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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

INDEPENDENT BANK GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

6022
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)
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13-4219346
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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LIVE OAK FINANCIAL CORP.

MERGER PROPOSED YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

You are cordially invited to attend the special meeting of shareholders of Live Oak Financial Corp., or Live Oak Financial, to be held on November 20, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., Central Time, at the offices of Live Oak State Bank, 3206 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas 75204. At this important special meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote on the approval of a reorganization agreement and related agreement and plan of merger, which provide for the acquisition of Live Oak Financial by Independent Bank Group, Inc., or Independent, through certain merger transactions. You may also be asked to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if the board of directors of Live Oak Financial determines it is necessary.

Under the terms of the reorganization agreement, if the reorganization agreement is approved and the merger is completed, all outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock will be converted into an aggregate of 292,646 shares of Independent common stock and \$10,000,000 in cash, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement. Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, holders of Live Oak Financial common stock will receive 0.4886 shares of Independent common stock (with cash in lieu of a fractional share) and \$16.69 in cash, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement, for each share of Live Oak Financial common stock that they own.

Independent's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol IBTX. The closing price of Independent's common stock on October 7, 2013 was \$35.99 per share. Based on the closing price of Independent common stock on October 7, 2013 of \$35.99, shareholders of Live Oak Financial would receive merger consideration with a value of approximately \$34.27 for each share of Live Oak Financial common stock that they own.

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please take the time to vote by completing and mailing the enclosed proxy card to Live Oak Financial. We cannot complete the merger unless we obtain the necessary government approvals and unless the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock approve the reorganization agreement. The board of directors of Live Oak Financial unanimously supports the merger and recommends that you vote in favor of the reorganization agreement and the related agreement and plan of merger.

The accompanying proxy statement/prospectus contains a more complete description of the special meeting and the terms of the reorganization agreement and the acquisition of Live Oak Financial. In addition to being a proxy statement of Live Oak Financial, this document is the prospectus of Independent for the shares of its common stock that will be issued in connection with the transaction. **We urge you to review this entire document carefully, including the considerations discussed under Risk Factors beginning on page 26, and the appendices to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, which include the reorganization agreement and the related agreement and plan of merger.** You may also obtain information about Independent from documents that Independent has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC.

Based on our reasons for the merger described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, including the fairness opinion issued by our financial advisor, Sheshunoff & Co. Investment Banking, L.P., or Sheshunoff, our board of directors believes that the transaction is fair to you and in your best interests. **Accordingly, our board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR approval of the reorganization agreement and the related agreement and plan of merger.**

We appreciate your continuing loyalty and support, and we look forward to seeing you at the special meeting.

/s/ Carl B. Schieffer

Carl B. Schieffer

President, Live Oak Financial Corp.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities to be issued under this proxy statement/prospectus or determined if this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate or adequate. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The securities that Independent is offering through this document are not savings or deposit accounts or other obligations of any bank or nonbank subsidiary of either of our companies, and they are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

Proxy statement/prospectus dated October 24, 2013 and first mailed to shareholders of Live Oak Financial on or about
October 28, 2013

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HOW TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certain business and financial information about Independent included in documents filed with the SEC has not been included in or delivered with this document. This information is described on page 213 under **Where You Can Find More Information**. You can obtain free copies of this information by writing or calling:

Independent Bank Group, Inc. 1600 Redbud Boulevard, Suite 400 McKinney, Texas 75069-3257 Attention: Michelle S. Hickox Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (972) 562-9004

To obtain timely delivery of the documents before the special meeting of Live Oak Financial, you must request the information by November 13, 2013.

In addition, if you have questions about the merger or the special meeting, need additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus or need to obtain proxy cards or other information related to the proxy solicitation, you may contact Carl B. Schieffer, Live Oak Financial's President, at the following address or by calling the following telephone number:

Live Oak Financial Corp.

3206 Live Oak Street

Dallas, Texas 75204

(214)-841-9800

Live Oak Financial does not have a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, is not subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and accordingly does not file documents or reports with the SEC.

PLEASE NOTE

We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any information other than the information included in this document and the documents to which we refer you. If someone provides you with other information, please do not rely on it as being authorized by us.

This proxy statement/prospectus has been prepared as of October 24, 2013. There may be changes in the affairs of Live Oak Financial or Independent since that date, which are not reflected in this document.

