

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Robert H. Gaughen, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hingham Institution for Savings Hingham, MA (NASDAQ: HIFS)

DATE: January 17, 2025

CONTACT: Patrick R. Gaughen, President and Chief Operating Officer (781) 783-1761

HINGHAM REPORTS 2024 RESULTS

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS (NASDAQ: HIFS), Hingham, Massachusetts announced earnings for the fourth quarter and the year ended December 31, 2024.

Earnings

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$28,191,000 or \$12.95 per share basic and \$12.85 per share diluted, as compared to \$26,371,000 or \$12.26 per share basic and \$12.02 per share diluted for the same period last year. The Bank's return on average equity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 6.68%, and the return on average assets was 0.65%, as compared to 6.57% and 0.63% for the same period in 2023. Net income per share (diluted) for 2024 increased by 7% over 2023.

Core net income, which represents net income excluding the after-tax net gain on equity securities, both realized and unrealized, and the after-tax gains on the disposal of fixed assets, was \$12,304,000 or \$5.65 per share basic and \$5.61 per share diluted for the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to \$14,539,000 or \$6.76 per share basic and \$6.63 per share diluted for the same period last year. The Bank's core return on average equity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 2.92%, and the core return on average assets was 0.28%, as compared to 3.62% and 0.35% for the same period in 2023. Core net income per share (diluted) for 2024 decreased by 15% over 2023.

Net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2024 was \$11,375,000 or \$5.22 per share basic and \$5.16 per share diluted, as compared to \$6,315,000 or \$2.93 per share basic and \$2.89 per share diluted for the same period last year. The Bank's annualized return on average equity for the fourth quarter of 2024 was 10.58%, and the annualized return on average assets was 1.04%, as compared to 6.21% and 0.59% for the same period in 2023. Net income per share (diluted) for the fourth quarter of 2024 increased by 79% over 2023.

Core net income, which represents net income excluding the after-tax net gain on equity securities, both realized and unrealized, was \$4,753,000 or \$2.18 per share basic and \$2.16 per share diluted for the quarter ended December 31, 2024, as compared to \$1,854,000 or \$0.86 per share basic and \$0.85

per share diluted for the same period last year. The Bank's annualized core return on average equity for the fourth quarter of 2024 was 4.42%, and the annualized core return on average assets was 0.43%, as compared to 1.82% and 0.17% for the same period in 2023. Core net income per share (diluted) for the fourth quarter of 2024 increased by 154% over 2023.

See Page 10 for a reconciliation between Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") net income and core net income. In calculating core net income, the Bank did not make any adjustments other than those relating to the after-tax net gain on equity securities, both realized and unrealized, and after-tax gains on the disposal of fixed assets, as applicable. The Bank did not sell any fixed assets in 2024. In 2023, the Bank sold a former branch location.

Balance Sheet

Total assets decreased to \$4.458 billion at December 31, 2024, a 1% decline from December 31, 2023.

Net loans decreased to \$3.874 billion at December 31, 2024, a 1% decline from December 31, 2023. This decline was not consistent with the Bank's long-term growth objectives and was the result of lower loan originations and, to a lesser extent, normalizing prepayment activity and payoffs in the construction portfolio in the latter half of the year. Origination activity was concentrated in the Boston and Washington D.C. markets. The Bank hired its first local lender in San Francisco at the end of the year. The Bank's focus across markets remained on stabilized multifamily commercial real estate and multifamily construction.

Retail and business deposits were \$1.997 billion at December 31, 2024, representing 7% growth from December 31, 2023. Non-interest-bearing deposits, included in retail and business deposits, increased to \$397.5 million at December 31, 2024, representing 17% growth from December 31, 2023.

Growth in non-interest bearing and money market balances in 2024 reflected the Bank's focus on developing and deepening deposit relationships with new and existing commercial and non-profit customers. The Bank continues to invest in its Specialized Deposit Group, where deposit growth was concentrated in the fourth quarter of 2024. We continue to recruit actively for talented relationship managers in Boston, Washington, and San Francisco, particularly as respected competitors exit these markets or merge with larger regional banks.

The stability of the Bank's balance sheet, as well as full and unlimited deposit insurance through the Bank's participation in the Massachusetts Depositors Insurance Fund, continues to be appealing to customers in times of uncertainty.

