# **Investor Update**Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2016



# **Forward Looking Statements**



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The foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. Additional discussions of factors affecting the Company's business and prospects are reflected under the headings "Risk Factors" and in other sections of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and other filings made with the SEC. The Company expressly disclaims any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made, from time to time, by or on behalf of the Company or its subsidiaries.

# **Meta's Value Proposition & Growth Drivers**



# Leverage Payments and FinTech Leadership

- Significant growth; current partner relationships expanding, new partners added, and new products implemented with more to come in 2017 and beyond
- MPS 25% average deposit growth in FY16
- Expanded tax payments presence via Refund Advantage acquisition in 2014 and pending EPS Financial acquisition announced in October 2016
- Emergent leader in "virtual cards" for electronic settlements
- Sponsors approximately 65% of U.S. "white label" Automated Teller Machines
- 45 patents with more than two dozen pending

# Strong Capital Position

- Earnings and historical access to capital markets to fund our growth objectives
- Higher earnings, with limited balance sheet related to Refund Advantage, AFS/IBEX and pending EPS transaction, should reduce the need for additional capital in the absence of future acquisitions
- June 2016 assigned an A- for the Bank's senior unsecured debt and deposits by Kroll Bond Rating Agency (KBRA)
- \$75MM of subordinated debt issued in August 2016
- Exceeds all required capital ratios

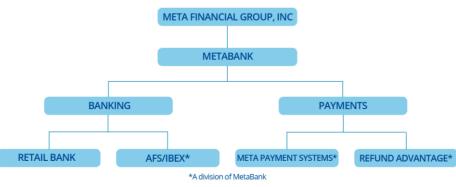
# Potential for Upward Trend in Earnings

- Asset diversification with higher yields
- Total loan growth in FY16 of 30%
- Loan and security yields well-positioned to increase with rising rates
- ~90% of deposits are low cost and are expected to remain so in a rising rate environment
- Stable, low-cost, long duration (approximately seven years) funding advantage

### Who We Are



Meta Financial Group, Inc. (MFG) is the holding company for MetaBank®, a federally chartered savings bank. Headquartered in Sioux Falls, SD, MetaBank operates in both the Banking and Payments industries through: MetaBank, its traditional retail banking operation; Meta Payment Systems, the Bank's electronic payments division; AFS/IBEX, the Bank's insurance premium financing division; and Refund Advantage, the Bank's tax refund-transfer software division.













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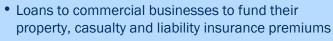


25% Net Loan **Growth** LTM

#### **Retail Bank**

- Regional Community Bank, 10 branch locations in Iowa and South Dakota
- Growing, profitable operations
- ClearBalance relationship may provide opportunities for high-quality financing at attractive rates
- Low-cost deposit base gives Bank competitive advantage on terms to attract high-quality credits
- Expect continued robust loan growth over the next 12 months
- Expect continued high credit standards resulting in low non-performing assets

#### **AFS/IBEX**



- Short duration, typically 9-10 month maturities
- Higher yields than alternative investments, particularly for the term
- Loans generally priced as a spread to Prime, reset higher if Prime moves higher
- Significant collateralization on most loans minimizes credit risk
- Building franchise value

#### **Meta Payments Systems**

- Prepaid card industry leader with payments diversification
- Continuing to grow "annuity"-like stream of fee income
- New and growing existing relationships driving growth with a strong pipeline
- Adjacent and complementary new product introduction
  - Refund Advantage® Tax channel
    - Additional MPS distribution
  - New credit products
- Competitive advantage with strong systems and infrastructure
- Regulatory requirements create high barriers to entry

# Fee Income **Growth**, YoY



#### **Refund Advantage®**

- Acquisition completed in September 2015
- Offers tax refund-transfer (RTs) solutions through ACH direct deposit, check and prepaid card
- Growth enhanced by new credit-advance product
- Processed a record number of RTs over the entire 2016 tax season, > 1 Million RTs
- Opportunities for further growth and new products for the 2017 tax season

\$23.3 Million Tax Product Revenues FY16



# **Meta Executive Management**



#### J. Tyler Haahr, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Tyler joined Meta in 1997. Previously, he was a partner with the law firm of Lewis and Roca LLP in Phoenix, AZ. He serves as the Secretary and as a member of the Board of Directors of LifeScape. Tyler serves as a director and is also past Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Sioux Falls YMCA. He received his B.S. degree in Accounting with honors from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. Tyler graduated with honors from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

#### **Brad Hanson, President**

Brad joined Meta in 2004 and has more than 25 years of experience in financial services, including numerous banking, card industry and technology-related capacities. During his career, Brad has played a significant role in the development of the prepaid card industry. His experience working with regulators and many financial innovators provides a unique perspective on the history of prepaid cards, current threats and opportunities and the changing roles of key participants in the prepaid value chain. He is a founding member of the Network Branded Prepaid Card Association where he serves as a board member. Brad has been recognized as a Paybefore Industry Achievement Award winner and serves as a board member for Help Worldwide and the Midwest Region of Operation HOPE.