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Live Oak Financial Corp. 3206 Live Oak Street Dallas, Texas 75204 (214)-841-9800

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To the shareholders of Live Oak Financial:

The special meeting of shareholders of Live Oak Financial will be held on November 20, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., Central Time, at the offices of Live Oak State Bank, 3206 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas 75204, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of August 22, 2013, by and between Independent Bank Group, Inc., or Independent, and Live Oak Financial Corp., or Live Oak Financial, and the related Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and between IBGLO Acquisition Corporation, or IBGLO, and Live Oak Financial and joined in by Independent or, collectively, the reorganization agreement, pursuant to which IBGLO (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent) will merge with and into Live Oak Financial, all on and subject to the terms and conditions contained therein; and
2. To consider and vote upon any proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if the board of directors of Live Oak Financial determines such an adjournment is necessary to permit further solicitation of proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to constitute a quorum or to approve the reorganization agreement.

No other business may be conducted at the special meeting.

Only shareholders of Live Oak Financial of record as of 5:00 p.m., on October 21, 2013, will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting and any adjournments thereof. The special meeting may be adjourned from time to time upon approval of Live Oak Financial's shareholders without any notice other than by announcement at the meeting of the adjournment thereof, and any and all business for which notice is hereby given may be transacted at such adjourned meeting.

Shareholders of Live Oak Financial have the right to dissent from the merger and obtain payment in cash of the appraised fair value of their shares of Live Oak Financial common stock under applicable provisions of the Texas Business Organizations Code, or TBOC. In order for such a shareholder of Live Oak Financial to perfect his or her right to dissent, the shareholder must carefully follow the procedure set forth in the TBOC. A copy of the applicable statutory provisions of the TBOC is included as [Appendix C](#) to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus and a summary of these provisions can be found under the caption "Proposal to Approve the Reorganization Agreement Dissenters' Rights of Live Oak Financial Shareholders."

If you have any questions concerning the merger or the proxy statement/prospectus, would like additional copies of the proxy statement/prospectus or need help voting your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, please contact Carl B. Schieffer, Live Oak Financial's President, at (214) 841-9800.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Willis I. Cottel, M.D.

Willis I. Cottel, M.D.

Chairman of the Board

Dallas, Texas

October 24, 2013

The board of directors of Live Oak Financial unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the proposals to approve the reorganization agreement and the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary, among other things, to permit further solicitation of proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to constitute a quorum or to approve the reorganization agreement.

Your Vote is Very Important

A proxy card is enclosed. Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please complete, sign and date the proxy card and promptly mail it in the enclosed envelope. You may revoke your proxy card in the manner described in the proxy statement/prospectus at any time before it is exercised. If you attend the special meeting, you may vote in person if you desire, even if you have previously returned your proxy card.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER AND THE SPECIAL MEETING

*The following are some questions that you may have regarding the merger and the special meeting, and brief answers to those questions. Independent and Live Oak Financial advise you to read carefully the remainder of this proxy statement/prospectus because the information in this section does not provide all of the information that might be important to you with respect to the merger and the special meeting. Additional important information is also referred to under the caption *Where You Can Find More Information* beginning on page 213.*

Q: What are Live Oak Financial shareholders being asked to vote upon?

A: Live Oak Financial is proposing to be acquired by Independent through certain merger transactions. As part of the overall transaction, the shareholders of Live Oak Financial are being asked to consider and vote on the following two proposals:

- to approve an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of August 22, 2013, by and between Independent Bank Group, Inc., or Independent, and Live Oak Financial Corp., or Live Oak Financial, and the related Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and between IBGLO Acquisition Corporation, or IBGLO, and Live Oak Financial and joined by Independent or, collectively, the reorganization agreement, pursuant to which IBGLO (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent) will merge with and into Live Oak Financial; and

- to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if the board of directors of Live Oak Financial determines it is necessary to permit further solicitation of proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to constitute a quorum or to approve the reorganization agreement .

No other business may be conducted at the special meeting.

Q: What will happen in the merger?

