

Nasdaq: SFNC

## Acquisition of Reliance Bancshares, Inc.

November 13, 2018



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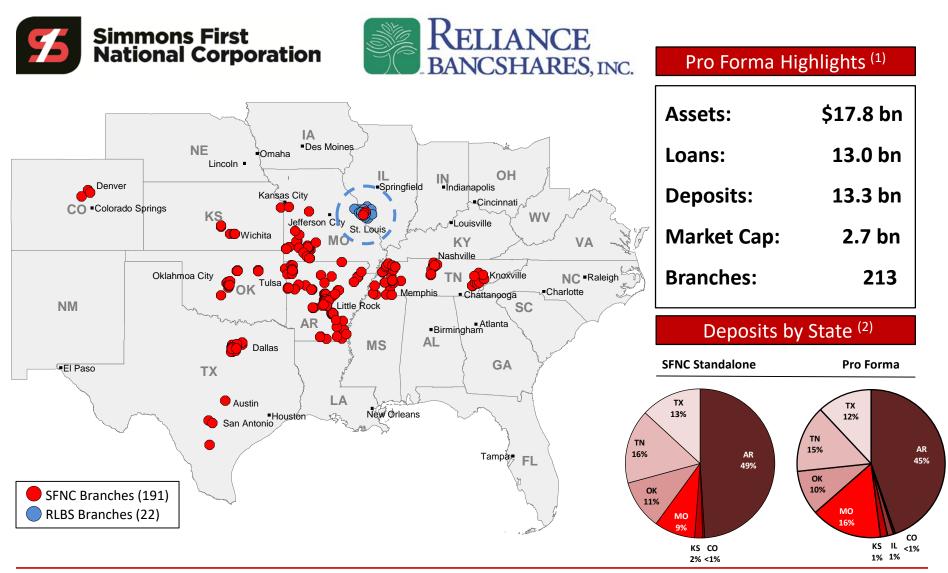
## Important Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, Simmons First National Corporation "SFNC" will file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include a proxy statement of RLBS, and a prospectus of SFNC, as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. SHAREHOLDERS OF RLBS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE MERGER WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BY SFNC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

A free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about SFNC, may be obtained at the SEC's Internet site (http://www.sec.gov), when they are filed by SFNC. You will also be able to obtain these documents, when they are filed, free of charge, from SFNC at www.simmonsbank.com under the heading "Investor Relations". Copies of the proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, when it becomes available, free of charge, by directing a request to Simmons First National Corporation, 501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601, Attention: Stephen C. Massanelli, Investor Relations Officer, Telephone: (870) 541-1000 or to Reliance Bancshares, Inc., 10401 Clayton Road, Frontenac, Missouri 63131, Attention: Allan Ivie, Telephone: (314) 569-7209.

SFNC, RLBS, and certain of their respective directors, executive officers and other members of their management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of SFNC, and their respective ownership of SFNC common stock, is set forth in the proxy statement for SFNC's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on March 14, 2018. Additional information regarding all of the participants in the solicitation may be obtained by reading the proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available. Free copies of this document may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.



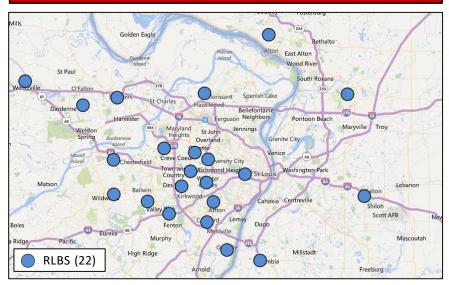




Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence As of 9/30/18, excludes purchase accounting adjustments

(2) As of 6/30/18

## Overview of Reliance Bancshares, Inc. (OTC Pink: RLBS)



#### **RLBS** Footprint

#### Franchise Overview

- Founded in 1999
- Headquartered in Frontenac, Missouri with a 22 branch footprint
- Second largest community bank operating exclusively in St. Louis <sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Financial Highlights**