#### Glen Herrick, EVP and Chief Financial Officer

Glen joined Meta in March 2013, and was appointed Chief Financial Officer in October 2013. Previously, Glen served in various finance and risk management roles at Wells Fargo, including as CFO of Wells Fargo's student loan division. Glen has a B.S. degree in Engineering Management from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. and an MBA from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. He also graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

#### Cindy Smith, EVP and Chief Operating Officer

Cindy joined Meta in 2015 and brings more than 25 years of banking and payments industry experience to her position. She previously held senior executive positions at Zions Bancorporation, a regional bank holding company headquartered in Salt Lake City, UT. Before working at Zions Bancorporation, Cindy was an executive with U.S. Bank. In 2008, she was named by American Banker as one of the "Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking". Cindy has an MBA from Lansbridge University and a Masters in Management from the American Graduate School of Management.

# **Revenue Highlights**



#### **Net Income**

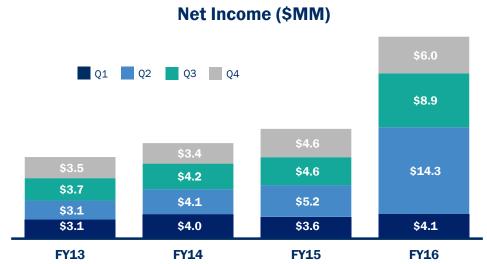
- Year-over-year growth of 84% from prior fiscal year
- 4QFY16 net income totaled \$6.0MM versus \$4.6MM in 4QFY15

#### **Earnings Profile**

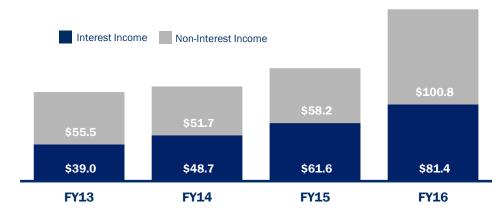
- Sizable and rapidly growing non-interest income
- Opportunity for net interest margin (NIM) expansion in current and higher rate environment
- Revenue from business development and new agreements lags 9-12 months behind implementation costs; potential coiled spring effect to future earnings

# Successfully integrated Refund Advantage® tax payments business

- Contributed \$19.6 MM of revenue in 2QFY16 (tax seasonality) with \$3.4MM of revenue carryover into 3QFY16
- Expenses spread throughout full year



#### Income Breakout (\$MM)



# **Earning Asset Mix & Net Interest Margin**





24<sub>bps</sub>

NIM Expansion since 9/30/2014

93<sub>bps</sub>

10-Year Treasury Yield **Declined** since 9/30/2014 (Qtr Average)

147%

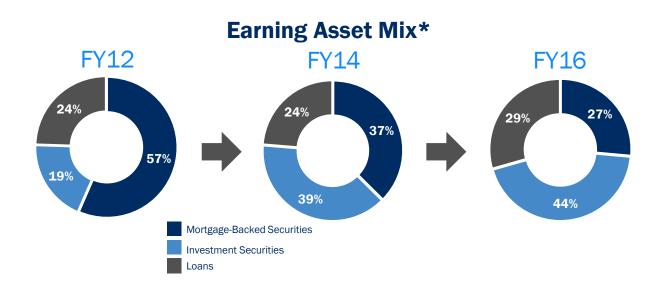
Cumulative Loan **growth** since FY12

379%

Cumulative Investment Securities growth since FY12

4%

Cumulative Mortgage-Backed Securities **reduction** since FY12



### **Balance Sheet Overview - Assets**



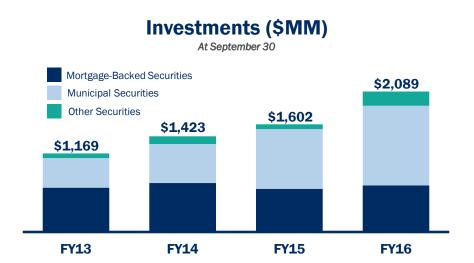
# Fiscal year 2016 average assets grew 30% compared to fiscal year 2015

4Q16 average assets grew 32% over the same quarter in 2015

# 30% YoY total loan growth driven by increases in Residential Real Estate, Commercial Real Estate, and Premium Finance

 Allowance for loan losses was \$5.6MM, or 0.6% of total loans at September 30, 2016