A: In the merger, IBGLO will be merged with and into Live Oak Financial, with Live Oak Financial being the surviving entity. Immediately following the merger, Live Oak Financial will be merged with and into Independent, with Independent being the surviving entity. Live Oak Financial will cease to exist after the merger with Independent occurs. Immediately following the merger of Live Oak Financial into Independent, Live Oak State Bank, or Live Oak Bank, will be merged with and into Independent Bank, with Independent Bank being the surviving entity. Live Oak Bank will cease to exist after the merger with Independent Bank occurs. Live Oak Bank is a commercial bank with its headquarters in Dallas, Texas, and a wholly owned subsidiary of Live Oak Financial. Independent Bank is a commercial bank headquartered in McKinney, Texas, and a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent. Upon the merger of IBGLO with and into Live Oak Financial, the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock will be converted into the right to receive the consideration described below. For ease of reference: (a) the merger of IBGLO with and into Live Oak Financial is referred to in this proxy statement/prospectus as the initial merger; (b) the merger of Live Oak Financial with and into Independent is

referred to in this proxy statement/prospectus as the subsequent merger and collectively with the initial merger, the Independent merger; (c) the merger of Live Oak Bank with and into Independent Bank is referred to in this proxy statement/prospectus as the bank merger; and (d) the initial merger, the subsequent merger and the bank merger together are referred to in this proxy statement/prospectus collectively as the merger.

Q. Why am I receiving this proxy statement/prospectus?

A: Live Oak Financial is sending these materials to its shareholders to help them decide how to vote their shares of Live Oak Financial common stock with respect to the reorganization agreement and other matters

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to be considered at the special meeting. This document constitutes both a proxy statement of Live Oak Financial and a prospectus of Independent. It is a proxy statement because the board of directors of Live Oak Financial is soliciting proxies using this document from their shareholders. It is a prospectus because Independent is offering shares of its common stock in exchange for outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock in the merger.

Q: What is the aggregate amount of consideration to be paid by Independent in the transaction?

A: Under the terms of the reorganization agreement, if the reorganization agreement is approved and the merger is completed, all outstanding shares of Live Oak common stock will be converted into an aggregate of 292,646 shares of Independent common stock and \$10,000,000 in cash, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement. Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, and the closing price of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market of \$35.99 on such date, the amount of total consideration to be paid by Independent is valued at approximately \$20,532,000.

Q: What consideration will Live Oak Financial shareholders receive as a result of the merger?

A: Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, holders of Live Oak Financial will receive 0.4886 shares of Independent common stock (with cash in lieu of a fractional share), or the per share stock consideration, and \$16.69 in cash, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement, for each share of Live Oak Financial common stock that they own.

The per share stock consideration will be subject to adjustment if the volume-weighted average of the daily average sales price per share of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market over a twenty consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the closing date, or average sales price, is less than \$30.76 or greater than \$37.60. If the average sales price is less than \$30.76, the per share stock consideration will be adjusted to be a fraction (rounded to the nearest ten thousandth) determined by dividing (i) \$15.03 by (ii) the average sales price. However, a condition to each party's respective obligation to consummate the merger is that the average sales price be at least \$27.34 per share. If the average sales price is less than \$27.34 per share either party may determine not to consummate the merger. If, on the other hand, the average sales price is greater than \$37.60, the per share stock consideration will be adjusted to be a fraction (rounded to the nearest ten thousandth) determined by dividing (i) \$18.37 by (ii) the average sales price. Therefore, the maximum aggregate value of shares of Independent common stock to be issued to Live Oak Financial shareholders is \$11,000,000 and the minimum aggregate value of shares of Independent common stock to be issued to Live Oak Financial shareholders is \$9,000,000. As of October 7, 2013, the closing sales price of Independent common stock was \$35.99 per share.

The amount of aggregate cash consideration will be reduced if Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$13,000,000 as of the closing date. If, as of the closing date, Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$13,000,000, but equal to or more than \$12,750,000, the aggregate cash consideration will be reduced by an amount equal to \$13,000,000 minus Live Oak Financial's tangible book value as of the closing date. If, as of the closing date, Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$12,750,000, the aggregate cash consideration will be reduced by an amount equal to the sum of (i) \$250,000, plus (ii) the product of (x) \$12,750,000 minus Live Oak Financial's tangible book value as of the closing date, multiplied by (y) 1.54.

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Q: What is Live Oak Financial's current tangible book value? Are there factors which could change the tangible book value prior to closing?

Live Oak Financial's tangible book value was approximately \$13.9 million as of June 30, 2013.

