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Cathay General Bancorp Announces First Quarter 2021 Results

Los Angeles, Calif., April 26, 2021: Cathay General Bancorp (the "Company", "we", "us", or "our") (Nasdaq: CATY), the holding company for Cathay Bank, today announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2021. The Company reported net income of \$73.4 million, or \$0.92 per share, for the first quarter of 2021.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	Three months ended								
(unaudited)	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020						
Net income	\$73.4 million	\$70.9 million	\$46.9 million						
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.92	\$0.89	\$0.59						
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.92	\$0.89	\$0.59						
Return on average assets	1.57%	1.50%	1.05%						
Return on average total stockholders' equity	12.23%	11.75%	8.12%						
Efficiency ratio	47.03%	49.61%	44.60%						

FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

- The net interest margin increased to 3.20% in the first quarter of 2021 from 3.12% in the fourth quarter of 2020.
- There was a reversal of provisions for credit losses of \$13.6 million in the first quarter of 2021 compared to a reversal for loan losses of \$5.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2020.

"For the first quarter of 2021, our net interest margin was 3.20%, increasing 8 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2020. Also, there was a reversal of provisions for credit losses of \$13.6 million in the first quarter of 2021 primarily due to the improved macroeconomic conditions," commented Chang M. Liu, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

FIRST QUARTER INCOME STATEMENT REVIEW

Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, was \$73.4 million, an increase of \$26.5 million, or 56.5%, compared to net income of \$46.9 million for the same quarter a year ago. Diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, was \$0.92 per share compared to \$0.59 per share for the same quarter a year ago.

Return on average stockholders' equity was 12.23% and return on average assets was 1.57% for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, compared to a return on average stockholders' equity of 8.12% and a return on average assets of 1.05% for the same quarter a year ago.

Net interest income before provision for credit losses

Net interest income before provision for credit losses increased \$1.5 million, or 1.1%, to \$141.8 million during the first quarter of 2021, compared to \$140.3 million during the same quarter a year ago. The increase was due primarily to a decrease in interest expense from deposits, offset, in part, by a decrease in interest income from loans and securities.

The net interest margin was 3.20% for the first quarter of 2021 compared to 3.34% for the first quarter of 2020 and 3.12% for the fourth quarter of 2020.

For the first quarter of 2021, the yield on average interest-earning assets was 3.68%, the cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities was 0.67%, and the cost of interest-bearing deposits was 0.63%. In comparison, for the first quarter of 2020, the yield on average interest-earning assets was 4.44%, the cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities was 1.49%, and the cost of interest-bearing deposits was 1.44%. The decrease in the yield on average interest-earning assets resulted mainly from lower lending rates. The net interest spread, defined as the difference between the yield on average interest-earning assets and the cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities, was 3.01% for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, compared to 2.95% for the same quarter a year ago.

(Reversal)/provision for credit losses

As permitted under the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") and as extended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, the Company adopted the Current Expected Credit Losses ("CECL") methodology for estimated credit losses effective as of January 1, 2021. The adoption of CECL under a modified retrospective approach as of January 1, 2021 increased the allowance for loan losses by \$13.9 million and allowance for unfunded credit commitments by \$0.5 million and an after-tax decrease to opening retained earnings of \$10.2 million. As of March 31, 2021, the allowance for loan losses decreased \$19.9 million to \$160.6 million, or 1.03% of gross loans, compared to \$180.5 million, or 1.15% of gross loans, as of January 1, 2021. The change in the allowance for loan losses included a \$12.1 million reversal for loan losses for the first quarter of 2021, as a result of the improving macroeconomic conditions and \$7.8 million in net charge-offs. In the first quarter of 2020, a provision for loan losses of \$25.0 million was recorded under the incurred loss method. The Company will continue to monitor the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on credit risks and losses, as well as on customer demand deposits and other liabilities and assets. The following table sets forth the charge-offs and recoveries for the periods indicated:

Three months ended									
Marc	March 31, 2021		ber 31, 2020	Marc	n 31, 2020				
		(In thousa	nds) (Unaudited)						
\$	9,138	\$	8,613	\$	1,321				
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	1,269		912		1,208				
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	1,380		1,021		1,370				
\$	7,758	\$	7,592	\$	(49)				
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(1) Real estate loans include commercial mortgage loans, residential mortgage loans, and equity lines.