Headquarters	Frontenac, Missouri
Year Established	1999
Branches	22
Chairman of the Board	Thomas H. Brouster
Total Assets (\$mm)	\$1,513
Total Loans & Leases (Incl. HFS) (\$mm)	1,098
Total Deposits (\$mm)	1,186
Loans / Deposits	92.6%
% Core Deposits	89.5%
ROAA	0.87%
ROATCE	10.75%
Net Interest Margin	2.76%
Efficiency Ratio	60.4%
NPAs / Assets	0.69%
NPAs / Loans + OREO	0.94%
Reserves / Loans	1.02%

	Top Banks Headqurtered in St. Louis MSA				
Rank	Company Name	Assets (\$mm)	% of Franchise in St. Louis, MSA		
1	FB Corporation	\$6,207	43 %		
2	Enterprise Financial Services Corp	5,510	76		
3	Midwest BankCentre, Inc.	1,896	100		
4	Reliance Bancshares, Inc.	1,513	100		
5	Cass Commercial Bank	848	100		
6	Royal Bancshares, Inc. 708 100		100		
7	Diamond Bancorp, Inc.	676	100		
8	Delta Bancshares Company	625	100		
9	Midwest Regional Bancorp, Inc.	618	88		
10	First Illinois Bancorp, Inc.	532	100		



Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

Data as of or for the three months ended 9/30/18; deposit data as of 6/30/18

Note: Core deposits defined as total deposits less jumbo time deposits greater than \$250,000

Includes all banks operating in the St. Louis MSA with 6/30/18 assets greater than \$1.0 billion and 6/30/18 deposits exclusively in the St. Louis MSA (excludes financial service companies)

## **Strategic Acquisition**

Financially Attractive	<ul> <li>Expecting mid single-digit EPS accretion</li> <li>Estimating tangible book value earnback of less than 3.5 years</li> <li>Expecting IRR greater than 20%</li> <li>Deploys capital while maintaining strong capital ratios</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>In-market transaction</li> <li>Extensive due diligence performed</li> </ul>
Low Risk	• Extensive due diligence performed
Profile	<ul> <li>Familiar market and complements our excellent commercial banking team in St. Louis</li> </ul>
	• Outstanding CRA rating

- Builds meaningful scale in attractive St. Louis MSA
- Creates a top 10 deposit franchise in Missouri
- Strong retail footprint with a sticky deposit base
- Opportunity to expand relationships with RLBS customers

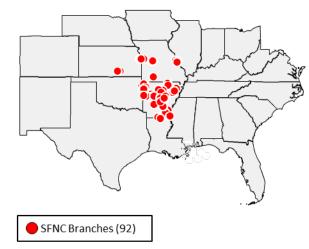


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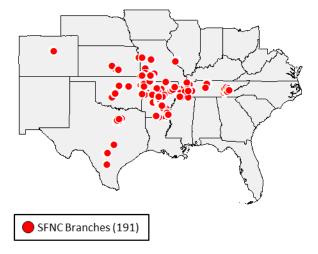
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## Diversifying and Improving Position in Key Markets

2013

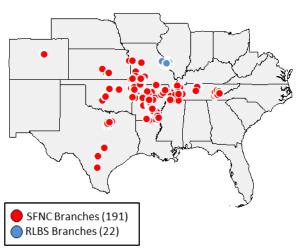


Rank	Name	Pop. (000s)	Deposits (\$mm)	% of Franchise
1	Little Rock	722	\$794	21.5 %
2	Pine Bluff	97	719	19.5
3	Jonesboro	125	278	7.5
4	Fayetteville	486	166	4.5
5	El Dorado	41	155	4.2
6	Searcy	79	125	3.4
7	St. Louis	2,796	124	3.4
8	Russellville	85	120	3.2
9	Hot Springs	98	118	3.2
10	Fort Smith	284	104	2.8



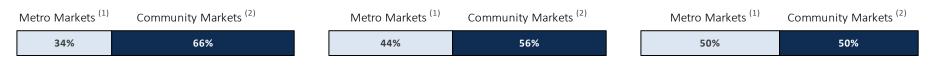
2018

Rank	Name	Pop. (000s)	Deposits (\$mm)	% of Franchise
1	Pine Bluff	89	\$2,769	22.9 %
2	Dallas-Fort Worth	7,576	1,427	11.8
3	Little Rock	745	1,410	11.7
4	Stillwater	82	545	4.5
5	Oklahoma City	1,407	533	4.4
6	Springfield	468	371	3.1
7	Nashville	1,956	352	2.9
8	Fayetteville	554	275	2.3
9	Jonesboro	133	271	2.2
10	Martin	33	265	2.2
18	St. Louis	2,810	137	1.1