Tangible book value will increase or decrease by the amount of net income or net loss, respectively, of Live Oak Financial through closing. Further, in calculating tangible book value, unrealized gains or losses in Live Oak Bank's securities portfolio are excluded. However, all costs and expenses of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank related to the merger on an after-tax equivalent basis will be included as a deduction in the calculation of tangible book value. Management of Live Oak Financial estimates net income of approximately \$750,000 from June 30, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and aggregate closing-related deductions to tangible book value of approximately \$1,625,000. If these assumptions are correct, the amount of Live Oak Financial's tangible book value will be approximately \$13,025,000 at closing. This amount is only an estimate and is based upon several assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of Live Oak Financial. Accordingly, the actual amount of Live Oak Financial's tangible book value may vary from this estimated amount.

Q: Do Live Oak Financial shareholders have a choice of the form of consideration that they will receive in the merger?

A: No. In accordance with the reorganization agreement, each share of Live Oak Financial common stock will be exchanged for the merger consideration, which is comprised of \$16.69 per share in cash and 0.4886 shares of Independent common stock, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement. See Proposal to Approve the Reorganization Agreement Terms of the Merger beginning on page 52.

Q: When do you expect the merger to be completed ?

A: We are working to complete the merger during the fourth quarter of 2013, although delays could occur.

Q: Are there any risks I should consider in deciding whether I vote for the reorganization agreement?

A: Yes. Set forth under the heading of Risk Factors, beginning on page 26, are a number of risk factors that you should consider carefully.

Q: When and where will Live Oak Financial special shareholders' meeting be held?

A: The Live Oak Financial special meeting is scheduled to take place at 5:00 p.m., Central Time, on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the offices of Live Oak State Bank, 3206 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas 75204.

Q: Who is entitled to vote at the special meeting?

A: The holders of record of Live Oak Financial common stock as of 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, which is the date that Live Oak Financial's board of directors has fixed as the record date for the special meeting, are entitled to vote at the special meeting.

Q: What are my choices when voting?

A: With respect to each of the proposals, you may vote for the proposal, against the proposal or abstain from voting on the proposal.

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Q: What vote is required for approval of the reorganization agreement?

A: Approval of the reorganization agreement by Live Oak Financial shareholders requires the affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, or 399,299 shares.

Q: What votes are required to adjourn the special meeting ?

A: To adjourn the special meeting, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock cast at the meeting is required.

Q: How does the board of directors of Live Oak Financial recommend that I vote at the special meeting ?

A: The board of directors of Live Oak Financial unanimously recommends that the shareholders vote their shares as follows:

Item 1 FOR the approval of the reorganization agreement; and

Item 2 FOR the adjournment of the special meeting if the board of directors of Live Oak Financial determines it is necessary to permit further solicitation of proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to constitute a quorum or to approve the reorganization agreement.

Q: Do I have any rights to avoid participating in the merger?

A: You have the right to dissent from the merger and seek payment of the appraised fair value of your shares in cash as described in Proposal to Approve the Reorganization Agreement Dissenters Rights of Live Oak Financial Shareholders beginning on page 86. In order for such a shareholder of Live Oak Financial to perfect his or her right to dissent, the shareholder must deliver to Live Oak Financial a written objection to the merger prior to the special meeting that states that such shareholder will exercise his or her right to dissent if the reorganization agreement is approved and the merger is completed, must vote his or her shares of Live Oak Financial common stock against approval of the reorganization agreement at the special meeting, must, not later than the 20th day after Independent sends such shareholder notice that the merger was completed, deliver to Independent a written demand for payment of the fair value of his or her shares of Live Oak Financial common stock that states the number and class of shares of Live Oak Financial common stock the shareholder owns, his or her estimate of the fair value of such stock and an address to which a notice relating to the dissent and appraisal procedures may be sent, and, not later than the 20th day after he or she makes that demand, submit to Independent the certificates representing his or her shares of Live Oak Financial common stock. The steps you must follow to perfect your right of dissent are described in greater detail under the caption Dissenters Rights of Live Oak Financial Shareholders starting on page 86, and this discussion is qualified by that description and by the text of the provisions of the TBOC relating to rights of dissent set forth in Appendix C hereto. The appraised fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock may be more or less than the value of the Independent common

stock and cash being paid in the merger. If the holders of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock dissent from the merger, Independent has the right to terminate the reorganization agreement.

Q: What happens if I transfer my shares after the record date for the special meeting?