Allowance for credit losses

The following table presents a roll forward of the allowance for credit losses for the periods indicated:

	Three Mo	nths Ended March	31, 2021	Three Montl	hs Ended Decemb	er 31, 2020	Three Months Ended March 31, 2020				
			Total			Total			Total		
	Allowance	Reserve for	Allowance		Reserve for	Allowance	Allowance	Reserve for	Allowance		
	for Loan	Unfunded Loan	for Credit	Allowance for	Unfunded Loan	for Credit	for Loan	Unfunded Loan	for Credit		
Allowance for Credit Losses Rollforward	Losses	Commitments	Losses	Loan Losses	Commitments	Losses	Losses	Commitments	Losses		
Beginning Balance	\$ 166,538	\$ 5,880	\$ 172,418	\$ 179,131	\$ 5,663	\$ 184,794	\$ 123,224	\$ 3,855	\$ 127,079		
Impact of ASU 2016-13 adoption	13,913	539	14,452								
Balance, at January 1, 2021	180,451	6,419	186,870	179,131	5,663	184,794	123,224	3,855	127,079		
(Reversal)/provision for credit losses	(12,110)	(1,448)	(13,558)	(5,000)	217	(4,783)	25,000	(842)	24,158		
Charge-offs	(9,138)	—	(9,138)	(8,613)	—	(8,613)	(1,321)	—	(1,321)		
Recoveries	1,380	—	1,380	1,020	—	1,020	1,370	—	1,370		
Net (charge-offs)/recoveries	(7,758)		(7,758)	(7,593)		(7,593)	49		49		
Ending Balance	\$ 160,583	\$ 4,971	\$ 165,554	\$ 166,538	\$ 5,880	\$ 172,418	\$ 148,273	\$ 3,013	\$ 151,286		

Non-interest income

Non-interest income, which includes revenues from depository service fees, letters of credit commissions, securities gains (losses), wire transfer fees, and other sources of fee income, was \$10.0 million for the first quarter of 2021, an increase of \$4.2 million, or 72.4%, compared to \$5.8 million for the first quarter of 2020. The increase was primarily due to a \$3.4 million decrease in net losses from equity securities and a \$0.8 million increase in gain from sale of securities, when compared to the same quarter a year ago.

Non-interest expense

Non-interest expense increased \$6.2 million, or 9.5%, to \$71.4 million in the first quarter of 2021 compared to \$65.2 million in the same quarter a year ago. The increase in non-interest expense in the first quarter of 2021 was primarily due to a decrease of \$4.2 million in income from other real estate owned, an increase of \$1.8 million in salaries and other employee benefits, an increase of \$1.0 million in contributions to the Cathay Bank foundation, to combat anti-Asian American hate crimes, and an increase of \$0.7 million in costs associated with debt redemption, offset, in part, by a decrease of \$2.3 million in amortization expense of investments in low-income housing and alternative energy partnerships, when compared to the same quarter a year ago. The efficiency ratio was 47.0% in the first quarter of 2021 compared to 44.6% for the same quarter a year ago.

Income taxes

The effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2021 was 21.9% compared to 16.3% for the first quarter of 2020. The effective tax rate includes the impact of alternative energy investments and low-income housing tax credits.

BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

Gross loans were \$15.7 billion as of March 31, 2021, an increase of \$7.5 million, or 0.05%, from \$15.6 billion as of December 31, 2020. The increase was primarily due to an increase of \$93.5 million in Paycheck Protection Program Loans, offset, in part, by a decrease of \$43.2 million, or 1.0%, in residential mortgage loans and \$39.7 million, or 1.5%, in commercial loans not including Paycheck Protection Program Loans. During the first quarter of 2021, Cathay Bank funded 1,333 new PPP loans totaling \$142.4 million. Loan fees recognized on PPP loans were \$2.5 million in the first quarter of 2021 compared to \$1.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2020.

	March 31, 2021			cember 31, 2020		March 31, 2020		
			(In the	ousands) (Unaudited	i)			
Commercial loans	\$	2,556,247	\$	2,595,926	\$	2,973,078		
Paycheck protection program loans		334,446		240,907		—		
Residential mortgage loans		4,102,203		4,145,389		4,173,876		
Commercial mortgage loans		7,549,522		7,555,027		7,422,585		
Equity lines		428,318		424,555		385,317		
Real estate construction loans		677,816		679,492		577,240		
Installment and other loans		3,296		3,100		2,116		
Gross loans	\$	15,651,848	\$	15,644,396	\$	15,534,212		
Allowance for loan losses		(160,583)		(166,538)		(148,273)		
Unamortized deferred loan fees		(6,872)		(2,494)		(277)		
Total loans, net	\$	15,484,393	\$	15,475,364	\$	15,385,662		