**Pro Forma** 

Rank	Name	Pop. (000s)	Deposits (\$mm)	% of Franchise
1	Pine Bluff	89	\$2,769	20.9 %
2	Dallas-Fort Worth	7,576	1,427	10.8
3	Little Rock	745	1,410	10.6
4	St. Louis	2,810	1,308	9.9
5	Stillwater	82	545	4.1
6	Oklahoma City	1,407	533	4.0
7	Springfield	468	371	2.8
8	Nashville	1,956	352	2.7
9	Fayetteville	554	275	2.1
10	Jonesboro	133	271	2.0





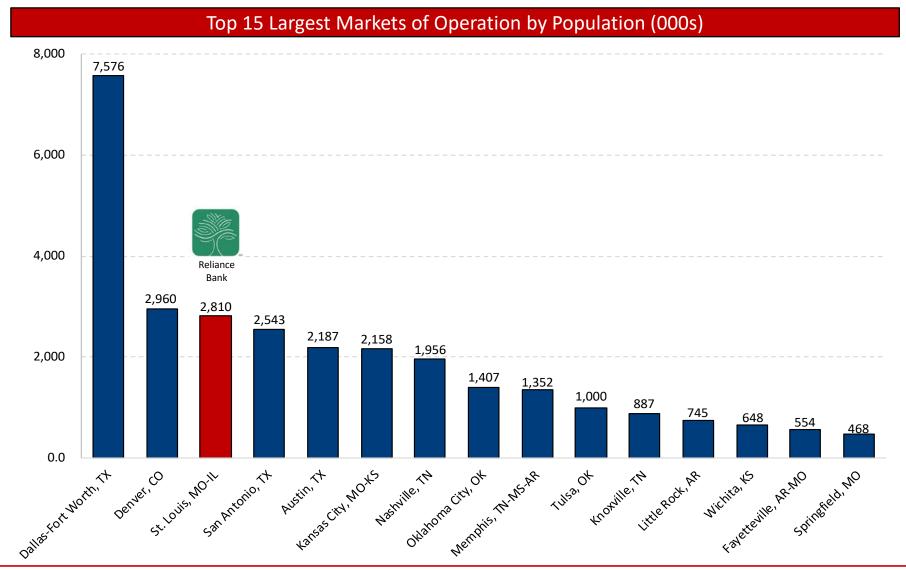
Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

Data as of 6/30 of each respective year

Over 500,000 residents in the metropolitan statistical area

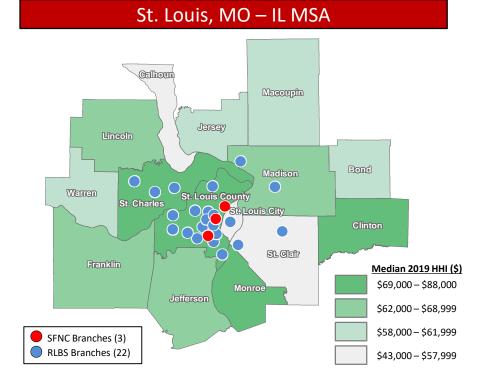
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### SFNC Metro Markets of Operation





## Solidifying Our Presence in St. Louis



- Establishes SFNC as the #6 regional bank in Missouri<sup>(1)</sup>
- Adds 22 branches to SFNC's St. Louis footprint

### St. Louis, MO – IL MSA Deposit Market Share

	Regional		Deposits	Market	
Rank	Bank Rank <sup>(1)</sup>	Institution	(\$mm)	Share	Branches
1		U.S. Bancorp	\$13,574	18.59 %	117
2		Bank of America Corp.	11,517	15.77	48
3	1	Commerce Bancshares Inc.	6,521	8.93	45
4	2	Enterprise Financial Services Corp	3,251	4.45	23
5		Regions Financial Corp.	3,210	4.40	68
6	3	First Busey Corp.	2,495	3.42	32
7		PNC Financial Services Group Inc.	2,419	3.31	41
8	4	FB Corp.	2,232	3.06	46
9		Bank of Montreal	1,497	2.05	15
10	5	Midwest BankCentre, Inc.	1,384	1.89	19
12	7	Pro Forma	1,308	1.79	25
14	9	Reliance Bancshares Inc.	1,171	1.60	22
60	53	Simmons First National Corp.	137	0.19	3