A: The record date for the special meeting is earlier than the expected date of completion of the merger. Therefore, if you transfer your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock after the applicable record date, but prior to the merger, you will retain the right to vote at the special meeting, but the right to receive the merger consideration will transfer with the shares of stock.

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Q: What do I need to do now?

A: After you have thoroughly read and considered the information contained in this proxy statement/ prospectus, you simply need to vote your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock at the special meeting. The process for voting your shares depends on how your shares are held. Generally you may hold shares as the record holder (that is, in your own name) or in street name (that is, through a nominee, such as a broker or a bank). If you hold shares in street name, you are considered the beneficial owner of those shares.

If you are a record holder, you may vote by proxy or you may attend the special meeting and vote in person. If you are a record holder and want to vote your shares by proxy, simply indicate on the proxy card(s) applicable to your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock how you want to vote and sign, date and mail your proxy card(s) in the enclosed pre-addressed postage-paid envelope as soon as possible, but in any event no later than immediately prior to the vote at the special meeting.

Your proxy card must be received by Live Oak Financial by no later than the time the polls close for voting at the special meeting for your vote to be counted at the meeting.

Voting your shares by proxy will enable your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock to be represented and voted at the special meeting if you do not attend the special meeting and vote your shares in person.

Q: How will my shares be voted if I return a signed and dated proxy card, but don't specify how my shares will be voted?

A: The shares to which such proxy card relates will be voted FOR approval of the reorganization agreement and merger and FOR any adjournments of the meeting that the board of directors of Live Oak Financial deems necessary.

Q: If my shares are held in street name by my broker, will my broker vote my shares for me?

A: If your broker has not provided to you a proxy that allows you to vote your shares that it holds for you, your broker may vote your shares on the merger proposal only if you provide instructions to your broker on how to vote. You should instruct your broker how to vote your shares, following the directions your broker provides. If you do not provide instructions to your broker, your shares will not be voted, which will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement and any proposal to adjourn the special meeting.

Q: Can I attend the special meeting and vote in person?

A: Yes. All Live Oak Financial shareholders are invited to attend the special meeting. Shareholders of record can vote in person at the special meeting. If your shares are held in street name, then you are not the shareholder of record. In order for you to vote the shares that you beneficially own and that are held in street name in person at

the special meeting, you must bring a legal proxy from the broker, bank or other nominee that was the record holder of your shares held in street name as of 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, confirming that you were the beneficial owner of those shares as of 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, stating the number of shares of which you were the beneficial owner that were held for your benefit at that time by that broker, bank or other nominee and appointing you as the record holder's proxy to vote the shares covered by that proxy at the special meeting.

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Q: May I change my vote after I have submitted my proxy card?

A: Yes. Regardless of the method used to cast a vote, if a Live Oak Financial shareholder is a holder of record, he or she may change his or her vote by:

- delivering to Live Oak Financial prior to the special meeting a written notice of revocation addressed to: Corporate Secretary, Live Oak Financial Corp., 3206 Live Oak Street, Dallas, TX 75204;
- completing, signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date before the date of the special meeting, and any earlier proxy will be revoked automatically; or
- attending the special meeting and voting in person, and any earlier proxy will be revoked. However, simply attending the special meeting without voting will not revoke your proxy.

If your shares are held in street name and you wish to change any voting instructions you have previously given to the record holder of the shares of which you are the beneficial owner, you should contact the broker, bank or other nominee holding your shares in street name in order to direct a change in the manner your shares will be voted.

Q: What happens if I abstain from voting or fail to instruct my broker to vote?

A: If you are a record holder of Live Oak Financial common stock and you abstain from voting or fail to instruct your broker to vote your shares and the broker submits an unvoted proxy, referred to as a broker nonvote, then the abstention or broker nonvote of shares of Live Oak Financial common stock will be counted towards a quorum at the special meeting, but such shares will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement.

Q: Should I send in my stock certificates now ?

A: No. At least 20 days prior to the anticipated closing date of the merger, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Independent's exchange agent, will send you written instructions for exchanging your stock certificates. You should not send your Live Oak Financial stock certificates with your proxy card.

Q: Who can help answer my questions ?