The loan balances and composition as of March 31, 2021, compared to December 31, 2020 and March 31, 2020, are presented below:

Total deposits were \$16.4 billion as of March 31, 2021, an increase of \$244.2 million, or 1.5%, from \$16.1 billion as of December 31, 2020. The increases in noninterest-bearing demand deposits, money market deposits and savings deposits resulted from higher liquidity maintained by our depositors during these uncertain times and improved money market deposit generation. The decreases in time deposits resulted primarily from the runoff of wholesale time deposits and migration of some maturing time deposits to money market deposits. During the first quarter of 2021, our deposits excluding CD's increased by \$695.5 million, or 29.5% annualized. The deposit balances and composition as of March 31, 2021, compared to December 31, 2020 and March 31, 2020, are presented below:

	March 31, 2021 December 31, 2020			March 31, 2020	
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Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 3,495,775	\$	3,365,086	\$	2,860,580
NOW deposits	1,915,822		1,926,135		1,514,434
Money market deposits	3,808,794		3,359,191		2,482,950
Savings deposits	911,210		785,672		710,602
Time deposits	6,222,032		6,673,317		7,521,584
Total deposits	\$ 16,353,633	\$	16,109,401	\$	15,090,150

ASSET QUALITY REVIEW

As of March 31, 2021, total non-accrual loans were \$94.4 million, an increase of \$26.7 million, or 39.5%, from \$67.7 million as of December 31, 2020, and an increase of \$40.7 million, or 75.8%, from \$53.7 million as of March 31, 2020. The increase from the fourth quarter was due primarily to an \$18.8 million oil and gas commercial loan and a \$10.1 million commercial mortgage loan placed on nonaccrual status during the first quarter of 2021.

The allowance for loan losses was \$160.6 million and the allowance for off-balance sheet unfunded credit commitments was \$5.0 million as of March 31, 2021. The allowances represent the amount estimated by management to be appropriate to absorb credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio, including unfunded credit commitments. The \$160.6 million allowance for loan losses as of March 31, 2021, decreased \$19.9 million, or 11.0%, from \$180.5 million as of January 1, 2021. The allowance for loan losses represented 1.03% of period-end gross loans, and 166.26% of non-performing loans as of March 31, 2021. The comparable ratios were 1.06% of period-end gross loans, and 229.18% of non-performing loans as of December 31, 2020. The changes in non-performing assets and troubled debt restructurings as of March 31, 2021, compared to December 31, 2020 and March 31, 2020, are presented below:

				%		%
(Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)		March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	Change	March 31, 2020	Change
Non-performing assets						
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more	\$	2,138	\$ 4,982	(57)	\$ 4,531	(53)
Non-accrual loans:						
Construction loans		4,189	4,286	(2)	4,482	(7)
Commercial mortgage loans		43,361	33,715	29	11,859	266
Commercial loans		38,351	23,087	66	30,443	26
Residential mortgage loans		8,545	6,596	30	 6,949	23
Total non-accrual loans:	\$	94,446	\$ 67,684	40	\$ 53,733	76
Total non-performing loans	_	96,584	72,666	33	 58,264	66
Other real estate owned		4,918	4,918	-	9,048	(46)
Total non-performing assets	\$	101,502	\$ 77,584	31	\$ 67,312	51
Accruing troubled debt restructurings (TDRs)	\$	27,864	\$ 27,721	1	\$ 34,364	(19)
Allowance for loan losses	\$	160,583	\$ 166,538	(4)	\$ 148,273	8
Total gross loans outstanding, at period-end	\$	15,651,848	\$ 15,644,396	0	\$ 15,534,212	1
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans, at period-end		166.26%	229.18%		254.48%	
Allowance for loan losses to gross loans, at period-end		1.03%	1.06%		0.95%	

The ratio of non-performing assets to total assets was 0.5% as of March 31, 2021, compared to 0.4% as of December 31, 2020. Total non-performing assets increased \$23.9 million, or 30.8%, to \$101.5 million as of March 31, 2021, compared to \$77.6 million as of December 31, 2020, primarily due to an increase of \$26.8 million, or 39.5%, in nonaccrual loans, offset, in part, by a decrease of \$2.8 million, or 57.1%, in accruing loans past due 90 days or more.