### Missouri Deposit Market Share

	Regional		Deposits	Market	
Rank	Bank Rank <sup>(1)</sup>	Institution	(\$mm)	Share	Branches
1		U.S. Bancorp	\$17,682	11.87 %	231
2		Bank of America Corp.	16,316	10.96	74
3	1	Commerce Bancshares Inc.	14,762	9.91	108
4	2	UMB Financial Corp.	12,731	8.55	46
5	3	Central Banco. Inc.	8,356	5.61	122
6	4	Enterprise Financial Services Corp	3,346	2.25	25
7	5	Great Southern Bancorp Inc.	2,485	1.67	67
8		Regions Financial Corp.	2,468	1.66	63
9		PNC Financial Services Group Inc.	2,337	1.57	36
	6	Pro Forma	2,080	1.40	44
10	6	First State Bancshares Inc.	2,023	1.36	53
21	16	Simmons First National Corp.	1,080	0.73	26
23	18	Reliance Bancshares Inc.	1,000	0.67	18



### St. Louis, MO Market Overview

- 16 Fortune 1000 Companies
- 49 companies listed in *Inc.* magazine's 5,000
   Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2017
  - 22 St. Louis-based firms ranked in the top 2,000
- Over 30 four-year colleges and universities
- Lowest cost of living of the top 20 Metropolitan Areas in the United States
- Economic strengths include central location, infrastructure capacity and favorable cost structure
- Unemployment 30 basis points lower than the national average <sup>(1)</sup>

### Demographic Highlights

	SFNC	RLBS	U.S.
Median Household Income '19 (\$)	\$53,022	\$76,228	\$68,744
Projected Household Income Growth '19 - '24 (%)	7.4%	8.0%	8.8%

### Major Area Employers





Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence, St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce, St. Louis Business Journal, Bureau of Labor Statistics Demographic data deposit weighted by county as of 6/30/18

Based on 8/30/18 Bureau of Labor Statistics U.S. seasonally adjusted figure of 3.9% and St. Louis preliminary, not seasonally adjusted figure of 3.6%

### **Transaction Overview**

Structure	<ul> <li>Simmons First National Corporation ("SFNC") to acquire 100% of the common stock of Reliance Bancshares, Inc. ("RLBS"), the holding company for Reliance Bank</li> <li>RLBS preferred stock series A, B &amp; C to be converted to SFNC preferred stock series A, B &amp; C, respectively</li> <li>Simultaneously with the holding company transaction, Reliance Bank is expected to be merged into Simmons Bank</li> </ul>
Purchase Price	<ul> <li>Fixed cash consideration: \$62.7 million</li> <li>Fixed stock consideration: 4.0 million shares of SFNC stock</li> <li>Implied consideration mix: ~63% stock and 37% cash</li> </ul>
Transaction Multiples	<ul> <li>159% of Tangible Equity <sup>(1)</sup></li> <li>187% of Tangible Common Equity <sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>22.1 LTM earnings <sup>(3)</sup></li> <li>12.0x LTM earnings (including cost saves) <sup>(3)</sup></li> <li>7.5% core deposit premium</li> </ul>
Required Approvals & Closing	<ul> <li>Customary regulatory approvals</li> <li>RLBS shareholder approval</li> <li>Satisfaction of other closing conditions</li> <li>Expected closing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2019</li> </ul>

Pricing data based on SFNC's closing price of \$27.22 as of 11/12/18 (1)

Based on RLB's tangible equity of \$134.0 million as of 9/30/18 (inclusive of \$42.1 million of preferred equity and \$5.5 million convertible debentures with \$0.50 conversion price)

Based on RLBS's tangible common equity of \$91.9 million as of 9/30/18 (inclusive of \$5.5 million convertible debentures with \$0.50 conversion price) (2)

