in the financial and credit markets and the national and regional economies on the banking industry, generally, and on IBCP and TCSB, specifically, are also inherently uncertain. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions ( risk factors ) that are difficult to predict with regard to timing, extent, likelihood, and degree of occurrence. Therefore, actual results and outcomes may materially differ from what may be expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. IBCP and TCSB undertake no obligation to update, amend, or clarify forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Risk factors relating to IBCP's business in general include, without limitation:

- Economic, market, operational, liquidity, credit, and interest rate risks associated with IBCP's business;
  - Economic conditions generally and in the financial services industry, particularly economic conditions within Michigan and the regional and local real estate markets in which Independent Bank operates;
  - The failure of assumptions underlying the establishment of, and provisions made to, IBCP's allowance for loan losses;
  - Increased competition in the financial services industry, either nationally or regionally;
  - IBCP's ability to achieve loan and deposit growth;
  - Volatility and direction of market interest rates;
  - The continued services of IBCP's management team; and
  - Implementation of new legislation, which may have significant effects on IBCP and the financial services industry.
- Risk factors relating both to the merger and the integration of TCSB into IBCP after the effective time of the merger include, without limitation:

• Completion of the merger is dependent on, among other things, receipt of regulatory and TCSB shareholder approvals, the timing of which cannot be predicted with precision at this point and which may not be received at all.



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The impact of the completion of the merger on IBCP's financial statements will be affected by the timing of the transaction.

The merger may be more expensive to complete and the anticipated benefits, including anticipated cost savings and strategic gains, may be significantly harder or take longer to achieve than expected or may not be achieved in their entirety as a result of unexpected factors or events.

The integration of TCSB's business and operations into IBCP, which will include conversion of TCSB's operating systems and procedures, may take longer than anticipated or be more costly than anticipated or have unanticipated adverse results relating to TCSB's or IBCP's existing businesses.

- IBCP's ability to achieve anticipated results from the merger is dependent on the state of the economic and financial markets going forward. Specifically, IBCP may incur more credit losses from TCSB's loan portfolio than expected and deposit attrition may be greater than expected.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include, but are not limited to, the risk factors described under Risk Factors beginning on page 12 of this prospectus and proxy statement. These and other factors are representative of the risk factors that may emerge and could cause a difference between an ultimate outcome and a preceding forward-looking statement.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER**

**Q: What am I being asked to vote on?**

You are being asked to vote to approve the merger agreement between IBCP and TCSB (attached as **Appendix A** to this prospectus and proxy statement and incorporated herein by reference), pursuant to which TCSB will merge with and into IBCP, with IBCP as the surviving entity. Additionally, you are being asked to vote to approve the Adjournment Proposal.

**Q: If I own TCSB common stock, what will I receive in the merger?**

If the merger agreement is approved and the merger is subsequently completed, subject to possible adjustment in certain limited circumstances, each outstanding share of TCSB common stock that you hold will be converted into the right to receive 1.1166 shares of IBCP common stock plus cash in lieu of any fractional share.

**Q: What should I do now?**

After you have carefully read this prospectus and proxy statement, simply indicate on your proxy how you want to vote with respect to the proposal to approve the merger agreement and the Adjournment Proposal. You may submit a proxy by completing, signing, dating, and mailing the proxy in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope or visiting the internet site listed on the enclosed proxy and following the instructions provided on that site.

**Q: Should I send in my stock certificates now? What if I hold my shares in book-entry form?**

No. Please DO NOT send in your stock certificates with your proxy. As soon as reasonably practicable after the effective time of the merger, you will be sent transmittal materials from an exchange agent with instructions for exchanging your certificated shares of TCSB common stock for shares of IBCP common stock. You should carefully read and follow the instructions in the transmittal materials regarding how and when to surrender your TCSB common stock certificates.

If you hold shares in book-entry form, you do not need to take any action at this time to exchange your shares. After the effective time of the merger, you will receive instructions on how to exchange your shares.

**Q: Who can vote and what vote is required to approve the merger agreement?**

TCSB shareholders of record on the record date, [•], 2018, are entitled to receive notice of and vote at the special meeting.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of shares representing a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the TCSB shareholders at the special meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum. Abstentions will be counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of TCSB common stock outstanding as of the record date for the special meeting is required to approve the merger agreement. Because the required vote of TCSB shareholders on the merger agreement is based upon the number of outstanding shares of TCSB common stock entitled to vote rather than upon the number of shares actually voted, a failure to vote and abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against approval of the merger agreement.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of votes cast at the special meeting is necessary to approve the Adjournment Proposal. A failure to vote and abstentions will have no effect on this proposal.

If you properly complete and sign your proxy but do not indicate how your shares of TCSB common stock should be voted on a proposal, the shares of TCSB common stock represented by your proxy will be voted FOR approval of the merger agreement and FOR approval of the Adjournment Proposal.

No approval by IBCP shareholders is required.

**Q: Can I change my vote after I have mailed my signed proxy card?**

**A:** Yes. If you have not voted through your broker, there are three ways for you to revoke your proxy and change your vote. First, you may send a written notice to the President and Chief Financial Officer of TCSB,

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Ann Bollinger, stating that you would like to revoke your proxy. This notice must be received before the special meeting date. Second, you may complete and submit a new proxy, dated at a date later than your most recent proxy. Third, you may attend the special meeting and vote in person. Your attendance at the special meeting will not, however, by itself revoke your proxy. If you have instructed a broker to vote your shares, you must follow the directions you receive from your broker to change your vote. Your last vote will be the vote that is counted.

**Q: If my shares are held in street name by my broker, will my broker vote my shares for me?**

Without instructions from you, your broker cannot vote your shares on the proposal to approve the merger agreement or the Adjournment Proposal. If your shares are held in street name, you should instruct your broker as to how to vote your shares, following the instructions contained in the voting instructions that your broker or its agent provides to you. Without instructions, your shares will not be voted, which will have the same effect as if you voted against approval of the merger agreement.

**Q: What risks should I consider before I vote on the merger agreement?**

We encourage you to read carefully the detailed information contained in this prospectus and proxy statement, including the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 12.

**Q: Whom should I contact with questions about the special meeting or the merger?**

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A: Traverse City, Michigan 49684  
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(231) 995-5500  
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(616) 527-5820

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### **SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights selected information from this prospectus and proxy statement. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of the merger between IBCP and TCSB, we urge you to carefully read and consider this entire document, the merger agreement (attached as **Appendix A** to this prospectus and proxy statement and incorporated herein by reference).*

### **The Companies**

#### *IBCP*

Independent Bank Corporation  
4200 East Beltline  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525  
(616) 527-5820

Independent Bank Corporation (NASDAQ: IBCP) is a Michigan-based bank holding company. Founded as First National Bank of Ionia in 1864, IBCP operates a branch network across Michigan's Lower Peninsula through one state-chartered bank subsidiary. This subsidiary (Independent Bank) provides a full range of financial services, including commercial banking, mortgage lending, investments and insurance. IBCP is committed to providing exceptional personal service and value to its customers, stockholders and the communities it serves.

As of September 30, 2017, IBCP had total assets of \$2.8 billion, total loans (including loans held for sale) of \$2.0 billion, total deposits of \$2.3 billion, and total shareholders' equity of \$267.7 million. As discussed under **Recent Developments** on page 84 below, IBCP currently estimates that the new tax law signed by President Trump on December 22, 2017, will cause IBCP to take a non-cash charge to earnings of approximately \$6.0 million (or \$0.28 per share) in the fourth quarter of 2017; however, the actual amount of the earnings impact from the new tax law has not been finalized and may be different from this estimate.

#### *TCSB*

TCSB Bancorp, Inc.  
333 West Grandview Parkway  
Traverse City, Michigan 49684  
(231) 995-5500

TCSB Bancorp, Inc. is a Michigan-based bank holding company. Founded in 2000, TCSB is the parent company of Traverse City State Bank and provides a full array of banking services through five full-service branches in the Traverse City area.

As of September 30, 2017, TCSB had total assets of \$348.9 million, total loans of \$280.3 million, total deposits of \$291.6 million, and total shareholders' equity of \$33.4 million. TCSB expects to incur a tax benefit as a result of the new tax law signed by President Trump on December 22, 2017, which is not expected to be material to the combined company.

### **Summary of Certain Aspects of the Merger**

*Structure of the Merger; Bank Consolidation (page 41)*

If the merger is completed, TCSB will be merged with and into IBCP, with IBCP as the surviving corporation. Following completion of the merger, IBCP intends to consolidate Traverse City State Bank with and into Independent Bank, with Independent Bank as the surviving bank.

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*What TCSB Shareholders will Receive in the Merger (page 41)*

If the merger is completed as planned, each share of TCSB common stock will be converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration, consisting of 1.1166 shares (the Exchange Ratio ) of IBCP common stock, plus cash in lieu of any fractional share of IBCP common stock. The Merger Consideration is subject to the following adjustments:

If, as of the Final Statement Date (as defined below and in the merger agreement), the Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity (as defined below and in the merger agreement) is less than \$34,500,000, then the Stock Purchase Value (as defined below and in the merger agreement) will be reduced by an amount equal to (a) \$34,500,000 minus (b) the Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity as of the Final Statement Date.

Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity means TCSB's total consolidated shareholders' equity as of the Final Statement Date computed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ), consistently applied and excluding the net accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) related to unrealized investment securities gains/(losses), and subject to additional adjustments as set forth in Section 5.26.1 of the merger agreement.

Final Statement Date means the last day of the calendar month preceding the date on which both TCSB's shareholders have approved the merger and all regulatory approvals required by law to consummate the merger have been obtained (statutory waiting periods need not have expired), or such other date as agreed upon by IBCP and TCSB.

Stock Purchase Value is equal to the Exchange Ratio in effect at the time of the adjustment multiplied by the total number of shares of TCSB common stock outstanding as of the effective time of the merger multiplied by the Final Purchaser Price (as defined below and in the merger agreement).

If the Final Purchaser Price of a share of IBCP common stock is less than \$19.07 and the number determined by dividing the Final Purchaser Price by \$22.44 is less than the number obtained by subtracting (i) 15% from (ii) the quotient obtained by dividing the Final Index Price (as defined below) by the Initial Index Price (as defined below), then TCSB will have the right to request an adjustment to the Exchange Ratio. If IBCP declines to adjust the Exchange Ratio as requested, then TCSB will have the right to terminate the merger agreement.

The Final Purchaser Price means the 15-day volume weighted average price of IBCP common stock ending on the sixth business day prior to the closing date for the merger in transactions reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

The Initial Index Price means the closing price of the KBW Regional Banking Index (KRX), a sector index maintained by the Nasdaq Stock Market on December 1, 2017.

The Final Index Price means the closing price of the KBW Regional Banking Index (KRX) on the sixth business day prior to the closing date for the merger.

IBCP will not issue fractional shares of IBCP common stock in the merger. A TCSB shareholder who would otherwise be entitled to receive a fraction of a share of IBCP common stock in the merger will instead receive an amount of cash determined by multiplying that fraction by the Final Purchaser Price.

If, prior to the effective time of the merger, Traverse City State Bank receives a net recovery on a particular loan that is in default, TCSB is entitled to make a special cash dividend to its shareholders, in an amount specified by the merger agreement. See The Merger Agreement – Potential Special Dividend below for more information.

*Recommendation of TCSB's Board of Directors (page 22)*

TCSB's board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger is in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and is fair to and in the best interests of TCSB and TCSB's shareholders, adopted the merger agreement and authorized the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, and unanimously recommends that TCSB shareholders vote FOR approval of the merger agreement and FOR approval of the Adjournment Proposal.

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### *Vote Required for Approval; Voting Agreement (page 23)*

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of TCSB common stock outstanding as of the record date for the special meeting is required to approve the merger agreement. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of votes cast at the special meeting is necessary to approve the Adjournment Proposal. No approval by IBCP shareholders is required.

As of the record date, TCSB's directors, executive officers and their affiliates beneficially owned [•] shares of TCSB common stock, or approximately [•]% of the shares of TCSB common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting. Each of TCSB's directors has entered into a voting agreement pursuant to which he or she has agreed, subject to certain exceptions, to vote his or her shares, and to use reasonable efforts to cause all shares owned by such director jointly with another person or by such director's spouse or over which the director has voting influence or control to be voted, in favor of approval of the merger agreement.

### *Fairness Opinion of TCSB's Financial Advisor (page 30)*

In connection with the merger, the board of directors of TCSB received a written opinion, dated December 4, 2017, from TCSB's financial advisor, D.A. Davidson & Co. ( DADCO ), to the effect that, as of the date of the opinion and based on and subject to the various considerations described in the opinion, the Exchange Ratio is fair, from a financial point of view, to TCSB. The full text of DADCO's written opinion, which sets forth, among other things, the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, and limitations on the review undertaken by DADCO in rendering its opinion, is attached to this document as **Appendix B**. We encourage you to read the entire opinion carefully. The opinion of DADCO is directed to the board of directors of TCSB and does not constitute a recommendation to any TCSB shareholder as to how to vote at the special meeting or any other matter relating to the merger agreement or the merger.

### *Conditions to Complete the Merger (page 52)*

The completion of the merger depends on a number of conditions being satisfied or, where permissible, waived. These conditions include, among others, receipt of regulatory approval, approval of TCSB shareholders, and other customary closing conditions. We cannot be certain when, or if, the conditions to the merger will be satisfied or waived, or that the merger will be completed.

### *Regulatory Approvals for the Merger (page 52)*

Completion of the merger is subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve Board and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. The applications to obtain such approval have been filed with these regulatory agencies as of the date of this prospectus and proxy statement. Although IBCP does not know of any reason why it will not obtain these regulatory approvals in a timely manner, it cannot be certain when or if it will obtain them.

### *Termination of the Merger Agreement (page 55) and Termination Fee (page 56)*

The merger agreement can be terminated at any time prior to completion of the merger by mutual consent of the boards of directors of IBCP and TCSB. Also, either party can terminate the merger agreement in various circumstances. In some circumstances, TCSB is required to pay IBCP a termination fee of \$2,529,658.

### *No Dissenters' Rights in the Merger (page 39)*

Dissenters' rights are rights that, if available under law, enable shareholders to dissent from an extraordinary transaction, such as a merger, and to demand that the corporation pay the fair value for their shares as determined by a court in a judicial proceeding instead of receiving the consideration offered to shareholders in connection with the extraordinary transaction. Dissenters' rights are not available in all circumstances, and exceptions to these rights are provided in the Michigan Business Corporation Act (MBCA). Under the MBCA and TCSB's articles of incorporation, holders of TCSB common stock will not have dissenters' rights in connection with the merger.

*Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences (page 39)*

IBCP and TCSB expect the merger to qualify as a reorganization for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the merger qualifies as a reorganization, then, in general, holders of TCSB common stock who exchange their TCSB stock for IBCP stock will not recognize any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon that exchange.

**You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding the particular consequences to you of the merger.**

TABLE OF CONTENTS**Market Value of Securities**

IBCP common stock trades on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol IBCP. The following table presents quotation information for IBCP common stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market for December 4, 2017, which was the last trading day prior to announcement of the signing of the merger agreement, and December 28, 2017, which was the last practicable trading day for which information was available prior to the date of this proxy statement and prospectus.

	<b>IBCP Common Stock</b>		
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Close</b>
December 4, 2017	\$ 23.00	\$ 22.45	\$ 22.55
December 28, 2017	\$ 23.05	\$ 22.65	\$ 22.85

TCSB common stock is not traded on an established public trading market.

**Summary Selected Consolidated Financial Information of IBCP**

The selected consolidated financial data presented below, as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, is unaudited. The selected consolidated financial data presented below, as of and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2016, is derived from IBCP's audited historical financial statements. You should read this information in conjunction with IBCP's consolidated financial statements and related notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations starting on page 83 below. Results for past periods are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any future period.

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>				
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<i>(\$ in thousands, except per share data)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>						
<b>SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:</b>							
Interest income	\$ 72,283	\$ 64,366	\$ 86,523	\$ 80,842	\$ 80,555	\$ 87,121	\$ 99,398
Interest expense	6,413	4,975	6,882	5,856	7,299	9,162	13,143
Net interest income	65,870	59,391	79,641	74,986	73,256	77,959	86,255
Provision for loan losses	806	(1,439 )	(1,309 )	(2,714 )	(3,136 )	(3,988 )	6,887
Net gain on securities	62	302	563	20	320	369	887
Net gain on branch sale	—	—	—	1,193	—	—	5,402
Gain on extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	—	500	—	—
Other Non-interest income	31,027	28,795	41,735	38,917	37,955	44,460	57,276
Non-interest expenses	68,946	65,469	90,347	88,450	89,951	104,118	116,735
Income before income tax	27,207	24,458	32,901	29,380	25,216	22,658	26,198
Income tax expense (benefit)	8,443	7,547	10,135	9,363	7,195	(54,851 )	—
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 18,764</b>	<b>16,911</b>	<b>\$ 22,766</b>	<b>\$ 20,017</b>	<b>\$ 18,021</b>	<b>\$ 77,509</b>	<b>\$ 26,198</b>
Preferred stock dividends	—	—	—	—	—	(3,001 )	(4,347 )
Preferred stock discount	—	—	—	—	—	7,554	—



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	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>				
<i>(\$ in thousands, except per share data)</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>						
<b>SELECTED BALANCES:</b>							
Assets	\$ 2,753,446	\$ 2,538,319	\$ 2,548,950	\$ 2,409,066	\$ 2,248,730	\$ 2,209,943	\$ 2,023,867
Loans	1,937,094	1,607,354	1,608,248	1,515,050	1,409,962	1,374,570	1,419,139
Allowance for loan losses	21,478	22,043	20,234	22,570	25,990	32,325	44,275
Deposits	2,343,761	2,206,960	2,225,719	2,085,963	1,924,302	1,884,806	1,779,537
Shareholders' equity	267,710	250,902	248,980	251,092	250,371	231,581	134,975
Other borrowings	72,849	11,527	9,433	11,954	12,470	17,188	17,622
Subordinated debentures	35,569	35,569	35,569	35,569	35,569	40,723	50,175
<b>SELECTED RATIOS:</b>							
Net interest income to average interest earning assets	3.65 %	3.55 %	3.52 %	3.58 %	3.67 %	4.11 %	4.04 %
Net income to <sup>(2)</sup>							
Average common equity	10.27	10.20	9.21	7.89	7.43	64.22	68.29
Average assets	1.01	1.02	0.92	0.86	0.80	3.87	0.92
Average shareholder's equity to average assets	9.89	10.03	9.98	10.93	10.83	8.69	4.82
Tier 1 capital to average assets	10.63	10.56	10.50	10.91	11.18	10.61	8.08
Non-performing loans to Portfolio Loans	0.43	0.67	0.83	0.71	1.08	1.30	2.32
<b>ASSET QUALITY RATIOS:</b>							
Net loan charge-offs to average	(0.03 )%	(0.06 )%	0.06 %	0.05 %	0.23 %	0.58 %	1.39 %

portfolio loans							
Allowance for loan losses to total originated portfolio loans	1.11 %	1.37 %	1.26 %	1.49 %	1.84 %	2.35 %	3.12 %
Allowance for loan losses to total nonperforming loans	255.39 %	204.08 %	151.41 %	210.48 %	170.56 %	180.54 %	134.43 %
Nonperforming loans to total portfolio loans	0.43 %	0.67 %	0.83 %	0.71 %	1.08 %	1.30 %	2.32 %
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.38 %	0.62 %	0.72 %	0.74 %	0.96 %	1.64 %	2.92 %
<b>SELECTED RATIOS:</b>							
Total portfolio loans to total deposits	82.65 %	72.83 %	72.26 %	72.63 %	73.27 %	72.93 %	79.75 %
Average total loans (including loans held for sale) to average earning assets	73.61 %	70.13 %	70.09 %	69.30 %	69.01 %	73.94 %	72.08 %
Noninterest income to net revenue	30.07 %	31.13 %	32.83 %	33.17 %	32.49 %	33.97 %	39.01 %
Leverage ratio	10.63 %	10.56 %	10.50 %	10.91 %	11.18 %	10.61 %	8.08 %
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	14.04 %	14.79 %	14.70 %	15.38 %	16.80 %	16.08 %	13.37 %
Total risk-based capital ratio	15.14 %	16.05 %	15.86 %	16.65 %	18.06 %	17.35 %	14.71 %
Average equity to average assets	9.83 %	10.02 %	9.84 %	10.93 %	10.83 %	8.69 %	4.82 %
Tangible common equity to tangible assets	9.67 %	9.81 %	9.70 %	10.34 %	11.03 %	10.35 %	6.49 %
Dividend payout ratio	34.11 %	30.45 %	31.95 %	29.45 %	22.91 %	0.00 %	0.00 %

TABLE OF CONTENTS**Summary Selected Consolidated Financial Information of TCSB**

The following tables set forth summary selected historical consolidated financial information of TCSB as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 and as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012. The summary selected balance sheet data as of December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 and the summary selected income statement data for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 was derived from TCSB's audited consolidated financial statements. The summary selected balance sheet and income statement data as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was derived from TCSB's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. Results for past periods are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any future period.

(\$ in thousands, except per share data)	Nine Months Ended			Year Ended			
	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
<b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA:</b>							
Interest income	\$ 10,171	\$ 8,658	\$ 11,751	\$ 10,938	\$ 10,149	\$ 8,758	\$ 8,218
Interest expense	1,088	900	1,198	1,203	1,139	1,033	1,500
Net interest income	9,083	7,758	10,553	9,735	9,010	7,725	6,718
Provision for loan losses	700	200	800	325	75	625	1,210
Noninterest income	2,576	2,814	3,975	3,570	3,737	4,329	5,058
Noninterest expense	8,069	7,467	10,030	9,306	9,067	9,022	8,423
Net income	\$ 1,982	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,515	\$ 2,527	\$ 2,421	\$ 1,637	\$ 1,452
Cash Dividends Declared Per Common Share <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>PERFORMANCE:</b>							
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.03	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.75
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.83	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.75
Book value per common share	\$ 13.83	\$ 12.45	\$ 12.51	\$ 11.58	\$ 10.49	\$ 9.44	\$ 9.22
Return on average assets	0.79 %	0.89 %	0.83 %	0.87 %	0.96 %	0.79 %	0.76 %
Return on average shareholders' equity	8.28 %	9.45 %	8.83 %	9.79 %	10.50 %	8.75 %	8.61 %
Net interest margin	3.80 %	3.57 %	3.60 %	3.45 %	3.71 %	3.92 %	3.77 %
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA:</b>							
Total assets	\$ 348,924	\$ 312,068	\$ 314,377	\$ 295,817	\$ 267,786	\$ 232,230	\$ 192,265

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Total loans	277,891	238,139	250,311	222,184	208,878	178,404	137,191
Total deposits	291,607	264,430	266,061	249,625	220,290	190,350	162,524
FHLB Advances	16,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	16,500	13,000	3,500
Shareholders' equity	33,401	29,202	30,038	27,171	24,597	22,136	17,868

**AVERAGE  
BALANCE  
SHEET  
SUMMARY:**

Total assets	\$ 332,767	\$ 300,640	\$ 303,590	\$ 288,777	\$ 252,867	\$ 208,248	\$ 190,620
Earning assets	319,192	290,791	293,457	281,810	242,969	197,008	178,209
Total loans	268,068	228,034	233,175	217,698	194,580	153,702	135,501
Total deposits	273,589	253,088	255,717	242,897	208,656	170,545	158,863
FHLB Advances	16,060	11,500	11,500	13,486	13,412	9,681	3,500
Shareholders' equity	31,925	28,296	28,545	25,880	23,160	18,877	17,006

**ASSET QUALITY  
RATIOS:**

Net loan charge-offs to average loans	0.48 %	(0.04 )%	0.12 %	0.23 %	0.16 %	0.52 %	0.37 %
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	0.85 %	0.61 %	1.17 %	1.08 %	1.24 %	1.57 %	2.16 %
Allowance for loan losses to total nonperforming loans	127.11 %	36.90 %	107.35 %	55.18 %	79.00 %	46.20 %	34.45 %
Nonperforming loans to total loans	0.33 %	1.13 %	0.73 %	1.53 %	1.47 %	2.50 %	4.42 %
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.53 %	1.25 %	0.87 %	1.48 %	1.23 %	2.65 %	4.55 %

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(\$ in thousands, except per share data)	Nine Months Ended			Year Ended			
	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
<b>SELECTED RATIOS:</b>							
Total loans to total deposits	95.30 %	90.06 %	94.08 %	89.01 %	94.82 %	93.72 %	84.41 %
Average total loans to average earning assets	83.97 %	78.42 %	79.46 %	77.25 %	80.08 %	78.02 %	76.03 %
Noninterest income to net revenue	20.21 %	24.53 %	25.28 %	24.61 %	26.91 %	33.08 %	38.10 %
Leverage ratio	9.83 %	9.74 %	9.73 %	9.46 %	9.13 %	9.76 %	9.92 %
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	12.51 %	13.07 %	12.67 %	13.66 %	12.12 %	12.17 %	13.28 %
Total risk-based capital ratio	13.40 %	14.27 %	13.92 %	14.83 %	13.37 %	13.43 %	15.81 %
Average equity to average assets	9.59 %	9.41 %	9.40 %	8.96 %	9.16 %	9.06 %	8.92 %
Tangible common equity to tangible assets	8.83 %	8.52 %	8.73 %	8.30 %	8.21 %	8.41 %	7.93 %
Dividend Payout Ratio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Comparative Per Share Data (Unaudited)</b>							

The following table shows information about earnings per share, dividends paid per share, and tangible book value per share, on a historical basis and on a pro forma combined and pro forma equivalent per share basis.

Comparative Per Share Data	IBCP Historical	TCSB Historical	Pro Forma Combined <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Equivalent Pro
				Forma Per Share of TCSB <sup>(3)</sup>
Nine Months ended September 30, 2017:				
Basic earnings	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.95
Diluted earnings	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.93
Cash dividends paid	\$ 0.30	\$ —	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.33
Tangible book value	\$ 12.47	\$ 12.65	\$ 12.15	\$ 13.57
Year ended December 31, 2016				
Basic earnings	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.03	\$ 1.15
Diluted earnings	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.13
Cash dividends paid	\$ 0.34	\$ —	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.38
Tangible book value	\$ 11.62	\$ 11.32	\$ 11.26	\$ 12.57

(1) The pro forma combined earnings per share amounts were calculated by totaling the historical earnings of IBCP and TCSB, adjusted for purchase accounting entries, and dividing the resulting amount by the average pro forma shares of IBCP and TCSB, giving effect to the merger as if it had occurred as of the beginning of the period presented, excluding any merger transaction costs. The pro forma combined tangible book value amount, however, does include the impact of estimated merger and integration costs. The average pro forma shares of IBCP and

TCSB reflect historical basic and diluted shares, plus historical basic and diluted average shares of TCSB, as adjusted based on the fixed Exchange Ratio of 1.1166 shares of IBCP common stock for each share of TCSB common stock. The number of shares to be issued is subject to adjustment in certain limited circumstances.

(2) Pro forma combined cash dividends paid represents IBCP's historical amounts only.

The equivalent pro forma per share of TCSB amounts were calculated by multiplying the pro forma combined

(3) amounts by the fixed Exchange Ratio of 1.1166 shares of IBCP common stock for each share of TCSB common stock.

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### **RISK FACTORS**

In addition to the matters addressed in this prospectus and proxy statement, including the information under the heading Forward-Looking Statements, you should carefully consider the following risk factors in deciding how to vote on the merger agreement.

#### **Risks Related to IBCP's Business**

Investing in IBCP's common stock involves risks, including (among others) the following factors:

*General political, economic or industry conditions, either domestically or internationally, may be less favorable than expected.*

Local, domestic, and international economic, political and industry-specific conditions affect the financial services industry, directly and indirectly. Conditions such as or related to inflation, recession, unemployment, volatile interest rates, international conflicts and other factors outside of IBCP's control, such as real estate values, energy costs, fuel prices, state and local municipal budget deficits, and government spending and the U.S. national debt, may, directly and indirectly, adversely affect IBCP. As has been the case with the impact of recent economic conditions, economic downturns could result in the delinquency of outstanding loans, which could have a material adverse impact on IBCP's earnings.

*Governmental monetary and fiscal policies may adversely affect the financial services industry and therefore impact IBCP's financial condition and results of operations.*

Monetary and fiscal policies of various governmental and regulatory agencies, particularly the Federal Reserve, affect the financial services industry, directly and indirectly. The Federal Reserve regulates the supply of money and credit in the U.S., and its monetary and fiscal policies determine in a large part IBCP's cost of funds for lending and investing and the return that can be earned on such loans and investments. Changes in such policies, including changes in interest rates, will influence the origination of loans, the value of investments, the generation of deposits and the rates received on loans and investment securities and paid on deposits. Changes in monetary and fiscal policies are beyond IBCP's control and difficult to predict. IBCP's financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely impacted by changes in governmental monetary and fiscal policies.

*Volatility and disruptions in global capital and credit markets may adversely impact IBCP's business, financial condition and results of operations.*

Even though IBCP operates in a distinct geographic region in the U.S., it is impacted by global capital and credit markets, which are sometimes subject to periods of extreme volatility and disruption. Disruptions, uncertainty or volatility in the capital and credit markets may limit IBCP's ability to access capital and manage liquidity, which may adversely affect IBCP's business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, IBCP's customers may be adversely impacted by such conditions, which could have a negative impact on IBCP's business, financial condition and results of operations.

*The soundness of other financial institutions could adversely affect IBCP.*

IBCP's ability to engage in routine funding transactions could be adversely affected by the actions and commercial soundness of other financial institutions. Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty and other relationships. IBCP has exposure to many different industries and counterparties, and it routinely executes transactions with counterparties in the financial industry. As a result, defaults by, or even rumors or

questions about, one or more financial services institutions, or the financial services industry generally, have led, and may further lead, to market-wide liquidity problems and could lead to losses or defaults by IBCP or by other institutions. Many of these transactions could expose IBCP to credit risk in the event of default by a counterparty. In addition, IBCP's credit risk may be impacted when the collateral held by it cannot be realized upon or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount of the financial instrument exposure due to it. There is no assurance that any such losses would not adversely affect IBCP and possibly be material in nature.

*Changes in regulation or oversight may have a material adverse impact on IBCP's operations.*

IBCP is subject to extensive regulation, supervision and examination by the Federal Reserve Board, the FDIC, the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, the SEC and other regulatory bodies. Such regulation and supervision governs the activities in which IBCP may engage. Regulatory authorities have extensive discretion

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in their supervisory and enforcement activities, including the imposition of restrictions on IBCP's operations, investigations and limitations related to IBCP's securities, the classification of its assets and determination of the level of its allowance for loan losses. Any change in such regulation and oversight, whether in the form of regulatory policy, regulations, legislation or supervisory action, may have a material adverse impact on IBCP's business, financial condition or results of operations.

In particular, Congress and other regulators have increased their focus on the regulation of the financial services industry in recent years. While recent changes in the executive branch may mitigate this impact, the effects on IBCP of recent legislation and regulatory actions cannot reliably be fully determined at this time. Moreover, as some of the legislation and regulatory actions previously implemented in response to the recent financial crisis expire, the impact of the conclusion of these programs on the financial sector and on the economic recovery is unknown. Any delay in the economic recovery or a worsening of current financial market conditions could adversely affect IBCP. IBCP can neither predict when or whether future regulatory or legislative reforms will be enacted nor what their contents will be. The impact of any future legislation or regulatory actions on IBCP's businesses or operations cannot be determined at this time, and such impact may adversely affect IBCP.

***IBCP has credit risk inherent in its loan portfolios, and its allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to cover actual loan losses.***

IBCP's loan customers may not repay their loans according to their respective terms, and the collateral securing the payment of these loans may be insufficient to cover any losses IBCP may incur. IBCP makes various assumptions and judgments about the collectability of its loan portfolio, including the creditworthiness of its borrowers and the value of the real estate and other assets serving as collateral for the repayment of many of its loans. Non-performing loans amounted to \$8.4 million and \$13.4 million at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. IBCP's allowance for loan losses coverage ratio of non-performing loans was 255.39% and 151.41% at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. In determining the size of the allowance for loan losses, IBCP relies on its experience and its evaluation of current economic conditions. If IBCP's assumptions or judgments prove to be incorrect, its current allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to cover certain loan losses inherent in its loan portfolio, and adjustments may be necessary to account for different economic conditions or adverse developments in its loan portfolio. Material additions to its allowance for loan losses would adversely impact its operating results.

In addition, federal and state regulators periodically review IBCP's allowance for loan losses and may require IBCP to increase its provision for loan losses or recognize additional loan charge-offs, notwithstanding any internal analysis that has been performed. Any increase in IBCP's allowance for loan losses or loan charge-offs required by these regulatory agencies could have a material adverse effect on its results of operations and financial condition.

***IBCP has credit risk in its securities portfolio.***

IBCP maintains diversified securities portfolios, which include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and government-sponsored agencies as well as securities issued by states and political subdivisions, mortgage-backed securities, corporate securities and asset-backed securities. IBCP seeks to limit credit losses in its securities portfolios by principally purchasing highly rated securities (generally rated AA or higher by a major debt rating agency) and by conducting due diligence on the issuer. However, gross unrealized losses on securities available for sale in its portfolio totaled approximately \$1.8 million as of September 30, 2017 (compared to approximately \$7.6 million as of December 31, 2016). IBCP believes these unrealized losses are temporary in nature and are expected to be recovered within a reasonable time period as it believes it has the ability to hold the securities to maturity or until such time as the unrealized losses reverse. However, IBCP evaluates securities available for sale for other than temporary impairment (OTTI) at least quarterly and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Those evaluations may result in OTTI charges to its earnings. In addition to these impairment charges,

IBCP may, in the future, experience additional losses in its securities portfolio which may result in charges that could materially adversely affect its results of operations.

***IBCP has agreed to indemnify the purchaser of Mepco's business against certain losses it may incur as a result of its purchase of the business.***

In connection with IBCP's sale of substantially all of the assets of its Mepco subsidiary in May of 2017, it agreed to contractually indemnify the purchaser from certain losses the purchaser may incur, including as a result of its failure to collect certain receivables it purchased as part of the business as well as breaches of representations and

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warranties IBCP made in the sale agreement, subject to various limitations. IBCP has not accrued any liability related to this sale in its financial statements because it believes the likelihood of having to pay any amount as a result of these indemnification obligations is remote. However, if the purchaser is unable to collect the receivables it purchased from Mepco or otherwise encounters difficulties in operating the business, it is possible it could make one or more claims against IBCP pursuant to the sale agreement. In that event, IBCP may incur expenses in defending any such claims and/or amounts paid to such purchaser to resolve such claims. As of September 30, 2017, the balance of these receivables had declined to \$22.5 million, and to date the purchaser has made no claims for indemnification.

***IBCP's mortgage-banking revenues are susceptible to substantial variations, due in part to factors it does not control, such as market interest rates.***

A portion of IBCP's revenues are derived from net gains on mortgage loans. These net gains primarily depend on the volume of loans IBCP sells, which in turn depends on its ability to originate real estate mortgage loans and the demand for fixed-rate obligations and other loans that are outside of its established interest-rate risk parameters. Net gains on mortgage loans are also dependent upon economic and competitive factors as well as IBCP's ability to effectively manage exposure to changes in interest rates. Consequently, they can often be a volatile part of IBCP's overall revenues. IBCP realized net gains of \$8.9 million on mortgage loans during the first nine months of 2017 compared to \$7.7 million during the first nine months of 2016, and IBCP realized net gains of \$10.6 million on mortgage loans during 2016 compared to \$7.4 million during 2015 and \$5.6 million during 2014.

***IBCP is subject to liquidity risk in its operations, which could adversely impact its ability to fund various obligations.***

Liquidity risk is the possibility of being unable to meet obligations as they come due or capitalize on growth opportunities as they arise because of an inability to liquidate assets or obtain adequate funding on a timely basis, at a reasonable cost and within acceptable risk tolerances. Liquidity is required to fund various obligations, including credit obligations to borrowers, loan originations, withdrawals by depositors, repayment of debt, dividends to shareholders, operating expenses and capital expenditures. Liquidity is derived primarily from retail deposit growth and earnings retention, principal and interest payments on loans and investment securities, net cash provided from operations and access to other funding. If IBCP is unable to maintain adequate liquidity, then its business, financial condition and results of operations could be negatively impacted.

***IBCP must rely on dividends or returns of capital from its subsidiary bank for most of its cash flow.***

IBCP is a separate and distinct legal entity from its subsidiary bank, Independent Bank. Generally, the parent company receives substantially all of its cash flow from dividends or returns of capital from the subsidiary bank. These dividends or returns of capital are the principal source of funds to pay the parent company's operating expenses and for cash dividends on its common stock. Various federal and/or state laws and regulations limit the amount of dividends that the bank may pay to the parent company.

***Any future strategic acquisitions or divestitures may present certain risks to IBCP's business and operations.***

Difficulties in capitalizing on the opportunities presented by a future acquisition may prevent IBCP from fully achieving the expected benefits from the acquisition, or may cause the achievement of such expectations to take longer to realize than expected. Further, the assimilation of the acquired entity's customers and markets could result in higher than expected deposit attrition, loss of key employees, disruption of IBCP's businesses or the businesses of the acquired entity or otherwise adversely affect IBCP's ability to maintain relationships with customers and employees or achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisition. These matters could have an adverse effect on IBCP for an undetermined period. IBCP will be subject to similar risks and difficulties in connection with any future decisions to

downsize, sell or close units or otherwise change its business mix.

***Compliance with new capital requirements may adversely affect IBCP.***

The capital requirements applicable to IBCP as a bank holding company as well as to its subsidiary bank have been substantially revised in connection with Basel III and the requirements of the Financial Reform Act. These more stringent capital requirements, and any other new regulations, could adversely affect IBCP's ability to pay dividends in the future, or could require it to reduce business levels or to raise capital, including in ways that may adversely affect its results of operations or financial condition and/or existing shareholders. The ultimate impact of the new

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capital requirements cannot be determined at this time and will depend on a number of factors, including treatment and implementation by the U.S. bank regulators. However, maintaining higher levels of capital may reduce IBCP's profitability and otherwise adversely affect its business, financial condition, or results of operations.

***Declines in the businesses or industries of IBCP's customers could cause increased credit losses, which could adversely affect IBCP.***

IBCP's business customer base consists, in part, of customers in volatile businesses and industries such as the automotive production industry and the real estate business. These industries are sensitive to global economic conditions and supply chain factors. Any decline in one of those customers' businesses or industries could cause increased credit losses, which in turn could adversely affect IBCP.

***The introduction, implementation, withdrawal, success and timing of business initiatives and strategies may be less successful or may be different than anticipated, which could adversely affect IBCP's business.***

IBCP makes certain projections and develops plans and strategies for its banking and financial products. If IBCP does not accurately determine demand for or changes in its banking and financial product needs, it could result in IBCP incurring significant expenses without the anticipated increases in revenue, which could result in a material adverse effect on its business.

***IBCP may not be able to utilize technology to efficiently and effectively develop, market, and deliver new products and services to its customers.***

The financial services industry experiences rapid technological change with regular introductions of new technology-driven products and services. The efficient and effective utilization of technology enables financial institutions to better serve customers and to reduce costs. IBCP's future success depends, in part, upon its ability to address the needs of its customers by using technology to market and deliver products and services that will satisfy customer demands, meet regulatory requirements, and create additional efficiencies in its operations. IBCP may not be able to effectively develop new technology-driven products and services or be successful in marketing or supporting these products and services to its customers, which could have a material adverse impact on its financial condition and results of operations.

***Operational difficulties, failure of technology infrastructure or information security incidents could adversely affect IBCP's business and operations.***

IBCP is exposed to many types of operational risk, including reputational risk, legal and compliance risk, the risk of fraud or theft by employees or outsiders, failure of its controls and procedures and unauthorized transactions by employees or operational errors, including clerical or recordkeeping errors or those resulting from computer or telecommunications systems malfunctions. Given the high volume of transactions IBCP processes, certain errors may be repeated or compounded before they are identified and resolved. In particular, IBCP's operations rely on the secure processing, storage and transmission of confidential and other information on its technology systems and networks. Any failure, interruption or breach in security of these systems could result in failures or disruptions in its customer relationship management, general ledger, deposit, loan and other systems.

IBCP also faces the risk of operational disruption, failure or capacity constraints due to its dependency on third party vendors for components of its business infrastructure, including its core data processing systems which are largely outsourced. While IBCP has selected these third party vendors carefully, it does not control their operations. As such, any failure on the part of these business partners to perform their various responsibilities could also adversely affect IBCP's business and operations.

IBCP may also be subject to disruptions of its operating systems arising from events that are wholly or partially beyond its control, which may include, for example, computer viruses, cyberattacks, spikes in transaction volume and/or customer activity, electrical or telecommunications outages, or natural disasters. Although IBCP has programs in place related to business continuity, disaster recovery and information security to maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of its systems, business applications and customer information, such disruptions may give rise to interruptions in service to customers and loss or liability to IBCP.

The occurrence of any failure or interruption in IBCP's operations or information systems, or any security breach, could cause reputational damage, jeopardize the confidentiality of customer information, result in a loss of customer business, subject IBCP to regulatory intervention or expose it to civil litigation and financial loss or liability, any of which could have a material adverse effect on IBCP.

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***Changes in the financial markets, including fluctuations in interest rates and their impact on deposit pricing, could adversely affect IBCP's net interest income and financial condition.***

The operations of financial institutions such as IBCP are dependent to a large degree on net interest income, which is the difference between interest income from loans and investments and interest expense on deposits and borrowings. Prevailing economic conditions, the trade, fiscal and monetary policies of the federal government and the policies of various regulatory agencies all affect market rates of interest and the availability and cost of credit, which in turn significantly affect financial institutions' net interest income. Volatility in interest rates can also result in disintermediation, which is the flow of funds away from financial institutions into direct investments, such as federal government and corporate securities and other investment vehicles, which, because of the absence of federal insurance premiums and reserve requirements, generally pay higher rates of return than financial institutions. IBCP's financial results could be materially adversely impacted by changes in financial market conditions.

***Competitive product and pricing pressures among financial institutions within IBCP's markets may change.***

IBCP operates in a very competitive environment, which is characterized by competition from a number of other financial institutions in each market in which it operates. IBCP competes with large national and regional financial institutions and with smaller financial institutions in terms of products and pricing. If IBCP is unable to compete effectively in products and pricing in its markets, business could decline, which could have a material adverse effect on IBCP's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***Changes in customer behavior may adversely impact IBCP's business, financial condition and results of operations.***

IBCP uses a variety of methods to anticipate customer behavior as a part of its strategic planning and to meet certain regulatory requirements. Individual, economic, political, industry-specific conditions and other factors outside of its control, such as fuel prices, energy costs, real estate values or other factors that affect customer income levels, could alter predicted customer borrowing, repayment, investment and deposit practices. Such a change in these practices could materially adversely affect IBCP's ability to anticipate business needs and meet regulatory requirements.

Further, difficult economic conditions may negatively affect consumer confidence levels. A decrease in consumer confidence levels would likely aggravate the adverse effects of these difficult market conditions on IBCP, its customers and others in the financial institutions industry.

***IBCP's ability to maintain and expand customer relationships may differ from expectations***

The financial services industry is very competitive. IBCP not only vies for business opportunities with new customers, but also competes to maintain and expand the relationships it has with its existing customers. While IBCP believes that it can continue to grow many of these relationships, IBCP will continue to experience pressures to maintain these relationships as its competitors attempt to capture its customers. Failure to create new customer relationships and to maintain and expand existing customer relationships to the extent anticipated may adversely impact IBCP's earnings.

***IBCP's ability to retain key officers and employees may change.***

IBCP's future operating results depend substantially upon the continued service of its executive officers and key personnel. IBCP's future operating results also depend in significant part upon its ability to attract and retain qualified management, financial, technical, marketing, sales and support personnel. Competition for qualified personnel is intense, and IBCP cannot ensure success in attracting or retaining qualified personnel. There may be only a limited number of persons with the requisite skills to serve in these positions, and it may be increasingly difficult for IBCP to

hire personnel over time.

Further, IBCP's ability to retain key officers and employees may be impacted by legislation and regulation affecting the financial services industry. IBCP's business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by the loss of any key employees, or its inability to attract and retain skilled employees.

***Legal and regulatory proceedings and related matters with respect to the financial services industry, including those directly involving IBCP, could adversely affect it or the financial services industry in general.***

IBCP has been, and may in the future be, subject to various legal and regulatory proceedings. It is inherently difficult to assess the outcome of these matters, and there can be no assurance that IBCP will prevail in any

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proceeding or litigation. Any such matter could result in substantial cost and diversion of IBCP's efforts, which by itself could have a material adverse effect on IBCP's financial condition and operating results. Further, adverse determinations in such matters could result in actions by IBCP's regulators that could materially adversely affect its business, financial condition or results of operations.

### ***Methods of reducing risk exposures might not be effective.***

Instruments, systems and strategies used to hedge or otherwise manage exposure to various types of credit, market and liquidity, operational, compliance, business risks and enterprise-wide risk could be less effective than anticipated. As a result, IBCP may not be able to effectively mitigate its risk exposures in particular market environments or against particular types of risk, which could have a material adverse impact on its business, financial condition or results of operations.

### ***Terrorist activities or other hostilities may adversely affect the general economy, financial and capital markets, specific industries, and IBCP.***

Terrorist attacks or other hostilities may disrupt IBCP's operations or those of its customers. In addition, these events have had and may continue to have an adverse impact on the U.S. and world economies in general and consumer confidence and spending in particular, which could harm IBCP's operations. Any of these events could increase volatility in the U.S. and world financial markets, which could harm IBCP's stock price and may limit the capital resources available to it and its customers. This could have a material adverse impact on IBCP's operating results, revenues and costs and may result in increased volatility in the market price of its common stock.

### ***Catastrophic events, including, but not limited to, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires and floods, may adversely affect the general economy, financial and capital markets, specific industries, and IBCP.***

IBCP has significant operations and a significant customer base in Michigan where natural and other disasters may occur, such as tornadoes and floods. These types of natural catastrophic events at times have disrupted the local economy, IBCP's business, and IBCP's customers and have posed physical risks to its property. In addition, catastrophic events occurring in other regions of the world may have an impact on IBCP's customers and in turn, on IBCP. A significant catastrophic event could materially adversely affect IBCP's operating results.

### ***Changes in accounting standards could materially impact IBCP's financial statements.***

From time to time, changes are made to the financial accounting and reporting standards that govern the preparation of IBCP's financial statements. These changes can be difficult to predict and can materially impact how IBCP records and reports its financial condition and results of operations. In some cases, IBCP could be required to apply a new or revised standard retroactively, resulting in changes to previously reported financial results, or a cumulative charge to accumulated deficit.

### ***IBCP's failure to appropriately apply certain critical accounting policies could result in a misstatement of its financial results and condition.***

Accounting policies and processes are fundamental to how IBCP records and reports its financial condition and results of operations. IBCP must exercise judgment in selecting and applying many of these accounting policies and processes so they comply with U.S. GAAP. In some cases, IBCP must select the accounting policy or method to apply from two or more alternatives, any of which may be reasonable under the circumstances, yet may result in IBCP reporting materially different results than would have been reported under a different alternative.

IBCP has identified certain accounting policies as being critical because they require IBCP to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments about matters that are uncertain. Materially different amounts could be reported under different conditions or using different assumptions or estimates. IBCP has established detailed policies and control procedures that are intended to ensure these critical accounting estimates and judgments are well controlled and applied consistently. In addition, the policies and procedures are intended to ensure that the process for changing methodologies occurs in an appropriate manner. Because of the uncertainty surrounding management's judgments and the estimates pertaining to these matters, IBCP cannot guarantee that it will not be required to adjust accounting policies or restate prior period financial statements. See note #1, Accounting Policies in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the financial schedules delivered with this prospectus and proxy statement.

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***The trading price of IBCP's common stock may be subject to significant fluctuations and volatility.***

The market price of IBCP's common stock could be subject to significant fluctuations due to, among other things:

- variations in quarterly or annual results of operations;
- changes in dividends per share;
- deterioration in asset quality, including declining real estate values;
- changes in interest rates;
- significant acquisitions or business combinations, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, or capital commitments by or involving IBCP or its competitors;
- regulatory actions, including changes to regulatory capital levels, the components of regulatory capital and how regulatory capital is calculated;
- new regulations that limit or significantly change IBCP's ability to continue to offer products or services;
- volatility of stock market prices and volumes;
- issuance of additional shares of common stock or other debt or equity securities;
- changes in market valuations of similar companies;
- changes in securities analysts' estimates of financial performance or recommendations;
- perceptions in the marketplace regarding the financial services industry, IBCP and/or its competitors; and/or
- the occurrence of any one or more of the risk factors described above.

### **Risks Related to Proposed Merger**

***The value of the Merger Consideration will fluctuate with the price of IBCP common stock.***

Upon completion of the merger, each share of TCSB common stock will be converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration.

Except as provided in the merger agreement, there will be no adjustment made to the Merger Consideration as a result of fluctuations in the market price of IBCP common stock or the value of TCSB common stock. As a result, it is possible that the value of any IBCP common stock you receive in the merger will be different than the value of such shares on the date that the TCSB board of directors adopted the merger agreement, on the date of the information concerning stock value presented in this prospectus and proxy statement, and on the date that you vote to approve the merger agreement. Stock price changes may result from a variety of factors, including general market and economic conditions, changes in IBCP's business, operations and prospects, and regulatory considerations. Many of these factors are beyond IBCP's control. Accordingly, at the time of the special meeting, you will not necessarily know or be able to calculate the exact value of the shares of IBCP common stock you will receive upon completion of the merger. You should obtain current market quotations for shares of IBCP common stock.

In addition, the Merger Consolidation is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. See [What TCSB Shareholders will Receive in the Merger](#) on [page 41](#) below.

***Regulatory approvals may not be received, may take longer to receive than expected, or may impose conditions that are not presently anticipated.***

Before the transactions contemplated in the merger agreement may be completed, regulatory approvals must be obtained from the Federal Reserve Board and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. These governmental entities will consider, among other factors, the competitive impact of the merger, IBCP's financial and managerial resources, the convenience and needs of the communities to be served, capital position, safety and soundness, legal and regulatory compliance matters, and Community Reinvestment Act matters, and they may impose conditions on the completion of the merger or require changes to the terms of the merger agreement. There can be no

assurance as to whether regulatory approvals will be received, the timing of those approvals, or whether any conditions will be imposed.