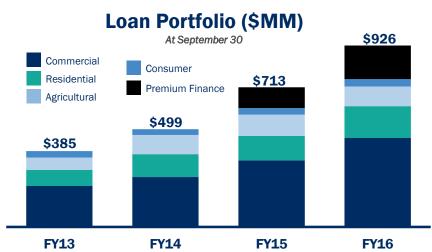
Total investments and mortgage-backed securities increased 30% YoY



#### Total Assets (\$MM)

At September 30





# **Asset Quality**



17%

49%

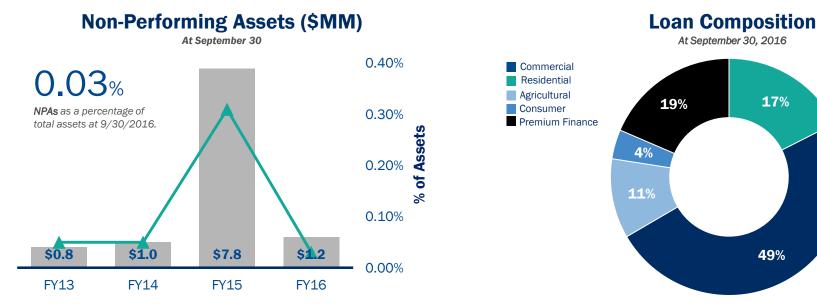
#### Very strong asset quality

NPAs are at 0.03% of total assets, a small fraction of bank industry average<sup>1</sup>

#### No NPAs within the Payments segment

#### Continue to purchase high-quality investments within certain sectors of the municipal market

- Many of these new purchases are tax exempt and also backed, or collateralized, by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, thereby enhancing credit quality
- A large majority of our municipal bond holdings are in the top two rating buckets (AAA & AA) or are Ginnie Mae-backed and convertible



<sup>1</sup>Meta NPA/Assets as of 9/30/16, all other bank NPA/Assets as of 6/30/16 (Source: FDIC)

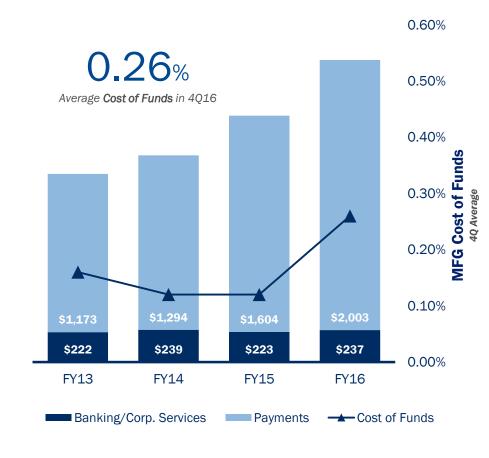
### **Balance Sheet Overview - Liabilities**



#### **Historical Low Cost of Funds**

- Issuance of \$75MM of Subordinated Debt was the driver for the increase in cost of funds over 4QFY15 at MFG, however, MetaBank's cost of funds remained extremely low at 0.16% during 4QFY16
- Low cost of funds continues to be driven by noninterest bearing deposits generated by MPS

#### Deposits\* (\$MM)



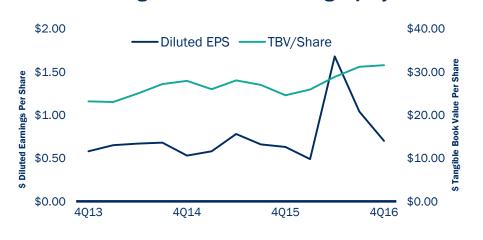
### **Capital Management**



#### **Capital enhancement history**

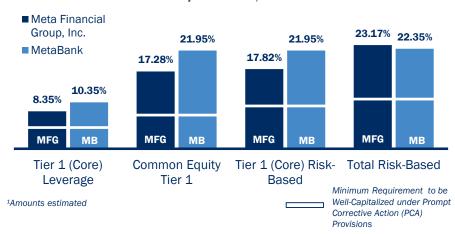
- \$26.1 million and \$11.7 million private placements supporting Refund Advantage acquisition and other growth in 2015-16
- 2014-15 At-the-Market (ATM) offering net proceeds of \$25.4 million to support growth
- \$61.0 million in 2012-13 via private placements and ATM offering
- Institutional investor base has shown continued support

#### **Earnings Power While Growing Equity**



#### **Regulatory Capital Ratios**

At September 30, 20161



#### **Goal: Maintain strong capital ratios**

- Tier 1 (Core) Leverage > 8.0%
- Total Risk-Based Capital >14.0%

# Prudent capital management, flexibility to source future needs

- June 2016 assigned a BBB+ for the Company's senior unsecured debt by Kroll Bond Rating Agency (KBRA)
- August 2016 issued \$75MM of Subordinated Debt

### **Infrastructure**



#### Early adopter of sophisticated compliance systems

#### **Investments in MPS program design, training and technology**

- Implemented enhanced BSA/AML technology
- Enhanced infrastructure supports growth
- These prior investments allow more focus on growing current business and new development opportunities, with expected improving efficiencies