CAPITAL ADEQUACY REVIEW

As of March 31, 2021, the Company's Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 13.94%, total risk-based capital ratio of 15.84%, and Tier 1 leverage capital ratio of 11.06%, calculated under the Basel III capital rules, continue to place the Company in the "well capitalized" category for regulatory purposes, which is defined as institutions with a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio equal to or greater than 8%, a total risk-based capital ratio equal to or greater than 10%, and a Tier 1 leverage capital ratio equal to or greater than 5%. As of December 31, 2020, the Company's Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio was 13.53%, total risk-based capital ratio was 15.47%, and Tier 1 leverage capital ratio was 10.94%.

CONFERENCE CALL

Cathay General Bancorp will host a conference call to discuss its first quarter 2021 financial results this afternoon, Monday, April 26, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., Pacific Time. Analysts and investors may dial in and participate in the question-and-answer session. To access the call, please dial 1-855-761-3186 and enter Conference ID 5682513. A presentation to accompany the earnings call will be available at <u>www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com</u>. A listen-only live Webcast of the call will be available at www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com and a recorded version is scheduled to be available for replay for 12 months after the call.

ABOUT CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Cathay General Bancorp is the holding company for Cathay Bank, a California state-chartered bank. Founded in 1962, Cathay Bank offers a wide range of financial services. Cathay Bank currently operates 38 branches in California, 10 branches in New York State, four in Washington State, three in Illinois, two in Texas, one in Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, and New Jersey, one in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Taipei, Beijing, and Shanghai. Cathay Bank's website is at www.cathaybank.com. Cathay General Bancorp's website is at www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com. Information set forth on such websites is not incorporated into this press release.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements made in this press release, other than statements of historical fact, are forwardlooking statements within the meaning of the applicable provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding management's beliefs, projections, and assumptions concerning future results and events. These forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, such words as "aims," "anticipates," "believes," "can," "continue," "could," "estimates," "expects," "hopes," "intends," "may," "plans," "projects," "predicts," "potential," "possible," "optimistic," "seeks," "shall," "should," "will," and variations of these words and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on estimates, beliefs, projections, and assumptions of management and are not guarantees of future performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and our present expectations or projections. Such risks and uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, adverse developments or conditions related to or arising from local, regional, national and international business, market and economic conditions and events (such as the COVID-19 pandemic) and the impact they may have on us, our customers and our operations, assets and liabilities; possible additional provisions for loan losses and chargeoffs; credit risks of lending activities and deterioration in asset or credit quality; extensive laws and regulations and supervision that we are subject to including potential future supervisory action by bank supervisory authorities; increased costs of compliance and other risks associated with changes in regulation including the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; higher capital requirements from the implementation of the Basel III capital standards; compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act and other money laundering statutes and regulations; potential goodwill impairment; liquidity risk; fluctuations in interest rates; risks associated with acquisitions and the expansion of our business into new markets; inflation and deflation; real estate market conditions and the value of real estate collateral; our ability to generate anticipated returns on our investments and financings, including in tax-advantaged projects; environmental liabilities; our ability to compete with larger competitors; our ability to retain key personnel; successful management of reputational risk; natural disasters, public health crises (such as the COVID-19 pandemic) and geopolitical events; general economic or business conditions in Asia, and other regions where Cathay Bank has operations; failures, interruptions, or security breaches of our information systems; our ability to adapt our systems to technological changes; risk management processes and strategies; adverse results in legal proceedings; certain provisions in our charter and bylaws that may affect acquisition of the Company; changes in accounting standards or tax laws and regulations; market disruption and volatility; restrictions on dividends and other distributions by laws and regulations and by our regulators and our capital

structure; issuance of preferred stock; successfully raising additional capital, if needed, and the resulting dilution of interests of holders of our common stock; the soundness of other financial institutions; and general competitive, economic political, and market conditions and fluctuations.