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***Each party is subject to business uncertainties and contractual restrictions while the merger is pending, which could adversely affect each party's business and operations.***

Uncertainty about the effect of the merger on employees and customers may have an adverse effect on TCSB and IBCP. These uncertainties may impair TCSB's ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel until the merger is consummated. Retention of certain employees by TCSB may be challenging during the pendency of the merger, as certain employees may experience uncertainty about their future roles with IBCP or TCSB. If key employees depart because of issues relating to the uncertainty and difficulty of integration or a desire not to remain with IBCP, IBCP's business following the merger could be harmed. In addition, uncertainties related to the merger could cause customers and others that deal with TCSB or IBCP to seek to change existing business relationships with TCSB or IBCP, or delay or defer certain business decisions with respect to TCSB or IBCP, which could negatively affect IBCP's or TCSB's respective revenues, earnings and cash flows, as well as the market price of IBCP common stock or the value of TCSB common stock, regardless of whether the merger is completed. Furthermore, the merger agreement restricts TCSB from taking specified actions without the consent of IBCP until the merger occurs or the merger agreement is terminated. These restrictions may prevent TCSB from pursuing attractive business opportunities that may arise prior to the completion of the merger. See The Merger Agreement – Conduct of Business Pending the Merger for a summary of certain of the contractual restrictions to which TCSB is subject.

***Combining the two companies may be more difficult, costly, or time-consuming than expected.***

The difficulties of merging the operations of TCSB with those of IBCP include, among others, integrating personnel with diverse business backgrounds, combining different corporate cultures, retaining key employees, and converting operating systems. The process of integrating operations could cause an interruption of, or loss of momentum in, the activities of the companies, and the loss of key personnel. The diversion of management's attention and any delays or difficulties encountered in connection with the merger and integration of TCSB into IBCP could have an adverse effect on the business and results of operations of TCSB or IBCP. As with any merger of banking institutions, there also may be business disruptions that cause the banks to lose customers or cause customers to take their deposits out of the banks. The success of the combined company following the merger may depend in large part on the ability to integrate the two businesses, business models and cultures. Inability to integrate our operations successfully and in a timely manner could result in the expected benefits of the merger not being realized.

***TCSB shareholders' percentage ownership of IBCP will be much smaller than their percentage ownership of TCSB.***

TCSB shareholders currently have the right to vote in the election of the TCSB board of directors and on other matters affecting TCSB. When the merger occurs, each TCSB shareholder will become a shareholder of IBCP with a percentage ownership of the combined organization that is much smaller than the shareholder's percentage ownership of TCSB. Because of this, the TCSB shareholders will have less influence on the management and policies of IBCP than they now have on the management and policies of TCSB.

***Directors and officers of TCSB have interests in the merger that differ from the interests of non-director or non-management shareholders.***

Some of the directors and officers of TCSB have interests in the merger that differ from, or are in addition to, their interests as shareholders of TCSB generally. These interests exist because of, among other things, employment or severance agreements that the officers entered into with TCSB, rights that TCSB officers and directors have under TCSB's benefit plans, and rights to indemnification and directors' and officers' insurance following the merger. The members of each of TCSB's and IBCP's boards of directors knew about these additional interests and considered them when they adopted the merger agreement and approved the merger. For a more detailed discussion of these interests,

see Interests of Certain Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger.

***The merger agreement limits TCSB's ability to pursue alternatives to the merger.***

The merger agreement contains provisions that limit TCSB's ability to encourage or consider competing third-party proposals to acquire TCSB, all or a significant part of its assets or stock, or other similar business combinations. These provisions, which include a \$2,529,658 termination fee payable to IBCP under certain circumstances, might discourage a potential competing acquirer that might have an interest in acquiring all or a significant part of TCSB from considering or proposing that acquisition even if it were prepared to pay consideration

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with a higher per share price than that proposed in the merger, or might result in a potential competing acquirer proposing to pay a lower per share price to acquire TCSB than it might otherwise have proposed to pay. See *The Merger Agreement – Acquisition Proposals by Third Parties* and *The Merger Agreement – Termination Fee*.

***The merger agreement may be terminated in accordance with its terms and the merger may not be completed, which could have a negative impact on TCSB.***

The merger agreement is subject to a number of conditions that must be fulfilled in order to complete the merger. Those conditions include completion of the merger by September 4, 2018, receipt of TCSB shareholder approval, receipt of regulatory approvals, continued accuracy of certain representations and warranties by both parties, and performance by both parties of certain covenants and agreements. In addition, the merger agreement may be terminated in certain circumstances. In particular, IBCP is not obligated to complete the merger if the Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity is less than \$33,000,000 as of the Final Statement Date.

If the merger agreement is terminated, there may be various consequences to TCSB, including:

TCSB's business may have been adversely impacted by the failure to pursue other beneficial opportunities due to the focus of management on the merger without realizing any of the anticipated benefits of completing the merger; and TCSB may have incurred substantial expenses in connection with the merger without realizing any of the anticipated benefits of completing the merger.

If the merger agreement is terminated and the TCSB board of directors seeks another merger or business combination, under certain circumstances, TCSB is required to pay IBCP a \$2,529,658 termination fee. TCSB shareholders cannot be certain that TCSB would be able to find a party willing to pay an equivalent or more attractive price than the price IBCP has agreed to pay in the merger.

***IBCP may fail to realize the cost savings estimated for the merger.***

IBCP expects to achieve cost savings from the merger when the two companies have been fully integrated. The cost savings estimates assume the ability to combine the businesses of IBCP and TCSB in a manner that permits those cost savings to be realized. If the estimates turn out to be incorrect or if IBCP is not able to combine successfully the two companies, the anticipated cost savings may not be fully realized or realized at all, or may take longer to realize than expected.

***The fairness opinion obtained by TCSB from its financial advisor will not reflect changes between the date of the opinion and the effective time of the merger.***

D.A. Davidson & Co., the financial advisor to TCSB, has delivered a fairness opinion to the board of directors of TCSB. The opinion of DADCO is directed to the board of directors of TCSB and is not a recommendation to any shareholder on how to vote on the merger agreement or any other matter. The opinion, which was issued on December 4, 2017, states that, based upon and subject to the assumptions and limitations on review set forth in the opinion, the Exchange Ratio is fair, from a financial point of view, to TCSB. The opinion does not reflect changes that may occur or may have occurred after the date of the opinion, and therefore does not address the fairness of the Exchange Ratio as of the date of this prospectus and proxy statement, the date of the special meeting, or at the time the merger will be completed.

***The merger may fail to qualify as a reorganization for federal income tax purposes, resulting in your recognition of taxable gain or loss in respect of all of your TCSB common stock.***

IBCP and TCSB intend for the merger to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not provide a ruling on the matter. IBCP and TCSB each will, as a condition to closing, obtain an opinion from counsel that the merger will constitute a reorganization for federal income tax purposes. However, these opinions do not bind the IRS or prevent the IRS from adopting a contrary position. If the merger fails to qualify as a reorganization, TCSB shareholders generally would recognize gain or loss on each share of TCSB common stock surrendered in an amount equal to the difference between the shareholder's adjusted tax basis in that share and the fair market value of the IBCP common stock received in exchange for that share upon completion of the merger. See Proposal 1 – The Merger – Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences on page 39.

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***The shares of IBCP common stock to be received by TCSB shareholders as a result of the merger will have different rights from the shares of TCSB common stock.***

The rights associated with TCSB common stock are different from the rights associated with IBCP common stock. See [Comparison of Common Shareholder Rights](#) for a discussion of the different rights associated with IBCP common stock as compared to TCSB common stock.

***Litigation may be filed against TCSB, its board of directors, and/or IBCP that could prevent or delay the completion of the merger or result in the payment of damages following completion of the merger.***

In connection with the merger, it is possible that TCSB shareholders may file putative shareholder class action lawsuits against TCSB, its board of directors, and/or IBCP. Among other remedies, the plaintiffs may seek to enjoin the merger. The outcome of any such litigation is uncertain. If a dismissal is not granted or a settlement is not reached, such potential lawsuits could prevent or delay completion of the merger and result in substantial costs to TCSB and IBCP, including any costs associated with indemnification. The defense or settlement of any lawsuit or claim that remains unresolved at the time the merger is consummated may adversely affect TCSB's and IBCP's business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and market price.

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### **TCSB SPECIAL MEETING AND GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION**

#### **Date, Time, Place, and Purpose**

The TCSB board of directors is sending you this prospectus and proxy statement and proxy to use at the special meeting. At the special meeting, the TCSB board of directors will ask you to vote (1) to approve the merger agreement and (2) to approve the Adjournment Proposal.

The special meeting will be held on [•], 2018, at [•], local time, at [•], [•], Michigan [•].

#### **Recommendation of TCSB's Board of Directors**

TCSB's board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger is in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and is fair to and in the best interests of TCSB and TCSB's shareholders, adopted the merger agreement and authorized the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, and unanimously recommends that TCSB shareholders vote FOR approval of the merger agreement and FOR the Adjournment Proposal.

#### **Voting by Proxy; Record Date**

TCSB's board of directors has designated [•], 2018, as the record date for determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting. As of the record date, [•] shares of TCSB common stock were issued and outstanding and held by approximately [•] record holders. TCSB shareholders are entitled to one vote on each matter considered and voted on at the special meeting for each share of TCSB common stock held of record at the close of business on the record date. If a holder of shares of TCSB common stock as of the record date properly submits a proxy, the shares represented by that proxy will be voted at the special meeting and at any adjournment of that meeting. If a shareholder specifies a choice, the proxy will be voted in accordance with the shareholder's specification. If no specification is made, your shares of TCSB common stock represented by your proxy will be voted FOR approval of the merger agreement and FOR approval of the Adjournment Proposal.

TCSB's management currently is not aware of any other matter to be presented at the special meeting. If other matters are presented, the shares for which proxies have been received will be voted in accordance with the discretion of the persons named as proxies.

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

A TCSB shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it at any time before its exercise at the special meeting by one of three ways. First, you may send a written notice to the President and Chief Financial Officer of TCSB, Ann Bollinger, 333 West Grandview Parkway, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, stating that you would like to revoke your proxy. Second, you may complete and submit a new proxy, dated at a date later than your most recent proxy. Third, you may attend the special meeting and vote in person. Your attendance at the special meeting will not, however, by itself revoke your proxy. If you have instructed a broker to vote your shares, you must follow the directions you receive from your broker to change your vote. Your last vote will be the vote that is counted.

#### **Proxy Solicitation**

The board of directors and management of TCSB will initially solicit proxies by mail. If they deem it advisable, directors, officers, and employees of TCSB may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone or by electronic means without additional compensation. In addition, nominees and other fiduciaries may solicit proxies. Such persons may,

at the request of TCSB's management, mail material to or otherwise communicate with the beneficial owners of shares held by them.

**Expenses**

Except for internal costs and fees of TCSB, IBCP will pay all expenses incurred in connection with the solicitation of proxies of TCSB shareholders. IBCP will pay all expenses incurred in connection with the printing and mailing of this prospectus and proxy statement and all filing costs associated with the registration statement and the applications for regulatory approval. Otherwise, IBCP and TCSB will each pay their own fees and expenses incident to preparing for, entering into, and carrying out the merger agreement and procuring any necessary approvals, including fees and expenses of its own legal counsel and accountants and postage expenses.

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### **Quorum**

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the TCSB shareholders at the special meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum. Abstentions will be counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum.

### **Vote Required for Approval; Voting Agreement**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of TCSB common stock outstanding as of the record date for the special meeting is required to approve the merger agreement. Because the required vote of TCSB shareholders on the merger agreement is based upon the number of outstanding shares of TCSB common stock entitled to vote rather than upon the number of shares actually voted, a failure to vote and abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against approval of the merger agreement. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of votes cast at the special meeting is necessary to approve the Adjournment Proposal. A failure to vote and abstentions will have no effect on this proposal. No approval by IBCP shareholders is required.

As of the record date, TCSB's directors, executive officers, and their affiliates beneficially owned [•] shares of TCSB common stock, or approximately [•]% of the shares of TCSB common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting. Each of TCSB's directors has entered into a voting agreement pursuant to which he or she has agreed, subject to certain exceptions, to vote his or her shares, and to use reasonable efforts to cause all shares owned by such director jointly with another person or by such director's spouse or over which such director has voting influence or control to be voted, in favor of approval of the merger agreement.

### **PROPOSAL 1 – THE MERGER**

*The following discussion summarizes certain aspects of the merger. This summary discussion does not purport to be a complete description of the merger and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the merger agreement, which is attached as Appendix A to this prospectus and proxy statement and incorporated herein by reference into this prospectus and proxy statement.*

#### **Background of the Merger**

TCSB's Board of Directors and management regularly evaluate and assess TCSB's strategy and opportunities to strengthen its business and achieve profitable growth and value for its shareholders through various strategic initiatives, alternatives and transactions, giving consideration to the context of developments in the banking industry, including industry consolidation, the regulatory environment, conditions in the markets that TCSB serves, competitive considerations and other factors. TCSB's board of directors regularly reviews the company's performance, risks, opportunities, stock valuation, capital needs and strategy and discusses these matters at meetings.

When considering strategic alternatives from time to time, management and the board of directors examined the possibility of acquiring other institutions to gain additional profitability through scale. However, opportunities were limited due in large part to the existence of very few banks of a smaller, realistic size which were available for potential acquisition and in attractive markets.

Management and the board of directors also regularly considered the merits of maintaining an independence strategy versus the opportunity to pursue additional shareholder value through the sale of TCSB. The independence strategy was maintained in recent years due to, among other things, the strong financial performance of TCSB and its prospects for generating additional shareholder value through organic growth.

However, for several years, the board of directors has viewed the general lack of liquidity and market in TCSB common stock as a weakness to the independence strategy. Shares of TCSB common stock are not traded in an established market. They are traded infrequently and generally in private transactions between individuals.

In addition, during the years since the financial crisis, management and the board of directors assessed significant operating risk increases in the banking industry. Specifically, costs associated with increasing compliance and safety and soundness regulatory burdens, necessary technology enhancements, cybersecurity risks and increasing competition were noted as challenges to a continued independence strategy. The board of directors also began to recognize and discuss that as the financial performance, market share and reputation of TCSB continued to grow, so too did the prospects and rationale for pursuing a potential sale of the company, including that combining with a larger company would increase scale, scope, strength and diversity of operations, product lines and delivery systems and enhance the ability to provide more comprehensive financial services and higher loan limits.

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On March 22, 2017, the board of directors held its annual strategic planning meeting. All of these factors combined led the board of directors to serious consideration of whether the present independence strategy should be retained or modified to seek a strategic partnership through a potential sale of TCSB. Based on, among other things, TCSB's internal strengths (solid financial performance and metrics, low levels of classified assets, excellent sales force and projected growth rates) combined with optimism in the political and economic climate (rising interest rates, presumed softening of the bank regulatory environment and potential corporate income tax cuts), the board of directors unanimously determined to preliminarily explore the possibility of selling TCSB in the relative near-term. The board of directors authorized management to consult with its corporate counsel, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP ( Warner Norcross ), to provide guidance on the initial phases of a potential sales process and to explore the engagement of an investment banking firm to act as financial advisor to TCSB in connection with a potential sale of the company.

On May 16, 2017, the board of directors held a special meeting. A representative of Warner Norcross attended the meeting. In addition, representatives of two investment banking firms (D.A. Davidson & Co. ( DADCO ) and another reputable firm) separately attended the meeting and gave detailed presentations to the board of directors, which addressed, among other things: the firm's industry experience and qualifications in M&A transactions; recent stock market performance, with an emphasis on the financial institutions sector; factors influencing the M&A market for community banks; precedent M&A transactions; M&A valuation of TCSB as of May 16, 2017 based on precedent M&A transactions, ability-to-pay analysis and net present value analysis; select potential merger partners, including considerations for evaluation of each potential merger partner; overview of a sales process (which included various different approaches) and timeline; considerations of stock versus cash as transaction consideration; and the firm's fee proposal.

Warner Norcross advised of the fiduciary and legal obligations applicable to directors when considering a merger or sale of TCSB. Warner Norcross also reviewed Article XI (Business Combinations) of TCSB's articles of incorporation, which requires the board of directors, when considering a business combination transaction, to first conclude that the transaction would be in substantial compliance with all applicable laws, and second conclude that the transaction would be in the best interests of the corporation and its shareholders, based on relevant factors, including: the fairness of the consideration to be received; the possible social and economic impact on TCSB, its employees and customers and the communities it serves; the business, financial condition, safety and soundness and prospects of the offering party; the competence, experience and integrity of the offering party and its management; and the intentions of the offering party regarding the operation of TCSB after completion of the transaction ( Article XI Factors ).

The board of directors extensively discussed a potential sale of TCSB and the presentations from the investment banking firms. Following the discussion, the board of directors unanimously authorized continuation of exploration of a potential sale of TCSB. The board of directors elected to defer the selection of an investment banking firm to act as financial advisor to a later date to allow directors additional time to review and consider the information provided by the two investment banking firms.

On May 23, 2017, the board of directors held a regular meeting. Following discussion, the board of directors unanimously approved the engagement of DADCO to act as financial advisor to TCSB in connection with a potential sale of the company and authorized management to proceed to negotiate a definitive engagement letter with DADCO. In approving the engagement of DADCO, the board of directors considered, among other things, the type and amount of DADCO's fees, DADCO's expertise in advising financial institutions, including in M&A transactions, and DADCO's professional reputation. In addition, the board of directors designated and appointed a special committee, consisting of Directors Dickinson, Pangborn and Weigel, to act on behalf of the board of directors on all matters relating to a potential sale of TCSB, if necessary.

On June 5, 2017, the special committee held a meeting. A representative from Warner Norcross attended the meeting. Warner Norcross reviewed the terms of a proposed definitive engagement letter with DADCO. The special committee

instructed Warner Norcross to negotiate certain changes to the engagement letter and authorized management to execute the engagement letter, subject to the negotiation of the requested changes.

On June 13, 2017, TCSB executed a definitive engagement letter with DADCO to act as financial advisor to TCSB in connection with a potential sale of the company.

On June 29, 2017, the board of directors held a special meeting. A representative of Warner Norcross and a representative of DADCO attended the meeting. DADCO presented select potential merger partners, which included

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21 institutions located in Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin. For each potential merger partner, DADCO reviewed general company information, financial information, including select income statement and balance sheet information, financial performance ratios, deposit and loan composition, stock performance, capacity to pay analysis and summary historical M&A transactions (if any). DADCO presented the potential merger partners in three tiers – Tier 1 being the most likely merger partners, Tier 2 being moderately likely merger partners and Tier 3 being the least likely merger partners. DADCO also reviewed various different approaches to a proposed sales process and a timeline.

Warner Norcross advised of the fiduciary and legal obligations applicable to directors when considering a merger or sale of TCSB and reviewed the Article XI factors.

The board discussed in detail the select potential merger partners and the various different approaches to a sales process. Following the discussion, the board of directors authorized DADCO to approach 12 potential merger partners to gauge their interest in a potential merger with TCSB. The board of directors also approved the preparation and delivery of a confidential information memorandum ( CIM ) about TCSB to, and the preparation, negotiation and entering into of a non-disclosure agreement ( NDA ) with, each selected potential merger partner.

Beginning in late July, 2017, DADCO contacted the 12 potential merger partners to gauge their interest in a potential merger with TCSB and presented each with a NDA for execution. Seven potential merger partners expressed interest in a potential merger with TCSB and executed a NDA. The remaining five potential merger partners declined any interest in a potential merger with TCSB and did not execute a NDA. In early August, 2017, DADCO sent the CIM to each of the remaining seven potential merger partners and invited each to submit a written, preliminary indication of interest in a potential merger with TCSB. Shortly after delivery of the CIM, two of the potential merger partners declined any further interest in a potential merger with TCSB. At the end of August, 2017 and the beginning of September, 2017, all of the remaining five potential merger partners submitted written, preliminary indications of interest in a potential merger with TCSB.

On September 7, 2017, the board of directors held a special meeting. A representative of Warner Norcross and a representative of DADCO attended the meeting. Warner Norcross advised of the fiduciary and legal obligations applicable to directors when considering a merger or sale of TCSB and reviewed the Article XI factors. Management summarized the results of their in-person interviews with each of the remaining five potential merger partners.

DADCO presented a detailed financial presentation, which addressed, among other things: a market update since the May 16, 2017 board of directors meeting; precedent M&A transactions; overview of sales process and timeline; M&A valuation of TCSB as of May 16, 2017 based on precedent M&A transactions, ability-to-pay analysis and net present value analysis; and a summary of contact with potential merger partners, including process and responses. In addition, DADCO reviewed, in detail, the written, preliminary indications of interest in a potential merger with TCSB submitted by each of the remaining five potential merger partners, which addressed, among other things: a comparison of the terms and conditions outlined in each indication of interest, including consideration, price per share, implied transaction value and valuation ratios, exchange ratio and transaction structure; and for each potential merger partner, general company information, financial information, including select income statement and balance sheet information, financial performance ratios, deposit and loan composition, and stock performance, summary historical M&A transactions (if any) and institutional shareholder ownership.

The board extensively discussed the potential merger partners and the preliminary indications of interest. Following the discussion, the board of directors unanimously authorized continuation of the sales process and the pursuit of a potential merger with three of the five remaining potential merger partners (including IBCP, Potential Merger Partner #2 and Potential Merger Partner #3). For various reasons, the board of Directors determined it was in the best interests of TCSB and its shareholders to no longer pursue a potential merger with Potential Merger Partner #4 and Potential Merger Partner #5. In addition, the board of directors authorized commencement of due diligence of TCSB by the

three remaining potential merger partners and their respective advisors and reverse due diligence of the three remaining merger partners by TCSB and its advisors and the preparation of a prototype merger agreement for delivery to the three remaining merger partners for review and comment in connection with submission of final indications of interest.

Following the September 7, 2017 board of directors meeting, each of the three remaining potential merger partners submitted due diligence request lists. TCSB established a virtual data room and began populating it. Each

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of the three potential merger partners was granted access to the virtual data room to perform its due diligence review. In addition, TCSB and its advisors conducted reverse due diligence of each of the three remaining potential merger partners. Warner Norcross prepared a prototype merger agreement.

During the weeks of October 1 and 8, 2017, each of the three remaining potential merger partners separately conducted onsite credit due diligence of TCSB's loan portfolio at the offices of Warner Norcross.

On October 9, 2017, Potential Merger Partner #3 informed TCSB that it was withdrawing from the process and declined any further interest in a potential merger with TCSB. Also on this date, a prototype merger agreement was delivered to IBCP and Potential Merger Partner #2 for review and comment in connection with submission of final indications of interest.

On October 16, 2017, the board of directors held a special meeting. A representative of Warner Norcross and a representative of DADCO attended the meeting. Executive officers from each of IBCP and Potential Merger Partner #2 separately presented to the board of directors about their respective companies and provided their respective views on a range of topics, including considerations and investment thesis for owning shares of their respective common stock, intended plans for the integration of TCSB and its customers, employees and the communities it serves and why they should be the preferred merger partner. The board of directors engaged in an in-depth and detailed discussion about the potential merger partners and their respective presentations. Following the discussion, the board of directors authorized the continuation of the sales process and pursuit of a potential merger with IBCP and Potential Merger Partner #2.

On October 31, 2017, each of IBCP and Potential Merger Partner #2 submitted written, final indications of interest in a potential merger with TCSB and their respective comments to the prototype merger agreement. IBCP's proposal offered merger consideration consisting of all IBCP common stock or a mix of IBCP common stock and cash, and Potential Merger Partner #2's proposal offered merger consideration consisting of a mix of Potential Merger Partner #2 common stock and cash. IBCP's all-stock proposal represented the distinctly higher economic value of total consideration per share proposed by each at the time.

On November 6, 2017, the board of directors held a special meeting. A representative of Warner Norcross and a representative of DADCO attended the meeting. Warner Norcross reviewed the status of reverse due diligence on IBCP and Potential Merger Partner #2 to date and the Article XI factors, and advised of the fiduciary and legal obligations applicable to directors when considering a merger or sale of TCSB. Warner Norcross also summarized the comments of IBCP and Potential Merger Partner #2 to the prototype merger agreement.

DADCO presented a detailed financial presentation, which addressed, among other things: a market update since the September 7, 2017 board of directors meeting; precedent M&A transactions; overview of sales process and timeline; M&A valuation of TCSB as of May 16, 2017 based on precedent M&A transactions, ability-to-pay analysis and net present value analysis; and a summary of contact with potential merger partners, including process and responses. In addition, DADCO reviewed, in detail, the written, final indications of interest in a potential merger with TCSB submitted by IBCP and Potential Merger Partner #2, which addressed, among other things: a comparison of the terms and conditions outlined in each indication of interest, including consideration, price per share, implied transaction value and valuation ratios, exchange ratio and transaction structure; and for each potential merger partner, general company information, financial information, including select income statement and balance sheet information, financial performance ratios, deposit and loan composition, stock performance, liquidity and dividend analysis, peer analysis, summary historical M&A transactions (if any), institutional shareholder ownership and the potential for the sale of the potential merger partner following completion of a merger with TCSB.

The board of directors engaged in an in-depth and detailed discussion on a range of topics, including, among other things: the perceived relative advantages and disadvantages of each potential merger partner as a merger partner, focusing primarily on the Article XI factors and without regard to the value of the merger consideration proposed by each; the business and prospects of each and how TCSB's business would align; the perceived relative merits of owning the common stock of each; the perceived market reaction to a merger transaction between TCSB and each; and the value of the merger consideration proposed by each (it was noted that IBCP's all-stock proposal represented the distinctly higher economic value of total consideration per share proposed by each at the time). After the discussion, the board of directors unanimously determined that IBCP was an acceptable merger partner and that IBCP's final indication of interest was an acceptable proposal, subject to a request that IBCP permit one TCSB

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director to serve on IBCP's board of directors following completion of the merger. Following IBCP's agreement to this request, which was obtained during the course of the meeting, the board of directors authorized management to proceed to negotiate a definitive merger agreement with IBCP substantially on the basis set forth in IBCP's final indication of interest.

During the time period beginning on November 7, 2017 and ending on December 4, 2017, Warner Norcross and Varnum LLP (legal counsel to IBCP), with the participation of DADCO and management, proceeded to negotiate a definitive merger agreement. Multiple drafts of the merger agreement were exchanged between Warner Norcross and Varnum LLP and several negotiating sessions occurred. Also, during this time period, each party completed due diligence and prepared, circulated and finalized its disclosure letter listing certain supplements and exceptions to the representations and warranties and covenants contained in the merger agreement.

On December 4, 2017, the board of directors held a special meeting. A representative of Warner Norcross and a representative of DADCO attended the meeting. Warner Norcross advised that a proposed merger agreement had been successfully negotiated and would be presented for adoption by the board of directors at the meeting. Warner Norcross reviewed the status and findings of reverse due diligence of IBCP to date and the Article XI factors, advised of the fiduciary and legal obligations applicable to directors when considering a merger or sale of TCSB and provided its oral opinion that the merger would be in substantial compliance with all applicable laws. Warner Norcross provided a comprehensive review of the proposed merger agreement, including customary fiduciary out provisions in the event TCSB were to receive a superior proposal.

DADCO presented its fairness opinion analysis. This analysis included, among other things, an overview of the sales process and timeline; a review of the fairness opinion process; a summary of the terms of the proposed merger, including the merger consideration; transaction metrics, including implied valuation multiples (it was noted that, based on the price per share of IBCP common stock as of market close on November 27, 2017, the proposed merger represented a price to tangible book value (9/30/17) multiple of 206% and a price to earnings per share (9/30/17 LTM) multiple of 25.3x); a price sensitivity analysis; implied per share transaction value based on IBCP's common stock performance for the last 12 months; a dividend reinvestment analysis; pro forma metrics, including the earn-back period for dilution to IBCP's tangible book value; a contribution analysis; peer analyses; precedent M&A transactions; a net present value analysis; and financial and stock information about IBCP. DADCO delivered its oral opinion that, as of December 4, 2017, and based upon and subject to the assumptions presented, the exchange ratio (as defined in the merger agreement) to be paid in the merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to TCSB.

The board of directors engaged in an in-depth and detailed discussion about the merger agreement and the fairness opinion analysis. Following the discussion, the Board of Directors unanimously determined that the merger would be in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and in the best interests of TCSB and its shareholders, adopted the merger agreement, approved and authorized the merger and related transactions and recommended that TCSB shareholders approve the merger agreement. Following the meeting, TCSB and IBCP executed and delivered the merger agreement and respective disclosure letters.

On December 4, 2017, after the U.S. financial markets closed, TCSB and IBCP issued a joint press release announcing execution of the merger agreement and certain terms of the merger.

### **TCSB's Reasons for the Merger and Recommendation of TCSB's Board of Directors**

TCSB's board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger is in the best interests of the company and its shareholders. In adopting the merger agreement, the board of directors consulted with DADCO with respect to the financial aspects of the merger and the fairness of the exchange ratio (as defined in the merger agreement), from a financial point of view, to TCSB. The board of directors also consulted with Warner Norcross as to the merger's

substantial compliance with all applicable laws, the fiduciary and legal obligations applicable to directors when considering a merger or sale of TCSB and the terms of the merger agreement. In arriving at its determination, the board of directors considered a number of factors, including the following:

- the business strategy and strategic plan of TCSB, its prospects for the future, and projected financial results;
- information concerning the business, results of operations, financial condition, and competitive position and future prospects of TCSB;
- the general lack of liquidity in TCSB common stock as a weakness to the independence strategy;

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the greater market capitalization of IBCP and the trading volume and liquidity of IBCP common stock in the event TCSB shareholders desire to sell the shares of IBCP common stock to be received by them upon completion of the merger;

the current and prospective business and economic environment of the markets in which TCSB operates, including consolidation in the banking industry, the level of pricing for healthy bank acquisitions, risks associated with cybersecurity, increased competition, and costs associated with increasing regulatory burdens and necessary technology enhancements;

limited opportunities for TCSB to grow and increase shareholder value through acquisition of other banks;

presentations from DADCO and management, including presentations relating to the sale process, in particular efforts made to identify potential merger partners and obtain maximum value for TCSB shareholders, and the current and future outlook and prospects if TCSB were to remain independent;

the nature (all stock) of the merger consideration and the exchange ratio (1.1166 IBCP shares per share of TCSB common stock) and the tax-free nature of the transaction with respect to IBCP common stock received as merger consideration;

the fairness and value of the Merger Consideration and Exchange Ratio related to certain industry comparable valuation multiples, including price to book value, price to tangible book value, price to earnings per share, core deposit premium and premium to market value;

comparable acquisition analyses, both nationally and in the Midwest;

the structure, terms and conditions of the merger as provided in the merger agreement;

IBCP's present annual cash dividend of \$0.48 per share, which is equivalent to \$0.54 per share on the TCSB shares exchanged for IBCP shares, compared to no current annual dividend paid on TCSB shares;

provisions of the merger agreement which permit the board of directors under certain circumstances to consider and negotiate another takeover proposal which the board of directors determines to be a superior proposal and to terminate the merger agreement and enter into an agreement for the superior proposal with payment of a termination fee to IBCP;

the amount of the termination fee which would be paid to enter into an agreement for a superior proposal, which fee the board of directors believes is reasonable and would not economically preclude a capable party from submitting a superior proposal;

the ability of IBCP to receive the requisite regulatory approvals in a timely manner;

the social and economic impact of the merger on TCSB and its employees, customers and communities which it serves;

the business, financial condition, safety and soundness and earnings prospects of IBCP;

the competence, experience, and integrity of IBCP and its management;

the intentions of IBCP regarding the operation of TCSB post-merger;

the findings of the reverse due diligence conducted on IBCP;

the increased scale, scope, strength and diversity of operations, product lines and delivery systems that could be achieved by the combined company, as compared to those of TCSB if it remains IBCP;

the ability of the combined company to provide more comprehensive financial services and higher loan limits, and the potential for operating synergies and cross-marketing of products and services across the combined company;

the likelihood of obtaining the shareholder approval needed to complete the merger;

the thorough managed process conducted by TCSB, with the assistance of its advisors, to explore the interest of all reasonable likely and capable potential merger partners; and

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the complementary corporate cultures, values, passion for customer service, and commitment to community shared by TCSB and IBCP, which increase the likelihood of successful integration and operation of the combined company. In the course of its deliberation, TCSB's board of directors also considered a variety of risks and other countervailing factors, including:

- the fact that the exchange ratio is fixed, but subject to adjustment as described in the merger agreement;
- the risks and costs to TCSB if the merger does not close, including:
  - the diversion of management and employee attention, potential employee attrition and the effect on customers and business relationships; and
  - the potential adverse impact on the market value of TCSB's common stock if the merger agreement is terminated;
  - the restrictions that the merger agreement imposes on TCSB's ability to solicit alternatives to the merger, and the impact that provisions of the merger agreement relating to payment of a termination fee by TCSB upon termination of the merger agreement to enter into a superior proposal may have on TCSB receiving an unsolicited takeover proposal; and
- the restrictions on the conduct of TCSB's business while the merger is pending.

The foregoing discussion of the factors considered by the TCSB's board of directors is not intended to be exhaustive, but does set forth the principal factors considered by the board of directors. In view of the wide variety of factors considered by the board of directors and the complexity of these matters, the board of directors did not consider it practical and did not attempt to quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative weights to the specific factors it considered in reaching its decision. Rather, the board of directors made its recommendation in favor of the merger based on the totality of information presented to it. In considering the factors discussed above, individual directors may have given different weights to different factors.

After evaluating these factors and consulting with legal counsel and financial advisors, the TCSB's board of directors determined that the merger was in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and fair to and in the best interests of TCSB and its shareholders. Accordingly, the board of directors unanimously adopted the merger agreement and approved the merger. **The board of directors unanimously recommends that TCSB shareholders vote FOR approval of the merger agreement.**

### **IBCP's Reasons for the Merger**

IBCP's board of directors has unanimously determined that the merger is in the best interests of IBCP and IBCP's shareholders and has adopted the merger agreement and authorized the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. In negotiating the terms of the merger agreement and in considering its adoption, the board of directors of IBCP reviewed the financial results and conditions of IBCP and TCSB, the perceived prospects for each in the future, and the business philosophies of IBCP and TCSB.

IBCP's primary strategy for expansion is to pursue organic growth, but it is also interested in the potential of growing through acquisition as desired opportunities arise. IBCP's board of directors views the acquisition of TCSB as an attractive opportunity for IBCP to expand its business in the Traverse City market.

IBCP's management believes the strategic combination with TCSB will allow IBCP to deploy its capital and systems more efficiently to support a larger organization. IBCP also believes that each organization has complementary strengths in its product offerings that present opportunities for synergies when these strengths are shared between the two organizations.

The board of directors of IBCP believes the merger provides the shareholders of IBCP an opportunity to have an interest in a larger and more diversified financial organization. Shareholders of IBCP may enjoy certain benefits associated with the combined organization's larger and more diversified asset base and access to the attractive Traverse

City market. The shareholders of IBCP will, however, be subject to the risks associated with TCSB, in which they have not previously held a material interest.

The board of directors of IBCP believes that the merger will enable each organization to become more effective competitors in their respective markets through access to greater financial and managerial resources. The board of

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directors of IBCP considers this access to be important in light of increased competition from a broader range of financial institutions than has generally been encountered in the banking industry. The board of directors of IBCP also believes that the merger will permit the achievement of certain economies of scale in the areas of administration, regulatory compliance, management, and capital formation.

The board of directors of IBCP did not assign any particular weight to any one of the foregoing factors.

### **Fairness Opinion of TCSB's Financial Advisor**

On June 13, 2017, TCSB entered into an engagement agreement with D.A. Davidson & Co. to render financial advisory and investment banking services to TCSB. As part of its engagement, DADCO agreed to assist TCSB in analyzing, structuring, negotiating and, if appropriate, effecting a transaction between TCSB and another corporation or business entity. DADCO also agreed to provide TCSB's Board of Directors with an opinion as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of TCSB common stock of the exchange ratio to be paid to the holders of TCSB common stock in the proposed merger. TCSB engaged DADCO because DADCO is a nationally recognized investment banking firm with substantial experience in transactions similar to the merger and is familiar with TCSB and its business. As part of its investment banking business, DADCO is continually engaged in the valuation of financial institutions and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions.

On December 4, 2017, the TCSB Board of Directors held a meeting to evaluate the proposed merger. At this meeting, DADCO reviewed the financial aspects of the proposed merger and rendered an opinion to the TCSB board of directors that, as of such date and based upon and subject to assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken, the exchange ratio to be paid to the holders of the TCSB common stock in the proposed merger was fair, from a financial point of view, to TCSB.

The full text of DADCO's written opinion, dated December 4, 2017, is attached as **Appendix B** to this prospectus and proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the opinion set forth herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such opinion. TCSB's shareholders are urged to read the opinion in its entirety.

DADCO's opinion speaks only as of the date of the opinion and DADCO undertakes no obligation to revise or update its opinion. The opinion is directed to the TCSB board of directors and addresses only the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of TCSB common stock of the exchange ratio to be paid to the holders of the TCSB common stock in the proposed merger. The opinion does not address, and DADCO expresses no view or opinion with respect to, (i) the underlying business decision of TCSB to engage in or proceed with the merger, (ii) the relative merits or effect of the merger as compared to any strategic alternatives or business strategies or combinations that may be or may have been available to or contemplated by TCSB or TCSB's board of directors, or (iii) any legal, regulatory, accounting, tax or similar matters relating to TCSB, its shareholders or relating to or arising out of the merger. The opinion expresses no view or opinion as to any terms or other aspects of the merger. TCSB and IBCP determined the exchange ratio through the negotiation process. The opinion does not constitute a recommendation to any TCSB shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote at the TCSB meeting on the merger or any related matter. The opinion does not express any view as to the fairness of the amount or nature of the compensation to any of TCSB's or IBCP's officers, directors or employees, or any class of such persons, relative to the exchange ratio. The opinion has been reviewed and approved by DADCO's Fairness Opinion Committee in conformity with its policies and procedures established under the requirements of Rule 5150 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

DADCO has reviewed the prospectus and proxy statement and consented to the inclusion of its opinion to the TCSB board of directors as Appendix B to this prospectus and proxy statement and to the references to DADCO and its opinion contained herein.

In connection with rendering its opinion, DADCO reviewed, analyzed and relied upon material bearing upon the merger and the financial and operating condition of TCSB and IBCP and the merger, including among other things, the following:

- the draft merger agreement dated November 29, 2017;
- certain financial statements and other historical financial and business information about TCSB and IBCP made available to DADCO from published sources and/or from the internal records of TCSB and IBCP;

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certain internal financial projections and other financial and operating data concerning the business, operations and prospects of TCSB and IBCP prepared by or at the direction of management of the TCSB and IBCP, as approved for our use by TCSB and IBCP, respectively;

- the current market environment generally and the banking environment in particular;
- the financial terms of certain other transactions in the financial institutions industry, to the extent publicly available;
  - comparison of the current and historical market prices and trading activity of IBCP common stock with that of certain other publicly-traded companies that we deemed relevant;
- consideration of the pro forma financial effects of the merger, taking into consideration the amounts and timing of transaction costs, earnings estimates, potential cost savings, and other financial and accounting considerations in connection with the merger;
- participation in discussions and negotiations among representatives of TCSB and IBCP, and their respective financial and legal advisors;
- the net present value of TCSB with consideration of projected financial results through 2022;
- the relative contributions of TCSB and IBCP to the combined company;
- comparison of the financial and operating performance of TCSB and IBCP with publicly available information concerning certain other companies that we deemed relevant; and,
- such other financial studies, analyses and investigations and financial, economic and market criteria and other information as we considered relevant including discussions with management and other representatives and advisors of TCSB and IBCP concerning the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of TCSB and IBCP.

In arriving at its opinion, DADCO has assumed and relied upon the accuracy and completeness of all information supplied or otherwise made available to DADCO, discussed with or reviewed by or for DADCO, or publicly available, and DADCO has not assumed responsibility for independently verifying such information or undertaken an independent evaluation or appraisal of any of the assets or liabilities (contingent or otherwise) of TCSB or IBCP, nor did DADCO make an independent appraisal or analysis of TCSB or IBCP with respect to the merger. In addition, DADCO has not assumed any obligation to conduct, nor has DADCO conducted any physical inspection of the properties or facilities of TCSB or IBCP. DADCO has further relied on the assurances of management of TCSB and IBCP that they are not aware of any facts or circumstances that would make any of such information inaccurate or misleading. DADCO did not make an independent evaluation or appraisal of the specific assets or liabilities including the amount of any fair value adjustments per FASB 141(R). DADCO did not make an independent evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses of TCSB or IBCP nor has DADCO reviewed any individual credit files relating to TCSB or IBCP. DADCO has assumed that the respective allowances for loan losses for both TCSB and IBCP are adequate to cover such losses and will be adequate on a pro forma basis for the combined entity. DADCO has assumed that there has been no material change in TCSB's or IBCP's assets, financial condition, results of operations, business or prospects since the date of the most recent financial statements provided to DADCO. DADCO's analysis did not reflect or contemplate any proposed changes to the U.S. tax code that are being deliberated by U.S. Congress. DADCO has assumed in all respects material to its analysis that TCSB and IBCP will remain as going concerns for all periods relevant to its analysis. DADCO has also assumed in all respects material to its analysis that all of the representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement and all related agreements are true and correct, that each party to such agreements will perform all of the covenants required to be performed by such party under such agreements and that the conditions precedent in the merger agreement are not waived. DADCO has assumed that in the course of obtaining the necessary regulatory or other consents or approvals (contractual or otherwise) for the merger, no restrictions, including any divestiture requirements or amendment or modifications, will be imposed that will have a material adverse effect on the contemplated benefits of the merger. DADCO's opinion is necessarily based upon information available to DADCO and economic, market, financial and other conditions as they exist and can be evaluated on the date the fairness opinion letter was delivered to TCSB's board of directors.

Set forth below is a summary of the material financial analyses performed by DADCO in connection with rendering its opinion. The summary of the analyses of DADCO set forth below is not a complete description of the



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analysis underlying its opinion, and the order in which these analyses are described below is not indicative of any relative weight or importance given to those analyses by DADCO. The following summaries of financial analyses include information presented in tabular format. You should read these tables together with the full text of the summary financial analyses, as the tables alone are not a complete description of the analyses.

Unless otherwise indicated, the following quantitative information, to the extent it is based on market data, is based on market data as of November 27, 2017, the last trading day prior to the date on which DADCO received approval from the Fairness Opinion Committee to deliver the fairness opinion letter to TCSB's Board of Directors, and is not necessarily indicative of market conditions after such date.

*Summary of Proposal*

DADCO reviewed the financial terms of the proposed merger. As described in the merger agreement, each outstanding share of TCSB common stock will be converted into the right to receive 1.1166 shares of IBCP common stock subject to a possible downward adjustment based upon TCSB adjusted shareholders' equity as provided in the merger agreement. The terms and conditions of the merger are more fully described in the merger agreement. For purposes of the financial analyses described below, based on the closing price of IBCP common stock on November 27, 2017, of \$22.15, the exchange ratio represented a value of \$24.73 per share of TCSB common stock. Based upon financial information as of or for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2017, DADCO calculated the following transaction ratios:

**Transaction Ratios**

	<b>Aggregate</b>
Transaction Price / Book Value	186.5 %
Transaction Price / Tangible Book Value	204.0 %
Transaction Price / Core Tangible Book Value	214.7 %
Tangible Book Premium / Core Deposits <sup>(1)</sup>	11.8 %
Transaction Price / Last Twelve Months Net Income	23.9 x
Transaction Price / Net Income (2017E) <sup>(2)</sup>	19.9 x
Transaction Price / Net Income (2018E) <sup>(2)</sup>	17.0 x

(1) Tangible book premium / core deposits calculated by dividing the excess or deficit of the aggregate transaction value compared to tangible book value by core deposits

(2) Projections based on TCSB management's forecast and D.A. Davidson & Co. assumptions

*Contribution Analysis*

DADCO analyzed the relative contribution of TCSB and IBCP to certain financial and operating metrics for the pro forma combined company. Such financial and operating metrics included: (i) branches; (ii) full time equivalent ( FTE ) employees; (iii) assets per FTE employee; (iv) TCSB's net income for the twelve months ended September 30, 2017; (v) estimates for TCSB's net income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2017 based on TCSB management's forecast; (vi) estimates for TCSB net income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019 based on DADCO Investment Banking assumptions; (vii) total assets; (viii) total cash; (ix) total investment securities; (x) gross loans (including loans held for sale); (xi) loan loss reserve; (xii) total deposits; (xiii) total non-interest bearing deposits; (xiv) total non-maturity deposits; (xv) total tangible common equity. The relative contribution analysis did not give effect to the impact of any synergies as a result of the proposed merger. The results of this analysis are summarized in the table below:

**Contribution Analysis**

	<b>IBCP Stand-alone</b>	<b>IBCP % of Total</b>	<b>TCSB Stand-alone</b>	<b>TCSB % of Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Company Information</u></b>					
Branches	64	92.8 %	5	7.2 %	69
Full Time Equivalent ( FTE ) Employees	858	90.9 %	86	9.1 %	944
Assets per FTE Employee (in thousands)	\$ 3,209		\$ 4,057		\$ 3,286

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	IBCP Stand-alone	IBCP % of Total	TCSB Stand-alone	TCSB % of Total	Total
<b><u>Income Statement - Projections</u></b>					
2017 Estimated Net Income (in thousands) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 26,150	89.7 %	\$ 3,000	10.3 %	\$ 29,150
2018 Estimated Net Income (in thousands) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 30,273	89.6 %	\$ 3,511	10.4 %	\$ 33,784
2019 Estimated Net Income (in thousands) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 33,531	89.3 %	\$ 4,017	10.7 %	\$ 37,548
<b><u>Balance Sheet</u></b>					
Total Assets (in thousands)	\$ 2,753,446	88.8 %	\$ 348,924	11.2 %	\$ 3,102,370
Total Cash (in thousands)	\$ 51,092	49.0 %	\$ 53,087	51.0 %	\$ 104,179
Total Investment Securities (in thousands)	\$ 564,755	98.7 %	\$ 7,332	1.3 %	\$ 572,087
Gross Loans Incl. Loans HFS (in thousands)	\$ 1,984,705	87.6 %	\$ 280,281	12.4 %	\$ 2,264,986
Loan Loss Reserve (in thousands)	\$ 21,478	90.1 %	\$ 2,363	9.9 %	\$ 23,841
Total Deposits (in thousands)	\$ 2,343,761	88.9 %	\$ 291,607	11.1 %	\$ 2,635,368
Non-Interest Bearing Demand Deposits (in thousands)	\$ 753,555	88.8 %	\$ 95,088	11.2 %	\$ 848,643
Non-Maturity Deposits (in thousands)	\$ 1,817,450	88.0 %	\$ 247,832	12.0 %	\$ 2,065,282
Tangible Common Equity (in thousands)	\$ 266,037	89.7 %	\$ 30,547	10.3 %	\$ 296,584

Note: Pro forma contribution does not include any purchase accounting or merger adjustments

(1) Net income based on TCSB management's forecast

(2) Net income based on D.A. Davidson & Co. Investment Banking assumptions

*IBCP Comparable Companies Analysis – Central U.S.*

DADCO used publicly available information to compare selected financial and market trading information for IBCP and a group of 23 financial institutions selected by DADCO which: (i) were banks with common stock listed on NASDAQ or NYSE; (ii) were headquartered in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; and (iii) had assets between \$2.0 billion and \$5.0 billion. These 23 financial institutions were as follows:

Republic Bancorp, Inc.	Merchants Bancorp
Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.	German American Bancorp, Inc.
Lakeland Financial Corporation	First Financial Corporation
Midland States Bancorp, Inc.	Nicolet Bankshares, Inc.
Community Trust Bancorp, Inc.	First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc.
Peoples Bancorp Inc.	First Internet Bancorp
QCR Holdings, Inc.	United Community Financial Corp.
Horizon Bancorp	Equity Bancshares, Inc.
Byline Bancorp, Inc.	Old Second Bancorp, Inc.
Mercantile Bank Corporation	Farmers National Banc Corp.
Stock Yards Bancorp, Inc.	West Bancorporation, Inc.
MidWestOne Financial Group, Inc.	

\*Does not reflect impact from pending acquisitions or acquisitions closed after November 16, 2017

The analysis compared publicly available financial and market trading information for IBCP to the data for the 23 financial institutions identified above as of and for the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2017. The table

below compares the data for IBCP and the data for the comparable companies, with pricing data as of November 16, 2017. The 2017 and 2018 earnings per share estimates used in the table below were based on average S&P Global Market Intelligence consensus earnings estimates for IBCP and the 23 financial institutions identified above.