#### **High competitive barriers to enter prepaid industry = wide "moat"**

- Expertise, capital, compliance
- Operational infrastructure
- High start-up costs
- Durbin-related disadvantages for banks over \$10B in assets

### **Interest Rate Risk Management**



# Positively leveraged for higher rate environment Other Comprehensive Income volatile relative to peers

- We believe GAAP understates balance sheet true value, particularly low-cost deposits
- Meta MTM of ~50% of assets available for sale (securities) vs. typical "peer" at ~15-20%
- \$46.7 million of net unrealized gains in the securities portfolio as of September 30, 2016

#### **Expect continued, increasing Net Interest Margin (NIM)**

- Continued robust loan growth at retail bank and AFS/IBEX improves earning asset mix
- Premium Finance (AFS/IBEX) loan yields should adjust higher if rates rise as loans are generally priced at Prime plus a spread
- Growing Premium Finance loan portfolio increases duration flexibility and thus provides increased yields in the securities portfolio

# Reinvestment opportunity promotes NIM expansion in an up-rate environment

- Cash flow from securities and loans and growing MPS deposits deployed at higher rates
- Mortgage-backed securities portfolio yields expected to increase with only nominal extension if rates rise

#### **Interest rate sensitivity (what management believes)**

Static interest rate risk results do not accurately reflect Meta's true interest rate sensitivity due to our unique and historically predictable deposit base

- Due to historically predictable weekly, monthly and yearly deposit volatility, static IRR results can be significantly skewed
- Utilizing quarterly average balances for deposits and borrowings, with cash as the offset, provides a more accurate view of the Company's IRR position
- Understanding our historically predictable cyclicality is necessary to interpret interest rate risk results
- MPS-related, non-interest bearing deposit value will be unlocked if interest rates rise
- Significant non-interest deposit growth also gives more net income upside that is not reflected in IRR analysis
- Increased value of non-interest bearing deposits and long average life, despite "brokered deposit" categorization

# **Industry Recognition**







**Top 50** of ACH originators in 2015 **Top 30** of ACH receivers in 2015



Second largest prepaid card issuer in the U.S. ranked by purchase volume (2015)

# AMERICAN BANKER

**#44** "More double-digit goodness" (June 2015) based on average ROE over the past three years **#48** "Top 200 Community Banks and Thrifts" (June 2015) Top 1% based on three year ROE





**Top 100** in ABA Banking Journal's annual Performance Ranking for \$1B-\$10B banks (2014)



# **Appendix**

# **Income Statement**



	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				Three Months Ended September 30,		
Meta Financial Group (\$000's)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015	2016	% Change
Net Interest Income	36,022	46,262	59,220	77,305	15,703	19,893	26.7%
Non-Interest Income	55,503	51,738	58,174	100,770	15,106	19,228	27.3%
Total Revenue	\$91,525	\$98,000	\$117,394	\$178,075	\$30,809	\$39,121	27.0%
Provision for Loan Loss	-	1,150	1,465	4,605	124	548	341.9%
Compensation and Benefits	34,106	38,155	46,493	61,675	12,168	14,536	19.5%
Card Processing Expense	15,584	15,487	16,508	22,264	4,134	5,406	30.8%
All Other Expense	24,713	24,589	33,505	50,710	9,899	11,283	14.0%
Net Income Before Taxes	\$17,122	\$18,619	\$19,423	\$38,821	4,484	\$7,348	63.9%
Income Tax Expense	3,704	2,906	1,368	5,602	(155)	1,344	-967.1%
Net Income	\$13,418	\$15,713	\$18,055	\$33,219	\$4,639	\$6,004	29.4%

# **Balance Sheet**



Fiscal	Year	Average	
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Meta Financial Group (\$MM)	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cash And Cash Equivalents	77	93	120	52
Investments and MBS	1,214	1,291	1,471	1,966
Loans Receivable, Net	337	435	612	804
Other Assets	84	110	119	195
Assets	\$ 1,712	\$ 1,929	\$ 2,322	\$ 3,017
Total Deposits	1,395	1,533	1,827	2,240
Other Liabilities	174	239	290	469
Shareholders' Equity	143	157	205	308
Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,712	\$ 1,929	\$ 2,322	\$ 3,017

#### **Fiscal Quarter Average**

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<b>4Q1</b> 5	<b>4Q1</b> 6	% Change		
81	51	-37.0%		
1,534	2,076	35.3%		
684	900	31.6%		
148	208	40.5%		
\$ 2,447	\$ 3,235	32.2%		
1,820	2,253	23.8%		
401	647	61.3%		
226	335	48.2%		
\$ 2,447	\$ 3,235	32.2%		