Based on RLBS's pre-tax net income tax-affected at 35% for the three months ended 12/31/17 and 21% for the nine months ended 9/30/18, respectively, less preferred dividends (3)

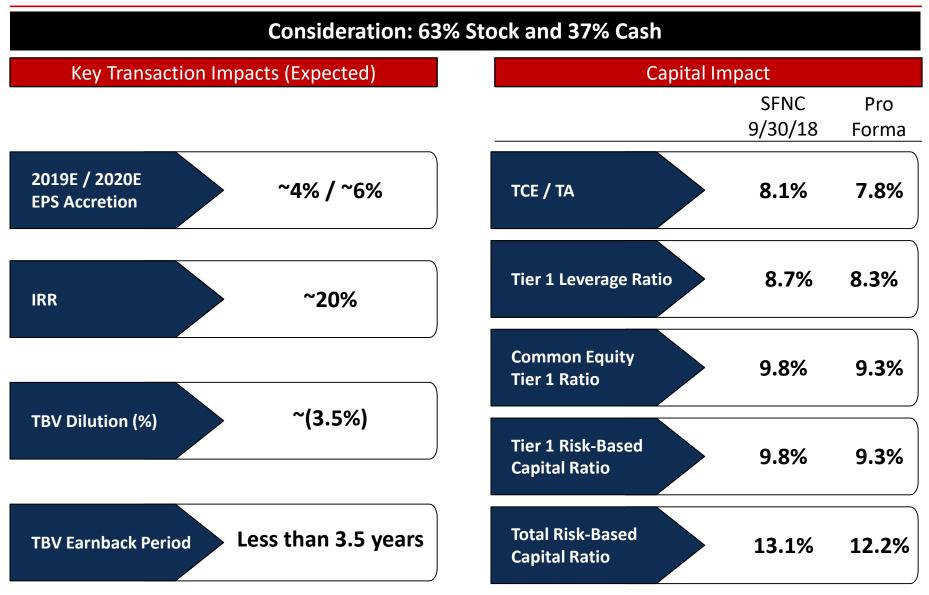
- Comprehensive credit due diligence process to review RLBS's loan and OREO portfolios
- Experienced loan review team, which has a good understanding of borrowers and local markets
- Reviewed 92% of the \$1.1 billion loan portfolio
  - Estimated Loan Credit Mark of \$12.7 million or 113% of current ALLL
  - Estimated Loan Interest Mark of \$21.0 million, accreted over ~4 years
- Reviewed 100% of OREO balances



Cost Savings	<ul> <li>Expected non-interest expense savings of 30%, with 66% being achieved during 2019 and 100% thereafter</li> </ul>
Revenue Enhancements	None included in projections
One-time Merger Related Cost	Approximately \$6.4 million pre-tax (expected)
Loan Mark	<ul> <li>\$12.7 million loan credit mark; 1.1% of loans</li> <li>\$21.0 million loan interest rate mark</li> </ul>
OREO Mark	• \$3.6 million (34%)
Core Deposit Intangible	• 2.25%, 15 year straight-line amortization (estimated)
Operation and Conversion	<ul> <li>Reliance Bank will be merged, converted and integrated into Simmons Bank during Q2-2019</li> </ul>
Other Considerations	<ul> <li>Repayment or exchange of all preferred equity</li> <li>Conversion of convertible debentures</li> </ul>