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	<b>Comparable Companies</b>				
	<b>IBCP</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Total Assets (in millions)	\$ 2,753	\$ 3,144	\$ 3,257	\$ 2,030	\$ 4,993
Non-Performing Assets / Total Assets <sup>(1)</sup>	2.68 %	0.79 %	0.79 %	0.03 %	2.49 %
Tangible Common Equity Ratio	9.67 %	9.26 %	9.55 %	5.97 %	13.83 %
Net Interest Margin	3.60 %	3.74 %	3.65 %	2.51 %	4.27 %
Cost of Deposits	0.27 %	0.36 %	0.41 %	0.17 %	1.32 %
Non-Interest Income / Average Assets	1.70 %	1.06 %	1.06 %	0.41 %	1.68 %
Efficiency Ratio	69.0 %	58.2 %	57.0 %	28.7 %	69.0 %
Return on Average Equity	9.58 %	9.85 %	11.01 %	6.45 %	22.12 %
Return on Average Assets	0.95 %	1.07 %	1.16 %	0.71 %	2.67 %

**Market Performance Multiples**

	<b>Comparable Companies</b>				
	<b>IBCP</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Market Capitalization (in millions)	\$ 467.2	\$ 581.2	\$ 596.0	\$ 307.0	\$ 1,211.6
Price / LTM Earnings Per Share	19.2 x	16.9 x	17.0 x	5.5 x	24.4 x
Price / 2017 Est. Earnings Per Share <sup>(2)</sup>	17.8 x	16.2 x	17.1 x	14.3 x	22.8 x
Price / 2018 Est. Earnings Per Share <sup>(2)</sup>	15.7 x	14.9 x	15.3 x	12.5 x	19.2 x
Price / Tangible Book Value Per Share	175.6 %	190.6 %	192.4 %	131.0 %	265.7 %

(1) Non-performing assets / total assets includes performing troubled debt restructurings (TDRs)

(2) Earnings per share estimates based on average S&P Global Market Intelligence consensus earnings estimates for IBCP

*TCSB Comparable Companies Analysis*

DADCO used publicly available information to compare selected financial and market trading information for TCSB and a group of 21 financial institutions selected by DADCO which: (i) were banks with common stock listed on NASDAQ, NYSE, or OTC; (ii) were headquartered in Michigan; and (iii) had total assets between \$100.0 million to \$1.0 billion. The 21 financial institutions were as follows:

Fentura Financial, Inc.	CNB Corporation
Southern Michigan Bancorp, Inc.	Century Financial Corporation
ChoiceOne Financial Services, Inc.	CSB Bancorp, Inc.
County Bank Corp	University Bancorp, Inc.
Keweenaw Financial Corporation	Central Bank Corporation
Commercial National Financial Corp.	Grand River Commerce, Inc.
West Shore Bank Corporation	Clarkston Financial Corporation
FNBH Bancorp, Inc.	Community Shores Bank Corp.
Oxford Bank Corporation	Edgewater Bancorp, Inc.
Eastern Michigan Financial Corp.	Huron Valley Bancorp, Inc.
HCB Financial Corporation	

\*Does not reflect impact from pending acquisitions or acquisitions closed after November 24, 2017

The analysis compared financial and market trading information for TCSB as of and for the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2017 to the data for the 21 financial institutions identified above as of and for the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2017. The table below compares the data for TCSB and the data for the 21 financial institutions identified above, with pricing data as of November 24, 2017.

TABLE OF CONTENTS**Financial Condition and Performance**

	<b>Comparable Companies</b>				
	<b>TCSB</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Total Assets (in millions)	\$ 349	\$ 316	\$ 381	\$ 141	\$ 757
Non-Performing Assets / Total Assets <sup>(1)</sup>	1.45 %	0.83 %	1.32 %	0.00 %	5.06 %
Tangible Common Equity Ratio	8.83 %	9.66 %	9.57 %	5.49 %	12.73 %
Net Interest Margin	3.83 %	3.60 %	3.59 %	3.01 %	4.30 %
Cost of Deposits	0.42 %	0.25 %	0.33 %	0.11 %	0.79 %
Non-Interest Income / Average Assets	0.92 %	0.73 %	1.67 %	0.33 %	19.83 %
Efficiency Ratio	63.7 %	72.3 %	73.4 %	59.8 %	91.3 %
Return on Average Equity	7.98 %	8.66 %	9.75 %	2.65 %	25.61 %
Return on Average Assets	0.76 %	0.92 %	0.97 %	0.22 %	2.43 %

**Market Performance Multiples**

	<b>Comparable Companies</b>			
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Market Capitalization (in millions)	\$ 38.5	\$ 41.0	\$ 10.6	\$ 79.4
Price / LTM Earnings Per Share	13.3 x	14.0 x	6.1 x	31.4 x
Price / Tangible Book Value Per Share	110.2 %	114.2 %	49.4 %	210.0 %

(1) Non-performing assets / total assets includes performing troubled debt restructurings (TDRs)

*Precedent Transactions Analysis*

DADCO reviewed two sets of comparable merger and acquisition transactions. The sets of mergers and acquisitions included: (1) Nationwide Banks, and (2) Michigan Banks.

The Nationwide Banks comparable transaction group included 22 transactions where:

- the transaction was announced between January 1, 2017 and November 27, 2017;
- the transaction involved banks headquartered nationwide;
- the selling company's last twelve months NPAs/Assets were below 2.00%;
- the selling company's total assets were between \$250.0 million and \$500.0 million; and
- the transaction was not a merger of equals.

The Michigan Banks comparable transaction group included 12 transactions where:

- the transaction was announced since January 1, 2014 and November 16, 2017;
- the transaction involved banks headquartered in Michigan;
- the selling company's total assets were between \$100.0 million and \$1.0 billion; and
- the transaction was not a merger of equals.

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The following tables set forth the transactions included in Nationwide Banks, and Michigan Banks, and are sorted by announcement date:

**Nationwide Banks Comparable Transactions**

<b>Announcement Date</b>	<b>Acquirer</b>	<b>Target</b>
11/13/2017*	Heartland Financial USA, Inc.	Signature Bancshares, Inc.
11/07/2017*	Suncrest Bank	CBBC Bancorp
10/24/2017*	First Bancshares, Inc.	Southwest Banc Shares, Inc.
10/12/2017*	First Financial Bankshares, Inc.	Commercial Bancshares, Inc.
10/06/2017*	Business First Bancshares, Inc.	Minden Bancorp, Inc.
10/04/2017*	MutualFirst Financial, Inc.	Universal Bancorp
9/21/2017*	Brookline Bancorp, Inc.	First Commons Bank, NA
9/18/2017*	First American Bank Corporation	Southport Financial Corporation
8/23/2017*	Commerce Union Bancshares, Inc.	Community First, Inc.
8/01/2017*	Veritex Holdings, Inc.	Liberty Bancshares, Inc.
7/26/2017*	Triumph Bancorp, Inc.	Valley Bancorp, Inc.
7/21/2017*	Select Bancorp, Inc.	Premara Financial, Inc.
7/17/2017	Equity Bancshares, Inc.	Cache Holdings, Inc.
7/17/2017	Equity Bancshares, Inc.	Eastman National Bancshares, Inc.
6/08/2017	QCR Holdings, Inc.	Guaranty Bank and Trust Company
6/06/2017*	Glacier Bancorp, Inc.	Columbine Capital Corporation
5/04/2017	Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida	Palm Beach Community Bank
5/02/2017	Seacoast Commerce Banc Holdings	Capital Bank
3/29/2017*	Mid Penn Bancorp, Inc.	Scottsdale Bank & Trust Company
2/14/2017	Progress Financial Corporation	First Partners Financial, Inc.
2/01/2017	Old Line Bancshares, Inc.	DCB Bancshares, Inc.
1/20/2017	HCBF Holding Company, Inc.	Jefferson Bankshares, Inc.

\*Indicates the transaction was pending as of November 27, 2017

**Michigan Banks Comparable Transactions**

<b>Announcement Date</b>	<b>Acquirer</b>	<b>Target</b>
6/14/2017	Horizon Bancorp	Wolverine Bancorp, Inc.
7/20/2016	Arbor Bancorp, Inc.	Birmingham Bloomfield Bancshares, Inc.
6/16/2016	Commercial National Financial Corp.	Capital Directions, Inc.
3/24/2016	Fentura Financial, Inc.	Community Bancorp, Inc.
10/22/2015	Level One Bancorp, Inc.	Bank of Michigan
11/20/2014	Level One Bancorp, Inc.	Lotus Bancorp, Inc.
11/03/2014	Chemical Financial Corporation	Monarch Community Bancorp, Inc.
8/06/2014	Talmer Bancorp, Inc.	First of Huron Corp.
7/28/2014	Old National Bancorp	Founders Financial Corporation
7/18/2014	Mackinac Financial Corporation	Peninsula Financial Corporation
3/11/2014	Chemical Financial Corporation	Northwestern Bancorp
1/08/2014	Old National Bancorp	United Bancorp, Inc.

\*Indicates the transaction was pending as of November 16, 2017

For each transaction referred to above, DADCO compared, among other things, the following implied ratios:

†transaction price compared to net income for the twelve months ended September 30, 2017;

transaction price compared to tangible book value as of September 30, 2017; and  
tangible book premium to core deposits as of September 30, 2017.

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As illustrated in the following table, DADCO compared the proposed merger multiples to the multiples of the comparable transaction groups and other operating financial data where relevant. The table below sets forth the data for the comparable transaction groups as of the last twelve months ended prior to the transaction announcement and TCSB data for the last twelve months ended September 30, 2017.

**Financial Condition and Performance**

	<b>Nationwide Banks</b>					<b>Michigan Banks</b>			
	<b>TCSB</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Total Assets (in millions)	\$ 348.9	\$ 321.8	\$ 337.3	\$ 254.0	\$ 479.6	\$ 211.9	\$	\$ 101.8	\$ 918.8
Return on Average Assets	0.76 %	0.96 %	0.96 %	0.21 %	1.67 %	0.76 %	0.49 %	(0.97 )%	1.21 %
Return on Average Equity	7.98 %	9.66 %	9.08 %	1.23 %	15.69 %	6.86 %	4.37 %	(11.84 )%	12.18 %
Tangible Common Equity Ratio	8.83 %	10.02 %	10.46 %	6.66 %	17.28 %	9.55 %	10.00 %	6.48 %	16.47 %
Core Deposits / Total Deposits	92.0 %	82.3 %	79.2 %	17.5 %	98.5 %	85.3 %	81.9 %	59.3 %	96.7 %
Non-Interest Income / Average Assets	0.92 %	0.42 %	0.50 %	0.12 %	1.16 %	0.54 %	1.13 %	0.14 %	3.07 %
Efficiency Ratio	63.7 %	63.6 %	64.1 %	36.9 %	90.2 %	74.4 %	76.2 %	57.4 %	103.2 %
Non-Performing Assets / Total Assets <sup>(1)</sup>	1.45 %	0.56 %	0.69 %	0.00 %	1.98 %	3.04 %	3.25 %	0.76 %	6.29 %
Loan Loss Reserves / Non-Performing Assets	47.1 %	109.9 %	177.6 %	39.0 %	601.1 %	31.8 %	62.5 %	18.7 %	144.0 %

**Transaction Multiples**

	<b>Nationwide Banks</b>					<b>Michigan Banks</b>			
	<b>TCSB</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Transaction Price / Last Twelve Months Earnings	23.9 x	18.3 x	18.6 x	10.7 x	30.0 x	17.8 x	22.3 x	14.0 x	39.3 x
Transaction Price / Tangible Book Value	204.0 %	177.8 %	177.1 %	130.0 %	206.9 %	141.3 %	153.3 %	115.4 %	212.8 %
	11.84 %	10.23 %	11.58 %	6.41 %	38.02 %	7.69 %	7.77 %	1.12 %	17.38 %

Tangible  
Book  
Premium /  
Core  
Deposits<sup>(2)</sup>

(1) Non-performing assets / total assets includes performing troubled debt restructurings (TDRs)

Core deposits exclude time deposits with account balances greater than \$100,000. Tangible book premium / core

(2) deposits calculated by dividing the excess or deficit of the aggregate transaction value over tangible book value by core deposits

*Net Present Value Analysis for TCSB*

DADCO performed an analysis that estimated the net present value per share of TCSB common stock under various circumstances. The analysis assumed: (i) TCSB performed in accordance with TCSB management's financial forecasts for the years ending December 31, 2017; and (ii) TCSB performed in accordance with D.A. DADCO Investment Banking assumptions for the years ended December 31, 2018, December 31, 2019, December 31, 2020, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2022, as discussed with and confirmed by TCSB management. To approximate the terminal value of TCSB common stock at December 31, 2022, DADCO applied multiples of tangible book value ranging from 175.0% to 200.0% and price to earnings multiples of 15.0x to 20.0x. The income streams and terminal values were then discounted to present values using different discount rates ranging from 10.00% to 12.00% chosen to reflect different assumptions regarding required rates of return of holders or prospective buyers of TCSB's common stock. In evaluating the discount rate, DADCO used industry standard methods of adding the current risk-free rate, which is based on the 10-year Treasury yield, plus the published Duff & Phelps Industry Equity Risk Premium and plus the published Duff & Phelps Size Premium.

At the December 4, 2017 TCSB board of directors meeting, DADCO noted that the net present value analysis is a widely used valuation methodology, but the results of such methodology are highly dependent upon the numerous assumptions that must be made, and the results thereof are not necessarily indicative of actual values or future results.

As illustrated in the following tables, the analysis indicates an imputed range of aggregate values of TCSB common stock of \$52.3 million to \$65.7 million when applying the multiples of tangible book value to the financial forecasts and \$45.8 million to \$67.1 million when applying the price to earnings multiples to the financial forecasts.

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	<b>Tangible Book Value Multiple</b>				
<b>Discount Rate</b>	<b>175.0%</b>	<b>181.3%</b>	<b>187.5%</b>	<b>193.8%</b>	<b>200.0%</b>
10.00%	\$ 57,493	\$ 59,547	\$ 61,600	\$ 63,653	\$ 65,707
10.50%	\$ 56,139	\$ 58,144	\$ 60,149	\$ 62,154	\$ 64,159
11.00%	\$ 54,823	\$ 56,781	\$ 58,739	\$ 60,697	\$ 62,655
11.50%	\$ 53,544	\$ 55,456	\$ 57,368	\$ 59,280	\$ 61,193
12.00%	\$ 52,299	\$ 54,167	\$ 56,035	\$ 57,903	\$ 59,771

Earnings Per Share Multiples

	<b>Earnings Multiple</b>				
<b>Discount Rate</b>	<b>15.0x</b>	<b>16.3x</b>	<b>17.5x</b>	<b>18.8x</b>	<b>20.0x</b>
10.00%	\$ 50,344	\$ 54,539	\$ 58,734	\$ 62,930	\$ 67,125
10.50%	\$ 49,158	\$ 53,255	\$ 57,351	\$ 61,448	\$ 65,544
11.00%	\$ 48,006	\$ 52,006	\$ 56,006	\$ 60,007	\$ 64,007
11.50%	\$ 46,885	\$ 50,792	\$ 54,699	\$ 58,606	\$ 62,513
12.00%	\$ 45,796	\$ 49,612	\$ 53,428	\$ 57,245	\$ 61,061

*Financial Impact Analysis*

DADCO performed pro forma merger analyses that combined projected income statement and balance sheet information of TCSB and IBCP. Assumptions regarding the accounting treatment, acquisition adjustments and cost savings were used to calculate the financial impact that the merger would have on certain projected financial results of IBCP. In the course of this analysis, DADCO used (i) TCSB management's financial forecasts for the year ended December 31, 2017; (ii) DADCO Investment Banking net income assumptions for TCSB for the years ended December 31, 2018, December 31, 2019, December 31, 2020, December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2022, as discussed with and confirmed by TCSB management; (iii) average S&P Global Market Intelligence consensus earnings estimates for IBCP for the years ended December 31, 2017, December 31, 2018, and December 31, 2019; and (iv) DADCO Investment Banking net income assumptions for IBCP for the years thereafter, as discussed with and confirmed by TCSB management. This analysis indicated that the merger is expected to be accretive to IBCP's estimated earnings per share in 2018. The analysis also indicated that the merger is expected to be dilutive to tangible book value per share for IBCP and that IBCP would maintain capital ratios in excess of those required for IBCP to be considered well-capitalized under existing regulations. For all of the above analyses, the actual results achieved by TCSB and IBCP prior to and following the merger will vary from the projected results, and the variations may be material.

DADCO prepared its analyses for purposes of providing its opinion to TCSB's board of directors as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of TCSB common stock of the exchange ratio to be paid to the holders of the TCSB common stock in the proposed merger and to assist TCSB's board of directors in analyzing the proposed merger. The analyses do not purport to be appraisals or necessarily reflect the prices at which businesses or securities actually may be sold. Analyses based upon forecasts of future results are not necessarily indicative of actual future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by these analyses. Because these analyses are inherently subject to uncertainty, being based upon numerous factors or events beyond the control of the parties and their respective advisors, none of TCSB, IBCP or DADCO or any other person assumes responsibility if future results are materially different from those forecasted.

DADCO's opinion was one of many factors considered by the TCSB's board of directors in its evaluation of the merger and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of the board of directors of TCSB or management with respect to the merger or the exchange ratio.

DADCO and its affiliates, as part of their investment banking business, are continually engaged in performing financial analyses with respect to businesses and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, competitive biddings, secondary distributions of listed and unlisted securities, private placements and other transactions. DADCO acted as financial advisor to TCSB in connection with, and participated in certain of the negotiations leading to the merger. DADCO is a full service securities firm engaged, either directly

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or through its affiliates, in securities trading, investment management, financial planning and benefits counseling, financing and brokerage activities for both companies and individuals. In the ordinary course of these activities, DADCO and its affiliates may provide such services to TCSB, IBCP and their respective affiliates, may actively trade the debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) of TCSB and IBCP for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions of such securities. TCSB selected DADCO as its financial advisor because it is a recognized investment banking firm that has substantial experience in transactions similar to the merger. Pursuant to a letter agreement dated June 13, 2017, TCSB engaged DADCO as its financial advisor in connection with the contemplated transaction. Pursuant to the terms of the engagement letter, TCSB agreed to pay DADCO a cash fee of \$50,000 concurrently with the rendering of its opinion. TCSB will pay to DADCO at the time of closing of the merger a contingent cash fee equal to (i) 1.00% of the Aggregate Consideration up to \$25 per share; plus (ii) 3.00% of the Aggregate Consideration between \$25 per share and \$27.50 per share; plus (iii) 5.00% of the Aggregate Consideration exceeding \$27.50. TCSB has also agreed to reimburse DADCO for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including fees of counsel, and to indemnify DADCO and certain related persons against specified liabilities, including liabilities under the federal securities laws, relating to or arising out of its engagement.

Please be advised that during the two years preceding the date of this letter, neither DADCO nor its affiliates have had any other material financial advisory or other material commercial or investment banking relationships involving the payment or receipt of compensation with TCSB or IBCP.

### **No Dissenters Rights in the Merger**

Dissenters' rights are rights that, if available under law, enable shareholders to dissent from an extraordinary transaction, such as a merger, and to demand that the corporation pay the fair value for their shares as determined by a court in a judicial proceeding instead of receiving the consideration offered to shareholders in connection with the extraordinary transaction. Dissenters' rights are not available in all circumstances, and exceptions to these rights are provided in the MBCA. Under the MBCA and TCSB's articles of incorporation, holders of TCSB common stock will not have dissenters' rights in connection with the merger.

### **Accounting Treatment**

In accordance with current accounting guidance, the merger will be accounted for using the purchase method. The result of this is that the recorded assets and liabilities of IBCP will be carried forward at their recorded amounts, the historical operating results will be unchanged for the prior periods being reported on, and the assets and liabilities of TCSB will be adjusted to fair value at the date of the merger. In addition, all identified intangibles will be recorded at fair value and included as part of the net assets acquired. To the extent that the purchase price consideration, which is measured at the date of the effective time of the merger and consists of the shares of IBCP common stock to be issued to TCSB shareholders and cash in lieu of any fractional shares, exceeds the fair value of the net assets, including identifiable intangibles of TCSB at the effective time of the merger, that amount will be reported as goodwill. In accordance with current accounting guidance, goodwill will not be amortized but will be evaluated for impairment annually or more often if necessary. Identified intangibles will be amortized over their estimated lives. Further, the purchase accounting method results in the operating results of TCSB being included in the consolidated financial results of IBCP beginning from the effective time of the merger.

### **Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences**

#### *General*

The following is a summary of the material anticipated United States federal income tax consequences generally applicable to a U.S. Holder (as defined below) of TCSB common stock with respect to the exchange of TCSB common stock for IBCP common stock pursuant to the merger. This discussion assumes that U.S. Holders hold their TCSB common stock as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code. This summary is based on the Code, regulations issued by the IRS ( Treasury Regulations ), judicial decisions, and administrative pronouncements, each as in effect as of the date of this prospectus and proxy statement. All of the foregoing are subject to change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect, and all are subject to differing interpretation. No advance ruling has been sought or obtained from the IRS regarding the United States federal income tax consequences of the merger. As a result, no assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences set forth below.

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This summary does not address any tax consequences arising under United States federal tax laws other than United States federal income tax laws, nor does it address the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other taxing jurisdiction, nor does it address any aspect of income tax that may be applicable to non-U.S. Holders of TCSB common stock. In addition, this summary does not address all aspects of United States federal income taxation that may apply to U.S. Holders of TCSB common stock in light of their particular circumstances or U.S. Holders that are subject to special rules under the Code, such as holders of TCSB common stock that are partnerships or other pass-through entities (and persons holding their TCSB common stock through a partnership or other pass-through entity), persons who acquired shares of TCSB common stock as a result of the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation or through a tax-qualified retirement plan, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, tax-exempt organizations, financial institutions, broker-dealers, traders in securities that have elected to apply a mark-to-market method of accounting, insurance companies, persons having a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar, and persons holding their TCSB common stock as part of a straddle, hedging, constructive sale, or conversion transaction.

For purposes of this summary, a U.S. Holder is a beneficial owner of TCSB common stock that is for United States federal income tax purposes:

- a United States citizen or resident alien;
  - a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, created or organized under the laws of the United States or any state therein or the District of Columbia;
  - a trust if (1) it is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (2) it was in existence on August 20, 1996 and has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person;
  - or
  - an estate, the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source.
- If a partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds TCSB common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of such partner and the activities of the partnership.

IBCP and TCSB have structured the merger to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. The obligations of IBCP and TCSB to consummate the merger are conditioned upon the receipt of an opinion from Warner Norcross & Judd LLP for its client, TCSB, and an opinion from Varnum LLP for its client, IBCP, to the effect that the merger will for federal income tax purposes qualify as a reorganization based upon customary representations made by IBCP and TCSB.

Assuming that the transactions are consummated substantially in conformity with the terms of the merger agreement, the merger will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and therefore, the material United States federal income tax consequences of the merger are as follows:

- no gain or loss will be recognized by IBCP or TCSB by reason of the merger;
- a U.S. Holder of TCSB common stock will not recognize gain if it exchanges its TCSB common stock for IBCP common stock in the merger, except to the extent of any cash received in lieu of fractional shares;
- a U.S. Holder of TCSB common stock will not recognize any loss if it exchanges its TCSB common stock for IBCP common stock;
- the aggregate tax basis in the IBCP common stock received by a U.S. Holder in the merger will equal the aggregate tax basis in the TCSB common stock surrendered in the merger; and
- the holding period for the IBCP common stock received by a U.S. Holder in the merger will include the holding period for the shares of TCSB common stock surrendered in the merger.

*Exchange of TCSB Common Stock for IBCP Common Stock*

TCSB shareholders will exchange all of their TCSB common stock for IBCP common stock in the merger. Accordingly, shareholders will not recognize gain or loss upon the exchange, except with respect to any cash received in lieu of fractional shares of IBCP stock.

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### *Backup Withholding and Information Reporting*

Payments of cash to a holder of TCSB common stock may, under certain circumstances, be subject to information reporting and backup withholding at a rate of 28% of the cash payable to the holder, unless the holder provides proof of an applicable exemption or furnishes his, her, or its taxpayer identification number, and otherwise complies with all applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Any amounts withheld from payments to a holder under the backup withholding rules are not additional tax and will be allowed as a refund or credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is furnished to the IRS.

The preceding discussion is intended only as a summary of material United States federal income tax consequences of the merger. It is not a complete analysis or discussion of all potential tax effects that may be important to a TCSB shareholder. IBCP and TCSB have not requested and do not intend to request any ruling from the IRS. **You are urged to consult your own tax advisor as to the specific tax consequences resulting from the merger, including tax return reporting requirements, the applicability and effect of federal, state, local and other applicable tax laws, and the effect of any proposed changes in the tax laws.**

## **THE MERGER AGREEMENT**

### **Summary**

*The following describes certain aspects of the merger, including certain provisions of the merger agreement. The following description of the merger agreement is not complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the merger agreement, which is attached to this prospectus and proxy statement as **Appendix A** and is incorporated herein by reference. We urge you to read the merger agreement carefully in its entirety, as it is the legal document governing this merger.*

### **Structure of the Merger; Bank Consolidation**

At the effective time of the merger, TCSB will be merged with and into IBCP, with IBCP as the surviving corporation. The separate existence of TCSB will terminate and TCSB common stock will be cancelled and converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration. The articles of incorporation and bylaws of IBCP as in effect immediately before the effective time of the merger will be the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the combined organization immediately after the effective time of the merger. The officers and directors of IBCP serving immediately before the effective time of the merger will be the officers and directors of the combined organization immediately after the effective time of the merger, but after the effective time of the merger, IBCP will cause one director of TCSB, determined by TCSB but subject to the reasonable approval of IBCP, to be added to the board of directors of IBCP.

Following completion of the merger, IBCP intends to consolidate Traverse City State Bank with and into Independent Bank with Independent Bank as the surviving bank.

### **What TCSB Shareholders will Receive in the Merger**

If the merger agreement is approved and the merger is subsequently completed, each outstanding share of TCSB common stock that you hold will be converted into the right to receive 1.1166 shares of IBCP common stock, subject to adjustment as described below, plus cash in lieu of any fractional share.

IBCP will not issue fractional shares of IBCP common stock in the merger. A TCSB shareholder who would otherwise be entitled to receive a fraction of a share of IBCP common stock in the merger will instead receive an

amount of cash determined by multiplying that fraction by the Final Purchaser Price (defined below).

The Merger Consideration is subject to the following adjustments:

If, as of the Final Statement Date (as defined below and in the merger agreement), the Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity (as defined below and in the merger agreement) is less than \$34,500,000, then the Stock Purchase Value (as defined below and in the merger agreement) will be reduced by an amount equal to (a) \$34,500,000 minus (b) the Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity as of the Final Statement Date.

Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity means TCSB's total consolidated shareholders' equity as of the Final Statement Date computed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting

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principles ( GAAP ), consistently applied and excluding the net accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) related to unrealized investment securities gains/(losses), and subject to additional adjustments as set forth in Section 5.26.1 of the merger agreement.

**Final Statement Date** means the last day of the calendar month preceding the date on which both TCSB's shareholders have approved the merger and all regulatory approvals required by law to consummate the merger have been obtained (statutory waiting periods need not have expired), or such other date as agreed upon by IBCP and TCSB.

**Stock Purchase Value** is equal to the Exchange Ratio in effect at the time of the adjustment multiplied by the total number of shares of TCSB common stock outstanding as of the effective time of the merger multiplied by the Final Purchaser Price (as defined below and in the merger agreement).

If the Final Purchaser Price of a share of IBCP common stock is less than \$19.07 and the number determined by dividing the Final Purchaser Price by \$22.44 is less than the number obtained by subtracting (i) 15% from (ii) the quotient obtained by dividing the Final Index Price (as defined below) by the Initial Index Price (as defined below), then TCSB will have the right to request an adjustment to the Exchange Ratio. If IBCP declines to adjust the Exchange Ratio as requested, then TCSB will have the right to terminate the merger agreement.

The **Final Purchaser Price** means the 15-day volume weighted average price of IBCP common stock ending on the sixth business day prior to the closing date for the merger in transactions reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

The **Initial Index Price** means the closing price of the KBW Regional Banking Index (KRX), a sector index maintained by the Nasdaq Stock Market on December 1, 2017.

The **Final Index Price** means the closing price of the KBW Regional Banking Index (KRX) on the sixth business day prior to the closing date for the merger.

If, between the date of the merger agreement and the effective time of the merger there is declared or effected a reorganization, reclassification, recapitalization, stock split (including a reverse stock split), split-up, stock dividend or stock distribution (including any dividend or distribution of securities convertible into IBCP or TCSB common stock), combination, exchange, or readjustment of shares with respect to, or rights issued in respect of, IBCP common stock or TCSB common stock, then the Exchange Ratio will be proportionately adjusted accordingly to provide to the holders of TCSB common stock the same economic benefit as contemplated by the merger agreement prior to such event.

The amount and nature of the Merger Consideration was established through arm's-length negotiations between IBCP and TCSB and their respective advisors and reflects the balancing of a number of countervailing factors. The total amount of the Merger Consideration reflects a price both parties concluded was appropriate.

**We cannot assure you that the current market value of IBCP common stock or TCSB common stock will be equivalent to the market value of IBCP common stock or TCSB common stock on the effective date of the merger.**

### **Cessation of Shareholder Status**

As of the effective time of the merger, holders of TCSB common stock outstanding immediately before the effective time of the merger will cease to be shareholders of TCSB and will have no rights as TCSB shareholders.

### **Conversion of Shares; Exchange Procedures**

The conversion of TCSB common stock into the right to receive the Merger Consideration will occur automatically upon completion of the merger. After completion of the merger, IBCP will cause its exchange agent to promptly (i) register and issue book-entry shares of IBCP common stock to you, in the name and to the address that appear on TCSB's stock records at the effective time of the merger, or in such other name or to such other address as you specify in transmittal materials received by the exchange agent, and (ii) issue a check for any fractional share in the amount to which you are entitled, if any, after giving effect to any required tax withholding. The above actions of the exchange agent are subject to the exchange agent receiving all TCSB stock certificates held by you, or an affidavit of loss and indemnity bond for such certificates, together with properly executed transmittal materials.

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As soon as reasonably practicable after the completion of the merger, you will be sent transmittal materials from the exchange agent for use in exchanging your TCSB stock certificates and to receive the Merger Consideration.

IBCP and the exchange agent will be entitled to deduct and withhold from the consideration payable to you such amounts as IBCP is required to deduct and withhold under any federal, state, local or foreign tax law. If either of them withholds any such amounts, these amounts will be treated for all purposes of the merger as having been paid to the shareholder from whom they were withheld.

### **Effective Time of the Merger**

The merger will be completed on the date and time specified in a certificate of merger filed with the State of Michigan. The effective time of the merger is anticipated to be in the first half of 2018, if the merger agreement has not been terminated before then. The merger may not be completed until the TCSB shareholders have approved the merger agreement, all necessary regulatory approvals and consents have been received, and all of the conditions to the merger set forth in the merger agreement are satisfied or waived.

### **Dividends and Distributions**

Until TCSB common stock certificates are surrendered for exchange, any dividends or other distributions declared after the effective time of the merger with respect to shares of IBCP common stock into which shares of TCSB common stock may have been converted will accrue but will not be paid. When such certificates have been duly surrendered, IBCP will pay any unpaid dividends or other distributions, without interest.

### **Potential Special Dividend**

If, prior to the effective time of the merger, the aggregate cash amount collected by Traverse City State Bank relating to a particular loan it made to a borrower exceeds \$691,000, TCSB may, subject to applicable law and TCSB's articles and bylaws, pay a special cash dividend to TCSB shareholders in an aggregate amount of up to 65% of the amount by which such aggregate collections exceed \$691,000.

### **Representations and Warranties**

The merger agreement contains customary representations and warranties of IBCP and TCSB relating to their respective businesses. In particular, the merger agreement contains representations and warranties of IBCP, on the one hand, and TCSB, on the other hand, to each other, as to, among other things:

- the corporate organization and existence of each party;
- the authority of each party to enter into the merger agreement, perform its obligations under the merger agreement, and make it valid and binding;
- the fact that the merger agreement does not conflict with or violate the articles of incorporation and bylaws of each party, applicable law, or regulatory restrictions applicable to each party;
- required regulatory approvals;
- subsidiaries;
- deposit insurance and payment of assessments;
- the capitalization of each party and voting rights of their respective securities;
- each party's financial statements and filings of reports with applicable regulatory authorities;
- the absence of undisclosed liabilities;
- the absence of certain changes or events occurring since December 31, 2016;
- the absence of material litigation;

regulatory filings;  
conduct of each party's business (and the business of each party's subsidiaries) in compliance with applicable laws, orders, and regulations;

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the accuracy and completeness of the transaction documents;  
agreements with regulatory agencies;  
payments to be made to any brokers or finders in connection with the merger;  
securities laws matters;  
books and records;  
Community Reinvestment Act rating;  
the accuracy and completeness of organizational documents; and  
compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act.

In addition, the merger agreement contains representations and warranties of TCSB to IBCP as to:

the absence of indemnification claims;  
the filing and accuracy of its tax returns and other tax matters;  
• title to and interest in its assets and those of its subsidiaries, including real property;  
material contracts and material leases;  
intellectual property;  
licenses and permits;  
labor and employment matters;  
employee benefit plans and related matters;  
environmental matters;  
the receipt of a fairness opinion from TCSB's financial advisor;  
insurance matters, including without limitation the maintenance and adequacy of insurance and absence of material unsatisfied claims;  
the adequacy of TCSB's loan reserves;  
loans and investments;  
joint ventures and strategic alliances;  
the absence of a shareholder rights plan;  
loans and other relationships with, and control of TCSB's and its subsidiaries' assets by, certain related persons;  
material changes in business relationships;  
loan origination and servicing;  
guarantees of indebtedness owed to TCSB or any of its subsidiaries;  
data security and customer privacy; and  
compliance with policies and procedures.

The representations and warranties of each of IBCP and TCSB have been made solely for the benefit of the other party and they should not be relied on by any other person. The representations and warranties of IBCP and TCSB do not survive the completion of the merger. The parties qualified many of the representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement with exceptions set forth in disclosure letters that were separately delivered by each party to the other party.

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**Conduct of Business Pending the Merger**

*TCSB Restrictions*

TCSB has agreed to certain covenants in the merger agreement that restrict the conduct of its business between the date of the merger agreement and the earlier of the effective time of the merger or the termination of the merger agreement. Except as expressly contemplated by the merger agreement, as required by applicable law, or with the prior written consent of IBCP (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed), TCSB has agreed to conduct its business in the ordinary course of business generally consistent with past practice in all material respects, and to the extent consistent therewith, to use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve substantially intact its and its subsidiaries' business organization and customer and business relationships, and keep available the services of present officers and employees.

In addition, TCSB has agreed to specific restrictions relating to the conduct of its business between the date of the merger agreement and the earlier of the effective time of the merger or the termination of the merger agreement, including (without limitation) restrictions related to the following (subject, in each case, to exceptions specified in the merger agreement, or with the prior written consent of IBCP, which may not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed):

amendment of its articles of incorporation or bylaws;

(a) the split, combination or reclassification of any securities issued by TCSB or any of its subsidiaries, (b) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition, or offer to purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, any securities issued by TCSB or any of its subsidiaries, except for the acceptance of shares of TCSB common stock delivered in satisfaction of the exercise price or tax withholding obligations by holders of TCSB stock options that are outstanding as of the date of the merger agreement who exercise such stock options and except for shares redeemed pursuant to TCSB's 401(k) plan, or (c) the declaration, setting aside of or payment of any dividend or distribution in respect of, or entry into an agreement with respect to the voting of, any shares of capital stock, except for distributions to or from TCSB subsidiaries and except for the special dividend contemplated by Section 5.27 of the merger agreement; the issuance, sale, pledge, disposal or encumbrance of any securities issued by TCSB or any of its subsidiaries, other than the issuance of shares of TCSB common stock upon exercise of any option granted pursuant to a TCSB stock plan prior to the date of the merger agreement;

except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or as required by applicable law or the express terms of any TCSB benefit plan or contract in effect as of the date of the merger agreement, (a) the increase of the compensation (including bonus opportunities) payable or that could become payable by TCSB or its subsidiaries to directors or officers or to any employees; (b) the entry into any new or amendment in any material respect of any existing employment, consulting, severance, termination, retention or change in control agreement with any of its past or present officers, directors or employees; (c) the establishment, adoption, entry into, amendment of, termination of, or the taking of any action to accelerate rights under any benefit plan; (d) the granting of any severance or termination pay unless provided under any benefit plan; (e) the granting of any compensatory awards that are payable in, relate to, or are determined by reference to the value of TCSB common stock; or (f) the funding or in any other way securing of any payment of compensation or benefit under any benefit plan;

the promotion of any officer or any non-officer employee to an officer position or the hiring or termination of employment of any officer, except for termination for cause and hiring to replace;

the acquisition, by merger, consolidation, acquisition of stock or assets, or otherwise, of any business or division of a business or, except among wholly-owned subsidiaries of TCSB, the making of any capital contributions to any person, other than (a) incident to foreclosures in connection with debts previously contracted in good faith, or (b) acquisitions of personal property in the ordinary course of business generally consistent with past practice;

except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, the transfer, license, sale, lease or other disposition of any material assets, including capital stock or other equity interests in any



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subsidiary, provided that such prohibition will not apply to dealings with financial assets or investment securities, and that TCSB and its subsidiaries may transfer, license, sell, lease or dispose of any obsolete or unused equipment, fixtures or assets in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

the adoption or effecting of a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization;

- except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, the repurchase, prepayment, or
- incurrence of any indebtedness for borrowed money or the guarantee of any such indebtedness of another person;

the making of any application for the opening, relocation or closing of any branch office, loan production office or other material office or facility, or the opening, relocation, or closing of any branch office, loan production office or other material office or facility;

the entry into or the amendment or modification of, in any material respect, or the consent to the termination of (other than at its stated expiration date), any material contract, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

the institution, settlement or compromise of any actions pending or threatened before any arbitrator, court or other governmental entity (a) involving the payment of monetary damages or admission of liability by TCSB or any of its subsidiaries of any amount exceeding \$100,000; (b) involving injunctive or similar relief; or (c) having a material impact on TCSB's business;

the making of any material change in any method of financial accounting principles or practices, in each case except for any such change required or to be required by a change in GAAP or applicable law;

the settlement or compromise of any material tax claims, audits or assessments in excess of the amount reserved for such claims, audits or assessments as set forth on TCSB's books and records; the making or changing of any material tax election; the changing of any annual tax accounting period; the adoption or changing of any method of tax accounting; or the entry into any material closing agreement, the surrendering in writing of any right to claim a material tax refund, offset or other reduction in tax liability or the consenting to any extension or waiver of the limitation period applicable to any material tax claim or assessment relating to TCSB or any of its subsidiaries;

the entry into any material new line of business or the changing in any material respect of TCSB's lending, investment, underwriting, risk and asset liability management, interest rate or fee pricing with respect to depository accounts, hedging or other material banking or operating policies or practices, except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or as required by law or any regulatory agency having jurisdiction over TCSB or any of its subsidiaries;

except as required by law or any regulatory agency having jurisdiction over TCSB or any of its subsidiaries, the making of any material changes in policies and practices with respect to underwriting, pricing, originating, acquiring, selling, servicing, or buying or selling rights to service loans;

the restructuring or material changing of the nature of the composition of TCSB's investment securities portfolio through purchases, sales or otherwise, or its policies with respect to the classification and reporting of such portfolios; the failure to maintain TCSB's books, accounts and records in the usual and regular manner and in material compliance with applicable law, governmental policy issuances, GAAP and other relevant accounting standards, and formally adopted internal control policies and procedures;

the failure to use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain TCSB's property and assets in their present state of repair, order, and condition, reasonable wear and tear and damage by fire or other casualty covered by insurance excepted;

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the failure to use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and keep in full force and effect insurance coverage, so long as such insurance is reasonably available, on TCSB's assets, properties, premises, operations, directors, and personnel in such amounts, against such risks and losses, and with such self-insurance requirements as were in force on the date of the merger agreement;

the failure to promptly notify IBCP of the threat or the commencement of any material action against, relating to or affecting (a) TCSB or any of its subsidiaries; (b) TCSB's or any of its subsidiaries' directors, officers or employees in their capacities as such; (c) TCSB's or any of its subsidiaries' assets, liabilities, businesses or operations; or (d) the merger or the merger agreement;

the taking, or the omission from taking, of any action that would, or could reasonably be expected to prevent or impede the merger from qualifying for the intended tax treatment, or, except as and to the extent required by applicable law or regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over TCSB or any of its subsidiaries, (a) the taking of any action that would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially impede or materially delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, or (b) the taking of, or the knowing failure to take, any action that is reasonably likely to result in any of the conditions to the merger set forth in Article VI of the merger agreement not being satisfied;

the taking of any action to pay any liability, absolute or contingent, in excess of \$50,000, except liabilities reflected on TCSB's financial statements, except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, or except in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

the changing in any material respect of TCSB's underwriting, investment or risk management or other similar policies of TCSB or any of its subsidiaries except as required by law or except changes reasonably intended to reduce risk which changes are made after consultation with IBCP;

the failure to comply in all material respects with applicable law and formally adopted internal policies and procedures applicable to the conduct of TCSB's business, except to the extent that application of any law is being contested in good faith and IBCP has been notified of such contest;

the failure to charge off loans and maintain TCSB's allowance for loan and lease losses, in each case in a manner in conformity with the prior respective practices of TCSB and its subsidiaries and applicable industry, regulatory, and GAAP standards;

the entry into or amendment of any contract or other transaction with any TCSB-related person (defined in the merger agreement as any 5% shareholder, any director or executive officer of TCSB or any of its subsidiaries, their spouses and any children or other persons who share the same household with such persons, and any entity of which any such persons, alone or together, have control), except as contemplated or permitted by the merger agreement and except for banking transactions in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and on terms available to TCSB's customers generally;

the making or renewal of any charitable contributions, gifts, commitments or pledges of cash or other assets in an aggregate amount in excess of \$15,000, except for commitments disclosed in the TCSB disclosure letter provided to IBCP;

the taking of any action to enter into, or the commitment to enter into, any agreement for consulting, professional, or other services to TCSB or any TCSB subsidiary that is not terminable by TCSB without penalty upon thirty days' or less notice, except for contracts for services under which the aggregate required payments do not exceed \$50,000, and except for legal, accounting, and other ordinary expenses (not including expenses of financial advisors) related to the merger agreement;

the taking of any action to enter into, or commitment to enter into, any joint venture, strategic alliance, or material relationship with any person to jointly develop, market or offer any product or service; or the disclosure of any customer names, addresses, telephone numbers, lists, or any other nonpublic information concerning customers or other consumers to any person not employed by TCSB or a TCSB subsidiary in connection with their employment other than marketing firms and other vendors in the ordinary course of business and in compliance with applicable law;

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foreclosing on or otherwise taking title to, or possession or control of, any real property without first obtaining a Phase I environmental report with respect to such property, prepared by a reliable and qualified person, which indicates that there are no recognized environmental conditions with respect to such property, except that no such report is required with respect to single-family, non-agricultural residential property to be foreclosed upon unless TCSB has knowledge that such property might contain any hazardous materials; and the agreement or commitment to do any of the foregoing.

### *IBCP Restrictions*

IBCP has agreed to certain covenants in the merger agreement that restrict the conduct of its business between the date of the merger agreement and the earlier of the effective time of the merger or the termination of the merger agreement. Except as expressly contemplated by the merger agreement or as required by applicable law, IBCP has agreed to conduct its business in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice in all material respects, and to the extent consistent therewith, to use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve substantially intact its and its subsidiaries' business organization and customer and business relationships.

In addition, IBCP has agreed to specific restrictions relating to the conduct of its business between the date of the merger agreement and the earlier of the effective time of the merger or the termination of the merger agreement, including (without limitation) the following (subject, in each case, to exceptions specified in the merger agreement, or with the prior written consent of TCSB, which may not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed):

the amendment of its articles of incorporation or bylaws in a manner that would materially and adversely affect the holders of TCSB common stock relative to the holders of IBCP common stock;

the taking of, or the failure to take, any action that would, or could reasonably be expected to, prevent or impede the merger from qualifying for the intended tax treatment, or, except as and to the extent required by applicable law or regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over IBCP or any of IBCP's subsidiaries, (a) the taking of any action that would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially impede or materially delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement; or (b) the taking of, or the knowing failure to take, any action that is reasonably likely to result in any of the conditions to the merger not being satisfied; or

the agreement or commitment to do any of the foregoing.

### **Covenants**

In addition to the restrictions noted above, the merger agreement contains certain other covenants and agreements, including, among others, the following covenants:

IBCP agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to prepare and cause to be filed with the SEC a registration statement, which includes this prospectus and proxy statement, as promptly as practicable following the date of the merger agreement;

IBCP agreed to take all actions (other than qualifying to do business in any jurisdiction in which it was not qualified as of the date the merger agreement was signed) required to be taken under the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, any applicable foreign or state securities laws, and the rules and regulations thereunder in connection with the merger and the issuance of IBCP common stock as Merger Consideration;

TCSB agreed to hold a special meeting of its shareholders, as soon as practicable following the date on which the registration statement is declared effective or the effective date can be predicted with reasonable certainty, for the purpose of seeking the TCSB shareholder approval of the merger agreement and, except in limited circumstances, to use its commercially reasonable efforts to solicit the requisite shareholder approval for such proposal;

IBCP agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the shares of IBCP common stock to be issued as Merger Consideration or upon exercise of TCSB stock options converted into IBCP stock options to be accepted for listing on The NASDAQ Global Select Market, subject to official notice of issuance, prior to the effective time of the merger;



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each of the parties agreed to use all commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper, or advisable under applicable laws and regulations to consummate the merger and to obtain consents of all third parties and governmental bodies necessary or desirable for consummation of the merger;

as soon as practicable after the date of the merger agreement, IBCP shall prepare and file with the Federal Reserve Board and each other governmental entity having jurisdiction, all applications and documents required to obtain, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain, on terms reasonably acceptable to IBCP, each necessary approval of or consent to consummate the merger;

neither of the parties will issue any press release or make any public announcement relating to the merger agreement, the merger, or the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement without the prior written approval of the other party, unless the disclosing party believes in good faith after consultation with outside legal counsel that such press release or public announcement is required to be made by applicable law, rule, or regulation promulgated by any applicable securities exchange, in which case the disclosing party will use its commercially reasonable efforts to advise and consult with the other party regarding such press release or other announcement prior to making any such disclosure;

commencing on the date of the merger agreement and ending at the earlier of the effective time of the merger or the termination of the merger agreement, (a) TCSB will, upon reasonable prior written notice and as reasonably requested in writing, permit IBCP and its representatives to have reasonable access at all reasonable times, in a manner so as not to interfere with TCSB's normal business operations, to the offices and senior management, premises, agents, books, records, and contracts of or pertaining to TCSB and its subsidiaries; and (b) upon the reasonable request of TCSB, IBCP will furnish such reasonable information about its and its business as is relevant to TCSB and its shareholders in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement; provided, however, that such access to or disclosure of information will comply with applicable laws, will not result in or reasonably be expected to result in the waiver of the attorney-client privilege, and will not result in or reasonably be expected to result in a material breach of any material contract;

each party will hold and treat in confidence all documents and information concerning the other party and its subsidiaries furnished in connection with the merger or the merger agreement pursuant to a confidentiality agreement between IBCP and TCSB;

IBCP will maintain a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy for six years after the effective time of the merger to cover the present and former officers and directors of TCSB and its subsidiaries with respect to claims against such directors and officers arising from facts or events which occurred before the effective time of the merger (provided that IBCP shall not be required to spend more than 300% of the last annual premium paid by TCSB for such insurance), and for six years after the effective time, IBCP will indemnify and hold harmless to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law the present and former officers and directors of TCSB and its subsidiaries against all losses, expenses, claims, damages, or liabilities arising out of actions or omissions occurring or alleged to have occurred on or prior to the effective time of the merger;

if any anti-takeover laws of any governmental entity are or may become applicable to the merger, the parties will use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to take such action as reasonably necessary so that the merger may be consummated as promptly as practicable under the terms of the merger agreement and otherwise take all such actions as are reasonably necessary so as to eliminate or minimize the effects of any such law on the merger;

each party will keep the other party reasonably informed with respect to the defense or settlement of any securityholder action against it or its directors or officers relating to the merger, will give the other party opportunity to consult with it regarding the defense or settlement of any such securityholder action, and will not settle any such action without the other party's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed);

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each party will not, and will not permit any of their respective subsidiaries to, take any action, or fail to take any action, that would reasonably be expected to jeopardize the qualification of the merger as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code, and each party will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the merger to so qualify as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code;

TCSB will take all actions reasonably requested by IBCP to cause the consolidation of Traverse City State Bank with and into Independent Bank, including by executing and delivering one or more bank consolidation agreements in customary form;

TCSB will permit IBCP to conduct environmental assessments of all real property owned by TCSB or its subsidiaries as of the date of the merger agreement;

IBCP will use all commercially reasonable efforts to promptly commence preparation for implementation of the conversion of some or all of TCSB's information and data onto IBCP's information technology systems with the goal of effecting such data conversion at or as soon as reasonably practicable after the effective time of the merger;

between the date of the merger agreement and the effective time of the merger, TCSB will deliver to IBCP monthly internal financial reports prepared with respect to TCSB and each of its subsidiaries, and each financial report or statement submitted to regulatory authorities for TCSB and each of its subsidiaries;

TCSB will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain estoppel certificates with respect to certain leased properties, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to IBCP and dated not more than 25 days prior to the effective date of the merger;

TCSB will promptly notify IBCP in writing if, to TCSB's knowledge, any customer, agent, representative, supplier, or other person with whom TCSB has a material contractual relationship intends to discontinue, materially diminish or change its relationship with TCSB or any TCSB subsidiary in an adverse manner;

the parties will take all actions necessary for IBCP to enter into a supplemental indenture with respect to TCSB's outstanding trust preferred securities to evidence the succession of IBCP as of the effective time of the merger;

TCSB will prepare, and cause its independent accounting firm to perform certain agreed-upon procedures on, a consolidated balance sheet of TCSB and a computation of the Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity, each as of the Final Statement Date, and each according to procedures set forth in the merger agreement; and

after the effective time of the merger, IBCP shall cause one director of TCSB to be added to the board of directors of IBCP.

**Acquisition Proposals by Third Parties**

Except as described below, TCSB has agreed that, from the time of the execution of the merger agreement until the earlier of the effective time of the merger or the termination of the merger agreement in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, it will not and will cause its subsidiaries and representatives to not:

solicit, initiate, encourage, or knowingly facilitate (including by way of furnishing non-public information) any inquiries regarding, or the making of any proposal or offer that constitutes or could reasonably be expected to lead to, a proposal that constitutes a takeover proposal; or

engage or enter into, continue, or otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding, or furnish to any other person material nonpublic information in connection with, any takeover proposal, or otherwise cooperate with or assist or participate in, or encourage or knowingly facilitate any such inquiries, proposals, discussions, or negotiations or any effort or attempt to make a takeover proposal.

TCSB will, and will cause each of its subsidiaries and each of its and its subsidiaries representatives to, (i) immediately upon execution of the merger agreement, cease any solicitation, encouragement, discussions, or negotiations with any person that may be ongoing with respect to any takeover proposal as of the date of the merger

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agreement, (ii) request promptly thereafter that such person promptly return or destroy all confidential information concerning TCSB and its subsidiaries delivered or made available to such person or its representatives by TCSB, its subsidiaries, or any representatives thereof, in connection with its consideration of a takeover proposal and any summaries, analyses, or extracts thereof or based thereon, and any files, copies, or records containing such information in any computer or electronic media, and (iii) immediately upon execution of the merger agreement, terminate all physical and electronic data room access previously granted to any such person or its representatives.