Wholesale funds, which include Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings, brokered deposits, and Internet listing service deposits, were \$1.992 billion at December 31, 2024, a 9% decline from December 31, 2023, as the Bank replaced a portion of these funds with retail and commercial deposits. In 2024, the Bank continued to manage its wholesale funding mix to optimize the cost of funds while taking advantage of the inverted yield curve by adding lower rate longer term liabilities. Wholesale deposits, which include brokered and Internet listing service time deposits, were \$494.9 million at December 31, 2024, representing 1% growth from December 31, 2023. Borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank totaled \$1.497 billion at December 31, 2024, a 12% decline from December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2024, the Bank maintained an additional \$866.6 million in immediately available borrowing capacity at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and the Federal Reserve Bank, in addition to \$351.8 million in cash and cash equivalents.

Book value per share was \$198.03 as of December 31, 2024, representing 5% growth from December 31, 2023. This growth was not consistent with the Bank's long-term performance history or expectations. In addition to the increase in book value per share, the Bank has declared \$2.52 in regular dividends per share since December 31, 2023. The trailing five year compound annual growth rate in book value per share, an important measure of long-term value creation, was 11.3%.

Operational Performance Metrics

The net interest margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2024 increased 17 basis points to 1.24%, as compared to 1.07% in the quarter ended September 30, 2024. This was the third consecutive quarter of continued expansion and this expansion has started to accelerate modestly. This improvement was the result of a decline in the cost of interest-bearing liabilities, partially offset by a decline in the yield on interest-earning assets. The cost of interest-bearing liabilities fell 21 basis points in the fourth quarter of 2024, as the Bank continued to reduce retail and commercial deposit rates, and to take advantage of the inverted yield curve by adding lower rate FHLB advances and brokered deposits. The yield on interest-earning assets declined by two basis points in the fourth quarter of 2024, driven primarily by a lower yield on cash held at the Federal Reserve Bank, partially offset by a higher yield on loans, as the Bank continued to originate loans at higher rates and reprice existing loans. The net interest margin in the final month of the fourth quarter of 2024 was 1.36% annualized.

Key credit and operational metrics remained strong in the fourth quarter. At both December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, non-performing assets totaled 0.03% of total assets. Non-performing loans as a percentage of the total loan portfolio totaled 0.04% at both December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023. The Bank did not record any charge-offs during the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023. All non-performing assets and loans cited above were and are residential, owner-occupant loans.

The Bank had no non-performing commercial real estate loans at December 31, 2024 or December 31, 2023. The Bank did not own any foreclosed property on December 31, 2024 or December 31, 2023.

The efficiency ratio, as defined on page 10, fell to 52.30% for the fourth quarter of 2024, as compared to 62.19% in the prior quarter and 71.58% for the same period last year. Operating expenses as a percentage of average assets were 0.66% for the fourth quarter of 2024, as compared to 0.68% for the prior quarter, and 0.65% for the same period last year. As the efficiency ratio can be significantly influenced by the level of net interest income, the Bank utilizes these paired figures together to assess its operational efficiency over time. During periods of significant net interest income volatility, the efficiency ratio in isolation may over or understate the underlying operational efficiency of the Bank. The Bank remains focused on reducing waste through an ongoing process of continuous improvement and standard work that supports operational leverage, positioning the Bank to operate more efficiently in the future.

These operational metrics reflect the Bank's disciplined focus on credit quality and expense management.

Chairman Robert H. Gaughen Jr. stated, "Returns on equity and assets in 2024 were significantly lower than our long-term expectations, reflecting the challenge from the increase in interest rates over the last two years and a historically long and deep inversion of the yield curve. We faced a similar challenge

in 2006 and 2007, a period during which our returns on equity fell below 10% and growth slowed significantly. We worked through both periods deliberately, making adjustments where appropriate while maintaining the key elements of our business model. We emerged from the first cycle a stronger and more efficient bank. I am confident that as we emerge from this cycle, the same will be true.

As our assets continue to reprice higher and our liabilities, including both deposits and wholesale funding, reprice lower, conditions have started to become more favorable. We have growing momentum in our Specialized Deposit Group, where our service model resonates with customers poorly served elsewhere, and we remain focused on recruiting talented relationship managers looking for a platform where they can provide outstanding service for their customers.

While this market environment has been extraordinarily challenging, the Bank's business model has been built over thirty years to compound shareholder capital through economic cycles. During all such periods, we remain focused on careful capital allocation, defensive underwriting and disciplined cost control - the building blocks for compounding shareholder capital through all stages of the economic cycle. These remain constant, regardless of the macroeconomic environment in which we operate."

The Bank's annual financial results are summarized in the earnings release, but shareholders are encouraged to read the Bank's annual report on Form 10-K, which is generally available several weeks after the earnings release. The Bank expects to file Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024 with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) on or about March 5, 2025.

The Bank expects to hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders in Hingham, Massachusetts on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 in the afternoon. Additional information will follow in the Bank's Proxy Statement later in the first quarter of 2025.