These and other factors are further described in Cathay General Bancorp's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 (Item 1A in particular), other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and other filings Cathay General Bancorp makes with the SEC from time to time. Actual results in any future period may also vary from the past results discussed in this press release. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and, except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or review any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances, developments or events occurring after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	March 31, 2021		December 31, 2020			March 31, 2020
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE						
Net interest income before (reversal)/provision for credit losses	\$	141,818	\$	139,820	\$	140,311
(Reversal)/provision for credit losses		(13,558)		(5,000)		25,000
Net interest income after (reversal)/provision for credit losses		155,376		144,820		115,311
Non-interest income		10,000		11,451		5,786
Non-interest expense		71,403		75,046		65,154
Income before income tax expense		93,973		81,225		55,943
Income tax expense		20,589		10,332		9,091
Net income	\$	73,384	\$	70,893	\$	46,852
Net income per common share						
Basic	\$	0.92	\$	0.89	\$	0.59
Diluted	\$	0.92	\$	0.89	\$	0.59
Cash dividends paid per common share	\$	0.31	\$	0.31	\$	0.31
SELECTED RATIOS						
Return on average assets		1.57%		1.50%		1.05%
Return on average total stockholders' equity		12.23%		11.75%		8.12%
Efficiency ratio		47.03%		49.61%		44.60%
Dividend payout ratio		33.59%		34.80%		52.63%
YIELD ANALYSIS (Fully taxable equivalent)						
Total interest-earning assets		3.68%		3.74%		4.44%
Total interest-bearing liabilities		0.67%		0.86%		1.49%
Net interest spread		3.01%		2.88%		2.95%
Net interest margin		3.20%		3.12%		3.34%
CAPITAL RATIOS	Marc	h 31, 2021	Decem	ber 31, 2020		March 31, 2020
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio		13.94%		13.53%		12.38%
Total risk-based capital ratio		15.84%		15.47%		14.12%
Tier 1 leverage capital ratio		11.06%		10.94%		10.82%

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share data)	March 31, 2021		Decer	mber 31, 2020	March 31, 2020		
Assets							
Cash and due from banks	\$	141,885	\$	138,616	\$	136,350	
Short-term investments and interest bearing deposits		1,612,411		1,282,462		363,666	
Securities available-for-sale (amortized cost of \$898,463 at March 31, 2021,							
\$1,019,230 at December 31, 2020 and \$1,330,232 at March 31, 2020)		908,844		1,036,550		1,355,173	
Loans		15,651,848		15,644,396		15,534,212	
Less: Allowance for loan losses		(160,583)		(166,538)		(148,273)	
Unamortized deferred loan fees, net		(6,872)		(2,494)		(277)	
Loans, net		15,484,393		15,475,364		15,385,662	
Equity securities		20,993		23,744		18,790	
Federal Home Loan Bank stock		17,250		17,250		17,250	
Other real estate owned, net		4,918		4,918		9,048	
Affordable housing investments and alternative energy partnerships, net		296,229		309,016		294,639	
Premises and equipment, net		101,864		102,998		103,481	
Customers' liability on acceptances		4,125		13,753		5,175	
Accrued interest receivable		58,216		59,032		53,110	
Goodwill		372,189		372,189		372,189	
Other intangible assets, net		5,249		5,434		6,187	
Right-of-use assets- operating leases		32,927		30,919		32,743	
Other assets		159,319		170,889		142,996	
Total assets	\$	19,220,812	\$	19,043,134	\$	18,296,459	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity							
Deposits							
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	\$	3,495,775	\$	3,365,086	\$	2,860,580	
Interest-bearing deposits:							
NOW deposits		1,915,822		1,926,135		1,514,434	
Money market deposits		3,808,794		3,359,191		2,482,950	
Savings deposits		911,210		785,672		710,602	
Time deposits		6,222,032		6,673,317		7,521,584	
Total deposits		16,353,633		16,109,401		15,090,150	
Short-term borrowings		—		—		12,898	
Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank		75,000		150,000		495,000	
Other borrowings for affordable housing investments		23,333		23,714		28,981	
Long-term debt		119,136		119,136		119,136	
Deferred payments from acquisition		—		—		7,716	
Acceptances outstanding		4,125		13,753		5,175	
Lease liabilities - operating leases		35,803		33,484		34,790	
Other liabilities	_	155,870		175,502		189,576	
Total liabilities		16,766,900		16,624,990		15,983,422	
Stockholders' equity		2,453,912		2,418,144		2,313,037	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	19,220,812	\$	19,043,134	\$	18,296,459	
Book value per common share	\$	30.83	\$	30.41	\$	29.12	
Number of common shares outstanding		79,595,025		79,508,265		79,420,267	