Notwithstanding the restrictions described above, if at any time prior to obtaining the TCSB shareholder approval, TCSB receives a takeover proposal from any person or group of persons, which did not result from a breach of the above restrictions, TCSB and its representatives are permitted to, subject to certain conditions, (a) contact such person and or group of persons and their representatives to request that such person provide clarification of any term or condition of such takeover proposal that the TCSB board of directors determines in good faith to be ambiguous or unclear, and (b) if the TCSB board of directors determines in good faith, after consultation with its independent financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that such takeover proposal constitutes, or is reasonably expected to lead to, a superior proposal, (i) furnish to such person, pursuant to an acceptable confidentiality agreement, information (including non-public information) with respect to TCSB and its subsidiaries to the person or group of persons who have made such takeover proposal and their respective representatives, and (ii) engage in or otherwise participate in discussions or negotiations with such person or group of persons making such a takeover proposal and their respective representatives.

A takeover proposal means any inquiry, proposal, or offer from any person (other than IBCP and its subsidiaries) or group, within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, relating to, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, any (a) acquisition of assets of TCSB and its subsidiaries equal to more than 10% of TCSB's consolidated assets or to which more than 10% of TCSB's net income on a consolidated basis is attributable; (b) acquisition of more than 10% of the outstanding TCSB common stock or the capital stock of any subsidiary of TCSB; (c) tender offer or exchange offer that, if consummated, would result in any person beneficially owning more than 10% of the outstanding TCSB common stock; (d) merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution, or similar transaction involving TCSB or any of its subsidiaries; or (e) any combination of the foregoing types of transactions if the sum of the percentage of consolidated assets, consolidated net income, and TCSB common stock involved is more than 10%; in each case, other than the merger.

A superior proposal means any bona fide written takeover proposal that the TCSB board of directors has determined in its good faith judgment, after consultation with its independent financial advisors and outside legal counsel, is reasonably likely to be consummated in accordance with its terms and is reasonably likely to result in the consummation of a transaction more favorable to the TCSB shareholders from a financial point of view than the merger, taking into account (a) all legal, regulatory, and financial aspects of the proposal (including availability of financing and certainty of closing) and the person making the proposal, and (b) any changes to the terms of the merger agreement proposed by IBCP in response to such proposal or otherwise, provided that for purposes of the definition of superior proposal, the references to 10% in the definition of takeover proposal above shall be deemed to be references to 50%.

The merger agreement requires that TCSB inform IBCP on a reasonably current basis as to the status of any takeover proposal, including any material developments, discussions, or negotiations regarding any takeover proposal. It also prohibits TCSB from entering any confidentiality or other agreement with any person subsequent to the date of the merger agreement which prohibits TCSB from providing information to IBCP in accordance with this obligation.

### **Changes in the TCSB Board Recommendation**

The TCSB board of directors has agreed, subject to certain exceptions summarized below, not to:

fail to recommend shareholder approval of the merger agreement or fail to include this recommendation in the proxy statement;  
change, qualify, withhold, withdraw, or modify, or publicly propose to take such action, in a manner adverse to IBCP, its recommendation to shareholders to approve the merger agreement;

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take any formal action or make any recommendation or public statement in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer other than a recommendation of rejection of such offer, taking no position with respect to such offer, or a temporary stop, look and listen communication consistent with Rule 14d-9(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as if such provisions are applicable to TCSB); or

adopt, approve, or recommend, or publicly propose to approve or recommend to TCSB's shareholders, a takeover proposal.

Each of the foregoing is referred to in the merger agreement as an adverse recommendation change. In addition, the TCSB board of directors has agreed not to cause or permit TCSB or any of its subsidiaries to enter into any letter of intent, agreement, or agreement in principle with respect to any takeover proposal (other than an acceptable confidentiality agreement).

Notwithstanding the restrictions described above, prior to obtaining the TCSB shareholder approval, the TCSB board of directors is permitted to make an adverse recommendation change if the TCSB board of directors has complied with its obligations under the restrictions above and determined in good faith, after consultation with its independent financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that a takeover proposal constitutes a superior proposal.

At least five business days prior to making an adverse recommendation change, the TCSB board of directors must inform IBCP in writing of its intention to make an adverse recommendation change and provide to IBCP the material terms and conditions of the takeover proposal and identity of the person making the takeover proposal, together with copies all written materials (including all transaction agreements and related documents) with or from the party making such a superior proposal. During this notice period, TCSB must negotiate with IBCP (if IBCP wishes to do so) to enable IBCP to revise the terms of the merger agreement so that the superior proposal no longer constitutes a superior proposal. Following the notice period, the TCSB board of directors must consider in good faith any changes to the merger agreement proposed in writing by IBCP and may proceed with an adverse recommendation change only if it has determined that the superior proposal continues to constitute a superior proposal.

For the purposes of the restrictions described above, any breach by any of TCSB's representatives in his or her individual capacity will be deemed a breach by TCSB.

### **Conditions to Complete the Merger**

The obligations of each of IBCP and TCSB to complete the merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver, on or before the completion of the merger, of a number of conditions, including:

approval of the merger agreement by holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of TCSB common stock entitled to vote;

the receipt and effectiveness of all required regulatory approvals and the expiration of all applicable notice and waiting periods, as long as no such regulatory approvals contain any non-standard conditions, restrictions, or requirements that would, following the effective time of the merger, have or be reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on the surviving corporation, in IBCP's reasonable opinion;

the absence of any law making illegal or otherwise preventing the consummation of the merger;

the absence of any temporary, preliminary, or permanent restraining order preventing the consummation of the merger;

the absence of any order of a court or agency enjoining or prohibiting the consummation of the merger;

the declaration of effectiveness by the SEC of the registration statement of which this prospectus and proxy statement forms a part, which registration statement must not be subject to any stop order or proceedings commenced or threatened by the SEC for the purpose of suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement; and

the authorization for listing on The NASDAQ Global Select Market of the IBCP common stock to be issued as Merger Consideration, subject to official notice of issuance.



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The obligations of IBCP to effect the merger are subject to satisfaction or waiver of the following additional conditions:

(a) the representations and warranties of TCSB (other than certain representations related to TCSB's authorization of the merger agreement, TCSB's organization and good standing, TCSB's ownership of subsidiaries and organization and good standing of those subsidiaries, and TCSB's capitalization) must be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to materiality) as of the closing date as though made as of such date (or, if made as of a specific date, as of such date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct does not have, and would not reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect with respect to TCSB, and (b) certain representations and warranties related to TCSB's authorization of the merger agreement, TCSB's organization and good standing, TCSB's ownership of subsidiaries and organization and good standing of those subsidiaries, and TCSB's capitalization must be true and correct in all but de minimus respects as of the closing date as though made as of the closing (or, if made as of a specific date, in all but de minimus respects as of such date);

- TCSB must have performed in all material respects all of the covenants required to be performed by it under the merger agreement at or prior to the closing;

IBCP must have received a certificate, dated as of the closing date, executed on TCSB's behalf by the chief executive officer or chief financial officer of TCSB certifying as to the satisfaction of the conditions described in the preceding two bullet points;

there must have been no change, state of facts, event, development, or effect since December 31, 2016, that has had or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect with respect to TCSB;

IBCP must have received a written opinion from Varnum LLP to the effect that the merger will be treated for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code;

IBCP must have received one or more certificates dated as of the closing date and signed by the secretary of TCSB on behalf of TCSB, certifying (a) the total number of shares of capital stock of TCSB issued and outstanding as of the close of business on the day immediately preceding the closing; and (b) the number of shares of TCSB common stock, if any, that are issuable on or after that date, all in such form as IBCP may reasonably request;

The Company Consolidated Shareholders' Equity, as calculated in accordance with the merger agreement, must be at least \$33,000,000 as of the Final Statement Date; and

TCSB's allowance for loan and lease losses must be, as of the Final Statement Date, at least equal to the sum of (a) the greater of (X) \$2,363,000 or (Y) 0.85% of gross loans as of the Final Statement Date, plus (b) any credit (increase) to the allowance between the date of the merger agreement and the Final Statement Date resulting from a recovery relating to Traverse City State Bank's loan to a particular borrower.

The obligations of TCSB to effect the merger are subject to satisfaction or waiver of the following additional conditions:

(a) the representations and warranties of IBCP (other than certain representations related to IBCP's authorization of the merger agreement, IBCP's organization and good standing, IBCP's ownership of subsidiaries and good standing and organization of those subsidiaries, and IBCP's capitalization) must be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to materiality) as of the closing date as though made as of such date (or, if made as of a specific date, as of such date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct does not have, and would not reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect with respect to IBCP, and (b) certain representations and warranties related to IBCP's authorization of the merger agreement, IBCP's organization and good standing, IBCP's ownership of subsidiaries and good standing and organization of those subsidiaries, and IBCP's capitalization must be true and correct in all but de minimus respects as of the closing date as though made as of the closing (or, if made as of a specific date, in all but de minimus respects as of such date).

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• IBCP must have performed in all material respects all of the covenants required to be performed by it under the merger agreement at or prior to the closing;

• TCSB must have received a certificate, dated as of the closing date, executed on behalf of IBCP by the chief executive officer or chief financial officer of IBCP certifying as to the satisfaction of the conditions described in the preceding two bullet points;

- there must have been no change, state of facts, event, development, or effect since December 31, 2016, that has had or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect with respect to IBCP; and

• TCSB must have received a written opinion from Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, dated as of the closing date, to the effect that the merger will be treated for federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.

Under the merger agreement, a material adverse effect means, with respect to TCSB or IBCP, any event, occurrence, fact, condition or change that (a) is materially adverse to the business, results of operations, financial condition, or assets of TCSB or IBCP, as applicable, and their respective subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (b) prohibits or materially impairs the ability of TCSB or IBCP, as applicable, to consummate the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement on a timely basis; *provided, however*, that, for the purposes of clause (a), a material adverse effect shall not include events, occurrences, facts, conditions, or changes arising out of, relating to, or resulting from (either alone or in combination):

• conditions or changes generally affecting the economy, financial or securities markets;

• any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, war (whether or not declared) or military action or any act of terrorism, the occurrence of any natural disaster, or occurrence of any man-made disaster;

• general conditions in or changes generally affecting the banking industry or geographic regions in which TCSB or IBCP and their respective subsidiaries operate;

• changes in laws (or interpretations thereof);

• changes in GAAP or accounting standards (or interpretations thereof);

• compliance with the terms of, or the taking of any action required by, the merger agreement;

• the announcement or pendency of the merger or any other transaction contemplated by the merger agreement;

• the acts or omissions of:

• TCSB prior to the effective time of the merger taken at the written request of IBCP or with the prior written consent of IBCP; or

• IBCP prior to the effective time of the merger taken at the written request of TCSB or with the prior written consent of TCSB; and

• any decline in the market price, or change in trading volume, of IBCP common stock (provided, however, that any event, occurrence, fact, condition, or change that caused or contributed to any decline in market price or change in trading volume of IBCP common stock shall not be excluded unless otherwise specifically excluded in the merger agreement).

Any event, occurrence, fact, condition, or change referred to in the first four bullet points immediately above will, however, be taken into account in determining whether a material adverse effect has occurred or would reasonably be expected to occur with respect to TCSB or IBCP to the extent that such event, occurrence, fact, condition, or change has a disproportionate effect on TCSB or IBCP, as applicable, and their respective subsidiaries, taken as a whole, compared to other community banking organizations in Michigan.

We cannot provide assurance as to when or if all of the conditions to the merger can or will be satisfied or waived by the appropriate party. As of the date of this prospectus and proxy statement, we have no reason to believe that any of these conditions will not be satisfied.

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### **Expenses**

Except as otherwise provided in the merger agreement, IBCP and TCSB will be responsible for their respective expenses incidental to the merger.

### **Employee Benefit Matters**

As a result of the merger, all employees of TCSB and its subsidiaries who are employed immediately before the effective time of the merger will automatically become employees of IBCP or an IBCP subsidiary as of the effective time of the merger. The merger agreement requires IBCP to provide to each employee of TCSB or any TCSB subsidiary who becomes employed by IBCP or any of its affiliates as a result of the merger the same benefits then provided to similarly situated IBCP employees. All employees of TCSB who are employed by IBCP will receive credit for years of service at TCSB for all purposes, including, without limitation, eligibility to participate, vesting credit, entitlement to benefits, and levels of benefits of any IBCP employee benefit plan and for the purposes of determining seniority in connection with employment by IBCP after the effective time of the merger. IBCP has agreed to pay severance benefits to any employee of TCSB whose job is eliminated as a result of the merger, either concurrently with the merger or within one year after the effective time of the merger, and who is not offered reasonably comparable employment with IBCP or a subsidiary of IBCP.

### **Termination of the Merger Agreement**

The merger agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the effective time of the merger, whether before or, subject to the terms of the merger agreement, after the receipt of the TCSB shareholder approval, under the following circumstances:

by mutual written consent of IBCP and TCSB;

by either IBCP or TCSB:

if any governmental entity has issued an order or taken any other action permanently enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the merger and such order or other action is final and nonappealable, but such termination right is not available to the party seeking to terminate if (a) the failure of TCSB, in the case of a termination by TCSB, or (b) the failure of IBCP, in the case of a termination by IBCP, to perform any of its obligations under the merger agreement required to be performed at or prior to the effective time of the merger has been a substantial cause of, or a substantial factor that resulted in, the issuance of such an order or the taking of such an action;

if the merger does not occur before September 4, 2018, except that the right to terminate the merger agreement shall not be available to the party seeking to terminate if (a) the failure of TCSB, in the case of a termination by TCSB, or (b) the failure of IBCP, in the case of a termination by IBCP, to perform any of its obligations of the merger agreement required to be performed at or prior to the effective time of the merger has been a substantial cause of, or a substantial factor that resulted in, the failure of the effective time of the merger to occur on or before September 4, 2018; or

if the TCSB special meeting (including any postponements or adjournments thereof) has concluded and been finally adjourned and the TCSB shareholder approval has not been obtained, but such termination right is not available to a party seeking to terminate if (a) the failure of TCSB, in the case of a termination by TCSB, or (b) the failure of IBCP, in the case of a termination by IBCP, to perform any of its obligations under the merger agreement required to be performed at or prior to the TCSB special meeting has been a substantial cause of, or a substantial factor that resulted in, the TCSB shareholder approval not having been obtained;

by TCSB, if IBCP has breached or failed to perform under the merger agreement, such that the conditions to TCSB's obligations to complete the merger are not satisfied, and which breach either (a) cannot be cured by September 4, 2018 or (b) if capable of being cured by September 4, 2018, has not been cured within 30 business days following

receipt of written notice from TCSB of such breach, but such termination right is not available to TCSB if TCSB is then in breach of the merger agreement, such that the conditions to IBCP's obligations to complete the merger are not satisfied;

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by IBCP, if TCSB has breached or failed to perform under the merger agreement, such that the conditions to IBCP's obligations to complete the merger are not satisfied, and which breach either (a) cannot be cured by September 4, 2018, or (b) if capable of being cured by September 4, 2018, has not been cured within 30 business days following receipt of written notice from IBCP of such breach, but such termination right is not available to IBCP if IBCP is then in breach of the merger agreement, such that the conditions to TCSB's obligations to complete the merger are not satisfied;

by IBCP prior to the receipt of the TCSB shareholder approval if (a) the TCSB board of directors changes its recommendation for shareholder approval, (b) the TCSB board of directors fails to reject a takeover proposal and reaffirm its recommendation within five business days of public announcement of such takeover proposal and in any event less than 2 business days prior to the TCSB special meeting, (c) TCSB enters into an agreement relating to a takeover proposal, or (d) in the absence of a takeover proposal and only during the period from 30 days before the mailing date of the prospectus and proxy statement to the date of the TCSB special meeting, the TCSB board of directors fails to publicly reaffirm its recommendation within five business days of a written request by IBCP for such reaffirmation;

by TCSB prior to receipt of the TCSB shareholder approval, in order to enter into a definitive agreement that constitutes a superior proposal, provided that (a) TCSB has complied with its obligations with respect to acquisition proposals by third parties in all material respects, and (b) TCSB pays the termination fee described below prior to or simultaneously with such termination;

by IBCP, if TCSB's consolidated shareholders' equity, as calculated in accordance with the provisions of the merger agreement, is less than \$33,000,000 as of the Final Statement Date;

by IBCP, if, as of the Final Statement Date, TCSB's allowance for loan and lease losses is not at least equal to the sum of (a) the greater of (X) \$2,363,000 or (Y) 0.85% of gross loans as of the final statement date, plus (b) any credit increase to the allowance between the date of the merger agreement and the final statement date resulting from a recovery relating to Traverse City State Bank's loan to the borrower identified in Section 5.27 of the company disclosure letter;

by IBCP, if there shall have occurred one or more events that have caused or are reasonably likely to cause a material adverse effect on TCSB; or

by IBCP, if, prior to the closing, Traverse City State Bank is examined for compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act and receives a written notification of a rating lower than Satisfactory.

**Termination Fee**

TCSB must pay IBCP a \$2,529,658 termination fee if the merger agreement is terminated in the following circumstances:

if IBCP terminates the merger agreement because, prior to the receipt of the TCSB shareholder approval (a) the TCSB board of directors changes its recommendation for shareholder approval, (b) the TCSB board of directors fails to reject a takeover proposal and reaffirm its recommendation within five business days of public announcement of such takeover proposal and in any event at least two business days before the TCSB special meeting, (c) TCSB enters into an agreement relating to a takeover proposal, or (d) in the absence of a takeover proposal and only during the period from 30 days before the mailing date of the proxy statement and the date of the TCSB special meeting, the TCSB board of directors fails to publicly reaffirm its recommendation within five business days of a written request by IBCP for such reaffirmation;

if IBCP terminates the merger agreement because TCSB has breached the merger agreement, such that the conditions to IBCP's obligations to complete the merger are not satisfied, and which breach either (a) cannot be cured by September 4, 2018 or (b) if capable of being cured by September 4, 2018, has not been cured within 30 business days following receipt of written notice from IBCP of such breach, and (i) any person has made a takeover proposal to TCSB on or after the date of the merger agreement but prior to the date that the merger agreement is terminated, and (ii) within 12 months after the date



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of termination, TCSB consummates a takeover proposal or enters into any definitive agreement with respect to a takeover proposal and such takeover proposal is subsequently consummated (provided that the references to more than 10% in the definition of takeover proposal will be deemed to be references to more than 50% );

if either IBCP or TCSB terminates the merger agreement because the TCSB special meeting (including any postponements or adjournments thereof) has concluded and been finally adjourned and the TCSB shareholder approval has not been obtained, and (a) any person has made a takeover proposal to TCSB on or after the date of the merger agreement but prior to the TCSB special meeting, and (b) within 12 months after the date of termination, TCSB consummates a takeover proposal or enters into any definitive agreement with respect to a takeover proposal and such takeover proposal is subsequently consummated (provided that the references to more than 10% in the definition of takeover proposal will be deemed to be references to more than 50% );

if (a) the merger agreement is terminated by IBCP or TCSB because the merger does not occur on or before September 4, 2018, (b) any person has made a takeover proposal to TCSB on or after the date of the merger agreement but prior to the date that the merger agreement is terminated, and (c) within 12 months after the date of termination, TCSB consummates a takeover proposal or enters into a definitive agreement with respect to a takeover proposal and such takeover proposal is subsequently consummated (provided that the references to more than 10% in the definition of takeover proposal will be deemed to be references to more than 50% ); provided that TCSB will not be obligated to pay the termination fee if, in the event of a termination by TCSB, the failure of IBCP to perform any of its obligations of the merger agreement required to be performed at or prior to the effective time of the merger has been a substantial cause of, or a substantial factor that resulted in, the failure of the effective time of the merger to occur on or before September 4, 2018; or

if TCSB terminates the merger agreement prior to receipt of the TCSB shareholder approval to enter into a definitive agreement that constitutes a superior proposal.

Upon the termination of the merger agreement in accordance with its terms and, if applicable, payment of a termination fee by TCSB, neither party will have any continuing liability to the other party, except for damages arising from a willful or intentional breach of the merger agreement or fraud.

### **Regulatory Approvals for the Merger**

Under the terms of the merger agreement, the merger cannot be completed until IBCP receives necessary regulatory approvals, which include the approval of the Federal Reserve Board and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. IBCP will file applications with each regulatory authority to obtain the required approvals. These governmental entities will consider, among other factors, the competitive impact of the merger, IBCP's financial and managerial resources, the convenience and needs of the communities to be served, capital position, safety and soundness, legal and regulatory compliance matters, and Community Reinvestment Act matters, and they may impose conditions on the completion of the merger or require changes to the terms of the merger agreement. IBCP cannot be certain when such approvals will be obtained or if they will be obtained.

### **NASDAQ Global Select Market Listing**

IBCP's common stock is currently listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol IBCP. The shares to be issued to the TCSB shareholders in the merger will be eligible for trading on The NASDAQ Global Select Market.

### **INTERESTS OF CERTAIN DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS IN THE MERGER**

When considering the recommendation of the TCSB board of directors, you should be aware that some of the executive officers and directors of TCSB and its subsidiary bank have interests that are different from, or in conflict with, your interests. The board of directors was aware of these interests when it adopted the merger agreement. Except

as described below, to the knowledge of TCSB, the executive officers and directors of TCSB do not have any material interest in the merger apart from their interests as shareholders of TCSB.

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### **Treatment of TCSB's Stock Options**

Certain executive officers of TCSB hold options to purchase TCSB common stock. Any outstanding unvested options will automatically vest upon completion of the merger and all outstanding TCSB stock options will be converted into options to acquire shares of IBCP common stock.

### **Deferred Compensation Plans**

TCSB sponsors a deferred compensation plan, the TCSB Bancorp, Inc. Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, pursuant to which TCSB directors were permitted to defer receipt of fees received for serving on the TCSB board of directors. These deferred obligations will be paid to participants by IBCP as they become due under the terms of the plan.

### **Existing Employment Agreements with Certain of TCSB's Executive Officers**

TCSB has entered into employment agreements with the following executive officers: Constance A. Deneweth, Ann M. Bollinger, and Daniel J. Stahl. Each of these employment agreements provides that if the executive's separation from service with TCSB is initiated by TCSB, other than for cause (as defined in the employment agreement), within 12 months after the effective time of the merger or within 6 months before the effective time of the merger, or if the separation from service is for good reason (as defined in the employment agreement) and occurs within 12 months after the effective time of the merger, then, subject to certain restrictions, the executive will be entitled to the payment of her or his salary for a period of 1 year from the date of termination and to certain contributions towards the executive's health insurance coverage.

IBCP has entered into an agreement with each of Ms. Deneweth, Ms. Bollinger, and Mr. Stahl that will terminate their employment agreements as of the effective time of the merger and under which IBCP will (i) pay a one-time lump sum change in control payment equal to the executive's annual base salary as of the date immediately preceding the effective time of the merger, and (ii) honor TCSB's obligations to contribute to the executive's health insurance coverage under the terms of their respective employment agreements if the person's employment with IBCP ends within one year after the merger, with certain exceptions.

### **Offers of Employment**

IBCP has made offers of at-will employment to Ms. Deneweth, Ms. Bollinger, and Mr. Stahl, which they have accepted. Following the completion of the merger and the conversion of TCSB's data processing systems to IBCP's data processing systems, Ms. Deneweth will be employed with IBCP as Senior Vice President – Market President and will receive an annual base salary of \$220,000, and Ms. Bollinger will be employed with IBCP as Senior Investment Executive and will receive an annual base salary of \$136,000 for the first year and then will receive commission-based compensation. Following completion of the merger, Mr. Stahl will be employed with IBCP as Vice President – Senior Credit Officer and will receive an annual base salary of \$124,000. Ms. Deneweth, Ms. Bollinger and Mr. Stahl will also be eligible for participation in IBCP's benefit plans, including its long-term incentive plan.

### **Cash Incentive Bonuses**

In connection with the completion of the merger, cash payments will be made to all TCSB employees under TCSB's incentive compensation plans on a pro-rated basis for the portion of the plan year completed before the effective time of the merger.

### **Indemnification and Insurance of Directors and Officers**

IBCP has agreed that all rights to exculpation, indemnification and advancement of expenses existing in favor of the current or former directors and officers of TCSB and its subsidiaries, as provided in their respective articles of incorporation or bylaws or in existing indemnity agreements, will survive the merger and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms. For six years after the effective time of the merger, IBCP will indemnify and hold harmless to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law the present and former officers and directors of TCSB and its subsidiaries against all losses, expenses, claims, damages, or liabilities arising out of actions or omissions occurring on or prior to the effective time of the merger.

In addition, IBCP has agreed to cause TCSB's and its subsidiaries' directors and officers to be covered for a period of six years after the effective time of the merger by TCSB's existing directors' and officers' liability insurance

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policy and fiduciary liability policy (or a substitute policy obtained by IBCP having the same coverages and amounts and terms and conditions that, taken as a whole, are not less advantageous to such directors and officers) with respect to acts or omissions occurring before the effective time of the merger; provided that IBCP is not required to spend more than 300% of the last annual premium paid by TCSB for such insurance. If the cost of insurance exceeds that limit, TCSB will use its reasonable efforts to obtain as much comparable coverage as possible for a cost not exceeding that limit.

## **COMPARISON OF COMMON SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS**

*The rights of IBCP common shareholders are governed by the Michigan Business Corporation Act (the MBCA ) and IBCP 's restated articles of incorporation ( IBCP Articles ) and bylaws, as amended ( IBCP Bylaws ). The rights of TCSB shareholders are governed by the MBCA and TCSB 's articles of incorporation, as amended ( TCSB Articles ) and bylaws, as amended ( TCSB Bylaws ). After the merger, the rights of TCSB 's common shareholders who become IBCP common shareholders will be governed by the MBCA, the IBCP Articles, and the IBCP Bylaws.*

*The following discussion is a summary of the current rights of TCSB and IBCP shareholders. While this summary includes the material differences between the two, this summary may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should carefully read this entire prospectus and proxy statement, the relevant provisions of the MBCA, and the other governing documents referenced in this prospectus and proxy statement for a more complete understanding of the differences between being a shareholder of TCSB and a shareholder of IBCP. IBCP has filed with the SEC its governing documents referenced in this summary and will send copies of these documents to you, without charge, upon your request. See Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 141.*

### **Authorized Capital Stock**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Articles authorize IBCP to issue up to 500,000,000 shares of common stock, without par value, and 200,000 shares of preferred stock, without par value. As of the record date, there were [•] shares of IBCP common stock outstanding, and no shares of IBCP preferred stock outstanding.

*TCSB.* The TCSB Articles authorize TCSB to issue up to 4,000,000 shares of common stock, without par value, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, without par value. As of the record date, there were [•] shares of TCSB common stock outstanding and no shares of TCSB preferred stock outstanding.

### **Issuance of Additional Shares**

*IBCP.* IBCP 's board of directors may authorize the issuance of additional shares of common stock up to the amounts authorized in the IBCP Articles, without shareholder approval, subject only to the restrictions of the MBCA and the IBCP Articles.

IBCP 's board of directors may authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock up to the amounts specified in the IBCP Articles, from time to time as it may deem desirable, with such designations and such relative voting, dividend, liquidation, and other rights, preferences, and limitations as shall be stated and expressed in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of such preferred stock adopted by the board of directors.

*TCSB.* TCSB 's board of directors may authorize the issuance of additional shares of common stock up to the amounts authorized in the TCSB Articles, without shareholder approval, subject only to the restrictions of the MBCA and the TCSB Articles.

TCSB's board of directors may authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock up to the amounts specified in the TCSB Articles, from time to time as it may deem desirable, with such designations and such relative voting, dividend, liquidation, and other rights, preferences, and limitations as shall be stated and expressed in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of such preferred stock adopted by the board of directors.

### **Number and Classification of Directors**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Articles provide that the number of IBCP directors will be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of (i) at least 75% of the board, and (ii) a majority of the continuing directors (as defined in the IBCP Articles). IBCP's board of directors currently has 11 members. IBCP's board of directors is divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, with the term of office of one class expiring each year.

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*TCSB.* The TCSB Articles and the TCSB Bylaws provide that the number of directors constituting TCSB's board will be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by at least two thirds of the board, but shall be not less than 5 nor more than 25. TCSB's board of directors currently has 8 members. Under the TCSB Articles, TCSB's board of directors is divided into three classes as nearly equal in number as possible, with the term of office of one class expiring each year.

### **Election of Directors**

*IBCP.* IBCP's directors are each elected to serve a term of office for three years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified, or until their respective resignation or removal, with one class of directors elected by the shareholders each year. IBCP's directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast, except in a case where there are more nominees for election than position on the board, in which case directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

*TCSB.* TCSB's directors are each elected to serve a term of three years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified, or until their respective resignation or removal, with one class of directors elected by the shareholders each year. TCSB's directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

### **Nomination of Director Candidates by Shareholders**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Articles provide that a shareholder of record entitled to vote in an election of directors may nominate a person for election to the IBCP board by delivering, not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting (or if the date of the annual meeting is changed by more than 20 days from such anniversary date, within 10 days after the date IBCP mails or otherwise gives notice of the date of such meeting), and not more than 10 days following the date of notice of a special meeting called for election of directors, a notice to IBCP's secretary that includes (a) the name and address of the shareholder and of the person or persons to be nominated; (b) a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record of IBCP stock entitled to vote at such meeting, will continue to hold such stock through the date on which the meeting is held, and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (c) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each nominee and any other person or persons pursuant to which the nomination is made by the shareholder; (d) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by such shareholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to Regulation 14A promulgated under Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as now in effect or hereafter modified, had the nominee been nominated by the board of directors; and (e) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director of IBCP if so elected.

*TCSB.* The TCSB Articles provide that a shareholder of record entitled to vote in an election of directors may nominate a person for election to the TCSB board by delivering, not less than 60 days and not more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting (or if the date of the annual meeting is changed by more than 20 days from such anniversary date, within 10 days after TCSB mails or otherwise gives notice of the date of such meeting), and not more than 10 days following the date of notice of a special meeting, a notice to TCSB's secretary that includes, with respect to the proposed nominee(s), (a) each nominee's name, age, business address and permanent residence address; (b) each nominee's principal occupation or employment; (c) the number of shares of capital stock of TCSB that are beneficially owned by each nominee; (d) a statement that each nominee is willing to be nominated; and (e) such other information relating to the nominee as would be required to be disclosed in solicitations for proxies for election of directors under SEC rules.

### **Removal of Directors**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Articles provide that each IBCP director may be removed, at any time, with or without cause, by (a) the affirmative vote of a majority of the continuing directors (as defined in the IBCP Articles) and at least 75% of the board of directors, or (b) the affirmative vote, at a meeting of the shareholders called for that purpose, of the holders of at least 75% of the voting power of the then outstanding shares of capital stock of IBCP entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

*TCSB.* The TCSB Articles provide that any TCSB director may be removed from office by the vote of a majority of the shares of TCSB then-entitled to vote on removal only if the board of directors first determines, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of directors, that (a) the director has been convicted of a felony and such conviction is not subject to direct appeal; (b) the director has been found by a court to be liable for negligence or

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misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to TCSB in a matter of substantial importance, and such finding is not subject to direct appeal; (c) the director has become mentally incompetent, whether or not so adjudicated, which mental incompetency directly affects his or her ability as a director of TCSB; (d) the director's actions or failure to act are deemed by the board of directors to be in derogation of the director's duties; or (e) the director's removal is required or recommended by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or its delegate.

### **Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Employees**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Articles indicate that directors and officers of IBCP will be indemnified as of right to the fullest extent permitted by law in connection with any actual or threatened civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit, or proceeding (whether brought by or in the name of IBCP, a subsidiary, or otherwise) in which a director or officer is a witness or which is brought against a director or officer in his or her capacity as a director, officer, employee, agent, or fiduciary of IBCP or of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise which the director or officer was serving at the request of IBCP. Persons who are not directors or officers of IBCP may be similarly indemnified in respect of such service to the extent authorized at any time by the board of directors of IBCP. This right of indemnity is not exclusive and IBCP may provide indemnification to any person, by agreement or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may approve.

*TCSB.* The TCSB Articles and TCSB Bylaws indicate that TCSB will indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, and whether formal or informal (other than an action by or in the right of TCSB) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director of TCSB or a subsidiary, or, while serving as such a director, is or was serving at the request of TCSB or a subsidiary as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of TCSB, a subsidiary of TCSB, or of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, whether or not for profit. Such person may also be indemnified in an action brought by or in the right of TCSB, but such indemnification is limited to expenses (including actual and reasonable attorneys' fees) and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of TCSB, or its shareholders. Officers, employees, representatives, agents and other persons who are not directors of TCSB or a subsidiary may be similarly indemnified in respect of such service to the extent authorized at any time by TCSB's board of directors. Subject to certain limited exceptions, no indemnification will be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been found liable to TCSB.

### **Shareholder Proposals**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Bylaws provide that a shareholder may propose a shareholder action at an annual or special meeting of shareholders if it is properly presented and if it is a proper subject for action by shareholders under Michigan law. For a matter to be properly presented by a shareholder, the shareholder must give notice of the matter in writing to the secretary of IBCP. The notice must be received at the principal executive offices of IBCP not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date of the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting of shareholders (or if the date of the annual meeting is changed by more than 20 days from such anniversary date, within 10 days after the date IBCP mails or otherwise gives notice of the date of the meeting) or, in the case of a special meeting, within a reasonable time before IBCP begins to print and send its proxy materials, as set forth in the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The notice must include (i) the name and address of the shareholder submitting the proposal, as they appear on IBCP's books and records; (ii) a representation that the shareholder (a) is a holder of IBCP stock entitled to vote at such meeting, (b) will continue to hold such stock through the date on which the meeting is held, and (c) intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to submit the proposal for shareholder vote; (iii) a brief description of the proposal desired to be submitted to the meeting for shareholder vote and for the reasons for

conducting such business at the meeting; and (iv) a description of any financial or other interest of such shareholder in the proposal. A shareholder proposal may also be included in IBCP's proxy materials, subject to all the requirements set forth in the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC.

*TCSB*. The TCSB Articles provide that in order for any proposal for corporate action to be properly considered and validly taken by TCSB's shareholders, whether at a meeting or by written consent, the proposal must have been submitted to the shareholders: (i) by TCSB's board of directors at any time at or prior to the shareholders' action; or (ii) by a shareholder who has been the record owner of at least one percent of TCSB's common stock for a period of not less than one year and who submitted the proposal to the board of directors not less than 60 days prior to the

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shareholders' action. The board of directors has the discretion whether or not to include or exclude from any proxy statement prepared at its direction any proposal to be presented to the shareholders, subject to all applicable laws and regulations.

### **Special Meetings of Shareholders**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Bylaws require the chairman of the board, the president or the secretary of IBCP to call a special meeting of shareholders upon receipt by them of a written request stating the purpose or purposes of the special meeting and signed by shareholders of record holding at least three-fourths of the voting shares of IBCP issued and outstanding capital stock. A special meeting of shareholders may also be called by the chairman of the board, the president, or the secretary, pursuant to a board resolution to that effect.

*TCSB.* The TCSB Bylaws permit a majority of TCSB's board of directors, the chairman, or the president to call a special meeting of the shareholders.

### **Shareholder Action Without a Meeting**

*IBCP.* Neither the IBCP Articles nor the IBCP Bylaws provide for any shareholder action to be taken without a meeting by written consent.

*TCSB.* The TCSB Articles provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by any shareholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of the shareholders and may not be effected by written consent.

### **Amendment of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Articles may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the proposed amendment, provided that if any amendment is proposed to Article VIII (relating to the Classified Board of Directors), such amendment may only be passed by the affirmative vote of 75% of the voting power of the shares of the then-outstanding voting stock, unless such amendment was approved by a majority of the continuing directors (as defined in the IBCP Articles). The IBCP Bylaws may be amended either by a majority vote of the board of directors at a regular or special meeting of the board, or by vote of the holders of a majority of the stock of IBCP voting at any annual or special meeting, if notice of the proposed amendment is contained in the notice of such meeting.

*TCSB.* The TCSB Articles may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the proposed amendment. The TCSB Articles provide that certain provisions of the TCSB Articles may only be amended by the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the holders of outstanding common stock entitled to vote, unless such amendment has first been approved by the affirmative vote of (i) 50% of the board of directors and (ii) 50% of the continuing directors (as defined in the TCSB Articles). The TCSB Bylaws may be added to, altered, amended, repealed, or replaced by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board of directors at any regular or special meeting of the board or by a majority vote of the shareholders.

### **Business Combination Restrictions and Other Shareholder Limitations**

*IBCP.* The IBCP Articles and IBCP Bylaws do not contain any special provisions relating to the approval of business combinations.

*TCSB.* The TCSB Articles define a business combination as any of the following transactions: (1) merger, consolidation, or plan of share exchange with or into another entity; (2) any sale, exchange, lease, mortgage, pledge,

transfer, or other disposition (in a single transaction or a series of related transactions) of substantially all of the assets of TCSB; (3) any liquidation or dissolution of TCSB; (4) any reorganization, recapitalization or other transaction which would result in a change of control of TCSB; or (5) any transactions, or series of related transactions having, directly or indirectly, the same effect as any of the foregoing, or any agreement, contract, or other arrangement providing for any of the foregoing.

The TCSB Articles provide that the board of directors may not approve, adopt, or recommend any proposal of any party other than TCSB to engage in any business combination, unless and until it has first evaluated the proposal. The board of directors must first determine, in its judgment, that the proposal would be in substantial compliance with all applicable laws. In evaluating a proposal to determine whether it would be in substantial compliance with law, the board of directors must consider all aspects of the proposal. If the board of directors determines, in its judgment,

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that a proposal would be in substantial compliance with all applicable laws, the board of directors must then evaluate the proposal and determine whether the proposal is in the best interests of TCSB and its shareholders. The board of directors may not approve, adopt, or recommend any such proposal unless it determines that, in its judgment, such proposal would be in the best interests of TCSB and its shareholders.

In evaluating a proposed offer to determine whether it would be in the best interests of TCSB and its shareholders, the board of directors may, in exercising its judgment, consider all factors which it deems relevant, including, without limitation: (1) the fairness of the consideration to be received by TCSB and its shareholders under the proposed offer, taking into account the apparent value of the TCSB's stock immediately prior to the announcement of the proposed offer, the historical value of its stock, the shareholders' equity, earnings and cash flow of TCSB, the price that might be achieved in a negotiated sale of TCSB as a whole, premiums over the trading price of securities in transactions which have been proposed or offered to other companies in the past in connection with similar offers, and the future prospects of TCSB; (2) the possible social and economic impact of the proposed offer and its consummation on TCSB and its subsidiaries and their employees and customers; (3) the possible social and economic impact of the proposed offer and its consummation on the communities in which TCSB and its subsidiaries operate or are located; (4) the business, financial condition, safety, soundness, and earning prospects of the offering party, including, but not limited to, debt service and other existing or likely financial obligations of the offering party; (5) the competence, experience, and integrity of the offering party and its management; and (6) the intentions of the offering party regarding the operation of TCSB and its subsidiaries, the use of the assets of TCSB and its subsidiaries to finance the transaction, or the use or disposition of the assets of TCSB and its subsidiaries upon or after consummation of the transaction.

The TCSB Articles provide that the affirmative vote of not less than 75% of the outstanding shares of TCSB's common stock entitled to vote in the election of a member of the board of directors is required for approval, adoption or authorization of any business combination; except that the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares is required if the business combination has been approved by both (i) the affirmative vote of at least 50% of the entire board of directors; and (ii) the affirmative vote of at least 50% of the continuing directors (as defined in the TCSB Articles).

The TCSB Articles provide that shareholders may dissent from any business combination, regardless of whether shareholders would have the right to dissent under the MBCA, unless that action is approved by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the entire board of directors, including at least one director of each class of the board of directors.

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### **PROPOSAL 2 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

The shareholders of TCSB are being asked to approve a proposal to adjourn or postpone the special meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event that an insufficient number of shares are present in person or by proxy to approve the merger agreement.

Under the MBCA and the TCSB Articles, the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock of TCSB entitled to vote are required to approve the merger agreement. In the event that shareholder participation at the special meeting is lower than expected, TCSB would like the flexibility to postpone or adjourn the meeting in order to attempt to secure broader shareholder participation. If TCSB desires to adjourn the special meeting, TCSB will request a motion that the special meeting be adjourned and delay the vote on the proposal to approve the merger agreement until the special meeting is reconvened.

Any adjournment will permit TCSB to solicit additional proxies and will permit a greater expression of the views of TCSB shareholders with respect to the merger. Such an adjournment would be disadvantageous to shareholders who are against the proposal to approve the merger agreement because an adjournment will give TCSB additional time to solicit favorable votes and increase the chances of approving that proposal. TCSB has no reason to believe that an adjournment of the special meeting will be necessary at this time.

**The TCSB board of directors unanimously recommends that TCSB shareholders vote FOR approval of the Adjournment Proposal.**

### **ABOUT TCSB**

TCSB is a bank holding company with its business concentrated in a single industry segment – commercial banking. Headquartered in Traverse City, Michigan, TCSB is the holding company for Traverse City State Bank, which provides community banking services in five offices: three in Traverse City, Michigan, one in Suttons Bay, Michigan, and one in Acme, Michigan. TCSB's common stock is privately held. As of September 30, 2017, TCSB had total assets of \$348.9 million, total loans of \$280.3 million, total deposits of \$291.6 million, and total shareholders' equity of \$33.4 million. More information about TCSB is available by visiting its website at [www.tcstatebank.com](http://www.tcstatebank.com).

### **Market for TCSB Common Stock and Dividends**

As of the record date, TCSB's authorized capital stock consisted of 5,000,000 shares divided into two classes, as follows: 4,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value, of which [•] shares were issued and outstanding, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, of which no shares were issued and outstanding. Shares of TCSB common stock were held by [•] shareholders of record as of the record date.

TCSB common stock is not traded on an established public trading market. TCSB is not aware of any broker who systematically publishes bid or ask quotations for the stock. Shares are traded occasionally in isolated transactions between individuals. TCSB facilitates stock transactions to a limited extent by maintaining a list of potential investors who have advised TCSB that they wish to purchase shares.

The following table lists all transactions from January 1, 2016 through the record date which were reported to TCSB's management. During this period, there might have been other transactions not reported to TCSB's management. In some cases, the price reported below is anecdotal and TCSB assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of prices reported for transactions between individuals.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Share Price</b>
03/28/16	1,155	\$ 13.50
04/08/16	2,166	\$ 14.50
04/08/16	2,167	\$ 14.50
04/08/16	4,000	\$ 14.50
04/11/16	2,000	\$ 13.50
05/03/16	100	\$ 13.50
05/03/16	126	\$ 13.50
05/03/16	100	\$ 13.50
05/17/16	5,250	\$ 13.50

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Share Price</b>
06/30/16	500	\$ 13.50
07/08/16	3,571	\$ 14.00
07/08/16	3,571	\$ 14.00
07/20/16	262	\$ 14.00
07/20/16	2,205	\$ 14.00
08/01/16	500	\$ 14.00
08/01/16	893	\$ 13.50
08/19/16	4,096	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	7,143	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	7,143	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	20,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	2,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	1,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	10,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	3,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	5,358	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	5,358	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	7,143	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	3,572	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	10,638	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	1,072	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	1,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	1,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	1,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	7,143	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	2,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	29,286	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	10,714	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	5,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	2,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	10,000	\$ 14.00
08/19/16	10,000	\$ 14.00
09/07/16	800	\$ 14.00
09/07/16	849	\$ 14.00
09/07/16	2,501	\$ 14.00
09/07/16	850	\$ 14.00
10/04/16	1,000	\$ 14.00
01/12/17	640	\$ 14.00

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01/26/17	1,000	\$ 14.25
03/03/17	2,000	\$ 13.50
03/15/17	1,680	\$ 15.00
03/20/17	1,000	\$ 15.00
03/20/17	1,300	\$ 15.00
03/20/17	600	\$ 15.00
03/20/17	1,000	\$ 15.00
03/20/17	1,000	\$ 15.00
03/20/17	5,070	\$ 15.00
03/20/17	1,400	\$ 15.00
03/20/17	700	\$ 15.00
03/22/17	1,690	\$ 15.00

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Share Price</b>
04/26/17	2,037	\$ 15.00
04/26/17	2,000	\$ 15.00
04/26/17	2,000	\$ 15.00
05/08/17	10,000	\$ 15.00
06/01/17	550	\$ 15.50
06/21/17	2,500	\$ 18.00
06/21/17	2,500	\$ 18.00
06/21/17	1,000	\$ 17.00
06/21/17	1,000	\$ 18.00
07/21/17	2,000	\$ 18.00
07/21/17	1,000	\$ 18.00
07/21/17	500	\$ 18.00
07/21/17	1,050	\$ 15.25
08/10/17	2,000	\$ 18.00
08/29/17	1,000	\$ 17.00
09/29/17	1,653	\$ 17.00
10/16/17	1,000	\$ 18.00
11/13/17	4,100	\$ 18.00

TCSB has never paid a cash dividend. The merger agreement prohibits TCSB from paying cash dividends prior to the effective time of the merger or termination of the merger agreement without the prior consent of IBCP, except that TCSB is permitted to pay a special cash dividend in limited circumstances as described in the merger agreement.

The payment of dividends by TCSB and Traverse City State Bank is affected by various regulatory requirements and policies, such as the requirement to maintain adequate capital above regulatory guidelines. The prompt corrective action provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 ( FDICIA ) impose further restrictions on the payment of dividends by insured banks which fail to meet specified capital levels and, in some cases, their parent bank holding companies. The FDICIA generally prohibits a depository institution from making any capital distribution (including payment of a dividend) or paying any management fee to its holding company if the depository institution would thereafter be undercapitalized. These regulations and restrictions may limit TCSB's ability to obtain funds from Traverse City State Bank for TCSB's cash needs, including payment of dividends and payment of operating expenses.

TCSB has issued stock options under the TCSB Bancorp, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2011. The plan was authorized by the TCSB board of directors and was approved by TCSB shareholders. As of the record date, a total of [•] shares of TCSB common stock were subject to issuance upon exercise of outstanding stock options, at a weighted exercise price of \$[•]. A total of 36,600 additional shares remain authorized for issuance under the plan, but TCSB has agreed in the merger agreement that, prior to the effective time of the merger or termination of the merger agreement, it will not issue any additional stock options or other equity awards without the prior consent of IBCP.

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Listed below are the only shareholders known by TCSB to have been the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of TCSB common stock as of the record date:

**Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock<sup>(1)</sup>**

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power <sup>(2)</sup>	Sole Dispositive Power	Shared Dispositive Power	Stock Options	Total Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Ownership
					Exercisable Within 60 Days		
Raymond Weigel 333 W. Grandview Parkway Traverse City, MI 49684	—	166,713	—	—	—	166,713	6.77 %
Thomas Pangborn 333 W. Grandview Parkway Traverse City, MI 49684	250	556,296	—	—	—	556,546	22.61 %

Based on information furnished by each shareholder listed and includes shares beneficially owned by that (1) shareholder under applicable regulations. Under these regulations, a beneficial owner of a security includes any person who, directly or indirectly, has or shares voting power or dispositive power with respect to the security.

(2) Includes shares over which the listed shareholder is legally entitled to share voting or dispositive power by reason of joint ownership, trust, or other contract or property right.

*Directors and Officers*

The following table sets forth information concerning the number of shares of TCSB common stock beneficially owned as of the record date by TCSB's directors and corporate executive officers and all of TCSB's directors and executive officers as a group.

**Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock<sup>(1)</sup>**

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power <sup>(2)</sup>	Sole Dispositive Power	Shared Dispositive Power	Stock Options	Total Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Ownership
					Exercisable Within 60 Days		
Terry Beia 333 W. Grandview Parkway Traverse City, MI 49684	—	32,500	—	—	—	32,500	1.32 %
Otto Belovich 333 W. Grandview	—	78,262	—	—	—	78,262	3.18 %

Parkway  
Traverse City, MI 49684

Ann Bollinger	39,382	—	—	—	—	39,382	1.60	%
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333 W. Grandview

Parkway

Traverse City, MI 49684

Constance Deneweth	—	74,182	—	—	—	74,182	3.01	%
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333 W. Grandview

Parkway

Traverse City, MI 49684

Thomas Dickinson	—	50,667	—	—	—	50,667	2.06	%
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333 W. Grandview

Parkway

Traverse City, MI 49684

Nancy Haller	5,100	—	—	—	—	5,100	0.21	%
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333 W. Grandview

Parkway

Traverse City, MI 49684

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					Exercisable Within 60 Days		
Thomas Pangborn 333 W. Grandview Parkway Traverse City, MI 49684	250	556,296	—	—	—	556,546	22.61 %
Daniel Stahl 333 W. Grandview Parkway Traverse City, MI 49684	7,500	1,102	—	—	—	8,602	0.35 %
David Stellingworth 333 W. Grandview Parkway Traverse City, MI 49684	—	50,601	—	—	—	50,601	2.06 %
Daniel Stoudt 333 W. Grandview Parkway Traverse City, MI 49684	—	2,000	—	—	—	2,000	0.08 %
Raymond Weigel 333 W. Grandview Parkway Traverse City, MI 49684	—	166,713	—	—	—	166,713	6.77 %

All Directors & Executive Officers  
as a group (11 persons)

52,232	1,012,323	—	—	—	1,064,555	43.25 %
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Based on information furnished by each person listed and includes shares beneficially owned by that person under applicable regulations. Under these regulations, a beneficial owner of a security includes any person who, directly (1) or indirectly, has or shares voting power or dispositive power with respect to the security. A person will also be considered the beneficial owner of a security if the person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership of the security within 60 days.

Includes shares over which the listed person is legally entitled to share voting or dispositive power by reason of (2) joint ownership, trust, or other contract or property right, and shares held by spouses and children over whom the listed person may have influence by reason of relationship.