Incorporated in 1834, Hingham Institution for Savings is one of America's oldest banks. The Bank maintains offices in Boston, Nantucket, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco.

The Bank's shares of common stock are listed and traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol HIFS.

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS Selected Financial Ratios

	Three Mont December		Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
	2023 2024		2023	2024		
(Unaudited)						
Key Performance Ratios						
Return on average assets (1)	0.59 %	1.04 %	0.63 %	0.65 %		
Return on average equity (1)	6.21	10.58	6.57	6.68		
Core return on average assets (1) (5)	0.17	0.43	0.35	0.28		
Core return on average equity (1) (5)	1.82	4.42	3.62	2.92		
Interest rate spread (1) (2)	0.17	0.53	0.53	0.31		
Net interest margin (1) (3)	0.89	1.24	1.17	1.04		
Operating expenses to average assets (1)	0.65	0.66	0.67	0.67		
Efficiency ratio (4)	71.58	52.30	57.18	63.79		
Average equity to average assets	9.49	9.82	9.56	9.69		
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-						
bearing liabilities	120.15	120.97	120.99	120.35		

	Ι	December 31, 2023	D	ecember 31, 2024
(Unaudited)				
Asset Quality Ratios				
Allowance for credit losses/total loans		0.68 %		0.69 %
Allowance for credit losses/non-performing loans		1,804.47		1,775.00
Non-performing loans/total loans		0.04		0.04
Non-performing loans/total assets		0.03		0.03
Non-performing assets/total assets		0.03		0.03
Share Related				
Book value per share	\$	188.50	\$	198.03
Market value per share	\$	194.40	\$	254.14
Shares outstanding at end of period		2,162,400		2,180,250

- (1) Annualized for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2024.
- (2) Interest rate spread represents the difference between the yield on interest-earning assets and the cost of interest-bearing liabilities.
- (3) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.
- (4) The efficiency ratio represents total operating expenses, divided by the sum of net interest income and total other income, excluding the net gain on equity securities, both realized and unrealized, and gain on disposal of fixed assets.
- (5) Non-GAAP measurements that represent return on average assets and return on average equity, excluding the after-tax net gain on equity securities, both realized and unrealized, and the after-tax gain on disposal of fixed assets.

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share amounts)		cember 31, 2023	December 31, 2024		
(Unaudited)					
ASSETS					
Cash and due from banks	\$	5 651	ø	4 102	
Federal Reserve and other short-term investments	Ф	5,654 356,823	\$	4,183 347,647	
Cash and cash equivalents	-	362,477		351,830	
Cash and cash equivalents		302,477		331,630	
CRA investment		8,853		8,769	
Other marketable equity securities		70,949		104,575	
Securities, at fair value		79,802		113,344	
Securities held to maturity, at amortized cost		3,500		6,493	
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost		69,574		61,022	
Loans, net of allowance for credit losses of \$26,652 at December 31,		•		•	
2023 and \$26,980 at December 31, 2024		3,914,244		3,873,662	
Bank-owned life insurance		13,642		13,980	
Premises and equipment, net		17,008		16,397	
Accrued interest receivable		8,554		8,774	
Deferred income tax asset, net		974			
Other assets		14,172		12,269	
Total assets	\$	4,483,947	\$	4,457,771	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Interest-bearing deposits	\$	2,010,918	\$	2,094,626	
Non-interest-bearing deposits		339,059		397,469	
Total deposits		2,349,977		2,492,095	
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		1,692,675		1,497,000	
Mortgagors' escrow accounts		13,942		16,699	
Accrued interest payable		12,261		8,244	
Deferred income tax liability, net		_		3,787	
Other liabilities		7,472		8,191	
Total liabilities		4,076,327		4,026,016	
Stockholders' equity:					
Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value,					
2,500,000 shares authorized, none issued		_		_	
Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized;					
2,162,400 shares issued and outstanding at December 31,		2,162		2,180	
2023 and 2,180,250 shares issued and outstanding at					
December 31, 2024					
Additional paid-in capital		14,150		15,571	
Undivided profits		391,308		414,004	
Total stockholders' equity		407,620		431,755	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	4,483,947	\$	4,457,771	

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS Consolidated Statements of Net Income