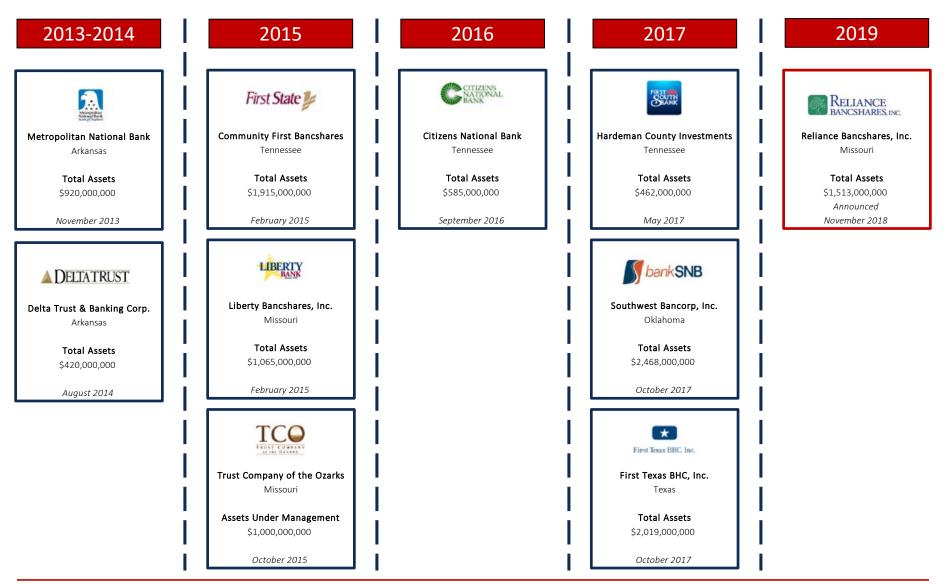


### **Transaction Overview**





### **Proven Acquiror and Integrator**





## Summary

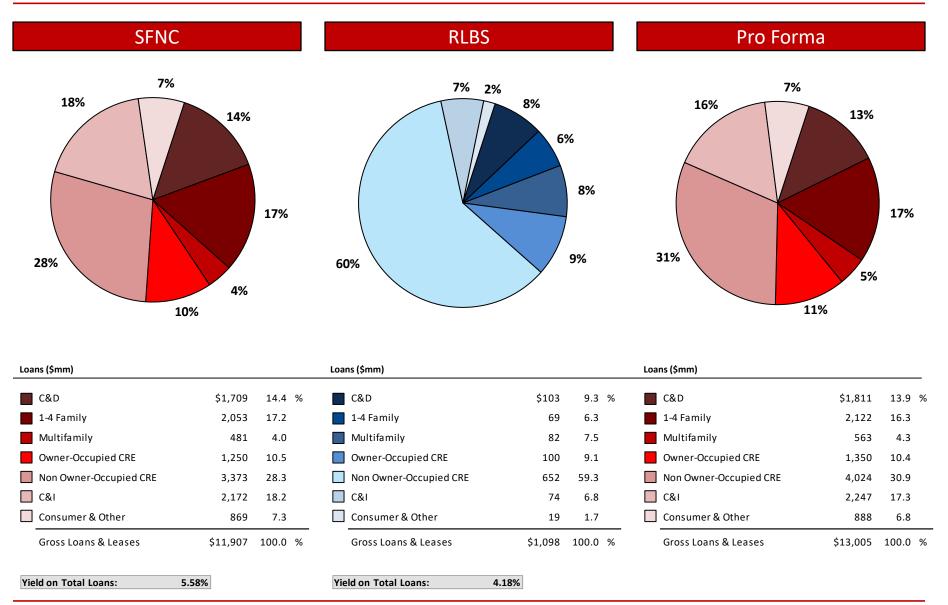
- Pro forma assets of \$17.8 billion; 64<sup>th</sup> largest bank in the country
- Top 10 deposit franchise in Missouri and St. Louis
- In-line with in-market expansion strategy
- Strong St. Louis franchise with excellent retail footprint
- Financially attractive to combined shareholder base
- Familiar market and complements our excellent commercial banking team in St. Louis
- We remain well-positioned for future opportunities