**Regulation and Supervision**

The growth and earnings performance of TCSB can be affected by the policies of various governmental regulatory authorities including, but not limited to, the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, the IRS, and state taxing authorities. Financial institutions and their holding companies are extensively regulated under federal and state law. The effect of such statutes, regulations, and policies can be significant, and cannot be predicted with a high degree of certainty.

Federal and state laws and regulations generally applicable to financial institutions, such as TCSB and Traverse City State Bank, regulate, among other things, the scope of business, investments, reserves against deposits, capital levels relative to operations, the nature and amount of collateral for loans, the establishment of branches, mergers, consolidations, and dividends. The system of supervision and regulation applicable to TCSB and Traverse City State Bank establishes a comprehensive framework for their respective operations and is intended primarily for the protection of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's deposit insurance fund and the depositors of Traverse City State Bank, rather than the shareholders.

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### **ABOUT IBCP**

#### **Description of Business**

IBCP was incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan on September 17, 1973, for the purpose of becoming a bank holding company. IBCP is registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and owns all of the outstanding stock of Independent Bank (the bank), which is also organized under the laws of the State of Michigan.

Aside from the stock of Independent Bank, IBCP has no other substantial assets. IBCP conducts no business except for the collection of dividends or returns of capital from its bank and the payment of dividends to its shareholders and the payment of interest on subordinated debentures. IBCP has established certain employee retirement plans, including an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and deferred compensation plans, as well as health and other insurance programs, the cost of which is borne by its subsidiaries. IBCP has no material patents, trademarks, licenses or franchises except the corporate charter of Independent Bank, which permits it to engage in commercial banking pursuant to Michigan law.

Independent Bank transacts business in the single industry of commercial banking. It offers a broad range of banking services to individuals and businesses, including checking and savings accounts, commercial lending, direct and indirect consumer financing, mortgage lending, and safe deposit box services. Independent Bank does not offer trust services. Its principal markets are the rural and suburban communities across lower Michigan, which are served by the bank's main office in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a total of 62 branches, one drive-thru facility, and 12 loan production offices. IBCP also recently opened two loan production offices in Ohio (Columbus and Fairlawn). Most of Independent Bank's branches provide full-service lobby and drive-thru services, as well as automatic teller machines (ATMs). In addition, the bank provides internet and mobile banking capabilities to its customers. The Bank continues to see customer transaction volume declining at its bank offices and increasing through its electronic channels.

Independent Bank competes with other commercial banks, savings banks, credit unions, mortgage banking companies, securities brokerage companies, insurance companies, and money market mutual funds. Many of these competitors have substantially greater resources than Independent Bank does and offer certain services that the bank does not currently provide. Such competitors may also have greater lending limits than Independent Bank. In addition, non-bank competitors are generally not subject to the extensive regulations applicable to Independent Bank. Price (the interest charged on loans and paid on deposits) remains a principal means of competition within the financial services industry. Independent Bank also competes on the basis of service and convenience in providing financial services.

As of September 30, 2017, IBCP had total assets of \$2.8 billion, total loans (including loans held for sale) of \$2.0 billion, total deposits of \$2.3 billion, and total shareholders' equity of \$267.7 million. As of December 26, 2017, the bank had 756 full-time employees and 155 part-time employees.

In addition to general banking services, the bank also offers title insurance services through a separate subsidiary and investment and insurance services through a third party agreement with Cetera Investment Services LLC.

On December 30, 2016, Independent Bank and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Mepco Finance Corporation (Mepco), entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) with Seabury Asset Management LLC (Seabury). Pursuant to the terms of the APA, the bank sold its payment plan processing business, payment plan receivables, and certain other assets to Seabury, who also assumed certain liabilities of Mepco. These assets and liabilities were categorized as held for sale in the December 31, 2016 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. IBCP also recorded a \$0.32 million loss related to the sale of these assets in the fourth quarter of 2016. This transaction closed on May 18, 2017, with an effective date of May 1, 2017. As a result of the closing, Mepco sold \$33.1 million of net payment plan

receivables, \$0.5 million of commercial loans, \$0.2 million of furniture and equipment and \$1.6 million of other assets to Seabury, who also assumed \$2.0 million of specified liabilities. Mepco was renamed IB Holding Company in May 2017 and was liquidated on June 30, 2017, with the remaining assets and liabilities transferred to the bank. IBCP does not believe that the sale of the Mepco business and assets will have a significant impact on its future overall financial condition or results of operations.

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On a consolidated basis, the bank's principal sources of revenue are interest and fees on loans, other interest income, and non-interest income. The sources of revenue for the three most recent years are as follows:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Interest and fees on loans	57.6 %	58.6 %	60.2 %
Other interest income	9.6	8.2	7.3
Non-interest income	32.8	33.2	32.5
	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %

*Supervision and Regulation*

The following is a summary of certain statutes and regulations affecting IBCP. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutes and regulations. A change in applicable laws or regulations may have a material effect on IBCP.

General

Financial institutions and their holding companies are extensively regulated under federal and state law. Consequently, IBCP's growth and earnings performance can be affected not only by management decisions and general and local economic conditions, but also by the statutes administered by, and the regulations and policies of, various governmental regulatory authorities. Those authorities include, but are not limited to, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ( FDIC ), the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services ( Michigan DIFS ), the Internal Revenue Service, and state taxing authorities. The effect of such statutes, regulations and policies and any changes thereto can be significant and cannot necessarily be predicted.

Federal and state laws and regulations generally applicable to financial institutions and their holding companies regulate, among other things, the scope of business, investments, reserves against deposits, capital levels, lending activities and practices, the nature and amount of collateral for loans, the establishment of branches, mergers, consolidations and dividends. The system of supervision and regulation applicable to IBCP establishes a comprehensive framework for its operations and is intended primarily for the protection of the FDIC's deposit insurance fund, the bank's depositors, and the public, rather than IBCP's shareholders.

Independent Bank Corporation

IBCP is a bank holding company and, as such, is registered with, and subject to regulation by, the Federal Reserve under the Bank Holding Company Act, as amended (the BHCA ). Under the BHCA, IBCP is subject to periodic examination by the Federal Reserve and is required to file periodic reports of operations and such additional information as the Federal Reserve may require.

Federal law requires bank holding companies to act as a source of strength to their bank subsidiaries and to commit capital and financial resources to support those subsidiaries. Such support may be required by the Federal Reserve at times when IBCP might otherwise determine not to provide it.

In addition, if the Michigan DIFS deems a bank's capital to be impaired, it may require a bank to restore its capital by special assessment upon the bank holding company, as the bank's sole shareholder. If the bank holding company failed to pay such assessment, the directors of that bank would be required, under Michigan law, to sell the shares of bank stock owned by the bank holding company to the highest bidder at either public or private auction and use the proceeds of the sale to restore the bank's capital.

Any capital loans by a bank holding company to a subsidiary bank are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of such subsidiary bank. In the event of a bank holding company's bankruptcy, any commitment by the bank holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank will be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to a priority of payment.

Investments and Activities

Federal law places restrictions on the ability of IBCP to engage in certain transactions, make investments, and participate (directly or indirectly through a subsidiary) in various activities.

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In general, any direct or indirect acquisition by a bank holding company of any voting shares of any bank which would result in the bank holding company's direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of any class of voting shares of such bank, and any merger or consolidation of the bank holding company with another bank holding company, will require the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve under the BHCA. In acting on such applications, the Federal Reserve must consider various statutory factors including the effect of the proposed transaction on competition in relevant geographic and product markets and each party's financial condition, managerial resources, and record of performance under the Community Reinvestment Act.

The merger or consolidation of an existing bank subsidiary of a bank holding company with another bank, or the acquisition by such a subsidiary of the assets of another bank, or the assumption of the deposit and other liabilities by such a subsidiary requires the prior written approval of the responsible federal regulatory agency under the Bank Merger Act, based upon a consideration of statutory factors similar to those outlined above with respect to the BHCA. In addition, in certain cases, an application to, and the prior approval of, the Federal Reserve under the BHCA and/or Michigan DIFS under Michigan banking laws, may be required.

With certain limited exceptions, the BHCA prohibits any bank holding company from engaging, either directly or indirectly through a subsidiary, in any activity other than managing or controlling banks unless the proposed non-banking activity is one the Federal Reserve has determined to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident thereto. Under current Federal Reserve regulations, such permissible non-banking activities include such things as mortgage banking, equipment leasing, securities brokerage, and consumer and commercial finance company operations. Well-capitalized and well-managed bank holding companies may, however, engage *de novo* in certain types of non-banking activities without prior notice to, or approval of, the Federal Reserve, provided that written notice of the new activity is given to the Federal Reserve within 10 business days after the activity is commenced. If a bank holding company wishes to engage in a non-banking activity by acquiring a going concern, prior notice and/or prior approval will be required, depending upon the activities in which the company to be acquired is engaged, the size of the company to be acquired and the financial and managerial condition of the acquiring bank holding company.

Eligible bank holding companies that elect to operate as financial holding companies may engage in, or own shares in companies engaged in, a wider range of non-banking activities, including securities and insurance activities and any other activity the Federal Reserve, in consultation with the Treasury, determines by regulation or order is financial in nature, incidental to any such financial activity or complementary to any such financial activity and does not pose a substantial risk to the safety or soundness of depository institutions or the financial system generally. The BHCA generally does not place territorial restrictions on the domestic activities of non-bank subsidiaries of bank or financial holding companies. IBCP has not applied for approval to operate as a financial holding company and has no current intention of doing so.

### Capital Requirements

The Federal Reserve uses capital adequacy guidelines in its examination and regulation of bank holding companies. If capital falls below minimum guidelines, a bank holding company may, among other things, be denied approval to acquire or establish additional banks or non-bank businesses.

The Federal Reserve's capital guidelines establish the following minimum regulatory capital requirements for bank holding companies: (i) a leverage capital requirement expressed as a percentage of total assets, and (ii) a risk-based requirement expressed as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets. The leverage capital requirement consists of a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital (which consists principally of shareholders' equity) to total assets of 3% for the most highly-rated companies with minimum requirements of 4% to 5% for all others. The risk-based requirement consists of a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8%, of which at least one-half must be Tier 1 capital. The risk-based and leverage standards presently used by the Federal Reserve are minimum requirements, and

higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual banking organizations. The federal bank regulatory agencies are required biennially to review risk-based capital standards to ensure that they adequately address interest rate risk, concentration of credit risk and risks from non-traditional activities.

IBCP's Tier 1 capital as of September 30, 2017, includes \$34.5 million of trust preferred securities (classified on its balance sheet as Subordinated debentures). The Federal Reserve has issued rules regarding trust preferred securities as a component of the Tier 1 capital of bank holding companies. The aggregate amount of trust preferred securities and certain other capital elements is limited to 25 percent of Tier 1 capital elements, net of goodwill (net

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of any associated deferred tax liability). The amount of trust preferred securities and certain other elements in excess of the limit could be included in the Tier 2 capital, subject to restrictions. The provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act adopted in 2010 (the Dodd-Frank Act ) imposed additional limitations on the ability to include trust preferred securities as Tier 1 capital; however, these additional limitations do not apply to IBCP s outstanding trust preferred securities.

On January 1, 2015, IBCP became subject to new regulatory capital rules issued by the Federal Reserve in 2013. In general, these new capital rules increase the minimum requirements for both the quantity and quality of capital IBCP maintains. The rules include a new minimum ratio of common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of 4.5% and a common equity Tier 1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets. This 2.5% capital conservation buffer is being phased in over a four-year period that began in 2016. The rules also raise the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4% to 6% and include a minimum leverage ratio of 4%. As to the quality of capital, the new rules emphasize common equity Tier 1 capital, the most loss-absorbing form of capital, and implements strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments. The rules also change the methodology for calculating risk-weighted assets to enhance risk sensitivity. The application of the new capital rules to IBCP is described below. Under these new capital rules, IBCP s existing trust preferred securities are grandfathered as qualifying regulatory capital. IBCP believes it currently exceeds all of the capital ratio requirements of these new capital rules.

Dividends

Historically, most of IBCP s revenues have been received in the form of dividends paid by its bank. IBCP can also make requests for returns of capital from its bank; however, such requests require the approval of the Michigan DIFS. Thus, IBCP s ability to pay dividends to its shareholders is indirectly limited by restrictions on the ability of its bank to pay dividends or return capital to IBCP, as described below. Further, in a policy statement, the Federal Reserve has expressed its view that a bank holding company experiencing earnings weaknesses should not pay cash dividends exceeding its net income or that can only be funded in ways that weaken the bank holding company s financial health, such as by borrowing. The Federal Reserve possesses enforcement powers over bank holding companies and their non-bank subsidiaries to prevent or remedy actions that represent unsafe or unsound practices or violations of applicable statutes and regulations. Among these powers is the ability to proscribe the payment of dividends by banks and bank holding companies. The prompt corrective action provisions of federal law and regulation authorize the Federal Reserve to restrict the amount of dividends that can be paid by an insured bank that fails to meet specified capital levels.

In addition to the restrictions on dividends imposed by the Federal Reserve, the Michigan Business Corporation Act provides that dividends may be legally declared or paid only if, after the distribution, the corporation can pay its debts as they come due in the usual course of business and its total assets equal or exceed the sum of its liabilities plus the amount that would be needed to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of any holders of preferred stock whose preferential rights are superior to those receiving the distribution.

Change in Control Limitations

Subject to certain exceptions, the Change in the Bank Control Act ( Control Act ) and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Federal Reserve, require any person acting directly or indirectly, or through or in concert with one or more persons, to give the Federal Reserve 60 days written notice before acquiring control of a bank holding company. Pursuant to the Control Act, the Federal Reserve has the authority to prevent any such acquisition. Transactions that are presumed to constitute the acquisition of control include the acquisition of any voting securities of a bank holding company having securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if, after the transaction, the acquiring person (or persons acting in concert) owns, controls or holds with

power to vote 10% or more of any class of voting securities of the institution.

Federal Securities Regulation

IBCP's common stock is registered with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). IBCP is therefore subject to the information, proxy solicitation, insider trading and other restrictions and requirements of the SEC under the Exchange Act.

Independent Bank

Independent Bank is a Michigan banking corporation and a member of the Federal Reserve System, and its deposit accounts are insured by the FDIC's Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF). As a member of the Federal Reserve

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System and a Michigan-chartered bank, the bank is subject to the examination, supervision, reporting and enforcement requirements of the Federal Reserve as its primary federal regulator and the Michigan DIFS as the chartering authority for Michigan banks. These agencies and the federal and state laws applicable to the bank and its operations extensively regulate various aspects of the banking business including, among other things, permissible types and amounts of loans, investments and other activities, capital adequacy, branching, interest rates on loans and on deposits, the maintenance of non-interest bearing reserves on deposit accounts, and the safety and soundness of banking practices.

### Deposit Insurance

As an FDIC-insured institution, the bank is required to pay deposit insurance premium assessments to the FDIC. Under the FDIC's risk-based assessment system for deposit insurance premiums, all insured depository institutions are placed into one of four categories (Risk Categories I, II, III, and IV), based primarily on their level of capital and supervisory evaluations, for purposes of determining the institution's assessment rate. Deposit insurance premium assessments are generally based on an institution's total assets minus its tangible equity.

### FICO Assessments

The bank, as a member of the DIF, is subject to assessments to cover the payments on outstanding obligations of the Financing Corporation ( FICO ). FICO was created to finance the recapitalization of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the predecessor to the FDIC's Savings Association Insurance Fund, which was created to insure the deposits of thrift institutions and was merged with the Bank Insurance Fund into the newly formed DIF in 2006. From now until the maturity of the outstanding FICO obligations in 2019, DIF members will share the cost of the interest on the FICO bonds on a pro rata basis. It is estimated that FICO assessments during this period will be approximately 0.006% of average tangible assets.

### Michigan DIFS Assessments

Michigan banks are required to pay supervisory fees to the Michigan DIFS to fund their operations. The amount of supervisory fees paid by a bank is based upon the bank's total assets.

### Capital Requirements

The Federal Reserve has established the following minimum capital standards for state-chartered, FDIC-insured member banks, such as Independent Bank: a leverage requirement consisting of a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets of 3% for the most highly-rated banks with minimum requirements of 4% to 5% for all others, and a risk-based capital requirement consisting of a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8%, at least one-half of which must be Tier 1 capital. Tier 1 capital consists principally of shareholders' equity. These capital requirements are minimum requirements. Higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual institutions. For example, Federal Reserve regulations provide that higher capital may be required to take adequate account of, among other things, interest rate risk and the risks posed by concentrations of credit, nontraditional activities, or securities trading activities.

On January 1, 2015, Independent Bank became subject to new regulatory capital rules issued by the Federal Reserve in 2013. In general, these new capital rules increase the minimum requirements for both the quantity and quality of capital the bank maintains. The rules include a new minimum ratio of common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of 4.5% and a common equity Tier 1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets. This 2.5% capital conservation buffer is being phased in over a four-year period that began in 2016. The rules also raise the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4% to 6% and include a minimum leverage ratio of 4%.

As to the quality of capital, the new rules emphasize common equity Tier 1 capital, the most loss-absorbing form of capital, and implements strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments. The rules also change the methodology for calculating risk-weighted assets to enhance risk sensitivity. The application of the new capital rules to IBCP is described below. IBCP believes it currently exceeds all of the capital ratio requirements of these new capital rules.

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Federal law provides the federal banking regulators with broad power to take prompt corrective action to resolve the problems of undercapitalized institutions. The extent of the regulators' powers depends on whether the institution in question is well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, or critically undercapitalized. Federal regulations define these capital categories as follows:

	<b>Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio</b>	<b>Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital Ratio</b>	<b>Common Equity Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital Ratio</b>	<b>Leverage Ratio</b>
Well capitalized	10% or above	8% or above	6.5% or above	5% or above
Adequately capitalized	8% or above	6% or above	4.5% or above	4% or above
Undercapitalized	Less than 8%	Less than 6%	Less than 4.5%	Less than 4%
Significantly undercapitalized	Less than 6%	Less than 4%	Less than 3%	Less than 3%
Critically undercapitalized	Tangible equity to total assets of 2% or less			

At September 30, 2017, Independent Bank's ratios exceeded minimum requirements for the well-capitalized category.

Depending upon the capital category to which an institution is assigned, the regulators' corrective powers include: requiring the submission of a capital restoration plan; placing limits on asset growth and restrictions on activities; requiring the institution to issue additional capital stock (including additional voting stock) or to be acquired; restricting transactions with affiliates; restricting the interest rates the institution may pay on deposits; ordering a new election of directors of the institution; requiring that senior executive officers or directors be dismissed; prohibiting the institution from accepting deposits from correspondent banks; requiring the institution to divest certain subsidiaries; prohibiting the payment of principal or interest on subordinated debt; and ultimately, appointing a receiver for the institution.

In general, a depository institution may be reclassified to a lower category than is indicated by its capital levels if the appropriate federal depository institution regulatory agency determines the institution to be otherwise in an unsafe or unsound condition or to be engaged in an unsafe or unsound practice. This could include a failure by the institution to correct the deficiency following receipt of a less-than-satisfactory rating on its most recent examination report.

Dividends

Under Michigan law, banks are restricted as to the maximum amount of dividends they may pay on their common stock. Independent Bank may not pay dividends except out of its net income after deducting its losses and bad debts. In addition, a Michigan bank may not declare or pay a dividend unless the bank will have a surplus amounting to at least 20 percent of its capital after the payment of the dividend.

In addition, as a member of the Federal Reserve System, Independent Bank is required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve for the declaration or payment of a dividend if the total of all dividends declared in any year will exceed the total of (a) the bank's retained net income (as defined by federal regulation) for that year, plus (b) the bank's retained net income for the preceding two years.

Federal law also generally prohibits a depository institution from making any capital distribution (including payment of a dividend) or paying any management fee to its holding company if the depository institution would thereafter be undercapitalized. In addition, the Federal Reserve may prohibit the payment of dividends by a bank if such payment is determined, by reason of the financial condition of the bank, to be an unsafe and unsound banking practice or if the bank is in default of payment of any assessment due to the FDIC.

Insider Transactions

Independent Bank is subject to certain restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve Act on covered transactions with IBCP or its subsidiaries, which include investments in IBCP stock or other securities issued by IBCP or its subsidiaries, the acceptance of IBCP stock or other securities issued by IBCP or its subsidiaries as collateral for loans, and extensions of credit to IBCP or its subsidiaries. Certain limitations and reporting requirements are also placed on extensions of credit by Independent Bank to the directors and officers of the holding company, the bank, and the subsidiaries of the bank; to the principal shareholders of the holding company; and to related interests of such directors, officers, and principal shareholders. In addition, federal law and regulations may affect

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the terms upon which any person becoming one of IBCP's directors or officers or a principal shareholder may obtain credit from banks with which Independent Bank maintains a correspondent relationship.

### Safety and Soundness Standards

Pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 ( FDICIA ), the FDIC adopted guidelines to establish operational and managerial standards to promote the safety and soundness of federally-insured depository institutions. The guidelines establish standards for internal controls, information systems, internal audit systems, loan documentation, credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth, compensation, fees and benefits, asset quality, and earnings.

### Investment and Other Activities

Under federal law and regulations, FDIC-insured state banks are prohibited, subject to certain exceptions, from making or retaining equity investments of a type, or in an amount, that are not permissible for a national bank. FDICIA, as implemented by FDIC regulations, also prohibits FDIC-insured state banks and their subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions, from engaging as a principal in any activity that is not permitted for a national bank or its subsidiary, respectively, unless the bank meets, and continues to meet, its minimum regulatory capital requirements and the bank's primary federal regulator determines the activity would not pose a significant risk to the DIF. Impermissible investments and activities must be otherwise divested or discontinued within certain time frames set by the bank's primary federal regulator in accordance with federal law. These restrictions are not currently expected to have a material impact on the operations of IBCP.

### Consumer Banking

Independent Bank's business includes making a variety of types of loans to individuals. In making these loans, the bank is subject to state usury and other consumer protection laws and to various federal statutes, including provisions of the Gramm Leach-Bliley Act aimed at protecting the privacy of consumer financial information, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, and the regulations promulgated under these statutes, which (among other things) prohibit discrimination, specify disclosures to be made to borrowers regarding credit and settlement costs, and regulate the mortgage loan servicing activities of the bank, including the maintenance and operation of escrow accounts and the transfer of mortgage loan servicing. In receiving deposits, the bank is subject to extensive regulation under state and federal law and regulations, including the Truth in Savings Act, the Expedited Funds Availability Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. Violation of these laws could result in the imposition of significant damages and fines upon the bank and its directors and officers.

A number of new consumer protection laws were implemented following the recent recession, including:

The Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan (HASP) was implemented in 2009 to support a recovery in the housing market and ensure that borrowers can continue to pay off their mortgages through initiatives such as access to low-cost refinancing for responsible homeowners suffering from falling home prices; a \$75 billion homeowner stability plan to prevent foreclosure, and support of low mortgage rates by strengthening confidence in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The Dodd-Frank Act, adopted in 2010, included the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), which was given the power to issue and enforce certain consumer protection laws. The CFPB has issued several new consumer protection regulations, including regulations that impact residential mortgage lending and servicing.

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The Dodd-Frank Act also implemented new restrictions on how mortgage brokers and loan originators may be compensated.

We have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, increased costs and expenses related to compliance with these and other new consumer protection regulations.

Branching Authority

Michigan banks, such as Independent Bank, have the authority under Michigan law to establish branches anywhere in the State of Michigan, subject to receipt of all required regulatory approvals. Banks may establish

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interstate branch networks through acquisitions of other banks. The establishment of *de novo* interstate branches or the acquisition of individual branches of a bank in another state (rather than the acquisition of an out-of-state bank in its entirety) is allowed only if specifically authorized by state law.

Michigan permits both U.S. and non-U.S. banks to establish branch offices in Michigan. The Michigan Banking Code permits, in appropriate circumstances and with the approval of the Michigan DIFS (1) the acquisition of Michigan banks by FDIC-insured banks or savings banks located in other states, (2) the sale by a Michigan bank of branches to an FDIC-insured bank or savings bank located in a state in which a Michigan bank could purchase branches of the purchasing entity, (3) the consolidation of Michigan banks and FDIC-insured banks or savings banks located in other states having laws permitting such consolidation, (4) the establishment of branches in Michigan by FDIC-insured banks located in other states, the District of Columbia or U.S. territories or protectorates having laws permitting a Michigan bank to establish a branch in such jurisdiction, and (5) the establishment by foreign banks of branches located in Michigan.

Future Legislation

Various other legislative and regulatory initiatives, including proposals to overhaul the bank regulatory system, are from time to time introduced in Congress and state legislatures, as well as regulatory agencies. Such future legislation regarding financial institutions may change banking statutes and IBCP's operating environment in substantial and unpredictable ways and could increase or decrease the cost of doing business, limit or expand permissible activities, or affect the competitive balance among organizations within the industry. The nature and extent of future legislative and regulatory changes affecting financial institutions is very unpredictable. IBCP cannot determine the ultimate effect that any such potential legislation, if enacted, would have upon its financial condition or results of operations.

Available Information

IBCP's annual reports on Forms 10-K, quarterly reports on Forms 10-Q, current reports on Forms 8-K, and all amendments to those reports are available free of charge through its website at [www.IndependentBank.com](http://www.IndependentBank.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Statistical DisclosuresInvestment Portfolio

The following table sets forth the fair value of securities at December 31:

	2016	2015	2014
	(in thousands)		
Trading - preferred stock	\$ 410	\$ 148	\$ 203
<u>Available for sale</u>			
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	\$ 170,899	\$ 144,984	\$ 143,415
U.S. agency residential mortgage-backed	156,289	196,056	257,558
Other asset backed	146,709	116,904	32,353
Corporate	56,180	38,614	22,664
Private label mortgage-backed	34,727	4,903	6,013
U.S. agency	28,988	47,512	35,006

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U.S. agency commercial mortgage-backed	12,632	34,028	33,728
Trust preferred	2,579	2,483	2,441
Foreign government	1,613	—	—
Total	\$ 610,616	\$ 585,484	\$ 533,178

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The following table sets forth contractual maturities of securities at December 31, 2016 and the weighted average yield of such securities:

	<b>Maturing Within One Year</b>		<b>Maturing After One But Within Five Years</b>		<b>Maturing After Five But Within Ten Years</b>		<b>Maturing After Ten Years</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Yield</b>
<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>								
Trading - Preferred stock							\$ 410	0.00 %
Tax equivalent adjustment for calculation of yield							\$ —	
<u>Available for sale</u>								
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	\$ 9,823	2.11 %	\$ 58,655	2.59 %	\$ 43,478	3.53 %	\$ 58,943	3.48 %
U.S. agency residential mortgage-backed	—		55,159	1.36	56,278	1.44	44,852	2.32
Other asset backed	67,810	1.92	68,613	1.98	8,734	1.81	1,552	1.45
Corporate	8,388	1.67	33,509	2.07	14,283	3.30	—	
Private label mortgage-backed	13,340	5.58	7,719	2.47	12,442	3.12	1,226	5.67
U.S. agency	540	2.33	8,069	1.50	20,379	1.93	—	
U.S. agency commercial mortgage-backed	2,128	1.01	9,099	2.47	—		1,405	2.92
Trust preferred	—		—		—		2,579	2.10
Foreign government	—		1,613	4.34	—		—	
Total	\$ 102,029	2.38 %	\$ 242,436	2.03 %	\$ 155,594	2.41 %	\$ 110,557	2.96 %
Tax equivalent adjustment for calculation of yield	\$ 37		\$ 371		\$ 361		\$ 198	

The rates set forth in the tables above for those obligations of state and political subdivisions that are tax exempt have been restated on a tax equivalent basis assuming a marginal tax rate of 35%. The amount of the adjustment is as follows.

<b>Available for sale</b>	<b>Tax-Exempt</b>		<b>Rate on Tax Equivalent Basis</b>	
	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Under 1 year	1.66 %	0.90 %	2.56 %	
1-5 years	1.89	1.02	2.91	
5-10 years	2.49	1.34	3.83	
After 10 years	3.40	1.83	5.23	



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The following table sets forth total loans outstanding at December 31:

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	(in thousands)				
Loans held for sale <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 67,380	\$ 27,866	\$ 23,662	\$ 20,390	\$ 50,779
Mortgage	538,615	498,036	471,435	486,115	526,969
Commercial	804,017	748,398	690,955	635,234	617,258
Installment	265,616	234,017	207,571	192,583	190,220
Payment plan receivables	—	34,599	40,001	60,638	84,692
Total Loans	\$ 1,675,628	\$ 1,542,916	\$ 1,433,624	\$ 1,394,960	\$ 1,469,918

(1) 2016 includes \$30.6 million of payment plan receivables and \$0.8 million commercial loans related to the pending sale of Mepco and \$35.9 of 1-4 family residential mortgages.

The loan portfolio is periodically and systematically reviewed, and the results of these reviews are reported to the Board of Directors of Independent Bank. The purpose of these reviews is to assist in assuring proper loan documentation, to facilitate compliance with applicable laws and regulations, to provide for the early identification of potential problem loans (which enhances collection prospects) and to evaluate the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses.

The following table sets forth scheduled loan repayments (excluding 1-4 family residential mortgages and installment loans) at December 31, 2016:

	Due			
	Due Within One Year	After One But Within Five Years	Due After Five Years	Total
	(in thousands)			
Mortgage	\$ 9	\$ 110	\$ 53,688	\$ 53,807
Commercial	83,006	239,598	481,413	804,017
Total	\$ 83,015	\$ 239,708	\$ 535,101	\$ 857,824

The following table sets forth loans due after one year which have predetermined (fixed) interest rates and/or adjustable (variable) interest rates at December 31, 2016:

	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate	Total
	(in thousands)		
Due after one but within five years	\$ 102,990	\$ 136,718	\$ 239,708
Due after five years	306,827	228,274	535,101
Total	\$ 409,817	\$ 364,992	\$ 774,809

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The following table sets forth loans on non-accrual, loans ninety days or more past due and troubled debt restructured loans at December 31:

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	(in thousands)				
(a) Loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis <sup>(1, 2)</sup>	\$ 13,364	\$ 10,607	\$ 15,231	\$ 17,905	\$ 32,929
(b) Aggregate amount of loans ninety days or more past due (excludes loans in (a) above)	—	116	7	—	7
(c) Loans not included above which are troubled debt restructurings as defined by accounting guidance	70,286	81,512	102,971	114,887	126,730
Total	\$ 83,650	\$ 92,235	\$ 118,209	\$ 132,792	\$ 159,666

The accrual of interest income is discontinued when a loan becomes 90 days past due and the borrower's capacity to (1) repay the loan and collateral values appear insufficient. Non-accrual loans may be restored to accrual status when interest and principal payments are current and the loan appears otherwise collectible.

Interest in the amount of \$4.42 million would have been earned in 2016 had loans in categories (a) and (c) (2) remained at their original terms; however, only \$3.32 million was included in interest income for the year with respect to these loans.

Other loans of concern identified by the loan review department which are not included as non-performing in the table above were zero at December 31, 2016.

At December 31, 2016, there was no concentration of loans exceeding 10% of total loans which is not already disclosed as a category of loans in this section Loan Portfolio.

There were no other interest-bearing assets at December 31, 2016, that would be required to be disclosed above, if such assets were loans.

There were no foreign loans at December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012.

Summary of Loan Loss Experience

The following table sets forth loan balances and summarizes the changes in the allowance for loan losses for each of the years ended December 31:

	2016	2015	2014
	(dollars in thousands)		
Total loans outstanding at the end of the year (net of unearned fees)	\$ 1,675,628	\$ 1,542,916	\$ 1,433,624
Average total loans outstanding for the year (net of unearned fees)	\$ 1,599,899	\$ 1,461,480	\$ 1,388,772

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	<b>Loan Losses</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>	<b>Loan Losses</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>	<b>Loan Losses</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 22,570	\$ 652	\$ 25,990	\$ 539	\$ 32,325	\$ 508
Loans charged-off						
Mortgage	2,599		2,567		4,119	
Commercial	1,317		1,694		4,613	
Installment	1,671		1,467		1,885	
Payment plan receivables	—		—		2	
Total loans charged-off	5,587		5,728		10,619	
Recoveries of loans previously charged-off						
Mortgage	1,047		1,258		1,397	
Commercial	2,472		2,656		4,914	
Installment	1,100		1,108		1,104	
Payment plan receivables	—		—		5	
Total recoveries	4,619		5,022		7,420	
Net loans charged-off	968		706		3,199	
Reclassification to loans held for sale	59					
Additions (deductions) included in operations	(1,309 )	(2 )	(2,714 )	113	(3,136 )	31
Balance at end of year	\$ 20,234	\$ 650	\$ 22,570	\$ 652	\$ 25,990	\$ 539
Net loans charged-off as a percent of average loans outstanding (includes loans held for sale) for the year	0.06 %		0.05 %		0.23 %	
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of loans outstanding (includes loans held for sale) at the end of the year	1.21		1.46		1.81	
				<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	
				<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>		
Total loans outstanding at the end of the year (net of unearned fees)				\$ 1,394,960	\$ 1,469,918	
Average total loans outstanding for the year (net of unearned fees)				\$ 1,413,796	\$ 1,550,456	

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	<b>Loan Losses</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>	<b>Loan Losses</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 44,275	\$ 598	\$ 58,884	\$ 1,286
Loans charged-off				
Mortgage	6,319		10,741	
Commercial	7,358		12,588	
Installment	2,520		4,009	
Payment plan receivables	35		70	
Total loans charged-off	16,232		27,408	
Recoveries of loans previously charged-off				
Mortgage	1,996		1,581	
Commercial	5,119		3,610	
Installment	1,074		1,311	
Payment plan receivables	81		20	
Total recoveries	8,270		6,522	
Net loans charged-off	7,962		20,886	
Reclassification to loans held for sale			610	
Additions (deductions) included in operations	(3,988 )	(90 )	6,887	(688 )
Balance at end of year	\$ 32,325	\$ 508	\$ 44,275	\$ 598

Net loans charged-off as a percent of average loans outstanding (includes loans held for sale) for the year

0.56 %	1.35 %
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Allowance for loan losses as a percent of loans outstanding (includes loans held for sale) at the end of the year

2.32	3.01
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The allowance for loan losses reflected above is a valuation allowance in its entirety and the only allowance available to absorb probable incurred loan losses.

Further discussion of the provision and allowance for loan losses (a critical accounting policy) as well as non-performing loans, is presented in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, beginning on page 83 of this prospectus and proxy statement.

We have allocated the allowance for loan losses to provide for probable incurred losses within the categories of loans set forth in the table below. The amount of the allowance that is allocated and the ratio of loans within each category to total loans at December 31 follow:

	<b>2016</b>		<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>	
	<b>Allowance Amount</b>	<b>Percent of Loans to Total Loans</b>	<b>Allowance Amount</b>	<b>Percent of Loans to Total Loans</b>	<b>Allowance Amount</b>	<b>Percent of Loans to Total Loans</b>
	(dollars in thousands)					
Commercial	\$ 4,880	48.0 %	\$ 5,670	48.5 %	\$ 5,445	48.2 %

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Mortgage	8,681	34.3	10,391	34.1	13,444	34.5
Installment	1,011	15.9	1,181	15.2	1,814	14.5
Payment plan receivables <sup>(1)</sup>	—	1.8	56	2.2	64	2.8
Subjective allocation	5,662	—	5,272	—	5,223	—
Total	\$ 20,234	100.0 %	\$ 22,570	100.0 %	\$ 25,990	100.0 %

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	2013		2012	
	Allowance Amount	Percent of Loans to Total Loans	Allowance Amount	Percent of Loans to Total Loans
	(dollars in thousands)			
Commercial	\$ 6,827	45.5 %	\$ 11,402	42.2 %
Mortgage	17,195	36.3	21,447	39.1
Installment	2,246	13.8	3,378	12.9
Payment plan receivables	97	4.4	144	5.8
Subjective allocation	5,960	—	7,904	—
Total	\$ 32,325	100.0 %	\$ 44,275	100.0 %

(1) Allowance of \$0.06 million related to payment plan receivables was reclassified to loans held for sale at December 31, 2016.

Deposits

The following table sets forth average deposit balances and the weighted-average rates paid thereon for the years ended December 31:

	2016		2015		2014	
	Average Balance	Rate	Average Balance	Rate	Average Balance	Rate
	(dollars in thousands)					
Non-interest bearing	\$ 688,697		\$ 619,206		\$ 540,107	
Savings and interest-bearing checking	1,018,685	0.11 %	988,504	0.11 %	951,745	0.11 %
Time	447,243	0.86	386,035	0.76	413,729	0.94
Total	\$ 2,154,625	0.23 %	\$ 1,993,745	0.20 %	\$ 1,905,581	0.26 %

The following table summarizes time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more by time remaining until maturity at December 31, 2016:

	(in thousands)
Three months or less	\$ 46,294
Over three through six months	75,516
Over six months through one year	119,143
Over one year	50,799
Total	\$ 291,752

Return on Equity and Assets

The ratio of net income to average shareholders equity and to average total assets, and certain other ratios, for the years ended December 31 follow:

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
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Net income as a percent of<sup>(1)</sup>

Average common equity	9.21 %	7.89 %	7.43 %	64.22 %	68.29 %
Average total assets	0.92	0.86	0.80	3.87	0.92
Dividends declared per share as a percent of diluted net income per share	32.38	30.23	23.38	0.00	0.00
Average shareholders' equity as a percent of average total assets	9.98	10.93	10.83	8.69	4.82

(1) These amounts are calculated using net income applicable to common stock.

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Additional performance ratios are set forth in Selected Consolidated Financial Data, on page 8 of this prospectus and proxy statement. Any significant changes in the current trend of the above ratios are reviewed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, which begins on page 82 of this prospectus and proxy statement.

### Short-Term Borrowings

Short-term borrowings are discussed in note 9 to the consolidated financial statements, which are included in this prospectus and proxy statement beginning on page F-85.

### **Description of Property**

IBCP operates a total of 83 facilities in Michigan and 2 leased facilities in Ohio.

With the exception of the potential remodeling of certain facilities to provide for the efficient use of work space or to maintain an appropriate appearance, each property is considered reasonably adequate for current and anticipated needs.

### **Legal Proceedings**

In December 2016, IBCP reached a tentative settlement regarding litigation initiated against it in Wayne County, Michigan Circuit Court. The court issued a preliminary approval of this settlement in the first quarter of 2017. This litigation concerned checking account transaction sequencing during a period from February 2009 to June 2011. Under the terms of the settlement, IBCP agreed to pay \$2.2 million and is also responsible for class notification costs and certain other expenses which are estimated to total approximately \$0.1 million. IBCP recorded a \$2.3 million expense in the fourth quarter of 2016 for this settlement. Although IBCP denies any liability associated with this matter and believed it had meritorious defenses to the allegations in the complaint, given the costs and uncertainty of litigation, it was determined that this settlement was in the best interests of the organization.

IBCP is also involved in various other litigation matters in the ordinary course of business. At the present time, IBCP does not believe any of these other matters will have a significant impact on its consolidated financial position or results of operations. The aggregate amount IBCP has accrued for losses it considers probable as a result of these other litigation matters is immaterial. However, because of the inherent uncertainty of outcomes from any litigation matter, IBCP believes it is reasonably possible it may incur losses in addition to the amounts it has accrued. At this time, IBCP estimates the maximum amount of additional losses that are reasonably possible is insignificant. However, because of a number of factors, including the fact that certain of these other litigation matters are still in their early stages and involve claims for which, at this point, IBCP believes have little to no merit, this maximum amount may change in the future.

The litigation matters described in the preceding paragraph primarily include claims that have been brought against IBCP for damages, but do not include litigation matters where IBCP seeks to collect amounts owed to it by third parties (such as litigation initiated to collect delinquent loans). These excluded, collection-related matters may involve claims or counterclaims by the opposing party or parties, but IBCP has excluded such matters from the disclosure contained in the preceding paragraph in all cases where IBCP believes the possibility of its paying damages to any opposing party is remote.

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion and analysis is intended as a review of significant factors affecting the financial condition and results of operations of IBCP, Independent Bank (the Bank), and their subsidiaries for the periods indicated. When used in this section, we, us, our, and similar terms refer to IBCP and its subsidiaries, as a whole. The discussion should be read in conjunction with the historical financial data included within this prospectus and proxy statement, including the Consolidated Financial Statements (and related Notes) beginning on page F-85 and the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements (and related Notes) beginning on page F-1 below, and all other information set forth in this prospectus and proxy statement. Certain Selected Consolidated Financial Information is set forth on page 8 above. In addition to historical information, the following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ significantly from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors discussed in this prospectus and proxy statement. Please see Forward-Looking Statements on page 1 above.

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We provide banking services to customers located primarily in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. As a result, our success depends to a great extent upon the economic conditions in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. At times, we have experienced a difficult economy in Michigan. Economic conditions in Michigan began to show signs of improvement during 2010. Generally, these improvements have continued into 2017, albeit at an uneven pace. There has been an overall decline in the unemployment rate as well as generally improving housing prices and other related statistics (such as home sales and new building permits). In addition, since early- to mid-2009, we have seen an improvement in our asset quality metrics. In particular, since early 2012, we have generally experienced a decline in non-performing assets, lower levels of new loan defaults, and reduced levels of loan net charge-offs.

*Recent Developments*

On December 22, 2017, President Donald Trump signed into law H.R.1, also known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which among other things, reduces the federal corporate tax rate to 21% effective January 1, 2018. As a result, we have concluded that this will cause our deferred tax assets to be revalued. Our net deferred tax asset represents expected corporate tax benefits anticipated to be realized in the future. The reduction in the federal corporate tax rate reduces these benefits. We performed an analysis to determine the impact of the revaluation of the deferred tax asset using the September 30, 2017 balance of \$22.4 million and included an estimate of changes in the balance during the fourth quarter of 2017. We estimate the value of the deferred tax asset will be reduced by approximately \$6 million. Under this methodology, the estimated fourth quarter 2017 earnings impact would be approximately (\$0.28) per diluted share and the estimated tangible book value impact would be approximately (\$0.28) per share based on estimated fourth quarter weighted average diluted shares of approximately 21.7 million and total shares outstanding of approximately 21.3 million at year end 2017. Our revaluation of our deferred tax asset is subject to further clarifications of the new law that cannot be estimated at this time. As such, we are unable to make a final determination of the impact on the quarterly and annual earnings for the period ending December 31, 2017 as of the date of this prospectus and proxy statement. We do not anticipate future cash expenditures as a result of the reduction to the deferred tax asset.

Effective on January 1, 2017, we adopted the fair value accounting method for capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights. The adoption of this accounting method resulted in the following changes to the January 1, 2017 beginning balances: an increase in capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights of \$0.54 million; a decrease in deferred income taxes of \$0.19 million and a decrease in our accumulated deficit of \$0.35 million. See note 2 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

On December 30, 2016, the Bank and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Mepco Finance Corporation (Mepco), entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) with Seabury Asset Management LLC (Seabury). Pursuant to the terms of the APA, we sold our payment plan processing business, payment plan receivables, and certain other assets to Seabury, who also assumed certain liabilities of Mepco. These assets and liabilities were categorized as held for sale in the December 31, 2016 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. We also recorded a \$0.32 million loss related to the sale of these assets in the fourth quarter of 2016. This transaction closed on May 18, 2017, with an effective date of May 1, 2017. As a result of the closing, Mepco sold \$33.1 million of net payment plan receivables, \$0.5 million of commercial loans, \$0.2 million of furniture and equipment and \$1.6 million of other assets to Seabury, who also assumed \$2.0 million of specified liabilities. Mepco was renamed IB Holding Company in May 2017 and was liquidated on June 30, 2017, with the remaining assets and liabilities transferred to the Bank. We do not believe that the sale of the Mepco business and assets will have a significant impact on our future overall financial condition or results of operations.

In the fourth quarter of 2016, we reached a tentative settlement regarding litigation initiated against the Bank in Wayne County, Michigan Circuit Court. The Court issued a preliminary approval of this settlement in the first quarter of 2017. This litigation concerned the Bank's checking account transaction sequencing during a period from February 2009 to June 2011. Under the terms of the settlement, we have agreed to pay \$2.2 million and we are also responsible for class notification costs and certain other expenses which are estimated to total approximately \$0.1 million. We recorded a \$2.3 million expense in the fourth quarter of 2016 for this settlement. We expect the settlement payment to occur in the first quarter of 2018. Although, we deny any liability associated with this matter and believe we have meritorious defenses to the allegations in the complaint, given the costs and uncertainty of litigation, we determined that this settlement was in the best interests of the organization.

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On July 2, 2013, the Federal Reserve Board approved a final rule that establishes an integrated regulatory capital framework (the New Capital Rules). The rule implements in the United States the Basel III regulatory capital reforms from the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and certain changes required by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act). In general, under the New Capital Rules, minimum requirements have increased for both the quantity and quality of capital held by banking organizations. Consistent with the international Basel framework, the New Capital Rules include a new minimum ratio of common equity tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of 4.5% and a common equity tier 1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets that applies to all supervised financial institutions. The 2.5% capital conservation buffer is being phased in ratably over a four-year period that began in 2016. In 2017, 1.25% is being added to the minimum ratio for adequately capitalized institutions. To avoid limits on capital distributions and certain discretionary bonus payments we must meet the minimum ratio for adequately capitalized institutions plus the phased in buffer (now 5.75% in 2017). The rule also raises the minimum ratio of tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4% to 6% and includes a minimum leverage ratio of 4% for all banking organizations. As to the quality of capital, the New Capital Rules emphasize common equity tier 1 capital, the most loss-absorbing form of capital, and implements strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments. The New Capital Rules also change the methodology for calculating risk-weighted assets to enhance risk sensitivity. Under the New Capital Rules our existing trust preferred securities are grandfathered as qualifying regulatory capital. As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we exceeded all of the capital ratio requirements of the New Capital Rules.

*Results of Operations*

This section contains discussions of the results of our consolidated operations for (1) the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2017, as compared to the comparable periods in 2016, and (2) fiscal year 2016, as compared to fiscal years 2015 and 2014.

*Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 Compared to Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016*Summary

We recorded net income of \$6.9 million and \$6.4 million, respectively, during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. The increase in 2017 results as compared to 2016 primarily reflects an increase in net interest income that was partially offset by increases in the provision for loan losses and in non-interest and income tax expenses and a decrease in non-interest income.

We recorded net income of \$18.8 million and \$16.9 million, respectively, during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. The increase in 2017 year-to-date results as compared to 2016 is primarily due to increases in net interest income and non-interest income that were partially offset by increases in the provision for loan losses, non-interest expense and income tax expense.

**Key performance ratios**

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Nine months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Net income (annualized) to				

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Average assets	1.01 %	1.02 %	0.96 %	0.92 %
Average common shareholders' equity	10.27	10.20	9.69	9.19
Net income per common share				
Basic	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.79
Diluted	0.32	0.30	0.87	0.78

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Net interest income is the most important source of our earnings and thus is critical in evaluating our results of operations. Changes in our net interest income are primarily influenced by our level of interest-earning assets and the income or yield that we earn on those assets and the manner and cost of funding our interest-earning assets. Certain macro-economic factors can also influence our net interest income such as the level and direction of interest rates, the difference between short-term and long-term interest rates (the steepness of the yield curve) and the general strength of the economies in which we are doing business. Finally, risk management plays an important role in our level of net interest income. The ineffective management of credit risk and interest-rate risk in particular can adversely impact our net interest income.

Our net interest income totaled \$22.9 million during the third quarter of 2017, an increase of \$2.9 million, or 14.6% from the year-ago period. This increase primarily reflects a \$227.4 million increase in average interest-earning assets as well as a 15 basis point increase in our tax equivalent net interest income as a percent of average interest-earning assets (the net interest margin).

For the first nine months of 2017, net interest income totaled \$65.9 million, an increase of \$6.5 million, or 10.9% from 2016. This increase primarily reflects a \$184.9 million increase in average interest-earning assets as well as an 10 basis point increase in our net interest margin.

The increase in average interest-earning assets primarily reflects loan growth utilizing funds from increases in deposits and borrowed funds. The increase in the net interest margin reflects a change in the mix of average-interest earning assets (higher percentage of loans) as well as increases in short-term market interest rates.

Our net interest income is also adversely impacted by our level of non-accrual loans. In the third quarter and first nine months of 2017 non-accrual loans averaged \$8.6 million and \$9.7 million, respectively compared to \$10.7 million and \$10.6 million, respectively for the same periods in 2016. In addition, in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017 we had net recoveries of \$0.28 million and \$0.90 million, respectively, of previously unpaid interest on loans placed on or taken off non-accrual during each period or on loans previously charged-off compared to net recoveries of \$0.07 million and \$0.75 million, respectively, during the same periods in 2016.