A: If you have additional questions about the merger, you should contact Carl B. Schieffer, President, Live Oak Financial Corp., 3206 Live Oak Street, Dallas, TX 75204, telephone (214) 841-9800.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information from this proxy statement/prospectus and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. Independent urges you to carefully read this entire document and the other information that Independent refers to in this document. These documents will give you a more complete description of the items for consideration at the special meeting. For more information about Independent, see "Where You Can Find More Information" on page 213. Independent has included page references in this summary to direct you to other places in this proxy statement/prospectus where you can find a more complete description of the topics that Independent has summarized.

The Companies

Independent Bank Group, Inc.

1600 Redbud Boulevard, Suite 400

McKinney, Texas 75069-3257

(972) 562-9004

Independent, a Texas corporation, is a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, or the BHC Act. Through Independent Bank, its wholly owned subsidiary bank, which is a Texas state bank, Independent provides a wide range of relationship driven, commercial banking products and services. Independent currently operates a total of 29 full-service banking centers in 26 communities, with 21 in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area, including McKinney, Dallas, Plano and Denton, and eight in the greater Austin, Texas area, including Austin and Waco. As of June 30, 2013, on a consolidated basis, Independent had total assets of \$1.9 billion, total loans of \$1.5 billion, total deposits of \$1.5 billion and shareholders' equity of \$214 million.

On July 19, 2013, Independent announced that it entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Collin Bank, Plano, Texas, a Texas state chartered bank with total assets of \$180.6 million, total deposits of \$139.0 million and total equity capital of \$25.1 million as of June 30, 2013. Collin Bank is a full service commercial bank with one office located on the Dallas North Tollway in Plano. The merger has been approved by the board of directors of both companies and is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2013, although delays may occur. The transaction is subject to certain conditions, including the approval by shareholders of Collin Bank and customary regulatory approvals. See "Business of Independent Pending Acquisition" beginning on page 102.

Live Oak Financial Corp.

3206 Live Oak Street

Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 841-9800

Live Oak Financial Corp., a Texas corporation, is a bank holding company registered under the BHC Act. Live Oak Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary bank of Live Oak Financial. Live Oak Bank is a full service commercial bank with one office located in Dallas, Texas. As of June 30, 2013, Live Oak Financial had total assets of \$122.7 million, total deposits of \$103.8 million, total net loans of \$69.9 million and total shareholders' equity of \$13.9 million.

Proposed Merger

Independent has attached the reorganization agreement to this document as Appendix A. Please read the entire reorganization agreement, including the related agreement and plan of merger, attached thereto as Exhibit A. They are the legal documents that govern the merger.

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Independent proposes to merge IBGLO Acquisition Corporation, or IBGLO, a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent, with and into Live Oak Financial. Live Oak Financial will be the surviving entity in the initial merger. Immediately following completion of the initial merger, Live Oak Financial will merge with and into Independent, with Independent continuing as the surviving bank. Live Oak Financial will cease to exist after the subsequent merger occurs. Immediately following the subsequent merger of Live Oak Financial with and into Independent, Live Oak Bank will be merged with and into Independent Bank, with Independent Bank being the surviving bank. Live Oak Bank will cease to exist after the bank merger occurs. The existing location of Live Oak Bank will become a banking center of Independent Bank. Independent expects to complete the merger in the fourth quarter of 2013, although delays could occur.

Terms of the Merger (page 52)

If Live Oak Financial shareholders approve the reorganization agreement and the merger is completed, all outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock will be converted into an aggregate of 292,646 shares of Independent common stock and \$10,000,000 in cash, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement. Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, holders of Live Oak Financial common stock will receive 0.4886 shares of Independent common stock (with cash in lieu of a fractional share) and \$16.69 in cash, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement, for each share of Live Oak Financial common stock that they own. Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, and the closing price of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market of \$35.99 on such date, the amount of total consideration to be paid by Independent is valued at approximately \$20,532,000.

The per share stock consideration will be subject to adjustment if the volume-weighted average of the daily average sales price per share of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market over a twenty consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the closing date, or average sales price, is less than \$30.76 or greater than \$37.60. If the average sales price is less than \$30.76, the per share stock consideration will be adjusted to be a fraction (rounded to the nearest ten thousandth) determined by dividing (i) \$15.03 by (ii) the average sales price. However, a condition to each party's respective obligation to consummate the merger is that the average sales price be at least \$27.34 per share. If the average sales price is less than \$27.34 per share either party may determine not to consummate the merger. If, on the other hand, the average sales price is greater than \$37.60, the per share stock consideration will be adjusted to be a fraction (rounded to the nearest ten thousandth) determined by dividing (i) \$18.37 by (ii) the average sales price. Therefore, the maximum aggregate value of shares of Independent common stock to be issued to Live Oak Financial shareholders is \$11,000,000 and the minimum aggregate value of shares of Independent common stock to be issued to Live Oak Financial shareholders is \$9,000,000. As of October 7, 2013, the closing sales price for Independent common stock was \$35.99 per share.

