

BrooklineBank

BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.
2010 ANNUAL REPORT



THE BROOKLINE WAY

DEAR SHAREHOLDERS: As we enter the second decade of a new millennium, I am pleased to announce that Brookline Bancorp finds itself very well positioned. The strategies we have developed and the changes we have implemented during the last two years have been decidedly fruitful.

Our results in 2010 have been particularly rewarding. We increased our company's net income by 40 percent over the previous year, and improved our annualized return on stockholders' equity to 5.45 percent. Deposits have grown by over 10 percent (\$177.2 million) and, of equal significance, the mix of our total deposits has shifted to where core deposits now outweigh time deposits 56.3 percent to 43.7 percent.

Our total loan outstandings have grown by \$89.5 million despite a period of record-breaking refinancing activity. Additionally, our continually excellent credit quality has allowed us to lower our provisions for credit losses to just under \$3.8 million, a 61 percent decrease.

Contributing to our success were improvements on several important fronts. We began building out our Business Banking offering by adding a team of Business Banking Officers to serve smaller enterprises in our markets. We strengthened our ranks in the areas of Commercial and Industrial lending as well as Commercial Real Estate lending to further solidify our capabilities in these critical business segments. And we continued to seek and adopt new technologies and processes to meet the evolving demands of our Cash Management clients.

Last year, we saw the opening of two new branch offices – one in Wellesley and a second in Burlington – and announced the planned acquisition of the First National Bank of Ipswich. We have good reason to be proud of these accomplishments in a time when many have been retrenching.

Looking ahead, we rededicate ourselves to the principles that have gotten us to where we are today: selectively expanding where we have proven, strategic advantages; continually providing flexible, creative solutions for our customers; and firmly upholding our commitment to building mutually valuable relationships. In so doing, we are confident that we can expect even better things from Brookline in the months and years to come. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely yours,



Paul A. Perrault
Chief Executive Officer



THE BROOKLINE WAY

DELIVERING THE DRIVERS OF SUCCESS

IN EVERY INTERACTION.

Every day, individuals, families and businesses are realizing that they don't have to choose a large bank to get the financial services and expertise they need to be successful. There is a better way. The Brookline Way.

The Brookline Way leverages the key drivers of success to deliver the best results for our shareholders, customers and employees. Consistency in purpose and processes. Clarity in how we operate and what customers can expect. The flexibility to focus on individual needs and customize financial solutions to meet highly specialized requirements. The agility to respond quickly to changing markets, business opportunities and personal situations. And the trust that allows us all to feel good about what we do.

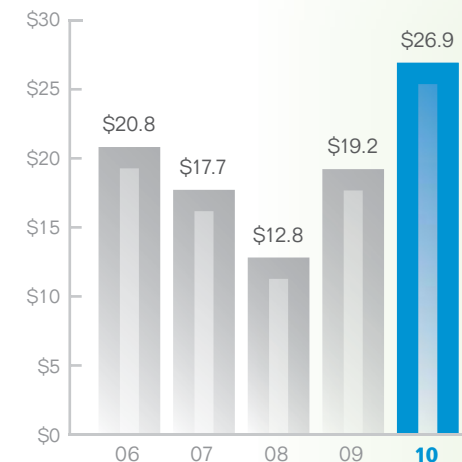


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS in thousands, except per share amounts

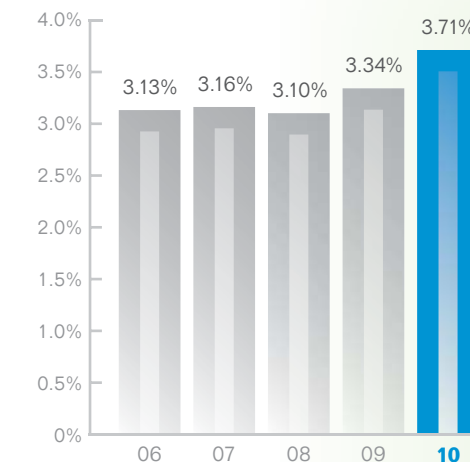
FOR THE YEAR	2010	2009
Net interest income	\$ 95,542	\$ 85,303
Provision for credit losses	3,796	9,780
Net income ⁽¹⁾	26,872	19,200
Diluted earnings per share	0.46	0.33
Return on assets	1.01%	0.73%
Return on stockholders' equity	5.45%	3.94%
Net yield on earning assets	3.71%	3.34%
AT YEAR END		
Loans	\$ 2,253,538	\$ 2,164,295
Deposits	1,810,899	1,633,687
Stockholders' equity	495,443	487,317
Total assets	2,720,542	2,615,884
Non-performing assets	8,166	7,663
Allowance for loan losses	29,695	31,083
Book value per share	\$ 8.39	\$ 8.26
Stockholders' equity to total assets	18.21%	18.63%
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.30%	0.29%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	1.32%	1.44%

(1) Attributable to Brookline Bancorp, Inc.