**Average Balances and Tax Equivalent Rates**

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>					
	<b>2017</b>			<b>2016</b>		
	<b>Average Balance</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Rate<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Average Balance</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Rate<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>						
Assets						
Taxable loans	\$ 1,908,497	\$ 21,801	4.55 %	\$ 1,613,189	\$ 18,562	4.59 %
Tax-exempt loans <sup>(1)</sup>	3,138	47	5.94	3,492	53	6.04
Taxable securities	474,901	2,765	2.33	534,319	2,537	1.90
Tax-exempt securities <sup>(1)</sup>	90,645	783	3.46	58,694	507	3.46
Interest bearing cash	29,336	63	0.85	69,603	86	0.49
Other investments	15,543	200	5.11	15,347	195	5.05
Interest Earning Assets	2,522,060	25,659	4.05	2,294,644	21,940	3.81

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Cash and due from banks	33,019	34,565
Other assets, net	142,283	152,793
Total Assets	\$ 2,697,362	\$ 2,482,002

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	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2017			2016		
	Average Balance	Interest	Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	Average Balance	Interest	Rate <sup>(2)</sup>
(Dollars in thousands)						
Liabilities						
Savings and interest-bearing checking	\$ 1,048,289	408	0.15	\$ 1,014,201	284	0.11
Time deposits	531,226	1,425	1.06	438,504	970	0.88
Other borrowings	85,219	626	2.91	47,227	493	4.15
Interest Bearing Liabilities	1,664,734	2,459	0.59	1,499,932	1,747	0.46
Non-interest bearing deposits	736,291			706,282		
Other liabilities	31,263			27,110		
Shareholders' equity	265,074			248,678		
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 2,697,362			\$ 2,482,002		
Net Interest Income		\$ 23,200			\$ 20,193	
Net Interest Income as a Percent of Average Interest Earning Assets			3.66 %			3.51 %

(1) Interest on tax-exempt loans and securities is presented on a fully tax equivalent basis assuming a marginal tax rate of 35%

(2) Annualized

**Average Balances and Tax Equivalent Rates**

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2017			2016		
	Average Balance	Interest	Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	Average Balance	Interest	Rate <sup>(2)</sup>
(Dollars in thousands)						
Assets						
Taxable loans	\$ 1,792,381	\$ 61,544	4.59 %	\$ 1,577,758	\$ 55,255	4.67 %
Tax-exempt loans <sup>(1)</sup>	3,410	145	5.69	3,564	163	6.11
Taxable securities	499,886	8,300	2.21	532,576	7,261	1.82
Tax-exempt securities <sup>(1)</sup>	85,853	2,264	3.52	50,286	1,320	3.50
Interest bearing cash	42,610	229	0.72	75,121	292	0.52
Other investments	15,543	638	5.49	15,456	592	5.12
Interest Earning Assets	2,439,683	73,120	4.00	2,254,761	64,883	3.84
Cash and due from banks	32,492			38,069		
Other assets, net	146,753			157,570		
Total Assets	\$ 2,618,928			\$ 2,450,400		



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	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2017			2016		
	Average Balance	Interest	Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	Average Balance	Interest	Rate <sup>(2)</sup>
(Dollars in thousands)						
Liabilities						
Savings and interest-bearing checking	\$ 1,051,395	1,007	0.13	\$ 1,018,727	831	0.11
Time deposits	494,219	3,747	1.01	435,146	2,689	0.83
Other borrowings	66,392	1,659	3.34	47,405	1,455	4.10
Interest Bearing Liabilities	1,612,006	6,413	0.53	1,501,278	4,975	0.44
Non-interest bearing deposits	717,589			677,645		
Other liabilities	30,372			25,612		
Shareholders' equity	258,961			245,865		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,618,928			\$ 2,450,400		
Net Interest Income		\$ 66,707			\$ 59,908	

Net Interest Income as a Percent of Average  
Interest Earning Assets

3.65 %

3.55 %

(1) Interest on tax-exempt loans and securities is presented on a fully tax equivalent basis assuming a marginal tax rate of 35%

(2) Annualized

**RECONCILIATION OF NET INTEREST MARGIN, FULLY TAXABLE EQUIVALENT ( FTE )**

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands)				
Net interest income	\$ 22,912	\$ 19,998	\$ 65,870	\$ 59,391
Add: taxable equivalent adjustment	288	195	837	517
Net interest income - taxable equivalent	\$ 23,200	\$ 20,193	\$ 66,707	\$ 59,908
Net interest margin (GAAP) <sup>(1)</sup>	3.60 %	3.47 %	3.61 %	3.52 %
Net interest margin (FTE) <sup>(1)</sup>	3.66 %	3.51 %	3.65 %	3.55 %

(1) Annualized

Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses was an expense of \$0.6 million and a credit \$0.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. During the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the provision was an expense of \$0.8 million and a credit of \$1.4 million, respectively. The provision reflects our assessment of the allowance for loan losses taking into consideration factors such as loan growth, loan mix, levels of non-performing and classified loans and loan net charge-offs. While we use relevant information to recognize losses on loans, additional provisions for related losses may be necessary based on changes in economic conditions, customer circumstances and other credit risk factors. See Portfolio Loans and asset quality for a discussion of the

various components of the allowance for loan losses and their impact on the provision for loan losses in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017.

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Non-interest income is a significant element in assessing our results of operations. Non-interest income totaled \$10.3 million during the third quarter of 2017 compared to \$11.7 million in 2016. For the first nine months of 2017 non-interest income totaled \$31.1 million compared to \$29.1 million for the first nine months of 2016. The components of non-interest income are as follows:

**NON-INTEREST INCOME**

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Nine months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$ 3,281	\$ 3,281	\$ 9,465	\$ 9,164
Interchange income	1,942	1,943	5,869	5,797
Net gains (losses) on assets:				
Mortgage loans	2,971	3,556	8,886	7,727
Securities	69	(45 )	62	302
Mortgage loan servicing, net	1	858	668	(454 )
Investment and insurance commissions	606	427	1,541	1,278
Bank owned life insurance	283	282	776	870
Other	1,151	1,406	3,822	4,413
Total non-interest income	\$ 10,304	\$ 11,708	\$ 31,089	\$ 29,097

Service charges on deposit accounts were unchanged on a comparative quarterly basis and increased on a year-to-date basis in 2017 as compared to 2016. The year-to-date increase was principally due to higher service charges on commercial accounts and a modest increase in non-sufficient funds occurrences.

Interchange income was unchanged on a comparative quarterly basis and increased slightly on a year-to-date basis in 2017 as compared to 2016. The year-to-date increase is due primarily to increased debit card transaction activity.

Net gains on mortgage loans decreased on a comparative quarterly basis and increased on a year to date basis in 2017 as compared to 2016. Mortgage loan activity is summarized as follows:

**MORTGAGE LOAN ACTIVITY**

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Nine months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>			
Mortgage loans originated	\$ 264,177	\$ 123,124	\$ 657,345	\$ 288,592
Mortgage loans sold	120,981	89,349	305,386	215,494
Net gains on mortgage loans	2,971	3,556	8,886	7,727
Net gains as a percent of mortgage loans sold ( Loan Sales Margin )	2.46 %	3.98 %	2.91 %	3.59 %

Fair value adjustments included in the Loan Sales Margin (0.22 ) 0.55 0.08 0.40

The increase in mortgage loan originations, sales and net gains (for the year-to-date period) in 2017 as compared to 2016 is due primarily to the expansion of our mortgage-banking operations. The decline in net gains in the third quarter of 2017 compared to the third quarter of 2016 was due to a decline in the Loan Sales Margin as described below.

During the last quarter of 2016 and the first half of 2017, we significantly expanded our mortgage-banking operations by adding new employees and opening new loan production offices (Ann Arbor, Brighton, Dearborn, Grosse Pointe, Traverse City and Troy, Michigan and Columbus and Fairlawn, Ohio). Overall, we have increased average full-time equivalent employees in mortgage lending sales and operations by 80.8% and by 67.0%, in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, over the same periods in 2016. This business expansion has

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increased net gains on mortgage loans (on a year-to-date basis) and has accelerated the growth of portfolio mortgage loans and mortgage loans serviced for others, leading to increased mortgage loan interest income and mortgage loan servicing revenue. However, this expansion has also increased non-interest expenses, particularly compensation and employee benefits and occupancy. In addition, due to higher interest rates, mortgage loan refinance volume has declined in 2017 on an industry-wide basis. It is important to our future results of operations that we effectively and successfully manage this business expansion.

The volume of loans sold is dependent upon our ability to originate mortgage loans as well as the demand for fixed-rate obligations and other loans that we choose to not put into portfolio because of our established interest-rate risk parameters. (See Portfolio Loans and asset quality. ) Net gains on mortgage loans are also dependent upon economic and competitive factors as well as our ability to effectively manage exposure to changes in interest rates and thus can often be a volatile part of our overall revenues.

Our Loan Sales Margin is impacted by several factors including competition and the manner in which the loan is sold. Net gains on mortgage loans are also impacted by recording fair value accounting adjustments. Excluding the aforementioned fair value accounting adjustments, the Loan Sales Margin would have been 2.68% and 3.43% in the third quarters of 2017 and 2016, respectively and 2.83% and 3.19% for the comparative 2017 and 2016 year-to-date periods, respectively. The decrease in the Loan Sales Margin (excluding fair value adjustments) in 2017 was generally due to a narrowing of primary-to-secondary market pricing spreads due to competitive factors throughout the mortgage banking industry (generally higher mortgage loan interest rates and a decline in refinance volume). The changes in the fair value accounting adjustments are primarily due to changes in the amount of commitments to originate mortgage loans for sale.

Net gains (losses) on securities totaled \$0.069 million and \$0.062 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, and \$(0.045) million and \$0.302 million for the respective comparable periods in 2016. The third quarter 2017 securities net gains were due to a \$0.061 million increase in the fair value of trading securities and \$0.008 million of net gains on the sale of \$1.8 million of investments. The year-to-date 2017 securities net gains were due to \$0.125 million of net gains on the sale of \$9.6 million of investments that were partially offset by a \$0.063 million decrease in the fair value of trading securities. The third quarter 2016 securities net losses were primarily due to a \$0.058 million decrease in the fair value of trading securities that was partially offset by \$0.013 million of net gains on the sale of \$1.1 million of investments. The year-to-date 2016 securities net gains were due primarily to net gains of \$0.298 million on the sale of \$56.5 million of investments. (See Securities. )

We recorded no net impairment losses in either 2017 or 2016 for other than temporary impairment of securities available for sale. (See Securities. )

Mortgage loan servicing generated income of \$0.001 million and \$0.858 million in the third quarters of 2017 and 2016, respectively. For the first nine months of 2017, mortgage loan servicing generated income of \$0.668 million as compared to a loss of \$0.454 million in 2016. This activity is summarized in the following table:

**MORTGAGE LOAN SERVICING**

	<b>Three Months</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>Ended</b>		<b>Ended</b>	
	<b>9/30/2017</b>	<b>9/30/2016</b>	<b>9/30/2017</b>	<b>9/30/2016</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Revenue, net	\$ 1,091	\$ 1,037	\$ 3,253	\$ 3,087
Fair value change due to price	(572 )	—	(1,075 )	—

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Fair value change due to pay-downs	(518 )	—	(1,510 )	—
Amortization	—	(799 )	—	(2,065 )
Impairment (charge) recovery	—	620	—	(1,476 )
Total	\$ 1	\$ 858	\$ 668	\$ (454 )

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Effective on January 1, 2017, we adopted the fair value accounting method for capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights. Activity related to capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights is as follows:

**CAPITALIZED MORTGAGE LOAN SERVICING RIGHTS**

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Nine months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 14,515	\$ 10,331	\$ 13,671	\$ 12,436
Change in accounting	—	—	542	—
Balance at beginning of period, as adjusted	\$ 14,515	\$ 10,331	\$ 14,213	\$ 12,436
Originated servicing rights capitalized	1,250	896	3,047	2,153
Amortization	—	(799 )	—	(2,065 )
Change in valuation allowance	—	620	—	(1,476 )
Change in fair value	(1,090 )	—	(2,585 )	—
Balance at end of period	\$ 14,675	\$ 11,048	\$ 14,675	\$ 11,048
Valuation allowance at end of period	\$ —	\$ 4,748	\$ —	\$ 4,748

At September 30, 2017 we were servicing approximately \$1.77 billion in mortgage loans for others on which servicing rights have been capitalized. This servicing portfolio had a weighted average coupon rate of 4.18% and a weighted average service fee of approximately 25.8 basis points. Capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights at September 30, 2017 totaled \$14.7 million, representing approximately 83 basis points on the related amount of mortgage loans serviced for others.

Investment and insurance commissions represent revenues generated on the sale or management of investments and insurance for our customers. These revenues increased on both a quarterly and year-to-date basis in 2017 as compared to 2016, due in part to increased product sales and growth in assets under management.

Income from bank owned life insurance was essentially unchanged on a comparative quarterly basis and declined on a year-to-date basis in 2017 compared to 2016. The year-to-date decline reflects a lower crediting rate on our cash surrender value. Our separate account is primarily invested in agency mortgage-backed securities and managed by PIMCO. The crediting rate (on which the earnings are based) reflects the performance of the separate account. The total cash surrender value of our bank owned life insurance was \$54.3 million and \$54.0 million at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Other non-interest income declined on both a comparative quarterly and year-to-date basis in 2017 compared to 2016. These declines were due in part to lower ATM fees, check charges, rental income on other real estate and swap fees on commercial loans. In addition, the 2016 year-to-date period included a \$0.2 million death benefit related to a life insurance policy on a former director.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expense is an important component of our results of operations. We strive to efficiently manage our cost structure.

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Non-interest expense increased by \$0.1 million to \$22.6 million and by \$3.5 million to \$68.9 million during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016. The components of non-interest expense are as follows:

**NON-INTEREST EXPENSE**

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Nine months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Compensation	\$ 8,494	\$ 8,310	\$ 26,872	\$ 24,355
Performance-based compensation	2,688	2,409	6,819	5,967
Payroll taxes and employee benefits	2,395	2,312	7,413	6,590
Compensation and employee benefits	13,577	13,031	41,104	36,912
Occupancy, net	1,970	1,919	6,032	5,982
Data processing	1,796	1,971	5,670	6,008
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	961	990	2,943	2,939
Communications	685	670	2,046	2,280
Loan and collection	481	568	1,564	1,964
Advertising	526	455	1,551	1,410
Legal and professional	550	420	1,376	1,178
Interchange expense	294	276	869	809
FDIC deposit insurance	208	187	608	852
Supplies	176	178	507	551
Credit card and bank service fees	105	203	432	588
Costs related to unfunded lending commitments	92	73	332	6
Amortization of intangible assets	87	86	260	260
Net losses on other real estate and repossessed assets	30	263	132	98
Provision for loss reimbursement on sold loans	15	45	66	30
Other	1,063	1,194	3,454	3,602
Total non-interest expense	\$ 22,616	\$ 22,529	\$ 68,946	\$ 65,469

Compensation and employee benefits expenses, in total, increased \$0.5 million on a quarterly comparative basis and increased \$4.2 million for the first nine months of 2017 compared to the same periods in 2016.

Compensation expense increased by \$0.2 million and \$2.5 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016. Average full-time equivalent employees ( FTEs ) increased by approximately 8.4% and 8.6% during the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, compared to the year ago periods, due primarily to our mortgage banking expansion. The impact of the FTE increase was moderated (particularly in the third quarter of 2017) by an increased amount of compensation that was deferred as direct loan origination costs due to higher loan origination levels.

Performance-based compensation increased by \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, versus the same periods in 2016, due primarily to relative comparative changes in the accrual

for anticipated incentive compensation (including our mortgage loan officer retention program) based on our estimated full-year performance as compared to goals.

Payroll taxes and employee benefits increased by \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016, due primarily to increases in payroll taxes, health insurance (year-to-date period only) and employee recruiting costs principally associated with our mortgage banking expansion.

Occupancy, net, increased by \$0.05 million for both the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016. These increases were primarily due to costs associated with the recently opened loan production offices mentioned earlier that were partially offset by reduced occupancy costs related to the sale of our payment plan processing business (Mepco).

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Data processing expenses decreased by \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016. These decreases are primarily due to the sale of our payment plan processing business (Mepco). The third quarter of 2017 also included a \$0.1 million refund of certain previously billed and expensed costs from our core data processing vendor.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment expenses were relatively unchanged in 2017 as compared to 2016.

Communications expenses were relatively unchanged and decreased by \$0.2 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016. The 2017 year-to-date decrease is due primarily to reduced mailing costs, as the first quarter of 2016 included expenses for mailing out new chip enabled debit cards and new deposit product information.

Loan and collection expenses reflect costs related to new lending activity as well as the management and collection of non-performing loans and other problem credits. The quarterly and year-to-date comparative decreases in 2017 versus 2016 are primarily due to the reimbursement of previously incurred expenses related to the resolution and collection of non-accrual or previously charged-off loans. These declines were partially offset by costs related to new lending activity.

Advertising expenses increased on both a comparative quarterly and year-to-date basis in 2017 versus 2016, due primarily to direct mailing and strategic sponsorship costs.

Legal and professional fees increased on both a comparative quarterly and year-to-date basis in 2017 versus 2016, due primarily to an increase in outsourced internal audit costs, higher consulting fees related to a checking account program and higher legal fees principally associated with employment matters.

Interchange expense primarily represents our third-party cost to process debit card transactions. This cost increased slightly in 2017 on both a comparative quarterly and year-to-date basis due primarily to higher debit card transaction volume as described above.

FDIC deposit insurance expense increased slightly and decreased on a comparative quarterly and year-to-date basis, respectively, in 2017 versus 2016. The comparative quarterly increase was due primarily to growth in our total assets. The comparative year-to-date decrease reflects a decline in our premium rate that became effective in the third quarter of 2016. At June 30, 2016, the FDIC Deposit Insurance Fund reserve ratio reached 1.15%, which triggered a new assessment method and generally lower deposit insurance premiums for banks with less than \$10 billion in assets.

Supplies expenses were relatively unchanged and decreased slightly on a comparative quarterly and year-to-date basis, respectively, in 2017 versus 2016. The comparative year-to-date decline was due primarily to initiatives with our various vendors to reduce these costs as well as internal go green efforts to reduce printing and paper costs.

Credit card and bank service fees decreased in 2017 versus 2016 on both a comparative quarterly and year-to-date basis primarily due to the sale of our payment plan processing business (Mepco).

The changes in costs related to unfunded lending commitments are primarily impacted by changes in the amounts of such commitments to originate portfolio loans as well as (for commercial loan commitments) the grade (pursuant to our loan rating system) of such commitments.

The amortization of intangible assets primarily relates to branch acquisitions and the amortization of the deposit customer relationship value, including core deposit value, which was acquired in connection with those acquisitions. We had remaining unamortized intangible assets of \$1.7 million and \$1.9 million at September 30, 2017 and

December 31, 2016, respectively. See Note #7 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a schedule of future amortization of intangible assets.

Net losses on other real estate and repossessed assets primarily represent the gain or loss on the sale or additional write downs on these assets subsequent to the transfer of the asset from our loan portfolio. This transfer occurs at the time we acquire the collateral that secured the loan. At the time of acquisition, the other real estate or repossessed asset is valued at fair value, less estimated costs to sell, which becomes the new basis for the asset. Any write-downs at the time of acquisition are charged to the allowance for loan losses.

The provision for loss reimbursement on sold loans was an expense of \$0.015 million and \$0.066 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, respectively, compared to an expense of \$0.045 million and \$0.030 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2016, respectively. This provision represents our estimate

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of incurred losses related to mortgage loans that we have sold to investors (primarily Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis). Since we sell mortgage loans without recourse, loss reimbursements only occur in those instances where we have breached a representation or warranty or other contractual requirement related to the loan sale. The reserve for loss reimbursements on sold mortgage loans totaled \$0.56 million at both September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. This reserve is included in accrued expenses and other liabilities in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

Other non-interest expenses declined in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2017 compared to the same periods in 2016 due primarily to lower temporary employee and insurance costs and lower debit card fraud losses.

**Income Tax Expense**

We recorded an income tax expense of \$3.2 million and \$8.4 million in the third quarter and the first nine months of 2017, respectively. This compares to an income tax expense of \$3.0 million and \$7.5 million in the third quarter and the first nine months of 2016, respectively.

Year-to-date 2016 included a \$0.3 million income tax benefit resulting from the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update 2016-09 Compensation – Stock Compensation (718) Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting ( ASU 2016-09 ) during the second quarter.

Our actual income tax expense is different than the amount computed by applying our statutory income tax rate to our income before income tax primarily due to tax-exempt interest income, tax-exempt income from the increase in the cash surrender value on life insurance, and differences in the value of stock awards that vest and stock options that are exercised as compared to the initial fair values that were expensed.

We assess whether a valuation allowance should be established against our deferred tax assets based on the consideration of all available evidence using a more likely than not standard. The ultimate realization of this asset is primarily based on generating future income. We concluded at September 30, 2017 and 2016 and at December 31, 2016, that the realization of substantially all of our deferred tax assets continues to be more likely than not.

We had maintained a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets of approximately \$1.1 million at December 31, 2016. This valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets related to state income taxes at Mepco. In this instance, we determined that the future realization of these particular deferred tax assets was not more likely than not. That conclusion was based on the pending sale of Mepco's payment plan business. After accounting for the May 2017 sale of our payment plan business, all that remained of these deferred tax assets were loss carryforwards that we wrote off against the related valuation allowance as of June 30, 2017 as we will no longer be doing business in those states.

**Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared to the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014**

**Summary**

We recorded net income of \$22.8 million, or \$1.05 per diluted share, in 2016, net income of \$20.0 million, or \$0.86 per diluted share, in 2015, and net income of \$18.0 million, or \$0.77 per diluted share, in 2014.

**KEY PERFORMANCE RATIOS**

<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>

Net income to			
Average common equity	9.21 %	7.89 %	7.43 %
Average assets	0.92	0.86	0.80
Net income per common share			
Basic	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.79
Diluted	1.05	0.86	0.77

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### Net Interest Income

Net interest income is the most important source of our earnings and thus is critical in evaluating our results of operations. Changes in our net interest income are primarily influenced by our level of interest-earning assets and the income or yield that we earn on those assets and the manner and cost of funding our interest-earning assets. Certain macro-economic factors can also influence our net interest income such as the level and direction of interest rates, the difference between short-term and long-term interest rates (the steepness of the yield curve) and the general strength of the economies in which we are doing business. Finally, risk management plays an important role in our level of net interest income. The ineffective management of credit risk and interest-rate risk in particular can adversely impact our net interest income.

Net interest income totaled \$79.6 million during 2016, compared to \$75.0 million and \$73.3 million during 2015 and 2014, respectively. The increase in net interest income in 2016 compared to 2015 primarily reflects a \$173.7 million increase in average interest-earning assets that was partially offset by a six basis point decrease in our tax equivalent net interest income as a percent of average interest-earning assets (the net interest margin ).

The decline in our net interest margin is primarily due to the prolonged low interest rate environment that has pushed our average yield on loans lower.

Interest rates have generally been at extremely low levels since 2008 due primarily to the Federal Reserve Bank's (FRB) monetary policies and its efforts to stimulate the U.S. economy. This very low interest rate environment has generally had an adverse impact on our interest income and net interest income. The FRB did move the target federal funds rate up by 0.25% in each of December of 2016 and 2015. Future changes in the target federal funds rate are uncertain; however, we anticipate that any upward movements in short-term interest rates will be gradual. Given the repricing characteristics of our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities (and our level of non-interest bearing demand deposits), we would expect that our net interest margin will generally benefit on a long-term basis from rising interest rates.

The increase in net interest income in 2015 compared to 2014 primarily reflects a \$96.5 million increase in average interest-earning assets that was partially offset by a nine basis point decrease in our net interest margin.

Our net interest income is also impacted by our level of non-accrual loans. Average non-accrual loans totaled \$10.9 million, \$13.8 million and \$17.9 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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	2016			2015			2014		
	Average Balance	Interest	Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Rate
(Dollars in thousands)									
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Taxable loans	\$ 1,596,136	\$ 74,014	4.64 %	\$ 1,457,508	\$ 70,770	4.86 %	\$ 1,383,883	\$ 71,621	5.18 %
Tax-exempt loans <sup>(1)</sup>	3,763	220	5.85	3,972	246	6.19	4,889	310	6.34
Taxable securities	534,233	9,921	1.86	529,571	7,805	1.47	475,917	6,341	1.33
Tax-exempt securities <sup>(1)</sup>	54,390	1,917	3.52	34,039	1,388	4.08	40,200	1,510	3.76
Interest bearing cash and repurchase agreement	78,606	403	0.51	66,595	275	0.41	84,244	282	0.33
Other investments	15,474	792	5.12	17,171	925	5.39	23,252	1,118	4.81
Interest earning assets	2,282,602	87,267	3.82	2,108,856	81,409	3.86	2,012,385	81,182	4.03
Cash and due from banks	36,831			44,842			45,213		
Other assets, net	155,778			166,363			182,099		
Total assets	\$ 2,475,211			\$ 2,320,061			\$ 2,239,697		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Savings and interest- bearing checking	\$ 1,018,685	1,115	0.11	\$ 988,504	1,056	0.11	\$ 951,745	1,064	0.11
Time deposits	447,243	3,826	0.86	386,035	2,953	0.76	413,729	3,903	0.94
Other borrowings	47,058	1,941	4.12	47,842	1,847	3.86	60,225	2,332	3.87
Interest bearing liabilities	1,512,986	6,882	0.45	1,422,381	5,856	0.41	1,425,699	7,299	0.51
Non-interest bearing deposits	688,697			619,206			540,107		
Other liabilities	26,439			24,840			31,247		

Shareholders' equity	247,089	253,634	242,644
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,475,211	\$ 2,320,061	\$ 2,239,697
Net interest income	\$ 80,385	\$ 75,553	\$ 73,883
Net interest income as a percent of average interest earning assets	3.52 %	3.58 %	3.67 %

(1) Interest on tax-exempt loans and securities is presented on a fully tax equivalent basis assuming a marginal tax rate of 35%.

**RECONCILIATION OF NET INTEREST MARGIN, FULLY TAXABLE EQUIVALENT ( FTE )**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Net interest income	\$ 79,641	\$ 74,986	\$ 73,256
Add: taxable equivalent adjustment	744	567	627
Net interest income - taxable equivalent	\$ 80,385	\$ 75,553	\$ 73,883
Net interest margin (GAAP)	3.49 %	3.56 %	3.64 %
Net interest margin (FTE)	3.52 %	3.58 %	3.67 %

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	2016 compared to 2015			2015 compared to 2014		
	Volume	Rate	Net	Volume	Rate	Net
	(In thousands)					
Increase (decrease) in interest income <sup>(1)</sup>						
Taxable loans	\$ 6,526	\$ (3,282 )	\$ 3,244	\$ 3,701	\$ (4,552 )	\$ (851 )
Tax-exempt loans <sup>(2)</sup>	(13 )	(13 )	(26 )	(57 )	(7 )	(64 )
Taxable securities	69	2,047	2,116	754	710	1,464
Tax-exempt securities <sup>(2)</sup>	738	(209 )	529	(244 )	122	(122 )
Interest bearing cash and repurchase agreement	55	73	128	(66 )	59	(7 )
Other investments	(88 )	(45 )	(133 )	(316 )	123	(193 )
Total interest income	7,287	(1,429 )	5,858	3,772	(3,545 )	227
Increase (decrease) in interest expense <sup>(1)</sup>						
Savings and interest bearing checking	33	26	59	40	(48 )	(8 )
Time deposits	500	373	873	(248 )	(702 )	(950 )
Other borrowings	(31 )	125	94	(478 )	(7 )	(485 )
Total interest expense	502	524	1,026	(686 )	(757 )	(1,443 )
Net interest income	\$ 6,785	\$ (1,953 )	\$ 4,832	\$ 4,458	\$ (2,788 )	\$ 1,670

(1) The change in interest due to changes in both balance and rate has been allocated to change due to balance and change due to rate in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts of change in each.

(2) Interest on tax-exempt loans and securities is presented on a fully tax equivalent basis assuming a marginal tax rate of 35%.

**COMPOSITION OF AVERAGE INTEREST EARNING ASSETS AND INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
As a percent of average interest earning assets			
Loans	70.1 %	69.3 %	69.0 %
Other interest earning assets	29.9	30.7	31.0
Average interest earning assets	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Savings and NOW	44.6 %	46.9 %	47.3 %
Time deposits	19.6	18.2	19.9
Brokered CDs	—	0.1	0.6
Other borrowings	2.1	2.2	3.0
Average interest bearing liabilities	66.3 %	67.4 %	70.8 %
Earning asset ratio	92.2 %	90.9 %	89.9 %
Free-funds ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	33.7	32.6	29.2

(1) Average interest earning assets less average interest bearing liabilities.

Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses was a credit of \$1.3 million, \$2.7 million and \$3.1 million during 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The provision reflects our assessment of the allowance for loan losses taking into consideration factors such as loan mix, levels of non-performing and classified loans and loan net charge-offs. While we use relevant information to recognize losses on loans, additional provisions for related losses may be necessary based on changes in economic conditions, customer circumstances and other credit risk factors. See Portfolio Loans and asset quality for a discussion of the various components of the allowance for loan losses and their impact on the provision for loan losses.

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Non-interest income is a significant element in assessing our results of operations. We regard net gains on mortgage loans as a recurring source of revenue but they are quite cyclical and thus can be volatile.

Non-interest income totaled \$42.3 million during 2016 compared to \$40.1 million and \$38.8 million during 2015 and 2014, respectively. The components of non-interest income are as follows:

**NON-INTEREST INCOME**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$ 12,406	\$ 12,389	\$ 13,446
Interchange income	7,938	8,481	8,164
Net gains (losses) on assets			
Mortgage loans	10,566	7,448	5,628
Securities	563	20	329
Other than temporary impairment loss on securities:			
Total impairment loss	—	—	( 9 )
Loss recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—
Net impairment loss recognized in earnings	—	—	( 9 )
Mortgage loan servicing, net	2,222	1,751	791
Investment and insurance commissions	1,647	1,827	1,814
Bank owned life insurance	1,124	1,282	1,371
Title insurance fees	1,187	1,156	995
Net gain on branch sale	—	1,193	—
Gain on extinguishment of debt	—	—	500
Other	4,645	4,583	5,746
Total non-interest income	\$ 42,298	\$ 40,130	\$ 38,775

Service charges on deposit accounts totaled \$12.4 million during both 2016 and 2015 and was \$13.4 million during 2014. Although service charges were relatively unchanged in 2016 as compared to 2015, over the last few years, such service charges had been decreasing, principally due to a decline in non-sufficient funds ( NSF ) occurrences and related NSF fees. We believe the long-term decline in NSF occurrences is due to our customers managing their finances more closely and having real-time access to deposit account information through electronic channels allowing them to reduce NSF activity and avoid the associated fees.

Interchange income totaled \$7.9 million in 2016 compared to \$8.5 million in 2015 and \$8.2 million in 2014. The decrease in interchange income in 2016 as compared to 2015 primarily results from lower incentives under our Debit Brand Agreement with MasterCard. In addition, although transaction volume increased 1.5% year-over-year, interchange revenue per transaction declined by 3.1%, primarily due to a higher mix of debit (PIN-based) versus credit (signature-based) transactions. The increase in interchange income in 2015 compared to 2014 primarily results from the new Debit Brand Agreement with MasterCard that was executed in January 2014. We began converting our debit card base to MasterCard in June 2014 and completed the conversion in September 2014. Certain volume incentives

under the new Debit Brand Agreement began to abate in the fourth quarter of 2015.

We realized net gains of \$10.6 million on mortgage loans during 2016, compared to \$7.4 million and \$5.6 million during 2015 and 2014 respectively. The volume of loans sold is dependent upon our ability to originate mortgage loans as well as the demand for fixed-rate obligations and other loans that we choose to not put into our portfolio because of our established interest-rate risk parameters. (See Portfolio Loans and asset quality. ) Net gains on mortgage loans are also dependent upon economic and competitive factors as well as our ability to effectively manage exposure to changes in interest rates and thus can often be a volatile part of our overall revenues.

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	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
Mortgage loans originated	\$ 428,249	\$ 336,618	\$ 265,494
Mortgage loans sold	313,985	281,494	223,580
Net gains on mortgage loans	10,566	7,448	5,628
Net gains as a percent of mortgage loans sold ( Loan Sales Margin )	3.37 %	2.65 %	2.52 %
Fair value adjustments included in the Loan Sales Margin	0.12	0.16	0.01

Net gains on mortgage loans have increased over the past two years due primarily to decreases in mortgage loan interest rates during parts of 2016 and 2015 that resulted in an increase in mortgage loan refinance volumes as well as an improving housing market which has resulted in an increase in purchase money mortgage origination volume.

Net gains as a percentage of mortgage loans sold (our Loan Sales Margin ) are impacted by several factors including competition and the manner in which the loan is sold. Gains on mortgage loans are also impacted by recording fair value accounting adjustments. Excluding these fair value accounting adjustments, the Loan Sales Margin would have been 3.25% in 2016, 2.49% in 2015 and 2.51% in 2014. The higher Loan Sales Margins in 2016 as compared to 2015 and 2014, was principally due to more favorable competitive conditions including wider primary-to-secondary market pricing spreads during the first ten months of 2016. However, during the last two months of 2016, mortgage loan interest rates rose by approximately 0.75% and Loan Sales Margins contracted considerably due to competitive factors. In general, as overall industry-wide mortgage loan origination levels drop, pricing becomes more competitive. The changes in the fair value accounting adjustments are primarily due to changes in the amount of commitments to originate mortgage loans for sale during each period.

During the last quarter of 2016 and the first two months of 2017, we significantly expanded our mortgage-banking operations by adding over fifty new employees and opening five new loan production offices (Ann Arbor, Brighton, Traverse City and Troy, Michigan and Columbus, Ohio). We are also in the process of opening two additional loan production offices (Dearborn, Michigan and Fairlawn, Ohio). We expect this business expansion to add to net gains on mortgage loans and on a longer-term basis, accelerate the growth of portfolio mortgage loans and mortgage loans serviced for others, leading to increased interest and mortgage loan servicing income. However, this expansion will also increase non-interest expenses, particularly compensation and employee benefits and occupancy. In addition, due to higher interest rates, we expect mortgage loan refinance volume to decline in 2017 on an industry wide basis. It is important to our future results of operations that we effectively and successfully manage this business expansion.

**GAINS AND LOSSES ON SECURITIES**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>			
	<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>Gains<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Losses<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Net</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
2016	\$ 64,103	\$ 616	\$ 53	\$ 563
2015	12,037	75	55	20
2014	14,633	624	304	320

(1) Gains in 2016 include \$0.262 million related to an increase in the fair value of trading securities and 2014 includes \$0.295 million relating to a U.S. Treasury short position.

(2) Losses in 2015 and 2014 includes \$0.055 million and \$0.295 million, respectively related to a decrease in the fair value of trading securities and 2014 includes \$0.009 million of other than temporary impairment charges. We generated net gains on securities of \$0.6 million in 2016, and \$0.02 million and \$0.3 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively. The 2016 net gain on securities was due primarily to a \$0.3 million increase in the fair value of trading securities and \$64.1 million of securities sales that produced net gains of \$0.3 million. The 2015 net gain on securities was due primarily to the sales of U.S. agency residential mortgage-backed securities that were partially

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offset by a \$0.06 million decline in the fair value of trading securities. The 2014 net gain on securities was primarily due to the sales of U.S. Government agency securities and municipal securities as well as fair value adjustments on a U.S. treasury short sale position that were partially offset by a \$0.3 million decline in the fair value of trading securities.

We recorded no net impairment losses in 2016 or 2015 as compared to a net impairment loss of \$0.01 million in 2014, related to other than temporary impairment of securities available for sale. The 2014 impairment charge related to private label residential mortgage-backed securities.

Mortgage loan servicing generated net earnings of \$2.2 million, \$1.8 million and \$0.8 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These yearly comparative variances are primarily due to changes in the valuation allowance on capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights and the level of amortization of this asset. The period end valuation allowance is based on the valuation of the mortgage loan servicing portfolio and the amortization is primarily impacted by prepayment activity. The changes in the valuation allowance are principally due to changes in the estimated future prepayment rates being used in the period end valuations.

**CAPITALIZED MORTGAGE LOAN SERVICING RIGHTS**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Balance at January 1,	\$ 12,436	\$ 12,106	\$ 13,710
Originated servicing rights capitalized	3,119	2,697	1,823
Amortization	(2,850 )	(2,868 )	(2,509 )
Change in valuation allowance	966	501	(918 )
Balance at December 31,	\$ 13,671	\$ 12,436	\$ 12,106
Valuation allowance at December 31,	\$ 2,306	\$ 3,272	\$ 3,773

At December 31, 2016, we were servicing approximately \$1.66 billion in mortgage loans for others on which servicing rights have been capitalized. This servicing portfolio had a weighted average coupon rate of 4.20% and a weighted average service fee of approximately 25.6 basis points. Remaining capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights at December 31, 2016 totaled \$13.7 million, representing approximately 82 basis points on the related amount of mortgage loans serviced for others. The capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights had an estimated fair market value of \$14.2 million at December 31, 2016. As of January 1, 2017, we elected the fair value measurement method for our mortgage loan servicing rights (in lieu of the amortization method).

Investment and insurance commissions declined to \$1.6 million in 2016, as compared to \$1.8 million in both 2015 and 2014. The decline in 2016 was due primarily to open sales positions during part of the year.

We earned \$1.1 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, on our separate account bank owned life insurance principally as a result of increases in the cash surrender value. Our separate account is primarily invested in agency mortgage-backed securities and managed by PIMCO. The crediting rate (on which the earnings are based) reflects the performance of the separate account. The total cash surrender value of our bank owned life insurance was \$54.0 million and \$54.4 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Title insurance fees totaled \$1.2 million in both 2016 and 2015 as compared to \$1.0 million in 2014. The fluctuation in title insurance fees is primarily a function of the level of mortgage loans (particularly refinances) that we originated.

On April 29, 2015 the Bank entered into a Purchase and Assumption Agreement ( PAA ) with Isabella Bank (based in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan). Pursuant to the PAA, on August 28, 2015, we sold the fixed assets, real property and certain other assets of our bank branch located in Midland, Michigan (the Midland Branch ) to Isabella Bank. The deposit liabilities of the Midland Branch were assumed by Isabella Bank. Under the terms of the PAA, Isabella Bank paid a premium of \$0.6 million (which was equal to 6.0% of the average deposit liabilities of \$9.7 million based on the 20-day average ending two business days prior to the closing date of August 28, 2015) and \$0.85 million for the real property and fixed assets (including the ATM). The real property and the fixed assets had a net book value of approximately \$0.2 million as of August 28, 2015. We recorded a net gain of \$1.2 million in the third quarter of 2015 on the sale of the Midland Branch.

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On December 1, 2014, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with EJF Capital LLC. Under the terms of this agreement, we purchased 5,000 shares of trust preferred securities (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per security) that were issued by IBC Capital Finance IV, a special purpose entity whose common stock we own. The trust preferred securities have been retired along with certain related common stock issued by IBC Capital Finance IV and subordinated debentures issued by us. We paid \$4.5 million for the trust preferred securities that had a par value of \$5.0 million, as well as \$0.033 million in accrued and unpaid interest. We recorded a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$0.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Other non-interest income totaled \$4.6 million in both 2016 and 2015 as compared to \$5.7 million in 2014. The decrease in 2016 and 2015 as compared to 2014 is primarily due to a decline in rental income on other real estate due to the sales of income-producing properties.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expense is an important component of our results of operations. We strive to efficiently manage our cost structure.

Non-interest expense totaled \$90.3 million in 2016, \$88.5 million in 2015, and \$90.0 million in 2014. The components of non-interest expense are as follows:

**NON-INTEREST EXPENSE**

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Compensation	\$ 33,991	\$ 33,346	\$ 33,833
Performance-based compensation	6,955	6,732	5,154
Payroll taxes and employee benefits	8,633	8,108	8,234
Compensation and employee benefits	49,579	48,186	47,221
Occupancy, net	8,023	8,369	8,912
Data processing	7,952	7,944	7,532
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3,912	3,892	4,137
Communications	3,142	2,957	2,926
Loan and collection	2,512	3,609	5,392
Litigation settlement expense	2,300	—	—
Advertising	1,856	2,121	2,193
Legal and professional	1,742	2,013	1,969
Interchange expense	1,111	1,125	1,291
FDIC deposit insurance	1,049	1,366	1,567
Credit card and bank service fees	791	797	946
Supplies	728	809	993
Amortization of intangible assets	347	347	536
Loss on sale of payment plan business	320	—	—
Net (gains) losses on other real estate and repossessed assets	250	(180 )	(500 )

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Provision (credit) for loss reimbursement on sold loans	30	(59 )	(466 )
Other	4,703	5,154	5,302
Total non-interest expense	\$ 90,347	\$ 88,450	\$ 89,951

Compensation expense, which is primarily salaries, totaled \$34.0 million, \$33.3 million and \$33.8 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The increase in 2016 as compared to 2015 is primarily due to annual merit based salary increases. 2016 average total full-time equivalent employee levels were unchanged compared to 2015. The decrease in 2015 as compared to 2014 is due to a decline in total full-time equivalent employees related to branch consolidations or closings and other staffing reductions. 2015 average total full-time equivalent employee levels fell by 4.1% compared to 2014.

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Performance-based compensation expense totaled \$7.0 million, \$6.7 million and \$5.2 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The increases in 2016 as compared to 2015, and in 2015 as compared to 2014, are both primarily related to higher compensation under our incentive compensation plans based on our improved financial performance.

We maintain performance-based compensation plans. In addition to commissions and cash incentive awards, such plans include an ESOP and a long-term equity based incentive plan. The amount of expense recognized in 2016, 2015 and 2014 for share-based awards under our long-term equity based incentive plan was \$1.5 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. In 2016, 2015 and 2014, there were new grants of restricted stock and performance share awards.

Payroll taxes and employee benefits expense totaled \$8.6 million, \$8.1 million and \$8.2 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The increase in 2016 as compared to 2015 is primarily due to a \$0.2 million increase in our 401(k) plan match and a \$0.2 million increase in employee training costs (primarily sales training). The decrease in 2015 as compared to 2014 is primarily due to a \$0.3 million decrease in health insurance costs that was partially offset by a \$0.2 million increase in the 401(k) match. In 2014, we increased our 401(k) plan match from 1% to 2% of eligible compensation. In 2015, we added auto-enrollment to our 401(k) plan. In 2016, we increased our 401(k) plan match from 2% to 3% of eligible compensation.

Occupancy expenses, net, totaled \$8.0 million, \$8.4 million and \$8.9 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease in 2016 as compared to 2015 is primarily due to a decline in utilities and real estate property taxes due to branch closings or sales that took place during 2015 and a decline in leasehold improvement depreciation expense at Mepco related to its former Chicago location. The decrease in 2015 as compared to 2014 is primarily due to branch consolidations or closings and lower snow removal costs.

Data processing expenses totaled \$8.0 million, \$7.9 million, and \$7.5 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Although data processing expenses were relatively unchanged in 2016 as compared to 2015 on a consolidated basis, such expenses declined by \$0.6 million at Mepco (due primarily to a decrease in software amortization), but this decline was offset by a comparable increase in such expenses at the Bank (various new or expanded electronic banking services and network security costs). The increase in 2015 as compared to 2014 is due primarily to the addition of new products and services (desktop software, sales management software and a new mortgage loan origination platform) as well as increased costs due to growth in mobile banking usage.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment expense was relatively unchanged in 2016 as compared to 2015 and declined by \$0.2 million in 2015 from 2014. The decline in 2015 was due primarily to the closing or consolidation of certain branch offices.

Communications expense increased by \$0.2 million in 2016 as compared to 2015 and was relatively unchanged in 2015 as compared to 2014. The increase in 2016 as compared to 2015 was due primarily to an increase in postage costs principally as a result of mailing new Chip-enabled debit cards to our entire debit card customer base.

Loan and collection expenses primarily reflect costs related to the management and collection of non-performing loans and other problem credits. These expenses have declined steadily during the past several years primarily due to decreases in non-performing loans, new loan defaults and watch/problem credits.

We incurred a \$2.3 million expense in 2016 for the settlement of a litigation matter as described earlier under Recent Developments.

Advertising expense totaled \$1.9 million, \$2.1 million, and \$2.2 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease in 2016 as compared to 2015 was primarily due to declines in outdoor (billboard) advertising, television and

radio advertising and market research that were partially offset by an increase in checking account acquisition costs (principally direct mail). The slight decrease in 2015 as compared to 2014 is due primarily to a reduction in outdoor advertising.

Legal and professional fees totaled \$1.7 million, \$2.0 million, and \$2.0 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease in 2016 as compared to 2015 was due primarily to a \$0.4 million decline in such costs at Mepco resulting from the resolution of certain litigation matters and a related reduction in legal fees.

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Interchange expense primarily represents fees paid to our core information systems processor and debit card licensor related to debit card and ATM transactions. This expense was relatively unchanged in 2016 as compared to 2015. The decrease in this expense in 2015 as compared to 2014 is primarily due to the impact of our new seven-year core data processing contract that we executed in March 2014.

FDIC deposit insurance expense totaled \$1.0 million, \$1.4 million, and \$1.6 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decline in 2016 as compared to 2015 principally results from the FDIC Deposit Insurance Fund reserve ratio reaching a 1.15% reserve ratio at June 30, 2016, which triggered a new assessment method and generally lower deposit insurance premiums for banks with less than \$10 billion in assets. The decline in 2015 as compared to 2014 reflected a reduction in the Bank's risk based premium rate due to our improved financial metrics.

Credit card and bank service fees primarily relate to card processing fees incurred by Mepco in its payment plan processing business and variations in this expense are principally due to changes in the number of payment plans being administered by Mepco.

Supplies expense has declined over the past two years consistent with our cost reduction initiatives and the smaller size of the organization resulting from the closing or consolidation of branches.

The amortization of intangible assets primarily relates to branch acquisitions and the amortization of the deposit customer relationship value, including core deposit value, which was acquired in connection with those acquisitions. We had remaining unamortized intangible assets of \$1.9 million and \$2.3 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015 respectively. See note #7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a schedule of future amortization of intangible assets.

We incurred a \$0.3 million loss in 2016 on the expected sale of Mepco's payment plan business as described earlier under Recent Developments.

Net (gains) losses on other real estate and repossessed assets represent the gain or loss on the sale or additional write downs on these assets subsequent to the transfer of the asset from our loan portfolio. This transfer occurs at the time we acquire the collateral that secured the loan. At the time of acquisition, the other real estate or repossessed asset is valued at fair value, less estimated costs to sell, which becomes the new basis for the asset. Any write-downs at the time of acquisition are charged to the allowance for loan losses. The net loss of \$0.25 million in 2016 is primarily due to \$0.46 million of write-downs on a group of commercial income-producing properties. These properties (\$2.9 million balance in other real estate at December 31, 2016) are now under contract for sale. We expect this sale to close in the first half of 2017. The net gains of \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively, primarily reflect greater stability in real estate prices, with many markets even experiencing price increases.

The provision for loss reimbursement on sold loans was an expense of \$0.03 million in 2016 compared to a credit of \$0.06 million and \$0.5 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively. This provision represents our estimate of incurred losses related to mortgage loans that we have sold to investors (primarily Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae). The credit provisions in 2015 and 2014 are due primarily to the reduction or rescission of certain loss reimbursement requests that had been pending and accrued for in earlier periods. Since we sell mortgage loans without recourse, loss reimbursements only occur in those instances where we have breached a representation or warranty or other contractual requirement related to the loan sale. The reserve for loss reimbursements on sold mortgage loans totaled \$0.56 million and \$0.53 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. This reserve is included in accrued expenses and other liabilities in our Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. This reserve is based on an analysis of mortgage loans that we have sold which are further categorized by delinquency status, loan to value, and year of origination. The calculation includes factors such as probability of default, probability of loss reimbursement (breach of representation or warranty) and estimated loss severity. The reserve levels at December 31, 2016 and 2015

also reflect the resolution of the mortgage loan origination years of 2000 to 2008 with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. We believe that the amounts that we have accrued for incurred losses on sold mortgage loans are appropriate given our analyses. However, future losses could exceed our current estimate.

Other non-interest expenses totaled \$4.7 million, \$5.2 million, and \$5.3 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The \$0.5 million decrease in 2016 as compared to 2015 is primarily due to declines in vehicle service contract counterparty contingency expense, costs related to unfunded lending commitments and fraud costs related to deposit account and debit card activities.

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### Income Tax Expense

We recorded an income tax expense of \$10.1 million, \$9.4 million and \$7.2 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Our actual federal income tax expense is different than the amount computed by applying our statutory income tax rate to our income before income tax primarily due to tax-exempt interest income and tax-exempt income from the increase in the cash surrender value on life insurance.

In addition, 2016 included a \$0.3 million income tax benefit resulting from the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update 2016-09 Compensation – Stock Compensation (718) Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. See note #1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Also, 2014 income tax expense was reduced by a credit of approximately \$0.7 million due to a true-up of the amount of unrecognized tax benefits relative to certain net operating loss carryforwards and the reversal of a valuation allowance on a capital loss carryforward that was believed to not be more likely than not to be realized prior to a strategy executed during the second quarter of 2014 that generated capital gains.

We assess whether a valuation allowance should be established against our deferred tax assets based on the consideration of all available evidence using a more likely than not standard. The ultimate realization of this asset is primarily based on generating future income. We concluded at December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, that the realization of substantially all of our deferred tax assets continues to be more likely than not.

We did maintain a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets of approximately \$1.1 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015 and \$1.0 million at December 31, 2014. This valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets primarily relates to state income taxes at Mepco. In this instance, we determined that the future realization of these particular deferred tax assets was not more likely than not. This conclusion in 2016 was based on the pending sale of Mepco's payment plan business and in 2015 and 2014 was primarily based on the uncertainty of Mepco's future earnings attributable to particular states (given the various apportionment criteria) and the significant reduction in the size of Mepco's business.

### Business Segments

Prior to 2016, we reported on two segments: Independent Bank and Mepco. However, given the significant reduction in the size of Mepco's business and its relative immateriality, we have now eliminated any separate segment reporting on Mepco. Rather, we evaluate the operations of the organization as one single unit.

### *Financial Condition*

This section contains discussions of our consolidated financial condition as of (1) September 30, 2017, as compared to December 31, 2016, and (2) December 31, 2016 as compared to December 31, 2015.

### September 30, 2017 Compared to December 31, 2016

#### Summary

Our total assets increased by \$204.5 million during the first nine months of 2017. Loans, excluding loans held for sale ( Portfolio Loans ), totaled \$1.94 billion at September 30, 2017, an increase of \$328.8 million, or 20.4%, from December 31, 2016. (See Portfolio Loans and asset quality. )

Deposits totaled \$2.34 billion at September 30, 2017, compared to \$2.23 billion at December 31, 2016. The \$118.0 million increase in total deposits during the period reflects growth in all categories, except time deposits, which declined by \$41.3 million. The decline in time deposits primarily reflects maturities with one municipal customer, where we elected to allow the deposits to run-off rather than rebidding for these funds.

### Securities

We maintain diversified securities portfolios, which include obligations of U.S. government-sponsored agencies, securities issued by states and political subdivisions, residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, corporate securities, trust preferred securities and foreign government securities (that are denominated in U.S. dollars). We regularly evaluate asset/liability management needs and attempt to maintain a portfolio structure that provides sufficient liquidity and cash flow. Except as discussed below, we believe that the unrealized losses on securities available for sale are temporary in nature and are expected to be recovered within a

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reasonable time period. We believe that we have the ability to hold securities with unrealized losses to maturity or until such time as the unrealized losses reverse. (See Asset/liability management. )

**SECURITIES**

	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Unrealized Gains    Losses</b>		<b>Fair Value</b>
		<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Securities available for sale				
September 30, 2017	\$ 545,672	\$ 5,023	\$ 1,830	\$ 548,865
December 31, 2016	615,709	2,548	7,641	610,616

We adopted ASU 2017-08 during the first quarter of 2017 using a modified retrospective approach. As a result, the amortized cost of securities as of January 1, 2017 was adjusted lower by \$0.46 million (see note #2).