Further, the amount of aggregate cash consideration will be reduced if Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$13,000,000 as of the closing date. If, as of the closing date, Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$13,000,000, but equal to or more than \$12,750,000, the aggregate cash consideration will be reduced by an amount equal to \$13,000,000 minus Live Oak Financial's tangible book value as of the closing date. If, as of the closing date, Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$12,750,000, the aggregate cash consideration will be reduced by an amount equal to the sum of (i) \$250,000, plus (ii) the product of (x) \$12,750,000 minus Live Oak Financial's tangible book value as of the closing date, multiplied by (y) 1.54.

Fractional shares of Independent common stock will be paid in cash, without interest. The market price of Independent common stock will fluctuate from the date of this proxy statement/ prospectus to the date of completion of the merger, and these fluctuations could result in an adjustment to the proportion of the cash and

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stock consideration. Because of the possibility of an adjustment to the proportion of per share cash and stock consideration and the number of shares of Independent common stock, you will not know the exact number of shares of Independent common stock or the exact amount of cash you will receive in connection with the merger when you vote on the reorganization agreement.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences (page 80)

The Independent merger is intended to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the Code, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and the closing is conditioned upon the receipt by Independent of an opinion from Andrews Kurth LLP, counsel to Independent, and the receipt by Live Oak Financial of an opinion from Hunton & Williams LLP, counsel to Live Oak Financial, to the effect that the Independent merger so qualifies. This summary of U.S. federal income tax consequences assumes that the Independent merger will be consummated as described in the reorganization agreement and this proxy statement/prospectus and Independent and Live Oak Financial will not waive the opinion condition described in

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Independent Merger Tax Opinions. The Independent merger will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a reorganization qualifying under the provisions of Section 368(a) of the Code. If the Independent merger qualifies as such a reorganization, the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Independent merger to U.S. holders of Live Oak Financial common stock will be as follows: holders of Live Oak Financial generally will recognize gain (but not loss) with respect to their Live Oak Financial common stock. The gain a U.S. holder of Live Oak Financial recognizes generally will equal the lesser of cash received (excluding any cash received in lieu of a fractional share of Independent common stock) or gain realized in the Independent merger. The amount of gain realized will equal the amount by which the cash plus the fair market value, at the effective time of the Independent merger, of the Independent common stock exceeds the adjusted tax basis in the Live Oak Financial common stock to be surrendered in exchange therefor.

For further information, please refer to Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Independent Merger. The U.S. federal income tax consequences described above may not apply to all holders of Live Oak Financial common stock. Your tax consequences will depend on your individual situation. Accordingly, we strongly urge you to consult your tax advisor for a full understanding of the particular tax consequences of the Independent merger to you.

Opinion of Financial Advisor of Live Oak Financial (page 58)

Sheshunoff & Co. Investment Banking, L.P., or Sheshunoff, has delivered a written opinion to the board of directors of Live Oak Financial that, as of the date of the reorganization agreement, based upon and subject to certain matters stated in the opinion, the merger consideration is fair to the Live Oak Financial shareholders from a financial point of view. This opinion is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Appendix B. The opinion of Sheshunoff is not a recommendation to any Live Oak Financial shareholder as to how to vote on the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement. You should read this opinion completely to understand the procedures followed, matters considered and limitations on the reviews undertaken by Sheshunoff in providing its opinion.

Independent Plans to Continue Payment of Quarterly Dividends (page 25 and page 199)

Independent paid a cash dividend of \$0.06 per share in the third quarter of 2013 to its shareholders and, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory restrictions, intends to pay a cash dividend to its shareholders in the fourth quarter of 2013 and continue paying quarterly cash dividends following the merger.