# Supplemental Information



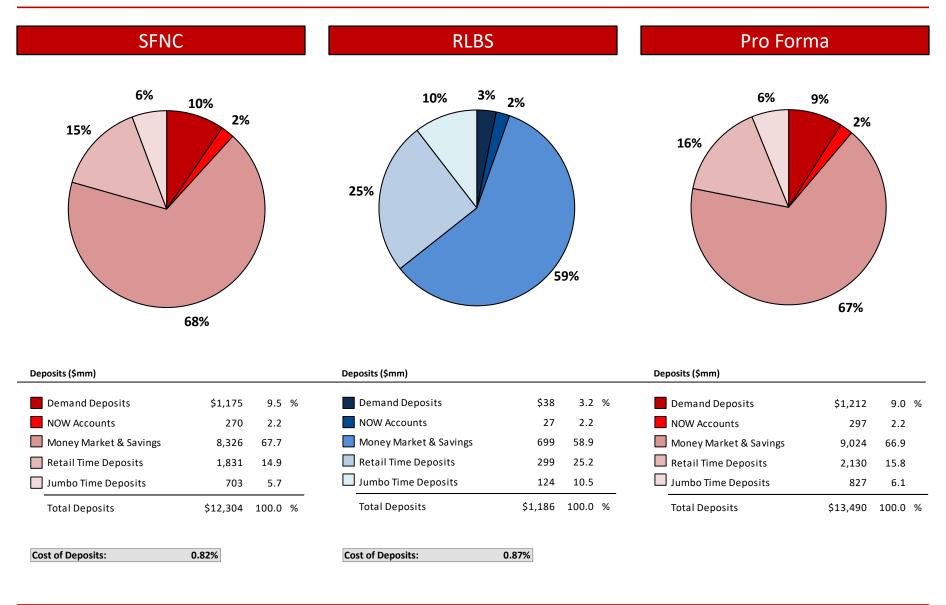
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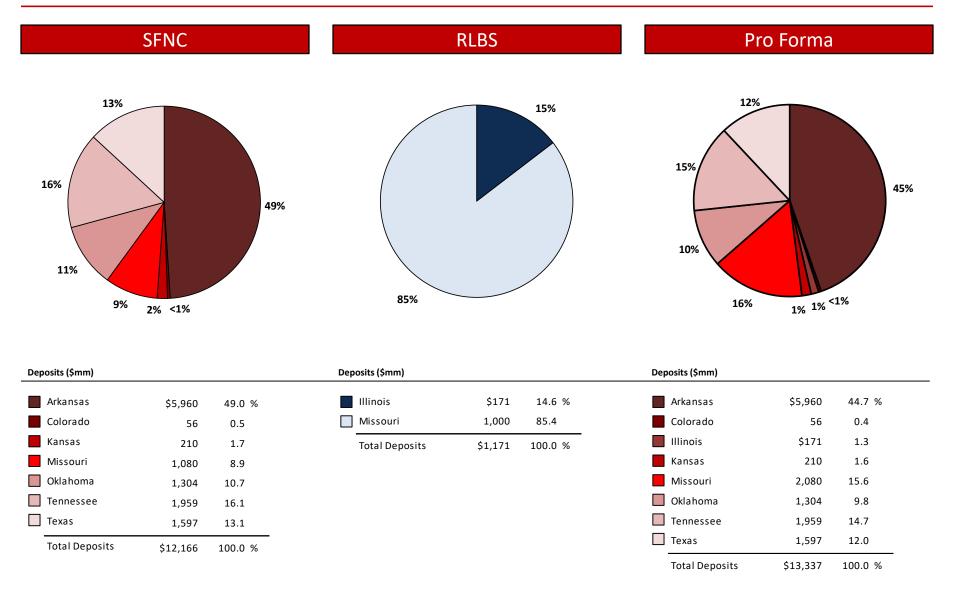
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### **Pro Forma Deposit Composition**



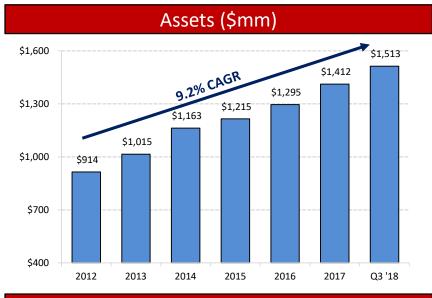


### Pro Forma Deposit Composition by State

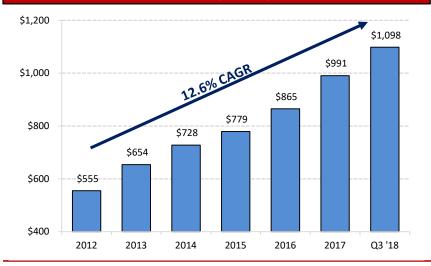




### **Reliance Bank Historical Balance Sheet Growth**



#### Loans (\$mm)





Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence Data as of 12/31 each respective year; Q3 '18 data as of 9/30/18



#### Loans / Deposits (%)