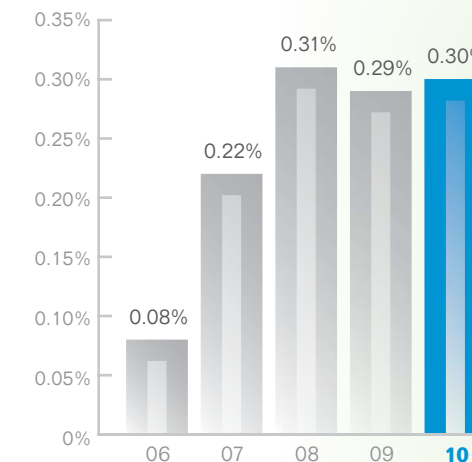
NET INCOME⁽¹⁾
(millions of dollars)



NET YIELD ON EARNING ASSETS



NON-PERFORMING ASSETS TO TOTAL ASSETS



For more detailed information go to www.brooklinebank.com.
The information presented herein is derived from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC.

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THE BROOKLINE WAY

PROVIDING SPECIAL CAPABILITIES

TO FIT A BROADER RANGE OF NEEDS.

Clarity in what we say and do makes it easier for our customers to understand how we intend to provide financial solutions. Our **flexibility** to adapt products and processes to meet highly diverse needs turns these intentions into reality.

The Brookline Way guides us in developing and executing specialized financial strategies and capabilities to meet specific personal or business requirements.

We continue to recruit top talent with proven understanding and expertise in their specialties, whether they are in commercial real estate lending, commercial or personal banking. Unhindered by the organizational

layers that bog down progress in some banks, our professionals are free to apply their knowledge to form new ways to meet expanding needs. This goes for businesses wishing to finance growth demands and manage cash flows, or for individuals striving to meet personal financial goals.



THE BROOKLINE WAY

APPLYING EXPERIENCE AND CREATIVITY

TO STRUCTURE UNIQUE SOLUTIONS.

Customization lets us produce better-fitting financial solutions based on the core objectives of each customer. By developing and executing solutions that reflect their unique perspectives, we build the **trust** necessary for sustaining profitable, long-term relationships.

Our proven experience and creativity give us the ability to help new or current homeowners achieve their dreams, even if it means going beyond more typical underwriting practices. When needed, we take the time to work with mortgage and home equity loan applicants to modify their loan requests in ways most banks often cannot.

With knowledge and resourcefulness, we are more able to structure satisfactory loan terms that work for everyone involved.



THE BROOKLINE WAY

TAKING EXCEPTIONAL CARE OF EVERY CUSTOMER

TO CREATE LASTING RELATIONSHIPS.

Agility in how we operate and respond allows us to act quickly and proactively to help clients capitalize on new opportunities. Our **focus** remains firmly fixed on the services and market segments in which we continue to excel.

Companies don't create success. People do.

We believe in approaching every customer as an opportunity to develop a strong, sustainable relationship.

One based on fairness, sincerity and mutual success.

By recognizing that it is people who search for answers, weigh choices, make decisions and, ultimately, benefit

from our services, we're able to build and nurture the relationships necessary for ongoing prosperity. It is what makes our current customers want to stay with us, and desirable customers want to join us.



BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

OFFICERS

Paul A. Perrault
President & Chief Executive Officer

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BROOKLINE BANK

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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EASTERN FUNDING L.L.C.

Michael J. Fanger
President & Chief Executive Officer

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Brookline Bancorp, Inc. is the parent corporation of Brookline Bank. Brookline Bancorp, Inc. common stock trades on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol BRKL. At December 31, 2010, there were 59,071,656 shares outstanding and 2,241 stockholders of record.

Stockholders of record do not reflect the number of persons or entities who hold stock in nominee or "street" name.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. will be held at 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 2011 at The Charles Hotel, One Bennett Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

TRANSFER AGENT

Contact our stock transfer agent directly for assistance in changing your address, elimination of duplicate mailings, transferring stock, replacing lost, stolen or destroyed stock certificates, dividend reinvestment or dividend checks:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company
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FORM 10-K AND OTHER REPORTS

Our Annual Report to the Securities and Exchange Commission (Form 10-K) and quarterly reports (Form 10-Q) may be obtained from:

Brookline Bancorp, Inc.
Investor Relations
PO Box 470469
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or on the Company's website at www.brooklinebank.com

COMMON STOCK INFORMATION

Market prices for the Company's common stock and dividends paid per quarter during 2010 and 2009 follow.

	2010	HIGH	LOW	DIVIDEND PAID PER SHARE
First Quarter	\$ 11.13	\$ 9.25		\$ 0.085
Second Quarter	11.63	8.63		0.085
Third Quarter	10.22	8.70		0.085
Fourth Quarter	11.31	9.34		0.085
	2009	HIGH	LOW	DIVIDEND PAID PER SHARE
First Quarter	\$ 10.74	\$ 7.57		\$ 0.285
Second Quarter	11.00	9.03		0.085
Third Quarter	12.50	9.07		0.085
Fourth Quarter	10.18	9.10		0.085

BANKING LOCATIONS

ARLINGTON

Massachusetts Avenue

BEDFORD

Great Road

BROOKLINE

Brookline Village

Coolidge Corner

Longwood at St. Mary's

South Brookline

Washington Square

BURLINGTON

Cambridge Street

Mall Road

LEXINGTON

Massachusetts Avenue

MALDEN

Commercial Street

MEDFORD

Medford Square

Salem Street

West Medford

NEEDHAM

Needham Heights

NEWTON

Newton Centre

Newtonville

Newton Highlands

WELLESLEY

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