Securities available for sale declined by \$61.8 million during the first nine months of 2017 as these funds were utilized to support net Portfolio Loan growth. Our portfolio of securities available for sale is reviewed quarterly for impairment in value. In performing this review, management considers (1) the length of time and extent that fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near term prospects of the issuer, (3) the impact of changes in market interest rates on the market value of the security and (4) an assessment of whether we intend to sell, or it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell, a security in an unrealized loss position before recovery of its amortized cost basis. For securities that do not meet these recovery criteria, the amount of impairment recognized in earnings is limited to the amount related to credit losses, while impairment related to other factors is recognized in other comprehensive income. We recorded no impairment losses related to other than temporary impairment on securities available for sale in either the first nine months of 2017 or 2016.

Sales of securities were as follows (See Non-interest income. ):

	<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2017      2016</b>	
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Proceeds <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 9,594	\$ 56,451
Gross gains	\$ 125	\$ 350
Gross losses	—	(52 )
Net impairment charges	—	—
Fair value adjustments	(63 )	4
Net gains	\$ 62	\$ 302

(1)2017 includes \$0.760 million for trades that did not settle until after September 30, 2017.

Portfolio Loans and Asset Quality

In addition to the communities served by our Bank branch and loan production office network, our principal lending markets also include nearby communities and metropolitan areas. Subject to established underwriting criteria, we also may participate in commercial lending transactions with certain non-affiliated banks and make whole loan purchases from other financial institutions.

The senior management and board of directors of our Bank retain authority and responsibility for credit decisions and we have adopted uniform underwriting standards. Our loan committee structure and the loan review process attempt to provide requisite controls and promote compliance with such established underwriting standards. However, there can be no assurance that our lending procedures and the use of uniform underwriting standards will prevent us from incurring significant credit losses in our lending activities.

We generally retain loans that may be profitably funded within established risk parameters. (See Asset/liability management. ) As a result, we may hold adjustable-rate conventional and fixed rate jumbo mortgage loans as Portfolio Loans, while 15- and 30-year fixed-rate non-jumbo mortgage loans are generally sold to mitigate exposure

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to changes in interest rates. (See Non-interest income. ) Due primarily to the expansion of our mortgage-banking activities and a change in mix in our mortgage loan originations, we are now originating and putting into Portfolio Loans more fixed rate mortgage loans than as compared to past periods. These fixed rate mortgage loans generally have terms from 15 to 30 years, do not have prepayment penalties and expose us to more interest rate risk. To date, our interest rate risk profile has not changed significantly. However, we are carefully monitoring this change in the composition of our Portfolio Loans and the impact of potential future changes in interest rates on our changes in market value of portfolio equity and changes in net interest income. (See Asset/liability management. ). As a result, we have added and may continue to add some longer-term borrowings, may utilize derivatives (interest rate swaps and interest rate caps) to manage interest rate risk and may begin to attempt to sell fixed rate jumbo mortgage loans in the future.

**NON-PERFORMING ASSETS<sup>(1)</sup>**

	<b>September 30, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
Non-accrual loans	\$ 8,410	\$ 13,364
Loans 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest	—	—
Total non-performing loans	8,410	13,364
Other real estate and repossessed assets	2,150	5,004
Total non-performing assets	\$ 10,560	\$ 18,368
As a percent of Portfolio Loans		
Non-performing loans	0.43 %	0.83 %
Allowance for loan losses	1.11	1.26
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.38	0.72
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of non-performing loans	255.39	151.41

(1) Excludes loans classified as troubled debt restructured that are not past due and vehicle service contract counterparty receivables, net.

Non-performing loans decreased by \$5.0 million, or 37.1%, during the first nine months of 2017. This decline primarily reflects the pay-off or liquidation of non-performing commercial loans. In general, stable economic conditions in our market areas, as well as our collection and resolution efforts, have resulted in a downward trend in non-performing loans. However, we are still experiencing some loan defaults, particularly related to commercial loans secured by income-producing property and mortgage loans secured by resort/vacation property.

Non-performing loans exclude performing loans that are classified as troubled debt restructurings ( TDRs ). Performing TDRs totaled \$63.2 million, or 3.3% of total Portfolio Loans, and \$70.3 million, or 4.4% of total Portfolio Loans, at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. The decrease in the amount of performing TDRs in the first nine months of 2017 primarily reflects pay-downs and payoffs. See Note #4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on TDRs.

Other real estate and repossessed assets totaled \$2.2 million at September 30, 2017, compared to \$5.0 million at December 31, 2016. This decrease is primarily the result of the sale of a group of commercial properties in the second quarter of 2017.

We will place a loan that is 90 days or more past due on non-accrual, unless we believe the loan is both well secured and in the process of collection. Accordingly, we have determined that the collection of the accrued and unpaid interest on any loans that are 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest is probable.

The ratio of loan net charge-offs to average Portfolio Loans was a negative 0.03% (as a result of net recoveries) on an annualized basis in the first nine months of 2017 compared to a negative 0.08% in the first nine months of 2016. The \$0.5 million decrease in total loan net recoveries is due to a decline in commercial loan net recoveries.

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	<b>Nine months ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2017</b>			<b>2016</b>
	<b>Loans</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>	<b>Loans</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 20,234	\$ 650	\$ 22,570	\$ 652
Additions (deductions)				
Provision for loan losses	806	—	(1,439 )	—
Recoveries credited to allowance	2,998	—	3,623	—
Loans charged against the allowance	(2,560 )	—	(2,711 )	—
Additions included in non-interest expense	—	332	—	6
Balance at end of period	\$ 21,478	\$ 982	\$ 22,043	\$ 658
Net loans charged against the allowance to average Portfolio Loans	(0.03 )%	(0.08 )%		

**ALLOCATION OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES**

	<b>September 30, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Specific allocations	\$ 7,061	\$ 9,152
Other adversely rated commercial loans	792	491
Historical loss allocations	6,540	4,929
Additional allocations based on subjective factors	7,085	5,662
Total	\$ 21,478	\$ 20,234

Some loans will not be repaid in full. Therefore, an allowance for loan losses ( AFLL ) is maintained at a level which represents our best estimate of losses incurred. In determining the AFLL and the related provision for loan losses, we consider four principal elements: (i) specific allocations based upon probable losses identified during the review of the loan portfolio, (ii) allocations established for other adversely rated commercial loans, (iii) allocations based principally on historical loan loss experience, and (iv) additional allowances based on subjective factors, including local and general economic business factors and trends, portfolio concentrations and changes in the size and/or the general terms of the loan portfolios.

The first AFLL element (specific allocations) reflects our estimate of probable incurred losses based upon our systematic review of specific loans. These estimates are based upon a number of factors, such as payment history, financial condition of the borrower, discounted collateral exposure and discounted cash flow analysis. Impaired commercial, mortgage and installment loans are allocated AFLL amounts using this first element. The second AFLL element (other adversely rated commercial loans) reflects the application of our commercial loan rating system. This rating system is similar to those employed by state and federal banking regulators. Commercial loans that are rated below a certain predetermined classification are assigned a loss allocation factor for each loan classification category that is based upon a historical analysis of both the probability of default and the expected loss rate ( loss given default ).

The lower the rating assigned to a loan or category, the greater the allocation percentage that is applied. The third AFLL element (historical loss allocations) is determined by assigning allocations to higher rated ( non-watch credit ) commercial loans using a probability of default and loss given default similar to the second AFLL element and to homogenous mortgage and installment loan groups based upon borrower credit score and portfolio segment. For homogenous mortgage and installment loans a probability of default for each homogenous pool is calculated by way of credit score migration. Historical loss data for each homogenous pool coupled with the associated probability of default is utilized to calculate an expected loss allocation rate. The fourth AFLL element (additional allocations based on subjective factors) is based on factors that cannot be associated with a specific credit or loan category and reflects our attempt to ensure that the overall AFLL appropriately reflects a margin for the imprecision necessarily inherent in the estimates of expected credit losses. We consider a number of subjective factors when determining this fourth element, including local and general economic business factors and trends, portfolio concentrations and changes in the size, mix and the general terms of the overall loan portfolio.

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Increases in the AFLL are recorded by a provision for loan losses charged to expense. Although we periodically allocate portions of the AFLL to specific loans and loan portfolios, the entire AFLL is available for incurred losses. We generally charge-off commercial, homogenous residential mortgage and installment loans when they are deemed uncollectible or reach a predetermined number of days past due based on product, industry practice and other factors. Collection efforts may continue and recoveries may occur after a loan is charged against the AFLL.

While we use relevant information to recognize losses on loans, additional provisions for related losses may be necessary based on changes in economic conditions, customer circumstances and other credit risk factors.

The allowance for loan losses increased \$1.2 million to \$21.5 million at September 30, 2017 from \$20.2 million at December 31, 2016 and was equal to 1.11% of total Portfolio Loans at September 30, 2017 compared to 1.26% at December 31, 2016.

Three of the four components of the allowance for loan losses outlined above increased in the first nine months of 2017. The allowance for loan losses related to specific loans decreased \$2.1 million in 2017 due primarily to a decline in the balance of individually impaired loans as well as charge-offs. In particular, we received a full payoff in March 2017 on a commercial loan that had a specific reserve of \$1.2 million at December 31, 2016. The allowance for loan losses related to other adversely rated commercial loans increased \$0.3 million in 2017 primarily due to an increase in the balance of such loans included in this component to \$23.2 million at September 30, 2017 from \$11.8 million at December 31, 2016. The allowance for loan losses related to historical losses increased \$1.6 million during 2017 due principally to slight upward adjustments in our probability of default and expected loss rates for commercial loans, an additional component of approximately \$0.6 million added for loans secured by commercial real estate due primarily to emerging risks in this sector (such as retail store closings and potential overdevelopment in certain markets) and loan growth. We also extended our historical lookback period to be more representative of the probability of default and account for infrequent migration events and extremely low levels of watch credits. The allowance for loan losses related to subjective factors increased \$1.4 million during 2017 primarily due to loan growth.

By comparison, two of the four components of the allowance for loan losses outlined above declined in the first nine months of 2016. The allowance for loan losses related to specific loans decreased \$0.6 million in 2016 due primarily to a \$7.0 million decline in the balance of individually impaired loans as well as charge-offs. The allowance for loan losses related to other adversely rated commercial loans decreased \$0.5 million in 2016 primarily due to a decrease in the balance of such loans included in this component to \$13.8 million at September 30, 2016 from \$27.8 million at December 31, 2015. The allowance for loan losses related to historical losses increased \$0.3 million during 2016 due principally to loan growth. The allowance for loan losses related to subjective factors increased \$0.3 million during 2016 also primarily due to overall growth of the loan portfolio.

## Deposits and Borrowings

Historically, the loyalty of our customer base has allowed us to price deposits competitively, contributing to a net interest margin that compares favorably to our peers. However, we still face a significant amount of competition for deposits within many of the markets served by our branch network, which limits our ability to materially increase deposits without adversely impacting the weighted-average cost of core deposits.

To attract new core deposits, we have implemented various account acquisition strategies as well as branch staff sales training. Account acquisition initiatives have historically generated increases in customer relationships. Over the past several years, we have also expanded our treasury management products and services for commercial businesses and municipalities or other governmental units and have also increased our sales calling efforts in order to attract additional deposit relationships from these sectors. We view long-term core deposit growth as an important objective. Core deposits generally provide a more stable and lower cost source of funds than alternative sources such as

short-term borrowings. (See Liquidity and capital resources. )

Deposits totaled \$2.34 billion and \$2.23 billion at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. The \$118.0 million increase in deposits in the first nine months of 2017 is due to growth in all categories of deposits, except time deposits. Reciprocal deposits totaled \$49.1 million and \$38.7 million at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. These deposits represent demand, money market and time deposits from our customers that have been placed through Promontory Interfinancial Network's Insured Cash Sweep® service and Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service®. These services allow our customers to access multi-million dollar FDIC deposit insurance on deposit balances greater than the standard FDIC insurance maximum. We also added

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\$87.6 million of brokered time deposits during the first nine months of 2017. This increase, replaced in part, the run-off of time deposits with one municipal customer as described earlier.

We cannot be sure that we will be able to maintain our current level of core deposits. In particular, those deposits that are uninsured may be susceptible to outflow. At September 30, 2017, we had approximately \$557.9 million of uninsured deposits. A reduction in core deposits would likely increase our need to rely on wholesale funding sources.

We have also implemented strategies that incorporate using federal funds purchased, other borrowings and Brokered CDs to fund a portion of our interest-earning assets. The use of such alternate sources of funds supplements our core deposits and is also an integral part of our asset/liability management efforts.

Other borrowings, comprised almost entirely of advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (the FHLB), totaled \$72.8 million and \$9.4 million at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. The increase in other borrowings during the first nine months of 2017 was utilized to fund Portfolio Loan growth.

As described above, we utilize wholesale funding, including FHLB borrowings and Brokered CDs to augment our core deposits and fund a portion of our assets. At September 30, 2017, our use of such wholesale funding sources (including reciprocal deposits) amounted to approximately \$212.5 million, or 8.8% of total funding (deposits and total borrowings, excluding subordinated debentures). Because wholesale funding sources are affected by general market conditions, the availability of such funding may be dependent on the confidence these sources have in our financial condition and operations. The continued availability to us of these funding sources is not certain, and Brokered CDs may be difficult for us to retain or replace at attractive rates as they mature. Our liquidity may be constrained if we are unable to renew our wholesale funding sources or if adequate financing is not available in the future at acceptable rates of interest or at all. Our financial performance could also be affected if we are unable to maintain our access to funding sources or if we are required to rely more heavily on more expensive funding sources. In such case, our net interest income and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We historically employed derivative financial instruments to manage our exposure to changes in interest rates. We discontinued the active use of derivative financial instruments during 2008. We began to again utilize interest-rate swaps in 2014, primarily relating to our commercial lending activities. During the first nine months of 2017 and 2016, we entered into \$14.6 million and \$23.0 million (aggregate notional amounts), respectively, of interest rate swaps with commercial loan customers, which were offset with interest rate swaps that the Bank entered into with a broker-dealer. We recorded \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million of fee income related to these transactions during the first nine months of 2017 and 2016, respectively. In September 2017 we also entered into a \$15.0 million (notional amount) pay fixed interest rate swap that matures in September 2021. This fixed pay interest rate swap is hedging short-term Brokered CDs.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity risk is the risk of being unable to timely meet obligations as they come due at a reasonable funding cost or without incurring unacceptable losses. Our liquidity management involves the measurement and monitoring of a variety of sources and uses of funds. Our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows categorize these sources and uses into operating, investing and financing activities. We primarily focus our liquidity management on maintaining adequate levels of liquid assets (primarily funds on deposit with the FRB and certain securities available for sale) as well as developing access to a variety of borrowing sources to supplement our deposit gathering activities and provide funds for purchasing securities available for sale or originating Portfolio Loans as well as to be able to respond to unforeseen liquidity needs.

Our primary sources of funds include our deposit base, secured advances from the FHLB, federal funds purchased borrowing facilities with other commercial banks, and access to the capital markets (for Brokered CDs).

At September 30, 2017, we had \$432.2 million of time deposits that mature in the next 12 months. Historically, a majority of these maturing time deposits are renewed by our customers. Additionally, \$1.81 billion of our deposits at September 30, 2017, were in account types from which the customer could withdraw the funds on demand. Changes in the balances of deposits that can be withdrawn upon demand are usually predictable and the total balances of these accounts have generally grown or have been stable over time as a result of our marketing and promotional activities. However, there can be no assurance that historical patterns of renewing time deposits or overall growth or stability in deposits will continue in the future.

We have developed contingency funding plans that stress test our liquidity needs that may arise from certain events such as an adverse change in our financial metrics (for example, credit quality or regulatory capital ratios).

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Our liquidity management also includes periodic monitoring that measures quick assets (defined generally as short-term assets with maturities less than 30 days and loans held for sale) to total assets, short-term liability dependence and basic surplus (defined as quick assets compared to short-term liabilities). Policy limits have been established for our various liquidity measurements and are monitored on a monthly basis. In addition, we also prepare cash flow forecasts that include a variety of different scenarios.

We believe that we currently have adequate liquidity at our Bank because of our cash and cash equivalents, our portfolio of securities available for sale, our access to secured advances from the FHLB, our ability to issue Brokered CDs and our improved financial metrics.

We also believe that the available cash on hand at the parent company (including time deposits) of approximately \$23.4 million as of September 30, 2017 provides sufficient liquidity resources at the parent company to meet operating expenses, to make interest payments on the subordinated debentures and to pay a cash dividend on our common stock for the foreseeable future.

Effective management of capital resources is critical to our mission to create value for our shareholders. In addition to common stock, our capital structure also currently includes cumulative trust preferred securities.

**CAPITALIZATION**

	<b>September 30, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Subordinated debentures	\$ 35,569	\$ 35,569
Amount not qualifying as regulatory capital	(1,069 )	(1,069 )
Amount qualifying as regulatory capital	34,500	34,500
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock	324,607	323,745
Accumulated deficit	(53,240 )	(65,657 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,657 )	(9,108 )
Total shareholders' equity	267,710	248,980
Total capitalization	\$ 302,210	\$ 283,480

We currently have three special purpose entities with \$34.5 million of outstanding cumulative trust preferred securities. These special purpose entities issued common securities and provided cash to our parent company that in turn issued subordinated debentures to these special purpose entities equal to the trust preferred securities and common securities. The subordinated debentures represent the sole asset of the special purpose entities. The common securities and subordinated debentures are included in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

The FRB has issued rules regarding trust preferred securities as a component of the Tier 1 capital of bank holding companies. The aggregate amount of trust preferred securities (and certain other capital elements) are limited to 25 percent of Tier 1 capital elements, net of goodwill (net of any associated deferred tax liability). The amount of trust preferred securities and certain other elements in excess of the limit can be included in Tier 2 capital, subject to restrictions. At the parent company, all of these securities qualified as Tier 1 capital at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016. Although the Dodd-Frank Act further limited Tier 1 treatment for trust preferred securities, those

new limits did not apply to our outstanding trust preferred securities. Further, the New Capital Rules grandfathered the treatment of our trust preferred securities as qualifying regulatory capital.

Common shareholders' equity increased to \$267.7 million at September 30, 2017 from \$249.0 million at December 31, 2016 due primarily to our net income and a decline in our accumulated other comprehensive loss that were partially offset by dividends that we paid. Our tangible common equity ( TCE ) totaled \$266.0 million and \$247.0 million, respectively, at those same dates. Our ratio of TCE to tangible assets was 9.67% and 9.70% at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. TCE and the ratio of TCE to tangible assets are non-GAAP measures. TCE represents total common equity less intangible assets.

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On January 23, 2017, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase plan. Under the terms of the 2017 share repurchase plan, we are authorized to buy back up to 5% of our outstanding common stock. This repurchase plan is authorized to last through December 31, 2017. We did not repurchase any shares during the first nine months of 2017.

In October 2017 and 2016, our Board of Directors increased the quarterly cash dividend on our common stock to 12 cents and ten cents per share, respectively.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our Bank (and holding company) continued to meet the requirements to be considered well-capitalized under federal regulatory standards (also see note #10 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included within this prospectus and proxy statement).

Asset/Liability Management

Interest-rate risk is created by differences in the cash flow characteristics of our assets and liabilities. Options embedded in certain financial instruments, including caps on adjustable-rate loans as well as borrowers' rights to prepay fixed-rate loans, also create interest-rate risk.

Our asset/liability management efforts identify and evaluate opportunities to structure our statement of financial condition in a manner that is consistent with our mission to maintain profitable financial leverage within established risk parameters. We evaluate various opportunities and alternate asset/liability management strategies carefully and consider the likely impact on our risk profile as well as the anticipated contribution to earnings. The marginal cost of funds is a principal consideration in the implementation of our asset/liability management strategies, but such evaluations further consider interest-rate and liquidity risk as well as other pertinent factors. We have established parameters for interest-rate risk. We regularly monitor our interest-rate risk and report at least quarterly to our board of directors.

We employ simulation analyses to monitor our interest-rate risk profile and evaluate potential changes in our net interest income and market value of portfolio equity that result from changes in interest rates. The purpose of these simulations is to identify sources of interest-rate risk. The simulations do not anticipate any actions that we might initiate in response to changes in interest rates and, accordingly, the simulations do not provide a reliable forecast of anticipated results. The simulations are predicated on immediate, permanent and parallel shifts in interest rates and generally assume that current loan and deposit pricing relationships remain constant. The simulations further incorporate assumptions relating to changes in customer behavior, including changes in prepayment rates on certain assets and liabilities.

**CHANGES IN MARKET VALUE OF PORTFOLIO EQUITY AND NET INTEREST INCOME**

Change in Interest Rates	Market	Percent	Net	Percent
	Value		Interest	
	Of	Change	Income <sup>(2)</sup>	Change
	Portfolio			
	Equity <sup>(1)</sup>			
	(Dollars in thousands)			
September 30, 2017				
200 basis point rise	\$ 410,500	(0.02 )%	\$ 94,100	1.51 %
100 basis point rise	415,900	1.29	94,000	1.40
Base-rate scenario	410,600	—	92,700	—

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100 basis point decline	379,800	(7.50 )	87,000	(6.15 )
December 31, 2016				
200 basis point rise	\$ 427,400	6.90 %	\$ 84,800	6.94 %
100 basis point rise	417,800	4.50	82,500	4.04
Base-rate scenario	399,800	—	79,300	—
100 basis point decline	366,000	(8.45 )	73,500	(7.31 )

(1) Simulation analyses calculate the change in the net present value of our assets and liabilities, including debt and related financial derivative instruments, under parallel shifts in interest rates by discounting the estimated future cash flows using a market-based discount rate. Cash flow estimates incorporate anticipated changes in prepayment speeds and other embedded options.

(2) Simulation analyses calculate the change in net interest income under immediate parallel shifts in interest rates over the next twelve months, based upon a static statement of financial condition, which includes debt and related financial derivative instruments, and do not consider loan fees.

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### Accounting Standards Update

See note #2 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and proxy statement for details on recently issued accounting pronouncements and their impact on our financial statements.

### December 31, 2016 Compared to December 31, 2015

#### Summary

Our total assets increased to \$2.55 billion at December 31, 2016, compared to \$2.41 billion at December 31, 2015, primarily due to increases in securities available for sale and loans. Loans, excluding loans held for sale ( Portfolio Loans ), totaled \$1.61 billion at December 31, 2016, an increase of 6.2% from \$1.52 billion at December 31, 2015. (See Portfolio Loans and asset quality ). Not included in Portfolio Loans at December 31, 2016 are \$30.6 million of payment plan receivables and \$0.8 million of commercial loans. These balances are included in Payment plan receivables and other assets held for sale in our December 31, 2016 Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition. They are classified as held for sale due to the pending sale of our Mepeco payment plan business as described above under Recent Developments.

Deposits totaled \$2.23 billion at December 31, 2016, compared to \$2.09 billion at December 31, 2015. The increase in deposits during 2016 is primarily due to growth in checking, savings and time account balances.

#### Securities

We maintain diversified securities portfolios, which include obligations of U.S. government-sponsored agencies, securities issued by states and political subdivisions, residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, corporate securities and trust preferred securities. We regularly evaluate asset/liability management needs and attempt to maintain a portfolio structure that provides sufficient liquidity and cash flow. Except as discussed below, we believe that the unrealized losses on securities available for sale are temporary in nature and are expected to be recovered within a reasonable time period. We believe that we have the ability to hold securities with unrealized losses to maturity or until such time as the unrealized losses reverse. (See Asset/liability management. )

Securities available for sale increased during 2016 due primarily to the purchase of asset-backed securities, securities issued by states and political subdivisions and corporate securities. The securities were purchased to utilize funds generated from the increase in total deposits. (See Deposits and borrowings and Liquidity and capital resources. )

Our portfolio of securities available for sale is reviewed quarterly for impairment in value. In performing this review, management considers (1) the length of time and extent that fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near term prospects of the issuer, (3) the impact of changes in market interest rates on the market value of the security and (4) an assessment of whether we intend to sell, or it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell, a security in an unrealized loss position before recovery of its amortized cost basis. For securities that do not meet these recovery criteria, the amount of impairment recognized in earnings is limited to the amount related to credit losses, while impairment related to other factors is recognized in other comprehensive income (loss).

We recorded net impairment losses related to other than temporary impairment on securities available for sale of zero, zero, and \$0.009 million, in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The 2014 net other than temporary impairment charge was all related to private label residential mortgage-backed securities. In this instance, we believed that the decline in value was directly due to matters other than changes in interest rates, was not expected to be recovered within a reasonable timeframe based upon available information and was therefore other than temporary in nature. (See

Non-interest income and Asset/liability management. )

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	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Unrealized Gains    Losses</b>		<b>Fair Value</b>
		<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Securities available for sale				
December 31, 2016	\$ 615,709	\$ 2,548	\$ 7,641	\$ 610,616
December 31, 2015	585,851	3,152	3,519	585,484

Portfolio Loans and Asset Quality

In addition to the communities served by our Bank branch network, our principal lending markets also include nearby communities and metropolitan areas. Subject to established underwriting criteria, we also may participate in commercial lending transactions with certain non-affiliated banks and make whole loan purchases from other financial institutions. In August 2016 and December 2015, we purchased \$14.8 million and \$32.6 million, respectively, of single-family residential fixed rate mortgage loans from other Michigan-based financial institutions. These mortgage loans were all on properties located in Michigan. At December 31, 2016, the remaining balance on these purchased mortgage loans was \$38.9 million.

The senior management and board of directors of our Bank retain authority and responsibility for credit decisions and we have adopted uniform underwriting standards. Our loan committee structure and the loan review process attempt to provide requisite controls and promote compliance with such established underwriting standards. However, there can be no assurance that our lending procedures and the use of uniform underwriting standards will prevent us from incurring significant credit losses in our lending activities.

We generally retain loans that may be profitably funded within established risk parameters. (See Asset/liability management. ) As a result, we may hold adjustable-rate conventional and fixed rate jumbo mortgage loans as Portfolio Loans, while 15- and 30-year, fixed-rate non-jumbo mortgage loans are generally sold to mitigate exposure to changes in interest rates. (See Non-interest income. )

**LOAN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Real estate <sup>(1)</sup>		
Residential first mortgages	\$ 453,348	\$ 432,215
Residential home equity and other junior mortgages	105,550	106,297
Construction and land development	77,287	62,629
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	525,748	498,706
Consumer	234,632	193,350
Commercial	206,607	180,424
Agricultural	5,076	6,830
Payment plan receivables <sup>(3)</sup>	—	34,599

Total loans \$ 1,608,248 \$ 1,515,050

(1) Includes both residential and non-residential commercial loans secured by real estate.

(2) Includes loans secured by multi-family residential and non-farm, non-residential property.

(3) Payment plan receivables were reclassified to held for sale at December 31, 2016. See Recent Developments.

Future growth of overall Portfolio Loans is dependent upon a number of competitive and economic factors. Further, it is our desire to reduce or restrict certain loan categories for risk management reasons.

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	<b>December 31,</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
Non-accrual loans	\$ 13,364	\$ 10,607	\$ 15,231
Loans 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest	—	116	7
Total non-performing loans	13,364	10,723	15,238
Other real estate and repossessed assets	5,004	7,150	6,454
Total non-performing assets	\$ 18,368	\$ 17,873	\$ 21,692
As a percent of Portfolio Loans			
Non-performing loans	0.83 %	0.71 %	1.08 %
Allowance for loan losses	1.26	1.49	1.84
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.72	0.74	0.96
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of non-performing loans	151.41	210.48	170.56

(1) Excludes loans classified as troubled debt restructured that are performing and vehicle service contract counterparty receivables, net.

**TROUBLED DEBT RESTRUCTURINGS**

	<b>December 31, 2016</b>		
	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Retail</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Performing TDR's	\$ 10,560	\$ 59,726	\$ 70,286
Non-performing TDR's <sup>(1)</sup>	3,565	4,071 <sup>(2)</sup>	7,636
Total	\$ 14,125	\$ 63,797	\$ 77,922
	<b>December 31, 2015</b>		
	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Retail</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Performing TDR's	\$ 13,318	\$ 68,194	\$ 81,512
Non-performing TDR's <sup>(1)</sup>	3,041	3,777 <sup>(2)</sup>	6,818
Total	\$ 16,359	\$ 71,971	\$ 88,330

(1) Included in non-performing loans table above.

(2) Also includes loans on non-accrual at the time of modification until six payments are received on a timely basis. Non-performing loans totaled \$13.4 million, \$10.7 million and \$15.2 million at December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The increase in 2016 as compared to 2015 is primarily due to the default of one commercial loan relationship and one mortgage loan relationship in the fourth quarter. The decline in 2015 as compared to 2014 is principally due to declines in non-performing commercial loans, residential mortgage loans and consumer loans. These declines reflected reduced levels of new loan defaults as well as loan charge-offs, pay-offs, negotiated transactions, and the migration of loans into other real estate. In general, improving economic conditions in our market areas, as well as our collection and resolution efforts, have resulted in modest levels of non-performing loans over the past three years. However, we are still experiencing some loan defaults, particularly related to commercial loans secured by income-producing property and mortgage loans secured by resort/vacation property.

Non-performing loans exclude performing loans that are classified as troubled debt restructurings ( TDRs ). Performing TDRs totaled \$70.3 million, or 4.4% of total Portfolio Loans, and \$81.5 million, or 5.4% of total Portfolio Loans, at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The decrease in the amount of performing TDRs during 2016 reflects declines in both commercial loan and retail loan TDRs.

Other real estate and repossessed assets totaled \$5.0 million at December 31, 2016, compared to \$7.2 million at December 31, 2015. The decrease in other real estate during 2016 primarily reflects the sale of properties during the year being in excess of the inward migration of new properties.

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We will place a loan that is 90 days or more past due on non-accrual, unless we believe the loan is both well secured and in the process of collection. Accordingly, we have determined that the collection of the accrued and unpaid interest on any loans that are 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest is probable.

**ALLOCATION OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES**

	<b>December 31,</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Specific allocations	\$ 9,152	\$ 10,983	\$ 13,233
Other adversely rated commercial loans	491	1,053	761
Historical loss allocations	4,929	5,262	6,773
Additional allocations based on subjective factors	5,662	5,272	5,223
Total	\$ 20,234	\$ 22,570	\$ 25,990

Some loans will not be repaid in full. Therefore, an allowance for loan losses ( AFLL ) is maintained at a level which represents our best estimate of losses incurred. In determining the AFLL and the related provision for loan losses, we consider four principal elements: (i) specific allocations based upon probable losses identified during the review of the loan portfolio, (ii) allocations established for other adversely rated commercial loans, (iii) allocations based principally on historical loan loss experience, and (iv) additional allowances based on subjective factors, including local and general economic business factors and trends, portfolio concentrations and changes in the size and/or the general terms of the loan portfolios.

The first AFLL element (specific allocations) reflects our estimate of probable incurred losses based upon our systematic review of specific loans. These estimates are based upon a number of factors, such as payment history, financial condition of the borrower, discounted collateral exposure and discounted cash flow analysis. Impaired commercial, mortgage and installment loans are allocated allowance amounts using this first element. The second AFLL element (other adversely rated commercial loans) reflects the application of our commercial loan rating system. This rating system is similar to those employed by state and federal banking regulators. Commercial loans that are rated below a certain predetermined classification are assigned a loss allocation factor for each loan classification category that is based upon a historical analysis of both the probability of default and the expected loss rate ( loss given default ). The lower the rating assigned to a loan or category, the greater the allocation percentage that is applied. The third AFLL element (historical loss allocations) is determined by assigning allocations to higher rated ( non-watch credit ) commercial loans using a probability of default and loss given default similar to the second AFLL element and to homogenous mortgage and installment loan groups based upon borrower credit score and portfolio segment. For homogenous mortgage and installment loans, a probability of default for each homogenous pool is calculated by way of credit score migration. Historical loss data for each homogenous pool coupled with the associated probability of default is utilized to calculate an expected loss allocation rate. The fourth AFLL element (additional allocations based on subjective factors) is based on factors that cannot be associated with a specific credit or loan category and reflects our attempt to ensure that the overall AFLL appropriately reflects a margin for the imprecision necessarily inherent in the estimates of expected credit losses. We consider a number of subjective factors when determining this fourth element, including local and general economic business factors and trends, portfolio concentrations and changes in the size, mix and the general terms of the overall loan portfolio.

Increases in the AFLL are recorded by a provision for loan losses charged to expense. Although we periodically allocate portions of the AFLL to specific loans and loan portfolios, the entire AFLL is available for incurred losses. We generally charge-off commercial, homogenous residential mortgage and installment loans and payment plan receivables when they are deemed uncollectible or reach a predetermined number of days past due based on product,

industry practice and other factors. Collection efforts may continue and recoveries may occur after a loan is charged against the AFLL.

While we use relevant information to recognize losses on loans, additional provisions for related losses may be necessary based on changes in economic conditions, customer circumstances and other credit risk factors.

The AFLL decreased \$2.3 million to \$20.2 million at December 31, 2016 from \$22.6 million at December 31, 2015 and was equal to 1.26% of total Portfolio Loans at December 31, 2016 compared to 1.49% at December 31, 2015.

Three of the four components of the AFLL outlined above declined during 2016. The AFLL related to specific loans decreased \$1.8 million in 2016 due primarily to a \$9.3 million, or 10.4%, decline in the balance of individually

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impaired loans as well as charge-offs. The AFLL related to other adversely rated commercial loans decreased \$0.6 million in 2016 as the total balance of such loans included in this component decreased to \$11.8 million at December 31, 2016, from \$27.8 million at December 31, 2015. The AFLL related to historical losses decreased \$0.3 million during 2016 due principally to the use of a lower estimated probability of default for homogenous mortgage and installment loans (resulting from lower loan net charge-offs and reduced levels of new defaults on loans over the relevant measurement period). The AFLL related to subjective factors increased \$0.4 million due primarily to Portfolio Loan growth.

Two of the four components of the AFLL outlined above declined during 2015. The AFLL related to specific loans decreased \$2.3 million in 2015 due primarily to a \$24.0 million, or 21.6%, decline in the balance of individually impaired loans as well as charge-offs. The AFLL related to other adversely rated commercial loans increased \$0.3 million in 2015. Although the total balance of such loans included in this component decreased to \$27.8 million at December 31, 2015, from \$30.6 million at December 31, 2014, the allowance related to such loans increased slightly due to the use of higher loss given default rates. The AFLL related to historical losses decreased \$1.5 million during 2015 due principally to the use of a lower estimated probability of default for homogenous mortgage and installment loans (resulting from lower loan net charge-offs and reduced levels of new defaults on loans). The AFLL related to subjective factors was relatively unchanged (increased by just \$0.05 million during 2015).

**ALLOWANCE FOR LOSSES ON LOANS AND UNFUNDED COMMITMENTS**

	<b>2016</b>		<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>	
	<b>Loan</b>	<b>Unfunded</b>	<b>Loan</b>	<b>Unfunded</b>	<b>Loan</b>	<b>Unfunded</b>
	<b>Losses</b>	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Losses</b>	<b>Commitments</b>	<b>Losses</b>	<b>Commitments</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>					
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 22,570	\$ 652	\$ 25,990	\$ 539	\$ 32,325	\$ 508
Additions (deductions)						
Provision for loan losses	(1,309 )	—	(2,714 )	—	(3,136 )	—
Recoveries credited to allowance	4,619	—	5,022	—	7,420	—
Loans charged against the allowance	(5,587 )	—	(5,728 )	—	(10,619 )	—
Reclassification to loans held for sale	(59 )	—	—	—	—	—
Additions (deductions) included in non-interest expense	—	(2 )	—	113	—	31
Balance at end of year	\$ 20,234	\$ 650	\$ 22,570	\$ 652	\$ 25,990	\$ 539
Net loans charged against the allowance to average Portfolio Loans	0.06 %		0.05 %		0.23 %	

The ratio of loan net charge-offs to average loans was 0.06% in 2016 (or \$1.0 million) compared to 0.05% in 2015 (or \$0.7 million) and 0.23% in 2014 (or \$3.2 million). The slight increase in loan net charge-offs in 2016 as compared to 2015 were in mortgage loans and deposit overdrafts. The decrease in loan net charge-offs in 2015 as compared to 2014 occurred across all loan categories. This decrease primarily reflected reduced levels of non-performing loans and improvement in collateral liquidation values.

Vehicle service contract ( VSC ) counterparty receivables, net totaled \$2.3 million and \$7.2 million as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These VSC counterparty receivables represent funds due to Mepco related to the

cancellation of payment plan receivables. The \$2.3 million balance at December 31, 2016 is not part of the Mepco assets being sold as described above in Recent Developments. In the past, we have had to initiate litigation against certain counterparties, including third party insurers, to collect amounts owed to Mepco as a result of those parties dispute of their contractual obligations to Mepco. During the first quarter of 2016, we settled our last significant remaining litigation matter with certain of Mepco's counterparties. This settlement resulted in our receipt of a cash payment of \$4.0 million on March 31, 2016. This settlement also resulted in our receipt of an interest-bearing promissory note from one of Mepco's counterparties for \$1.5 million with monthly payments scheduled over a five-year period beginning in May 2016. Due to the lack of any payment history and limited financial information on this counterparty, we established a full reserve on this promissory note. This reserve (representing the remaining balance on the note) totaled \$1.3 million at December 31, 2016. Thus far, this counterparty has made all required monthly payments on the note. As a longer-term payment history is developed, we will continue to evaluate the need for all or any part of a reserve.

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### Deposits and Borrowings

Historically, the loyalty of our customer base has allowed us to price deposits competitively, contributing to a net interest margin that compares favorably to our peers. However, we still face a significant amount of competition for deposits within many of the markets served by our branch network, which limits our ability to materially increase deposits without adversely impacting the weighted-average cost of core deposits.

To attract new core deposits, we have implemented various account acquisition strategies as well as branch staff sales training. Account acquisition initiatives have historically generated increases in customer relationships. Over the past several years, we have also expanded our treasury management products and services for commercial businesses and municipalities or other governmental units and have also increased our sales calling efforts in order to attract additional deposit relationships from these sectors. We view long-term core deposit growth as an important objective. Core deposits generally provide a more stable and lower cost source of funds than alternative sources such as short-term borrowings. (See Liquidity and capital resources. )

Deposits totaled \$2.23 billion and \$2.09 billion at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The \$139.8 million increase in deposits in 2016 is due to growth in checking, savings and time deposit account balances. Reciprocal deposits totaled \$38.7 million and \$50.2 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These deposits represent demand, money market and time deposits from our customers that have been placed through Promontory Interfinancial Network's Insured Cash Sweep® service and Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service®. These services allow our customers to access multi-million dollar FDIC deposit insurance on deposit balances greater than the standard FDIC insurance maximum.

We cannot be sure that we will be able to maintain our current level of core deposits. In particular, those deposits that are uninsured may be susceptible to outflow. At December 31, 2016, we had approximately \$572.1 million of uninsured deposits. A reduction in core deposits would likely increase our need to rely on wholesale funding sources.

We have also implemented strategies that incorporate using federal funds purchased, other borrowings and Brokered CDs to fund a portion of our interest-earning assets. The use of such alternate sources of funds supplements our core deposits and is also a part of our asset/liability management efforts.

Other borrowings, comprised almost entirely of advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank (the FHLB ), totaled \$9.4 million and \$12.0 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

As described above, we utilize wholesale funding, including FHLB borrowings and Brokered CDs to augment our core deposits and fund a portion of our assets. At December 31, 2016, our use of such wholesale funding sources (including reciprocal deposits) amounted to approximately \$48.1 million, or 2.2% of total funding (deposits and total borrowings, excluding subordinated debentures). Because wholesale funding sources are affected by general market conditions, the availability of such funding may be dependent on the confidence these sources have in our financial condition and operations. The continued availability to us of these funding sources is not certain, and Brokered CDs may be difficult for us to retain or replace at attractive rates as they mature. Our liquidity may be constrained if we are unable to renew our wholesale funding sources or if adequate financing is not available in the future at acceptable rates of interest or at all. Our financial performance could also be affected if we are unable to maintain our access to funding sources or if we are required to rely more heavily on more expensive funding sources. In such case, our net interest income and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We historically employed derivative financial instruments to manage our exposure to changes in interest rates. We discontinued the active use of derivative financial instruments during 2008. We began to again utilize interest-rate swaps in 2014, relating to our commercial lending activities. During 2016, 2015 and 2014, we entered into \$24.1

million, \$24.3 million and \$3.3 million (original aggregate notional amounts), respectively, of interest rate swaps with commercial loan customers, which were offset with interest rate swaps that the Bank entered into with a broker-dealer. We recorded \$0.380 million, \$0.412 million and \$0.070 million of fee income related to these transactions during 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity risk is the risk of being unable to timely meet obligations as they come due at a reasonable funding cost or without incurring unacceptable losses. Our liquidity management involves the measurement and monitoring of a variety of sources and uses of funds. Our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows categorize these sources and uses into operating, investing and financing activities. We primarily focus our liquidity management on maintaining adequate levels of liquid assets (primarily funds on deposit with the FRB and certain investment securities) as well

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as developing access to a variety of borrowing sources to supplement our deposit gathering activities and provide funds for purchasing investment securities or originating Portfolio Loans as well as to be able to respond to unforeseen liquidity needs.

Our primary sources of funds include our deposit base, secured advances from the FHLB, a federal funds purchased borrowing facility with another commercial bank, and access to the capital markets (for Brokered CDs).

At December 31, 2016, we had \$363.4 million of time deposits that mature in the next 12 months. Historically, a majority of these maturing time deposits are renewed by our customers. Additionally, \$1.74 billion of our deposits at December 31, 2016, were in account types from which the customer could withdraw the funds on demand. Changes in the balances of deposits that can be withdrawn upon demand are usually predictable and the total balances of these accounts have generally grown or have been stable over time as a result of our marketing and promotional activities. However, there can be no assurance that historical patterns of renewing time deposits or overall growth or stability in deposits will continue in the future.

We have developed contingency funding plans that stress test our liquidity needs that may arise from certain events such as an adverse change in our financial metrics (for example, credit quality or regulatory capital ratios). Our liquidity management also includes periodic monitoring that measures quick assets (defined generally as short-term assets with maturities less than 30 days and loans held for sale) to total assets, short-term liability dependence and basic surplus (defined as quick assets compared to short-term liabilities). Policy limits have been established for our various liquidity measurements and are monitored on a monthly basis. In addition, we also prepare cash flow forecasts that include a variety of different scenarios.

We believe that we currently have adequate liquidity at our Bank because of our cash and cash equivalents, our portfolio of securities available for sale, our access to secured advances from the FHLB, our ability to issue Brokered CDs and our improved financial metrics.

We also believe that the available cash on hand at the parent company (including time deposits) of approximately \$14.5 million as of December 31, 2016 provides sufficient liquidity resources at the parent company to meet operating expenses, to make interest payments on the subordinated debentures and to pay a cash dividend on our common stock for the foreseeable future.

In the normal course of business, we enter into certain contractual obligations. Such obligations include requirements to make future payments on debt and lease arrangements, contractual commitments for capital expenditures, and service contracts. The table below summarizes our significant contractual obligations at December 31, 2016.

**CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS<sup>(1)</sup>**

	<b>1 Year or Less</b>	<b>1-3 Years</b>	<b>3-5 Years</b>	<b>After 5 Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>				
Time deposit maturities	\$ 363,382	\$ 93,857	\$ 27,026	\$ 853	\$ 485,118
FHLB advances	1,587	5,185	2,656	—	9,428
Subordinated debentures	—	—	—	35,569	35,569
Operating lease obligations	1,444	2,307	1,387	499	5,637
Purchase obligations <sup>(2)</sup>	1,757	3,514	2,196	—	7,467
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 368,170</b>	<b>\$ 104,863</b>	<b>\$ 33,265</b>	<b>\$ 36,921</b>	<b>\$ 543,219</b>

- (1) Excludes approximately \$0.5 million of accrued tax and interest relative to uncertain tax benefits due to the high degree of uncertainty as to when, or if, those amounts would be paid.
- (2) Includes contracts with a minimum annual payment of \$1.0 million and are not cancellable within one year.

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Effective management of capital resources is critical to our mission to create value for our shareholders. In addition to common stock, our capital structure also currently includes cumulative trust preferred securities.

**CAPITALIZATION**

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Subordinated debentures	\$ 35,569	\$ 35,569
Amount not qualifying as regulatory capital	(1,069 )	(1,069 )
Amount qualifying as regulatory capital	34,500	34,500
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock	323,745	339,462
Accumulated deficit	(65,657 )	(82,334 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9,108 )	(6,036 )
Total shareholders' equity	248,980	251,092
Total capitalization	\$ 283,480	\$ 285,592

We currently have three special purpose entities that originally issued \$39.5 million of cumulative trust preferred securities. These special purpose entities issued common securities and provided cash to our parent company that in turn issued subordinated debentures to these special purpose entities equal to the trust preferred securities and common securities. The subordinated debentures represent the sole asset of the special purpose entities. The common securities and subordinated debentures are included in our Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

On December 1, 2014, we purchased 5,000 shares of trust preferred securities (liquidation amount of \$1,000 per security, representing a total of \$5.0 million) that were issued by IBC Capital Finance IV. The trust preferred securities have been retired along with certain related common stock issued by IBC Capital Finance IV and subordinated debentures issued by us.

At both December 31, 2016 and 2015, we had \$34.5 million of cumulative trust preferred securities remaining outstanding.

The Federal Reserve Board has issued rules regarding trust preferred securities as a component of the Tier 1 capital of bank holding companies. The aggregate amount of trust preferred securities (and certain other capital elements) are limited to 25 percent of Tier 1 capital elements, net of goodwill (net of any associated deferred tax liability). The amount of trust preferred securities and certain other elements in excess of the limit can be included in Tier 2 capital, subject to restrictions. At the parent company, all of these securities qualified as Tier 1 capital at December 31, 2016 and 2015. Although the Dodd-Frank Act further limited Tier 1 treatment for trust preferred securities, those new limits did not apply to our outstanding trust preferred securities. Further, the New Capital Rules grandfathered the treatment of our trust preferred securities as qualifying regulatory capital.

Common shareholders' equity decreased to \$249.0 million at December 31, 2016 from \$251.1 million at December 31, 2015 due primarily to share repurchases, dividends and an increase in our accumulated other comprehensive loss that was substantially offset by our net income in 2016. Our tangible common equity ( TCE ) totaled \$247.0 million and \$248.8 million, respectively, at those same dates. Our ratio of TCE to tangible assets was 9.70% and 10.34% at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. TCE and the ratio of TCE to tangible assets are non-GAAP measures. TCE represents total common equity less intangible assets.

In January 2015 and 2016, our Board of Directors authorized share repurchase plans. Under the terms of these share repurchase plans, we were authorized to buy back up to 5% of our outstanding common stock (plus an additional \$5.0 million for the 2016 plan). These repurchase plans expired on December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. During 2016, we repurchased 1,153,136 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$14.62 per share. During 2015, we repurchased 967,199 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$13.96 per share.

In January 2017, our Board of Directors authorized another share repurchase plan. Under the terms of the 2017 share repurchase plan, we are authorized to buy back up to 5% of our outstanding common stock. This repurchase plan is authorized to last through December 31, 2017.

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We resumed a quarterly cash dividend on our common stock of six cents per share in May 2014 and continued to pay regular quarterly dividends at that amount through August 2015. In October 2016 and 2015, our Board of Directors increased the quarterly cash dividend on our common stock to ten cents and eight cents per share, respectively.

Because the Bank had negative undivided profits (i.e. a retained deficit) during 2014, 2015 and for the first quarter of 2016, under Michigan banking regulations, the Bank was not permitted to pay a dividend. However, we were able to request regulatory approval for a return of capital from the Bank to the parent company. During the first quarter of 2016, we requested regulatory approval for an \$18.0 million return of capital from the Bank to the parent company. This return of capital request was approved by our banking regulators on February 24, 2016, and the Bank returned \$18.0 million of capital to the parent company on February 25, 2016. Our banking regulators approved previous return of capital requests of \$18.5 million and \$15.0 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively. In the second quarter of 2016, the Bank returned to a positive retained earnings position. At December 31, 2016, the Bank had positive retained earnings of \$9.9 million. In January 2017 and October 2016, the Bank paid \$5.0 million dividends to the parent company. Also see note #20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included within this prospectus and proxy statement.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, our Bank (and holding company) continued to meet the requirements to be considered well-capitalized under federal regulatory standards (also see note #20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included within this prospectus and proxy statement).

Asset/Liability Management

Interest-rate risk is created by differences in the cash flow characteristics of our assets and liabilities. Options embedded in certain financial instruments, including caps on adjustable-rate loans as well as borrowers' rights to prepay fixed-rate loans, also create interest-rate risk.

Our asset/liability management efforts identify and evaluate opportunities to structure our statement of financial condition in a manner that is consistent with our mission to maintain profitable financial leverage within established risk parameters. We evaluate various opportunities and alternate asset/liability management strategies carefully and consider the likely impact on our risk profile as well as the anticipated contribution to earnings. The marginal cost of funds is a principal consideration in the implementation of our asset/liability management strategies, but such evaluations further consider interest-rate and liquidity risk as well as other pertinent factors. We have established parameters for interest-rate risk. We regularly monitor our interest-rate risk and report at least quarterly to our board of directors.

We employ simulation analyses to monitor our interest-rate risk profile and evaluate potential changes in our net interest income and market value of portfolio equity that result from changes in interest rates. The purpose of these simulations is to identify sources of interest-rate risk inherent in our Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition. The simulations do not anticipate any actions that we might initiate in response to changes in interest rates and, accordingly, the simulations do not provide a reliable forecast of anticipated results. The simulations are predicated on immediate, permanent and parallel shifts in interest rates and generally assume that current loan and deposit pricing relationships remain constant. The simulations further incorporate assumptions relating to changes in customer behavior, including changes in prepayment rates on certain assets and liabilities.