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Ν	larch 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020
		(In thousar	nds, except share and per	share data)
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME				
Loan receivable, including loan fees	\$	159,721	\$ 163,618	\$ 177,870
Investment securities		3,067	3,469	7,610
Federal Home Loan Bank stock		217	217	305
Deposits with banks		315	292	951
Total interest and dividend income		163,320	167,596	186,736
INTEREST EXPENSE				
Time deposits		14,009	19,416	35,155
Other deposits		5,594	5,725	7,991
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank		475	1,180	1,552
Long-term debt		1,424	1,455	1,440
Deferred payments from acquisition		_	_	58
Short-term borrowings		_	_	229
Total interest expense		21,502	27,776	46,425
Net interest income before (reversal)/provision for credit losses		141,818	139,820	140,311
(Reversal)/provision for credit losses		(13,558)	(5,000)	25,000
		155,376	144,820	115,311
Net interest income after (reversal)/provision for credit losses		155,570	144,020	110,011
		(0.750)	700	(0,400)
Net (losses)/gains from equity securities		(2,752)	780	(6,102)
Securities gains, net		853	542	6
Letters of credit commissions		1,690	1,749	1,640
Depository service fees		1,363	1,271	1,298
Other operating income		8,846	7,109	8,944
Total non-interest income		10,000	11,451	5,786
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE				
Salaries and employee benefits		32,722	31,545	30,939
Occupancy expense		5,046	5,199	5,177
Computer and equipment expense		3,271	2,915	2,593
Professional services expense		4,710	6,270	5,145
Data processing service expense		3,655	3,893	3,666
FDIC and State assessments		1,925	2,145	2,415
Marketing expense		2,882	1,334	1,886
Other real estate owned expense/(income)		94	138	(4,104)
Amortization of investments in low income housing and				
alternative energy partnerships		11,570	15,228	13,890
Amortization of core deposit intangibles		172	172	172
Cost associated with debt redemption		732	693	—
Other operating expense		4,624	5,514	3,375
Total non-interest expense		71,403	75,046	65,154
Income before income tax expense		93,973	81,225	55,943
Income tax expense		20,589	10,332	9,091
Net income	\$	73,384	\$ 70,893	\$ 46,852
Net income per common share:				
Basic	\$	0.92	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.59
Diluted	\$	0.92	•	
Cash dividends paid per common share	\$	0.31		
Basic average common shares outstanding	φ	79,530,777	79,540,694	⁵ 0.31 79,588,076
Diluted average common shares outstanding		79,832,305	79,834,150	79,830,025
Dirated average common shares outstanding		13,032,303	79,004,100	79,030,025

CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AVERAGE BALANCES – SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

	Three months ended										
(In thousands)		March 3	1, 2021	Decembe	r 31, 2020		March 31, 2020				
Interest-earning assets		Average Balance	Average Yield/Rate ⁽¹⁾	Average Balance	Average Yield/Rate ⁽¹⁾		Average Balance	Average Yield/Rate ⁽¹⁾			
Loans (1)	\$	15,691,976	4.13%	\$ 15,569,490	4.18%	\$	15,213,440	4.70%			
Taxable investment securities		995,704	1.25%	1,073,058	1.29%		1,379,365	2.22%			
FHLB stock		17,250	5.10%	17,250	5.00%		17,268	7.09%			
Deposits with banks		1,283,375	0.10%	1,156,764	0.10%		311,024	1.23%			
Total interest-earning assets	\$	17,988,305	3.68%	\$ 17,816,562	3.74%	\$	16,921,097	4.44%			
Interest-bearing liabilities Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$	1,890,390	0.14%	\$ 1,694,831	0.15%	\$	1,388,597	0.21%			
Money market deposits		3,552,217	0.54%	3,295,103	0.59%		2,437,997	1.15%			
Savings deposits		845,543	0.10%	797,438	0.11%		733,372	0.18%			
Time deposits		6,404,755	0.89%	6,687,731	1.15%		7,495,619	1.89%			
Total interest-bearing deposits	\$	12,692,905	0.63%	\$ 12,475,103	0.80%	\$	12,055,585	1.44%			
Other borrowed funds		123,424	1.56%	237,467	1.98%		392,029	1.89%			
Long-term debt		119,136	4.85%	119,136	4.86%		119,136	4.86%			
Total interest-bearing liabilities		12,935,465	0.67%	12,831,706	0.86%		12,566,750	1.49%			
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits		3,406,460		3,365,075			2,863,889				
Total deposits and other borrowed funds	\$	16,341,925		\$ 16,196,781		\$	15,430,639				
Total average assets	\$	19,002,097		\$ 18,843,635		\$	18,003,041				
Total average equity	\$	2,433,976		\$ 2,400,494		\$	2,320,283				

(1) Yields and interest earned include net loan fees. Non-accrual loans are included in the average balance.