	Three Months Ended December 31,					Twelve Months End December 31,				
(In thousands, except per share amounts)	2023 2024			2024	2023			2024		
(Unaudited)										
Interest and dividend income:										
Loans	\$	42,214	\$	44,787	\$	156,681	\$	177,607		
Debt securities		33		100		131		325		
Equity securities		1,302		1,542		4,412		6,075		
Federal Reserve and other short-term investments		2,960		3,515		13,038		11,889		
Total interest and dividend income	·	46,509		49,944		174,262		195,896		
Interest expense:										
Deposits		20,811		20,518		71,429		85,176		
Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve Bank advances		16,323		15,985		54,531		66,346		
Total interest expense		37,134		36,503		125,960		151,522		
Net interest income		9,375		13,441		48,302		44,374		
Provision for credit losses		271		_		1,118		328		
Net interest income, after provision for credit losses		9,104		13,441		47,184		44,046		
Other income:		<u> </u>				<u> </u>				
Customer service fees on deposits		140		135		550		546		
Increase in cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance		80		81		330		338		
Gain on equity securities, net		5,723		8,503		15,147		20,379		
Gain on disposal of fixed assets		_		_		44		_		
Miscellaneous		56		60		232		216		
Total other income		5,999		8,779		16,303		21,479		
Operating expenses:		<u> </u>				<u> </u>				
Salaries and employee benefits		3,853		4,142		16,413		16,910		
Occupancy and equipment		422		426		1,628		1,659		
Data processing		732		740		2,874		3,026		
Deposit insurance		795		724		2,701		3,096		
Foreclosure and related		19		10		_		71		
Marketing		128		153		769		570		
Other general and administrative		959		979		3,872		3,678		
Total operating expenses		6,908		7,174		28,257		29,010		
Income before income taxes	_	8,195		15,046		35,230		36,515		
Income tax provision		1,880		3,671		8,859		8,324		
Net income	\$	6,315	\$	11,375	\$	26,371	\$	28,191		
						<u> </u>				
Cash dividends declared per share	\$	0.63	\$	0.63	\$	2.52	\$	2.52		
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic		2,157		2,180		2,151		2,177		
Diluted		2,188		2,202		2,193		2,194		
Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$	2.93	\$	5.22	\$	12.26	\$	12.95		
Diluted	\$	2.89	\$	5.16	\$	12.02	\$	12.85		

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS

Net Interest Income Analysis

Ihree	Months	Hinded

	Do	ecember 31, 2023	į	September 30, 2024			Decemb		
	Average Balance (9)	Interest	Yield/ Rate (10)	Average Balance (9)	Interest	Yield/ Rate (10)	Average Balance (9)	Interest	Yield/ Rate (10)
(Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited) Assets									
Loans (1) (2) Securities (3) (4) Short-term investments (5)	\$ 3,896,425 111,913 215,323	\$ 42,214 1.335 2,960	4.33 % 4.77 5.50	\$ 3,915,967 122,715 207,446	\$ 45,035 1,625 2,802	4.56 % 5.25 5.36	\$ 3,882,297 126,771 293,987	\$ 44,787 1,642 3,515	4.58 % 5.14 4.74
Total interest-earning assets Other assets Total assets	4,223,661 58,768 \$ 4,282,429	46,509	4.40	4,246,128 69,148 \$ 4,315,276	49,462		4,303,055 72,638 \$ 4,375,693	49,944	4.60
Liabilities and stockholders' equity: Interest-bearing deposits (6) Borrowed funds Total interest-bearing liabilities Non-interest-bearing deposits Other liabilities Total liabilities Stockholders' equity Total liabilities and stockholders' equity Net interest income	\$ 2,119,506 1,395,744 3,515,250 345,743 14,843 3,875,836 406,593 \$ 4,282,429	20,811 16,323 37,134 \$ 9,375	3.93 % 4.68 4.23	\$ 2,071,780 1,449,491 3,521,271 355,768 14,577 3,891,616 423,660 \$ 4,315,276	21,371 16,610 37,981 \$ 11,481	4.09 % 4.55 4.28	\$ 2,136,101 1,421,152 3,557,253 374,461 14,072 3,945,786 429,907 \$ 4,375,693	20,518 15,985 36,503	3.81 % 4.46 4.07
Weighted average interest rate spread			0.17 %			0.34 %			0.53 %
Net interest margin (7)			0.89 %			1.07 %			1.24 %
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities (8)	120.15 %	%		120.59 %	ı		120.97 %		

- (1) Before allowance for credit losses.
- (2) Includes non-accrual loans.
- (3) Excludes the impact of the average net unrealized gain or loss on securities.
- (4) Includes Federal Home Loan Bank stock.
- (5) Includes cash held at the Federal Reserve Bank.
- (6) Includes mortgagors' escrow accounts.
- (7) Net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.
- (8) Total interest-earning assets divided by total interest-bearing liabilities.
- (9) Average balances are calculated on a daily basis.
- (10) Annualized based on the actual number of days in the period.