**CHANGES IN MARKET VALUE OF PORTFOLIO EQUITY AND NET INTEREST INCOME**

<b>Change in Interest Rates</b>	<b>Market Value of</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Net Interest</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
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	<b>Portfolio Equity<sup>(1)</sup></b>		<b>Income<sup>(2)</sup></b>	
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>			
<b>December 31, 2016</b>				
200 basis point rise	\$ 427,400	6.90 %	\$ 84,800	6.94 %
100 basis point rise	417,800	4.50	82,500	4.04
Base-rate scenario	399,800	—	79,300	—
100 basis point decline	366,000	(8.45 )	73,500	(7.31 )

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Change in Interest Rates	Market Value of Portfolio Equity <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent Change	Net	
			Interest Income <sup>(2)</sup>	Percent Change
(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>December 31, 2015</b>				
200 basis point rise	\$ 419,600	8.42 %	\$ 80,700	6.32 %
100 basis point rise	407,300	5.25	78,700	3.69
Base-rate scenario	387,000	—	75,900	—
100 basis point decline	356,500	(7.88 )	72,000	(5.14 )

(1) Simulation analyses calculate the change in the net present value of our assets and liabilities, including debt and related financial derivative instruments, under parallel shifts in interest rates by discounting the estimated future cash flows using a market-based discount rate. Cash flow estimates incorporate anticipated changes in prepayment speeds and other embedded options.

(2) Simulation analyses calculate the change in net interest income under immediate parallel shifts in interest rates over the next twelve months, based upon a static Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition, which includes debt and related financial derivative instruments, and do not consider loan fees.

Accounting Standards Update

See note #1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and proxy statement for details on recently issued accounting pronouncements and their impact on our financial statements.

**Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

See applicable disclosures set forth in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations under Asset/Liability Management on pages 83 and 111 above.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

Our accounting and reporting policies are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and conform to general practices within the banking industry. Accounting and reporting policies for the AFLL, originated mortgage loan servicing rights, and income taxes are deemed critical since they involve the use of estimates and require significant management judgments. Application of assumptions different than those that we have used could result in material changes in our financial position or results of operations.

Our methodology for determining the AFLL and related provision for loan losses is described above in Portfolio Loans and asset quality. In particular, this area of accounting requires a significant amount of judgment because a multitude of factors can influence the ultimate collection of a loan or other type of credit. It is extremely difficult to precisely measure the amount of probable incurred losses in our loan portfolio. We use a rigorous process to attempt to accurately quantify the necessary AFLL and related provision for loan losses, but there can be no assurance that our modeling process will successfully identify all of the probable incurred losses in our loan portfolio. As a result, we could record future provisions for loan losses that may be significantly different than the levels that we recorded in prior periods.

At September 30, 2017, December 31, 2016, and December 31, 2015, we had approximately \$14.7 million, \$13.7 million, and \$12.4 million, respectively, of mortgage loan servicing rights capitalized on our Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. There are several critical assumptions involved in establishing the value of this asset including

estimated future prepayment speeds on the underlying mortgage loans, the interest rate used to discount the net cash flows from the mortgage loan servicing, the estimated amount of ancillary income that will be received in the future (such as late fees) and the estimated cost to service the mortgage loans. We believe the assumptions that we utilize in our valuation are reasonable based upon accepted industry practices for valuing mortgage loan servicing rights and represent neither the most conservative or aggressive assumptions. We recorded decreases in the valuation allowance on capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights of \$1.0 million and \$0.5 million in 2016 and 2015, respectively compared to an increase of \$0.9 million in 2014. As of January 1, 2017, we elected the fair value measurement method for our mortgage loan servicing rights (in lieu of the amortization method). We will no longer record amortization of or impairment against capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights, rather we will now record capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights at fair value with subsequent changes in fair value recorded as an increase or decrease to mortgage loan servicing, net, in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. Please see

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Note 2 to our Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements starting on page F-1 for information about the impact of our adoption of this fair value method as of January 1, 2017 and Note 11 to those Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for information about the change in the fair value of our capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Our accounting for income taxes involves the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities primarily associated with net operating loss carryforwards and differences in the timing of the recognition of revenues and expenses for financial reporting and tax purposes. At September 30, 2017, we had gross deferred tax assets of \$30.3 million, gross deferred tax liabilities of \$7.9 million and a valuation allowance of zero. This compares to gross deferred tax assets of \$39.2 million, gross deferred tax liabilities of \$5.3 million and a valuation allowance of \$1.1 million at December 31, 2016. We assess whether a valuation allowance should be established against our deferred tax assets based on the consideration of all available evidence using a more likely than not standard. The ultimate realization of this asset is primarily based on generating future income. We concluded at both September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, that the realization of substantially all of our deferred tax assets continues to be more likely than not.

**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management**

As of December 26, 2017, no person was known by IBCP to be the beneficial owner of 5% or more of its common stock, except as follows:

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership</b>	<b>Percent of Outstanding<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Pro Forma Percent of Outstanding<sup>(3)</sup></b>
BlackRock, Inc. 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10055	1,557,132	7.26 %	6.44 %

(1) Based on information reported by Nasdaq as of September 30, 2017.

(2) Percent of Outstanding is calculated based on an aggregate of 21,458,386 shares of IBCP common stock outstanding as of December 26, 2017.

Pro Forma Percent of Outstanding is calculated based on an aggregate of 24,169,492 shares of IBCP common (3) stock outstanding, which is equal to 21,458,386 shares of IBCP common stock outstanding as of December 26, 2017, plus 2,711,106 shares of IBCP stock issuable in connection with the merger of TCSB into IBCP.

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of IBCP common stock by its Named Executives (listed in the Summary Compensation Table below) and by all IBCP directors and executive officers as a group as of December 26, 2017.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>Percent of Outstanding<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Pro Forma Percent of Outstanding<sup>(4)</sup></b>
William B. Kessel	109,480	.51 %	.45 %
Robert N. Shuster	187,964 <sup>(5)</sup>	.88 %	.78 %
Mark L. Collins	73,768	.34 %	.31 %
Stefanie M. Kimball	59,434	.28 %	.25 %
David C. Reglin	82,017	.38 %	.34 %

All executive officers and directors as a group (consisting of 19 persons) 790,702 <sup>(6)</sup> 3.68 % 3.27 %

In addition to shares held directly or under joint ownership with their spouses, beneficial ownership includes shares (1) that are issuable under options exercisable within 60 days, and shares that are allocated to their accounts as participants in the ESOP.

(2) Does not include shares that may be issued pursuant to performance unit shares granted to each Named Executive in January 2015, 2016 and 2017, as described under Executive Compensation below.

(3) Percent of Outstanding is calculated based on an aggregate of 21,458,386 shares of IBCP common stock outstanding as of December 26, 2017.

(4) Pro Forma Percent of Outstanding is calculated based on an aggregate of 24,169,492 shares of IBCP common stock outstanding, which is equal to 21,458,386 shares of IBCP common stock outstanding as of December 26, 2017, plus 2,711,106 shares of IBCP stock issuable in connection with the merger of TCSB into IBCP.

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Includes 124,517 shares of outstanding common stock being held in trust for issuance to directors pursuant to our Deferred Compensation and Stock Purchase Plan for Non-employee Directors. See footnote (2) on page 126 below. As co-trustee, Mr. Shuster shares voting and investment power over these shares and is therefore deemed to beneficially own these shares for purposes of this table. He has no pecuniary interest in the shares.

(6) Includes 11,098 shares held in a foundation that Mr. Missad has voting and investment power over.

**Directors and Executive Officers***Directors*

The following table lists the names, ages, positions and terms of office of all the directors of IBCP as of December 26, 2017. Under the terms of the merger agreement between IBCP and TCSB, IBCP has agreed to cause one director of TCSB to be added to the IBCP Board of Directors in connection with the consummation of the merger. As of the date of this prospectus and proxy statement, the parties have not determined which TCSB director will join the IBCP Board.

	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Percent of Outstanding<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Beneficial Ownership (and percent) Including Certain Deferred Shares<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Pro Forma Percent of Outstanding<sup>(4)</sup></b>
<b>Directors whose terms expire in 2020</b>				
Stephen L. Gulis, Jr. (age 60)	—	—	47,711 (.22 %)	—
Mr. Gulis retired in 2008 as the Executive Vice President and President of Wolverine Worldwide Global Operations Group. He served as Executive Vice President, CFO and Treasurer of Wolverine Worldwide prior to his appointment as President, Global Operations. He became a director of IBCP in 2004. Mr. Gulis' prior experience as a chief financial officer of a major corporation is an important skill set to have on the Board. In addition, his prior experience with a corporation that is subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is important to the Board.				
Terry L. Haske (age 69)	33,179	.15 %	60,504 (.28 %)	.14 %
Mr. Haske is a CPA and a retired Principal with Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C. since 2008. Prior to 2008 he was the President of Ricker & Haske, CPAs, and P.C. He became a director of IBCP in 1996. Mr. Haske's experience and qualifications as a CPA, as well as his prior service as a director of the Company and as a director of other banking institutions, makes his service to the Board particularly important.				

William B. Kessel (age 52)	109,480 <sup>(5)</sup>	.51	%	109,480	.45	%
				(.51 %)		

Mr. Kessel serves as President and CEO of IBCP and Independent Bank. He became a director of IBCP on January 1, 2013. Prior to his appointment as CEO as of January 1, 2013, Mr. Kessel served as President since April 1, 2011, and as Chief Operating Officer from 2007 to 2011. He also served as President of Independent Bank (prior to the consolidation of our four bank charters) from 2004 to 2007. Prior to joining IBCP in 1994, Mr. Kessel worked for a regional certified public accounting firm in their financial institutions group. Mr. Kessel has over 29 years of service in the financial services industry. His positions with the Company and those experiences make him a particularly important component of the Board.

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<b>Directors whose terms expire in 2019</b>					
William J. Boer (age 62)	29,111	.14	%	29,111 (.14 %)	.12 %
<p>Mr. Boer is President and Founder of Grey Dunes, an independent family office advisory firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was appointed as a director of IBCP in 2012 and was elected as a director by our shareholders in 2013. From 1995 to 2005, Mr. Boer served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of RDV Corporation, the family office of the Richard M. DeVos family. Prior to joining RDV Corporation in 1995, Mr. Boer was President of Michigan National Bank, Grand Rapids, and from 1987 to 1993 was Vice President for Administration and Finance at Calvin College. Mr. Boer's past banking experience, his investment advisory expertise, and his broad experience in executive leadership roles within a number of industries provides important skill sets to the IBCP Board.</p>					
Joan A. Budden (age 56)	6,513	.03	%	12,714 (.06 %)	.03 %
<p>Ms. Budden has been a director since July 2015. She was named President &amp; CEO of Priority Health in January 2016, one of Michigan's largest health plans with over \$3 billion in revenue. Ms. Budden accepted the position having served as Chief Marketing Officer for Priority Health since 2009. Ms. Budden's responsibilities as Chief Marketing Officer included leading strategic positioning and profitable growth for Priority Health's individual, group commercial and government markets. Ms. Budden has more than 25 years of health insurance experience. She has held a number of leadership and executive management positions in the health insurance industry that include leading the individual consumer division, project management office and corporate strategy departments for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan prior to joining Priority Health. Ms. Budden's experience in a highly competitive and regulated industry that is undergoing significant change as well as her marketing expertise and leadership skills make her an important part of the Board.</p>					
Charles C. Van Loan (age 70)	43,499	.20	%	43,499	.18 %

Mr. Van Loan served as President and CEO of Independent Bank Corporation from 1993 until 2004 and as Executive Chairman during 2005. He retired on December 31, 2005. He first became a director in 1992. Mr. Van Loan has 38 years of experience in the financial services industry. Mr. Van Loan served as the Company's CEO for over 10 years, which makes his input useful to the Board. (.20 %)

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	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent of Outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>		Beneficial Ownership (and percent) Including Certain Deferred Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	Pro Forma Percent of Outstanding <sup>(4)</sup>	
<b>Directors whose terms expire in 2018</b>						
Christina L. Keller (age 36)	1,313	.01	%	1,313 (.01 %)	.01	%
Ms. Keller was appointed to the Board on December 16, 2016. Since August 2016, Ms. Keller has served as the President of the Cascade Business Team (CBT) of Cascade Engineering (CE). CBT consists of four of CE's nine business units. CE is a global manufacturing company based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Prior to becoming President of CBT, Ms. Keller served in a variety of roles at CE since 2009. Her role as an executive of a global manufacturing company and her leadership skills provide an important resource to the Board and management.						
Michael M. Magee, Jr. (age 61)	53,182	.25	%	53,182 (.25 %)	.22	%
Mr. Magee is the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Prior to January 1, 2013, Mr. Magee was the Chief Executive Officer of IBCP since January 1, 2005, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since 2004 and prior to that he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Independent Bank since 1993. He became a director of IBCP in 2005. Mr. Magee has over 33 years of service in the financial services industry and served as our Chief Executive Officer for 8 years. That position and those experiences make him a particularly important component of the Board, and his prior roles with the Company allow him to be particularly effective as Chairman of the Board.						
James E. McCarty (age 70)	22,413	.10	%	57,083 (.27 %)	.09	%
Mr. McCarty became a director of IBCP in 2002 and currently serves as the lead independent director of the Board. He is the retired President of McCarty Communications (commercial printing). Mr. McCarty's prior experience in a corporate leadership position and prior service as a director of a financial institution makes his service to the Board important.						

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Matthew J. Missad (age 57)	15,424 <sup>(6)</sup>	.07 %	20,470 (.10 %)	.06 %
<p>Mr. Missad has been a member of our board since October 28, 2014. Mr. Missad is the Chief Executive Officer of Universal Forest Products, Inc. ( UFP ), a position he has held since July, 2011. UFP is a \$3 billion (revenue) supplier of wood, wood composite and other products to the retail, construction and industrial markets throughout North America. From 1996 to 2011, Mr. Missad served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of UFP. He also serves as a director of UFP. In the fall of 2015, Mr. Missad was listed in Fortune Magazine's Top 50 Corporate Leaders . Mr. Missad's experience as the chief executive officer of a publicly-held corporation, as well as a director of that corporation, provides a unique resource to the Board and management.</p>				
Michael J. Cok (age 56)	—	—	1,301 (.01 %)	—
<p>Mr. Cok joined the Board in June 2017. He is the Chief Operating Officer – Farmers Specialty, a division of Farmers Group, Inc., which manages the insurance operations of the Farmers Insurance Group of Exchanges (Farmers Insurance Exchange, Fire Insurance Exchange and Truck Insurance Exchange). He also serves as Vice President of Foremost Insurance Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and its subsidiaries, which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Exchanges. Farmers Group, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Zurich Insurance Group Ltd. family of insurance companies. Farmers Specialty provides a variety of specialty, personal lines insurance products throughout the United States. Mr. Cok is a certified public accountant and is active in a variety of charitable and civic organizations. Mr. Cok's role as an executive of a large insurance company, his accounting background, and his community involvement make him a valuable addition to the Board.</p>				

Except as described in the following notes, each director owns the shares directly and has sole voting and (1) investment power or shares voting and investment power with his or her spouse under joint ownership. The table includes shares of common stock that are issuable under options exercisable within 60 days.

(2)

Percent of Outstanding is calculated based on an aggregate of 21,458,386 shares of IBCP common stock outstanding as of December 26, 2017.

Certain of the IBCP directors have made elections to defer fees they received or will receive for service as a director and to have such fees paid to them in shares of IBCP common stock after their retirement from the Board. These elections were made pursuant to the terms of the Deferred Compensation and Stock Purchase Plan for Non-employee Directors described under Director Compensation below. Until such shares are issued to the

(3) director, the director does not have the right to vote or sell the shares, so the shares are not deemed beneficially owned by the director for purposes of this table. However, because these shares represent a material portion of certain directors' investment in IBCP, they are presented in this additional column. As of December 26, 2017, a total of 124,517 of outstanding shares of IBCP common stock have been issued to, and are being held by, a trust to be issued to directors pursuant to the foregoing plan.

Pro Forma Percent of Outstanding is calculated based on an aggregate of 24,169,492 shares of IBCP common (4) stock outstanding, which is equal to 21,458,386 shares of IBCP common stock outstanding as of December 26, 2017, plus 2,711,106 shares of IBCP stock issuable in connection with the merger of TCSB into IBCP.

(5) Includes 4,761 shares allocated to Mr. Kessel's account in the Independent Bank Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan ( ESOP ).

(6) Includes 11,098 shares held in a foundation that Mr. Missad has voting and investment power over.

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IBCP's executive officers are appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the meeting of directors preceding the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. There are no family relationships among these officers and/or IBCP's directors nor any arrangement or understanding between any officer and any other person pursuant to which the officer was elected.

The following sets forth certain information with respect to IBCP's executive officers as of December 26, 2017.

<b>Name (Age)</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>First elected as an executive officer</b>
William B. Kessel (52)	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director <sup>(1)</sup>	2004
Robert N. Shuster (60)	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	1999
Stefanie M. Kimball (58)	Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer	2007
David C. Reglin (58)	Executive Vice President, Retail Banking	1998
Mark L. Collins (60)	Executive Vice President, General Counsel	2009
Dennis J. Mack (56)	Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer <sup>(2)</sup>	2012
James J. Twarozynski (52)	Senior Vice President, Controller	2002
Larry R. Daniel (54)	Executive Vice President - Operations and Digital Banking <sup>(3)</sup>	2017
Patrick J. Ervin (52)	Executive Vice President - Mortgage Banking <sup>(4)</sup>	2017

(1) Mr. Kessel assumed the role of President as of April 1, 2011, and assumed the roles of CEO and director starting January 1, 2013. Prior to being appointed President, Mr. Kessel was Executive Vice President and COO.

(2) Prior to being named Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer in 2012, Mr. Mack was a Senior Vice President and commercial credit officer since 2009 and a Senior Vice President at Comerica Incorporated since 2001.

(3) Mr. Daniel joined Independent Bank over 19 years ago as a commercial lender. Prior to being named Executive Vice President – Operations and Digital Banking in November 2017, he served as Senior Vice President of Retail and Mortgage Lending at Independent Bank, a position he held since 2012.

(4) Mr. Ervin joined Independent Bank in September 2016, as Senior Vice President Mortgage Banking. He was promoted to Executive Vice President – Mortgage Banking in November 2017. Prior to joining Independent Bank, Mr. Ervin served as Executive Managing Director Mortgage Banking and Servicing at Talmer Bank and Trust, a position he held since 2009.

**Executive Compensation**

When used in this Executive Compensation section, we, us, our, and similar terms refer to IBCP and its subsidiaries as a whole.

*Compensation Discussion and Analysis*

*Overview and Objectives*

The primary objectives of our executive compensation program are to (1) attract and retain talented individuals, (2) motivate and reward executives for achieving our business goals, (3) align our executives' incentives with our strategies and goals, as well as the creation of shareholder value, and (4) provide competitive compensation at a reasonable cost. Our executive compensation plans are designed to achieve these objectives.

As described in more detail below, our executive compensation program has three primary components: base salary; an annual cash incentive bonus; and long-term incentive compensation that is typically in the form of equity-based compensation. The compensation committee of our Board has not established policies or guidelines with

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respect to the specific mix or allocation of total compensation among base salary, annual incentive bonuses, and long-term compensation. However, the compensation committee believes that there should be an appropriate balance between the compensation components so as to promote and reward for performance but within reasonable risk parameters reflecting a longer-term perspective.

The compensation committee of the Board has utilized the services of third-party consultants from time to time to assist in the design of our executive compensation programs and render advice on compensation matters generally. The last external review of our executive compensation programs was performed in 2016 by Meridian Compensation Partners, LLC ( Meridian ). Meridian was retained by the Committee to review each element of our executive compensation program, including a review of (1) the overall competitiveness of our compensation program for executives, (2) our annual cash incentive program, and (3) our long-term incentive plan program. As part of its review, Meridian conducted a comparison of our compensation programs relative to a peer group of 17 regional financial institutions,<sup>1</sup> as well as general market data on executive compensation rates and practices from a variety of third party sources. Based upon Meridian's review and benchmarking, the Committee concluded that our compensation program for executive officers is generally competitive, as a result of which the Committee implemented only minor modifications to our executive compensation program, each of which is discussed in more detail below.

The foregoing discussion is intended to provide a background and context for the information that follows, regarding our existing compensation programs for those persons who served as our Named Executives during 2016, and to assist in understanding the information included in the executive compensation tables.

### Components of Compensation

The principal components of compensation we pay to our executives consist of the following:

- Base Salary;
- Annual Cash Incentive; and
- Long-Term Incentive Compensation, generally payable in the form of equity-based compensation.

#### Base Salary

Base salaries are established each year for our executive officers. None of our executive officers has a separate employment agreement. In determining base salaries, we consider a variety of factors including peer group compensation as well as an individual's performance, experience, expertise, and tenure with the Company.

The compensation committee recommends the base salary for our President and CEO for consideration and approval by the full Board. The base salaries of other Named Executives are established by our CEO, with input from, and approval by, the compensation committee. In setting base salaries, our CEO considers peer group compensation, as well as the individual performance of each respective executive officer. For 2017 salaries, the Committee also reviewed and considered the benchmarking data compiled by Meridian, as discussed above.

The base salaries of our Named Executives for each of the last three years is set forth in the below Summary Compensation Table. Effective January 1, 2017, the Committee approved increases in the base salaries of each of the Named Executives (other than the CEO) in amounts ranging from 1.5% of base salaries to 3.5% of base salaries. The Board approved a 2.2% increase in Mr. Kessel's base salary to \$465,000, based upon the effectiveness of his leadership and the number of important accomplishments of the Company during 2016.

<sup>1</sup>The following financial institutions comprise the peer group entities in evaluating peer group compensation:  
Community Trust Bancorp, Inc.      Lakeland Financial Corporation

Enterprise Financial Services Corp.	MainSource Financial Group, Inc.
Peoples Bancorp Inc.	First Financial Corporation
Mercantile Bank Corporation	S.Y. Bancorp, Inc.
German American Bancorp, Inc.	Horizon Bancorp
Old Second Bancorp, Inc.	First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc.
Macatawa Bank Corporation	MBT Financial Corp.
Mutual First Financial, Inc.	West Bancorporation, Inc.
QCR Holdings, Inc.	

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Annual cash incentives are payable under the terms of our Management Incentive Compensation Plan. This plan sets forth performance incentives that are designed to provide for annual cash awards that are payable if we meet or exceed the annual performance objectives established by our Board. Under this Plan, our Board may establish annual performance levels as follows: (1) threshold represents the performance level of what must be achieved before any incentive awards are payable; (2) target performance is defined as a desired level of performance in view of all relevant factors, as described in more detail below; and (3) the maximum represents that which reflects outstanding performance. Target performance under this Plan is intended to provide for aggregate annual cash compensation (salary and bonus) that approximates peer level compensation. Threshold performance would result in earning 50 percent of the target incentive, target would be 100 percent, and maximum would be 200 percent, with compensation prorated between these award levels. Any awards under the Plan are payable in full following finalization of the Company's financial results for the performance period.

**2016.** Under the terms of the 2016 Management Incentive Compensation Plan, management employees were eligible to receive incentive compensation based on the achievement of certain Company performance objectives (weighted at 60% to 80%) as well as predetermined individual goals (weighted at 20% to 40%). The target bonus levels were 50% of base salary for the CEO and 40% of base salary for the other Named Executives. Twenty percent of each Named Executive's bonus under the plan is based upon the achievement of pre-established individual performance objectives; the balance is based upon the achievement of the Company performance objectives listed below, with earnings per share weighted at 32% and the other three objectives weighted at 16%. No bonuses were payable under the 2016 plan unless the Company's earnings per share equaled or exceeded \$0.80. The Company's 2016 performance goals were as follows:

	<b>Earnings Per Share<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Non-Performing Assets to Total Assets</b>	<b>Organic Deposit Growth<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Efficiency Ratio</b>
Threshold	\$ 0.90	0.80 %	2.5 %	75 %
Target	\$ 1.00	0.70 %	5.0 %	70 %
Maximum	\$ 1.20	0.50 %	10.0 %	65 %

(1) Determined after giving effect to total incentive compensation expense for the year.

(2) For 2016, performance under this metric was weighted equally between (a) aggregate growth in deposits (excluding brokered CD's) and (b) the growth rate in the number of deposit accounts.

The Company exceeded (a) the target objective for per share net income (\$1.05 per diluted share), (b) the threshold objective for non-performing assets (0.72% non-performing assets to total assets ratio), (c) the threshold objective for aggregate deposit growth (4.94%), and (d) the threshold objective for its efficiency ratio (73.7%). For 2016, the Company did not achieve the threshold objective for the growth rate in the number of deposit accounts. The threshold objective for deposit growth was achieved, however, even after adjusting total year-end deposits to exclude approximately \$59 million of certificates of deposits from a governmental agency that the Company considered non-core. Combined with the relative achievement of individual performance objectives, total incentive compensation for 2016, for all employees, was approximately \$3.8 million. The amounts payable to each of our Named Executives under our 2016 Management Incentive Plan is set forth under the column Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation in the Summary Compensation Table.

**2017.** In January 2017, the Committee and the Board approved the performance objectives for the 2017 Management Incentive Compensation Plan. In addition to the performance metrics used in 2016, the Committee adopted two, new performance objectives for 2017. The Committee believes that the application of the same performance metrics used in 2016, combined with incenting loan growth and reducing net loan charge offs, further promotes the creation of

shareholder value.

The target bonus levels remain at 50% of base salary for the CEO and 40% of base salary for the other Named Executives. Twenty percent of each Named Executive's bonus under the plan is based upon the achievement of

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pre-established individual performance objectives; the balance is based upon the achievement of the Company performance objectives listed below, with earnings per share weighted at 32%, the efficiency ratio at 16% and the other four objectives each weighted at 8%. No bonuses are payable under the 2017 plan unless the Company's earnings per share equal or exceed \$1.00.

	<b>Earnings Per Share<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Efficiency Ratio</b>	<b>Non-Performing Assets to Total Assets</b>	<b>Net Loan Charge-offs to Average Total Loans</b>	<b>Loan Growth</b>	<b>Organic Deposit Growth</b>
Threshold	\$ 1.10	70 %	0.70 %	0.15 %	7.5 %	2.5 %
Target	\$ 1.20	68 %	0.65 %	0.10 %	10.0 %	5.0 %
Maximum	\$ 1.40	64 %	0.50 %	0.00 %	15.0 %	10.0 %

(1) Determined after giving effect to total incentive compensation expense for the year.

Long-Term Incentive Program

Our long-term compensation incentives are generally provided for under our Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP), which provides for the grant of a variety of stock-based compensation awards.

As a general practice, awards under the LTIP are recommended by the Committee, and approved by the Board, at the Board's first meeting in each calendar year. Under the LTIP, the Committee has the authority to grant a wide variety of stock-based awards. The LTIP is intended to assist our executive officers in the achievement of our share ownership guidelines. Under these guidelines (1) our CEO is expected to own Company stock having a market value equal to at least three (3) times his base salary, (2) our executive vice presidents are to own stock having a market value of at least twice their respective base salaries, and (3) our senior vice presidents are to own stock having a market value of not less than 50 percent of their respective base salaries. Once these guidelines are achieved, the failure to maintain the guidelines due to decreases in the market value of our common stock does not mandate additional purchases; rather, further sales of our common stock are prohibited until the employee again reaches the required level of ownership. These guidelines apply ratably over a 5-year period following the date of hire or promotion to one of these positions. The Company's Insider Trading Policy prohibits the Company's executive officers, as well as the Company's directors, from pledging the Company's securities as collateral for loans or engaging in hedging transactions or purchasing financial instruments that are designed to hedge or offset any decrease in the market value of the Company's securities.

For 2016, the Committee recommended and the Board approved, the grant of restricted stock awards and performance unit awards to the Named Executives under our LTIP, in the following amounts:

<b>Named Executive</b>	<b>Number of Shares of Restricted Stock<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Number of Performance Units</b>
William B. Kessel	7,778	7,778
Robert N. Shuster	3,526	3,526
Mark L. Collins	3,474	3,474
Stefanie M. Kimball	3,447	3,447
David C. Reglin	3,431	3,431

(1)The market price of our common stock was \$13.98 on the date of grant.

For 2017, the Committee recommended and the Board approved, the grant of restricted stock awards and performance unit awards to the Named Executives under our LTIP, in the following amounts:

<b>Named Executive</b>	<b>Number of Shares of Restricted Stock <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Number of Performance Shares</b>
William B. Kessel	5,442	5,442
Robert N. Shuster	2,416	2,416
Mark L. Collins	2,358	2,358
Stefanie M. Kimball	2,358	2,358
David C. Reglin	2,331	2,331

(1)The market price of our common stock was \$20.90 on the date of grant.

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The value of the awards was based on a target rate of 50% of 2016 base salary for our CEO and 40% of 2016 base salary for the other Named Executives. The shares of restricted stock granted in 2016 and 2017 cliff vest after three years. The number of shares that may be issued for each performance share will be determined at the end of the three-year performance period, based upon the total shareholder return (TSR) of the Company's common stock relative to the TSR of the financial institutions that comprise the SNL US Bank \$1 billion to \$5 billion Index. The actual number of shares issuable is based upon the product of (1) the number of target shares that are subject to the award, and (2) the earn out percentage, based upon the following (with straight line interpolation between the performance levels):

<b>Company TSR Relative to Peer Group Index</b>	<b>Earn out Percentage</b>
2 times or more	200 %
1.5 times Index	150 %
Equal to Index	100 %
.5 times Index	50 %
Below .5 times Index	0 %

Severance and Change in Control Payments

The Company has in place Management Continuity Agreements for each of our executive officers. These agreements provide severance benefits if an individual's employment is terminated within 36 months after a change in control or within six months before a change in control and if the individual's employment is terminated or constructively terminated in contemplation of a change in control for three years thereafter. For purposes of these agreements, a change in control is defined to mean any occurrence reportable as such in a proxy statement under applicable rules of the SEC, and would include, without limitation, the acquisition of beneficial ownership of 20 percent or more of our voting securities by any person, certain extraordinary changes in the composition of our Board, or a merger or consolidation in which we are not the surviving entity, or our sale or liquidation.

Severance benefits are not payable if an individual's employment is terminated for cause, employment terminates due to an individual's death or disability, or the individual resigns without good reason. An individual may resign with good reason after a change in control and receive his or her severance benefits if an individual's salary or bonus is reduced, his or her duties and responsibilities are inconsistent with his or her prior position, or there is a material, adverse change in the terms or conditions of the individual's employment. The agreements are for self-renewing terms of three years unless we elect not to renew the agreement. The agreements are automatically extended for a three-year term from the date of a change in control. These agreements provide for a severance benefit in a lump sum payment equal to 18 months to three years' salary and bonus and a continuation of benefits coverage for 18 months to three years. These benefits are limited, however, to one dollar less than three times an executive's base amount compensation as defined in Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Other Benefits

We believe that other components of our compensation program, which are generally provided to other full-time employees, are an important factor in attracting and retaining highly qualified personnel. Executive officers are eligible to participate in all of our employee benefit plans, such as medical, group life, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance and our 401(k) Plan, and in each case on the same basis as other employees and are also entitled to the use of Company owned or leased vehicles and reimbursement of certain club dues. We also maintain an ESOP that provides substantially all full-time employees with an equity interest in our Company. Contributions to the ESOP are determined annually and are subject to the approval of our Board. For the year ended December 31, 2016,

the Company contributed an amount equal to two percent (2%) of eligible employee compensation to this plan.

Perquisites

Our Board and compensation committee regularly reviews the perquisites offered to our executive officers. The Committee believes that the cost of such perquisites is relatively minimal.

Clawback Policy

Our Board has adopted a Clawback Policy that allows the Company to recoup or otherwise recover certain incentive compensation paid to the Company's executive officers in the event of a restatement of the Company's financial statements or certain improper conduct by those officers.

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The following table shows certain information regarding the compensation for our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the three most highly compensated executive officers other than our CEO and CFO for the last three fiscal years (the Named Executives ).

<b>Name and Principal Position</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Salary<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Stock Awards<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>All Other Compensation<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>Totals</b>
William B. Kessel President and Chief Executive Officer	2016	\$ 455,000	\$ 227,584	\$ 220,000	\$ 35,185	\$ 937,769
	2015	435,000	227,807	212,000	28,638	903,445
	2014	410,000	232,500	136,667	25,584	804,751
Robert N. Shuster Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2016	252,500	103,171	100,108	32,671	488,450
	2015	246,471	103,242	94,000	29,870	473,583
	2014	241,638	109,611	64,437	28,707	444,393
Stefanie M. Kimball Executive Vice President - Chief Risk Officer	2016	246,500	100,859	100,951	23,246	471,556
	2015	241,008	100,962	96,700	17,525	456,195
	2014	236,283	107,176	66,789	17,253	427,501
David C. Reglin Executive Vice President - Retail Banking	2016	243,600	100,391	90,019	28,436	462,446
	2015	239,833	100,458	91,500	23,654	455,445
	2014	235,130	106,654	60,820	21,961	424,565
Mark L. Collins Executive Vice President - General Counsel	2016	246,500	101,649	91,091	21,037	460,277
	2015	242,881	101,731	92,000	12,844	449,456
	2014	239,292	108,539	61,897	12,318	422,046

(1) Includes elective deferrals by employees pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The amounts set forth in this column represent the aggregate fair value of awards as of the grant date, computed in accordance with FASB ASC topic 718, Compensation - Stock Compensation . The assumptions used in calculating these award amounts are set forth in Note 14, of the Company's 2016 Annual Report.

The amounts set forth in this column for 2016 represent cash bonuses paid to the Named Executives on February 10, 2017, under the terms of the Company's Management Incentive Compensation Plan for the annual period ended December 31, 2016. The amounts set forth in this column for 2015 represent cash bonuses paid to the Named Executives on January 29, 2016, under the terms of the Company's Management Incentive Compensation Plan for the annual period ended December 31, 2015. The amounts set forth in this column for 2014 represent cash bonuses paid to the Named Executives on January 30, 2015, under the terms of the Company's Management Incentive Compensation Plan for the annual period ended December 31, 2014.

The amounts set forth in this column include our contributions to the ESOP (subject to certain age and service requirements, all employees are eligible to participate in the ESOP), matching contributions to qualified defined contribution plans, IRS determined personal use of company owned automobiles, dividends on restricted stock, and country club and other social club dues.



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The table below shows the award of restricted stock and performance share awards to all of our Named Executives in 2016, as well as cash compensation that could be earned under our 2016 Management Incentive Compensation Plan.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(1)</sup>			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(2)</sup>			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units <sup>(3)</sup>	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards <sup>(4)</sup>
		Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum		
		\$	\$	\$	#	#	#		
William B. Kessel	01/21/16	113,750	227,500	455,000				—	
	01/21/16				—	7,778	15,556	118,848	
	01/21/16							7,778 108,736	
Robert N. Shuster	01/21/16	50,500	101,000	202,000				—	
	01/21/16				—	3,526	7,052	53,877	
	01/21/16							3,526 49,293	
Stefanie M. Kimball	01/21/16	49,300	98,600	197,200				—	
	01/21/16				—	3,447	6,894	52,670	
	01/21/16							3,447 48,189	
David C. Reglin	01/21/16	48,720	97,440	194,880				—	
	01/21/16				—	3,431	6,862	52,426	
	01/21/16							3,431 47,965	
Mark L. Collins	01/21/16	49,300	98,600	197,200				—	
	01/21/16				—	3,474	6,948	53,083	
	01/21/16							3,474 48,567	

(1) The amounts in these three columns relate to grants made to the Named Executives in January 2016 pursuant to the 2016 Management Incentive Compensation Plan, an annual cash incentive plan. These awards were payable based on various objectives to be achieved during 2016, as discussed under Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Annual Cash Incentives above. The amounts in the Threshold column reflect the minimum amounts payable to each NEO if threshold performance was achieved for each of the performance metrics under this incentive plan.

There were no minimum amounts payable pursuant to these awards; the amounts in the **Maximum** column reflect the maximum amounts payable pursuant to these awards; and the amounts in the **Target** column represent the target bonus amount. In January 2017, the actual amounts payable to the Named Executives pursuant to these awards were determined and paid as reflected in the **Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation** column of the Summary Compensation Table above.

- The amounts in these three columns reflect the grant of performance share units pursuant to our Long-Term Incentive Plan. The performance share units represent shares of the Company's common stock and are issuable to participants at the end of the three-year performance period beginning on the date that the performance share units
- (2) are granted. The number of performance shares reflects the number of shares of common stock that may be issued if certain Total Shareholders Return (TSR) goals are met. The total number of shares which finally vest may vary from zero to 200% of the target amount, depending upon the Company's performance relative to the established TSR goals. (See Compensation Discussion and Analysis above).
  - (3) The amounts in this column represent grants of restricted stock made pursuant to our Long-Term Incentive Plan. These shares of restricted stock will cliff vest after three years.
  - (4) Aggregate grant date values are computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. For performance share units, the grant date fair value was determined based upon the vesting of 100% of the target shares awarded.

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This table shows the option and restricted stock awards that were outstanding as of December 31, 2016. The table shows both exercisable and unexercisable options, as well as shares of restricted stock, restricted stock units, and performance share units that have not yet vested, all of which were granted under our Long-Term Incentive Plan.

Name	Grant Date	Option Awards				Stock Awards			
		Exercisable	Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup>	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(2)</sup>	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(3)</sup>	Unearned Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(3)</sup>
William B. Kessel	01/30/09	1,824	—	\$ 15.90	01/30/19				
	02/07/14					2,673	\$ 58,004		
	02/07/14							8,020	\$ 174,034
	01/22/15					8,590	186,403		
	01/22/15							8,590	186,403
	01/21/16					7,778	168,783		
	01/21/16							7,778	168,783
Robert N. Shuster	01/30/09	1,856	—	15.90	01/30/19				
	02/07/14					1,260	27,342		
	02/07/14							3,781	82,048
	01/22/15					3,893	84,478		
	01/22/15							3,893	84,478
	01/21/16					3,526	76,514		
	01/21/16							3,526	76,514

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Stefanie M. Kimball	01/30/09	1,824	—	15.90	01/30/19				
	02/07/14					1,232	26,734		
	02/07/14							3,697	80,225
	01/22/15					3,807	82,612		
	01/22/15							3,807	82,612
	01/21/16					3,447	74,800		
	01/21/16							3,447	74,800
David C. Reglin	01/30/09	1,824	—	15.90	01/30/19				
	02/07/14					1,226	26,604		
	02/07/14							3,679	79,834
	01/22/15					3,788	82,200		
	01/22/15							3,788	82,200
	01/21/16					3,431	74,453		
	01/21/16							3,431	74,453

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Name	Grant Date	Option Awards			Stock Awards			
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup>	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(2)</sup>	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(3)</sup>	Unearned Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(3)</sup>
Mark L. Collins	01/30/09	968	—	15.90				
	02/07/14				1,248	27,082		
	02/07/14						3,744	81,245
	01/22/15				3,836	83,241		
	01/22/15						3,836	83,241
	01/21/16				3,474	75,386		
	01/21/16						3,474	75,386

(1) The shares of restricted stock granted in 2014 vest ratably over the three-year period following the date of grant, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. The shares of restricted stock granted in 2015 and 2016 cliff vest in three years from the date of grant. The number of shares shown in this column reflect the number of units or shares originally granted as well as credited dividends through the end of calendar year 2016.

(2) The market value of the shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units that have not vested is based on the closing price of our common stock as of December 30, 2016, which was \$21.70.

(3) The number of shares that may be issued under our performance share unit awards depends upon the achievement of certain TSR goals determined as of the third anniversary of the grant date. The number and value of the awards reflect the target level of performance unit shares granted.

*Option Exercises and Stock Vested*

As reflected in the table below, no options were exercised, and the following shares of restricted stock vested, during 2016.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of	Value Realized	Number of	Value Realized

	<b>Shares Acquired on Exercise</b>	<b>on Exercise</b>	<b>Shares Acquired on Vesting</b>	<b>on Vesting<sup>(1)</sup></b>
William B. Kessel	—	—	26,505	\$ 396,187
Robert N. Shuster	—	—	13,989	209,166
Stefanie M. Kimball	—	—	13,740	205,445
David C. Reglin	—	—	13,734	205,358
Mark L. Collins	—	—	13,977	208,991

(1) Represents the fair market value of shares of restricted stock as of the date of vesting.

*Other Potential Post-Employment Payments*

The Company has entered into a Management Continuity Agreement with each of the Named Executives that provides for certain severance compensation and other benefits if the executive is terminated in connection with a change in control of the Company under the circumstances described in the agreement. These agreements are

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described under Severance and Change in Control Payments in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above. The following table reflects the estimated value of the severance payment and benefits that would be payable to each Named Executive pursuant to his or her Management Continuity Agreement if his or her employment was terminated on December 30, 2016 in connection with a change in control of the Company and otherwise in a manner that triggered the application of the agreement (e.g., was not a termination for cause or a resignation with good reason).

Executive Name	Estimated Liability for Severance Payments & Benefit Amounts Under Continuity Agreements	(1)
		Payment Limitation Based on IRS Section 280G Limitation on Severance Amounts
William B. Kessel	\$ 2,060,572	\$ 2,426,388
Robert N. Shuster	1,098,298	1,404,262
Stefanie M. Kimball	1,110,930	1,389,364
David C. Reglin	1,047,504	1,332,164
Mark L. Collins	1,058,553	1,429,369

(1) The total amounts that may be payable under the Management Continuity Agreements are subject to and limited by Internal Revenue Service Section 280G. This column indicates the estimated payout based on IRS limitations.

**Director Compensation**

During 2009, the annual retainer paid to non-employee directors was reduced by 10% to \$51,300. This reduction was in response to the prevailing uncertain economic conditions at that time. The reduced annual retainer level of \$51,300 has remained in place through 2016. During 2016, in addition to executive compensation, Meridian was also retained to conduct a review of director compensation. Based upon that review, the annual retainer paid to non-employee directors was restored to \$57,000 effective January 1, 2017.

In addition, also effective as of January 1, 2017, the Board approved the payment of additional retainers of \$15,000, \$8,000, \$6,000, and \$6,000 to the chair of the board and the chairpersons of the board's audit committee, compensation committee, and nominating and corporate governance committee, respectively. No fees (beyond the retainers described above) are payable for attendance at either Board or committee meetings.

Pursuant to IBCP's Long-Term Incentive Plan, the compensation committee may grant options to purchase shares of IBCP common stock to each non-employee director. No such stock options were granted during 2016. To date, no such options have been approved or granted in 2017.

Under IBCP's Corporate Governance Principles, half of the combined retainer for directors is payable in cash and the other half is payable under the Deferred Compensation and Stock Purchase Plan for Non-employee Directors (the Purchase Plan) described below until that director achieves the required share ownership under IBCP's share ownership guidelines. Once a director achieves the requisite level of share ownership under those guidelines, each director then has the choice of receiving his or her director compensation in cash or in deferred share units under the Purchase Plan, at his or her discretion.

The Purchase Plan provides that non-employee directors may defer payment of all or a part of their director fees ( Fees ) or receive shares of common stock in lieu of cash payment of Fees. Under the Purchase Plan, each non-employee director may elect to participate in a Current Stock Purchase Account, a Deferred Cash Investment Account or a Deferred Stock Account.

A Current Stock Purchase Account is credited with shares of IBCP common stock having a fair market value equal to the Fees otherwise payable. A Deferred Cash Investment Account is credited with an amount equal to the Fees deferred and on each quarterly credit date with an appreciation factor that may not exceed the prime rate of interest charged by Independent Bank. A Deferred Stock Account is credited with the amount of Fees deferred and converted into stock units based on the fair market value of IBCP common stock at the time of the deferral. Amounts in the Deferred Stock Account are credited with cash dividends and other distributions on IBCP common stock. Fees credited to a Deferred Cash Investment Account or a Deferred Stock Account are deferred for income tax purposes. The Purchase Plan does not provide for distributions of amounts deferred prior to a participant's termination as a non-employee director. Participants may generally elect either a lump sum or installment distributions.

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Name	Fees Earned or Paid in		Total
	Cash <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Stock <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
William J. Boer <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 27,650	\$ 27,650	\$ 55,300
Joan A. Budden	—	51,300	51,300
Stephen L. Gulis <sup>(4)</sup>	57,300	—	57,300
Terry L. Haske	41,040	10,260	51,300
Christina L. Keller <sup>(5)</sup>	4,275	—	4,275
Michael M. Magee <sup>(6)</sup>	61,300	—	61,300
James E. McCarty <sup>(7)</sup>	55,300	—	55,300
Matthew J. Missad	25,650	25,650	51,300
Charles C. Van Loan <sup>(8)</sup>	57,300	—	57,300
	\$ 329,815	\$ 114,860	\$ 444,675

(1) For 2016, fees were paid in the form of cash and the Company's common stock, as described above. No stock options were awarded to the Board during 2016.

(2) Mr. Kessel, our President and CEO, receives no additional compensation for his service as director. All compensation paid to Mr. Kessel for 2016 is reported in the Summary Compensation Table above.

(3) Includes additional retainer for service as chairperson of the nominating and corporate governance committee during 2016.

(4) Includes additional retainer for service as chairperson of the audit committee.

(5) Ms. Keller was appointed to the Board on December 16, 2016.

(6) Includes additional fee for service as chairperson of the board.

(7) Includes additional retainer for service as chairperson of the compensation committee.

(8) Includes fees received as a director of Mepco Finance Corporation during 2016.

**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

Mr. Van Loan, who previously served as CEO of IBCP from 1993 through 2004, serves on the compensation committee of the Board. In 2016, there did not exist any relationships involving IBCP's executive officers that require disclosure under Item 407(e)(4) of Regulation S-K.

**Transactions with Related Persons**

Various of IBCP's directors, executive officers, and their associates are customers of, and had transactions with, Independent Bank in the ordinary course of business. All loans and commitments included in such transactions were made in the ordinary course of business on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons not related to IBCP or the bank and do not involve more than a normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable features. Such loans totaled \$455,000 at December 31, 2016, equal to 0.2% of IBCP's shareholders' equity.

**Director Independence**

As required by IBCP's Corporate Governance Principles, the IBCP Board has determined that each of the following directors qualifies as an Independent Director, as such term is defined in The NASDAQ Stock Market Listing Rule 5605(a)(2): William J. Boer, Joan A. Budden, Stephen L. Gulis, Terry L. Haske, Christina L. Keller, Matthew J.

Missad, James E. McCarty, Charles C. Van Loan, and Michael J. Cok. The Board has also determined that each member of the three committees of the Board meets the independence requirements applicable to those committees as prescribed by the NASDAQ listing requirements, and, as to the audit committee, under applicable SEC rules. There are no family relationships between or among directors, nominees or executive officers.

### **Description of Common Stock**

The following is a brief description of IBCP's common stock. This summary does not purport to be complete in all respects and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to IBCP's Restated Articles of Incorporation and bylaws, copies of which have been filed with the SEC and are also available from IBCP upon request.

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### *General*

IBCP's authorized capital stock consists of 500,000,000 shares of common stock and 200,000 shares of preferred stock (described below). As of December 26, 2017, there were 21,458,386 shares of common stock outstanding.

All of the outstanding shares of IBCP common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. Subject to the prior rights of the holders of shares of preferred stock that may be issued and outstanding, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive:

Dividends when, as, and if declared by the Board out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends; and in the event of dissolution of IBCP, to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and satisfaction of the liquidation preferences, if any, of then outstanding shares of preferred stock, as provided in the Restated Articles of Incorporation.

See Dividend Policy on page 139 for information regarding restrictions that limit IBCP's ability to pay dividends on its common stock.

Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters presented to a vote at a shareholders meeting, including the election of directors. Holders of common stock have no cumulative voting rights or preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for any additional shares of common stock or other securities and there are no conversion rights or redemption or sinking fund provisions with respect to the common stock. IBCP's common stock is currently traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol IBCP.

### *Certain Restrictions under Federal Banking Laws*

As a bank holding company, the acquisition of large interests in IBCP's common stock is subject to certain limitations described below. These limitations may have an anti-takeover effect and could prevent or delay mergers, business combination transactions, and other large investments in IBCP's common stock that may otherwise be in the best interests of IBCP.

The federal Bank Holding Company Act generally would prohibit any company that is not engaged in banking activities and activities that are permissible for a bank holding company or a financial holding company from acquiring control of IBCP. Control is generally defined as ownership of 25% or more of the voting stock or other exercise of a controlling influence. In addition, any existing bank holding company would require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board before acquiring 5% or more of the voting stock of IBCP. In addition, the federal Change in Bank Control Act prohibits a person or group of persons from acquiring control of a bank holding company unless the Federal Reserve Board has been notified and has not objected to the transaction. Under a rebuttable presumption established by the Federal Reserve Board, the acquisition of 10% or more of a class of voting stock of a bank holding company with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, such as IBCP, would, under the circumstances set forth in the presumption, constitute acquisition of control of the bank holding company.

### *Certain Other Limitations*

In addition to the foregoing limitations, the Restated Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of IBCP contain provisions that could also have an anti-takeover effect. Some of the provisions also may make it difficult for shareholders to replace incumbent directors with new directors who may be willing to entertain changes that shareholders may believe will lead to improvements in the combined company's business.

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IBCP common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market System under the symbol IBCP. The prices shown below are supplied by Nasdaq and reflect the inter-dealer prices and may not include retail markups, markdowns or commissions. There may have been transactions or quotations at higher or lower prices of which IBCP is not aware.

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY (UNAUDITED)**

	<b>Reported Sales Prices of Common Shares</b>								
	<b>2017</b>			<b>2016</b>			<b>2015</b>		
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Close</b>
First quarter	\$ 22.40	\$ 19.25	\$ 20.70	\$ 16.15	\$ 13.89	\$ 14.55	\$ 13.20	\$ 12.07	\$ 12.83
Second quarter	23.65	19.75	21.75	15.32	13.42	14.51	13.93	12.62	13.56
Third quarter	22.90	18.50	22.65	17.00	14.32	16.83	15.27	13.20	14.76
Fourth quarter	—	—	—	22.25	16.33	21.70	15.88	13.71	15.23

	<b>Cash Dividends Declared</b>		
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
First quarter	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.06
Second quarter	0.10	0.08	0.06
Third quarter	0.10	0.08	0.06
Fourth quarter	0.12	0.10	0.08