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS

Net Interest Income Analysis

Twelve Months Ended December 31,

		1 W C	ave Months End	eu December 31,				
		2023			2024			
	Average		Yield/	Average		Yield/		
	Balance (9)	Interest	Rate	Balance (9)	Interest	Rate		
(Dollars in thousands)	·			<u> </u>				
(Unaudited)								
Loans (1) (2)	\$ 3,777,332	\$ 156,681	4.15%	\$ 3,933,439	\$ 177,607	4.52 %		
Securities (3) (4)	105,586	4,543	4.30	121,311	6,400	5.28		
Short-term investments (5)	254,664	13,038	5.12	228,138	11,889	5.21		
Total interest-earning assets	4,137,582	174,262	4.21	4,282,888	195,896	4.57		
Other assets	57,715			68,025				
Total assets	\$ 4,195,297			\$ 4,350,913				
Interest-bearing deposits (6)	\$ 2,191,468	71,429	3.26%	\$ 2,114,066	85,176	4.03 %		
Borrowed funds	1,228,410	54,531	4.44	1,444,700	66,346	4.59		
Total interest-bearing liabilities	3,419,878	125,960	3.68	3,558,766	151,522	4.26		
Non-interest-bearing deposits	362,047			355,808				
Other liabilities	12,239			14,601				
Total liabilities	3,794,164			3,929,175				
Stockholders' equity	401,133			421,738				
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 4,195,297			\$ 4,350,913				
Net interest income		\$ 48,302			\$ 44,374			
Weighted average interest								
rate spread			0.53 %			0.31 %		
Net interest margin (7)			1.17%			<u> </u>		
Average interest-earning assets								
to average interest-bearing								
liabilities (8)	120.99 %	6		120.35	%			

- (1) Before allowance for credit losses.
- (2) Includes non-accrual loans.
- (3) Excludes the impact of the average net unrealized gain or loss on securities.
- (4) Includes Federal Home Loan Bank stock.
- (5) Includes cash held at the Federal Reserve Bank.
- (6) Includes mortgagors' escrow accounts.
- (7) Net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.
- (8) Total interest-earning assets divided by total interest-bearing liabilities.
- (9) Average balances are calculated on a daily basis.

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS Non-GAAP Reconciliation

The Bank believes the presentation of the following non-GAAP financial measures provide useful supplemental information that is essential to an investor's proper understanding of results of operations and financial condition of the Bank. Management uses these measures in its analysis of the Bank's performance. These non-GAAP measures should not be viewed as substitutes for the financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP, nor are they necessarily comparable to non-GAAP performance measures that may be presented by other banks.

The table below presents the reconciliation between net income and core net income, a non-GAAP measurement that represents net income excluding the after-tax net gain on equity securities, both realized and unrealized, and after-tax gain on disposal of fixed assets.

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Tw	Ended 31,		
(In thousands, unaudited)	thousands, unaudited) 2023			2024	2	2023		2024
Non-GAAP reconciliation:								
Net income	\$	6,315	\$	11,375	\$	26,371	\$	28,191
Gain on equity securities, net		(5,723)		(8,503)	(15,147)		(20,379)
Income tax expense (1)		1,262		1,881		3,347		4,492
Gain on disposal of fixed assets		_		_		(44)		_
Income tax expense		_		_		12		_
Core net income	\$	1,854	\$	4,753	\$	14,539	\$	12,304

(1) The equity securities are held in a tax-advantaged subsidiary corporation. The income tax effect of the gain on equity securities, net, was calculated using the applicable effective tax rates.

The table below presents the calculation of the efficiency ratio, a non-U.S. GAAP performance measure that management uses to assess operational efficiency which represents total operating expenses, divided by the sum of net interest income and total other income, excluding net gain on equity securities, both realized and unrealized, and gain on disposal of fixed assets.

		Three Mor Decem		Twelve Mor Deceml				
(In thousands, unaudited)	_	2023	2024		2023	_	2024	
Non-U.S. GAAP efficiency ratio calculation:								
Operating expenses	\$	6,908	\$	7,174	\$ 28,257	\$	29,010	
Net interest income	\$	9,375	\$	13,441	\$ 48,302	\$	44,374	
Other income		5,999		8,779	16,303		21,479	
Gain on equity securities, net		(5,723)		(8,503)	(15,147)		(20,379)	
Gain on disposal of fixed assets		_		_	(44)		_	
Total revenue	\$	9,651	\$	13,717	\$ 49,414	\$	45,474	
Efficiency ratio		71.58 %	<u> </u>	52.30 %	57.18 %		63.79	%