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Ownership of Independent After the Merger (page 197 and 198)

Pursuant to the reorganization agreement, Independent will issue 292,646 shares of its common stock to Live Oak Financial shareholders in connection with the merger, subject to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement. Based on 12,076,927 shares of Independent common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, immediately after the merger, if Independent issues the maximum of 300,000 shares of Independent common stock that are potentially issuable to the shareholders of Collin Bank in connection with the proposed acquisition by Independent of Collin Bank, the former Live Oak Financial shareholders would own approximately 2.31% of the outstanding shares of Independent common stock if 292,646 shares of Independent common stock are issued in the merger. That ownership percentage will be reduced by any future issuances of shares of Independent common stock.

Market Prices of Independent Common Stock (page 199)

Shares of Independent common stock are quoted on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol IBTX. On August 21, 2013, the last trading day before the merger was announced, Independent common stock closed at \$34.09 per share. On October 7, 2013, Independent common stock closed at \$35.99 per share. The market price of Independent common stock will fluctuate prior to the merger. You should obtain the current stock quotations for Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market prior to deciding how to vote. Shares of Live Oak Financial are not traded on any national securities exchange or on an established public trading market and no quotations of any market price exists for the Live Oak Financial shares.

Live Oak Financial Special Meeting (page 49)

The special meeting of shareholders of Live Oak Financial will be held on November 20, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., Central Time, at the offices of Live Oak State Bank, 3206 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas 75204. At the special meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote on the following:

- a proposal to approve the reorganization agreement, which provides for Independent to acquire Live Oak Financial through the merger of IBGLO, a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent, with and into Live Oak Financial; and
- a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if the board of directors of Live Oak Financial determines such adjournment is necessary to permit further solicitation of proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to constitute a quorum or to approve the reorganization agreement.

Record Date Set at October 21, 2013; Two-Thirds Shareholder Vote Required to Approve the Reorganization Agreement (page 50 and 51)

You may vote at the special meeting of Live Oak Financial shareholders if you owned Live Oak Financial common stock of record as of 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013. You can cast one vote for each share of Live Oak Financial common stock you owned of record at that time. As of October 7, 2013, there were 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding.

Approval of the reorganization agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding and entitled to vote as of 5:00 p.m. on the record date. If you fail to vote, it will have the effect of a vote against the reorganization agreement. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock cast at the special meeting is required to approve the adjournment of the special meeting.

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You may vote your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock by attending the special meeting and voting in person, by completing and mailing the enclosed proxy card. If you are the record holder of your shares, you can revoke your proxy at any time before the vote is taken at the special meeting by sending a written notice revoking the proxy or submitting a later-dated proxy to the Secretary of Live Oak Financial which must be received no later than immediately prior to the vote at the special meeting, or by voting in person at the special meeting. See The Live Oak Financial Special Meeting Voting and Revocation of Proxies.

Live Oak Financial's Reasons for the Merger and Recommendations of Live Oak Financial's Board (page 56)

Based on the reasons discussed elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, including the fairness opinion of Sheshunoff, the board of directors of Live Oak Financial believes that the merger is fair to you and in your best interests, and unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement. For a discussion of the circumstances surrounding the merger and the factors considered by Live Oak Financial's board of directors in approving the reorganization agreement, see page 54.

Certain Shareholders of Live Oak Financial are Expected to Vote Their Shares For Approval of the Reorganization Agreement (page 80; Exhibit A to Appendix A)

The directors of Live Oak Financial have entered into an agreement to vote the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock that they control in favor of approval of the reorganization agreement. As of the record date, 195,927 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, or approximately 32.71% of the outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting, were bound by the voting agreement.

Effective Time of the Merger (page 66)

The merger of IBGLO with and into Live Oak Financial will become effective at the date and time specified in the certificate of merger to be filed with the Texas Secretary of State. If Live Oak Financial shareholders approve the reorganization agreement at the special meeting, and if all necessary regulatory approvals are obtained and the other conditions to the parties' respective obligations to effect the merger are satisfied or are waived by the party entitled to do so, Independent anticipates that the merger will be completed in the late fourth quarter of 2013, although delays could occur.

Live Oak Financial and Independent cannot assure you that the necessary shareholder and regulatory approvals will be obtained or that the other conditions to completion of the merger can or will be satisfied.

Exchange of Live Oak Financial Stock Certificates (page 65)

Prior to the effective time of the merger, you will receive a letter and instructions from Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, acting in its role as Independent's exchange agent, describing the procedures for surrendering your stock certificates representing shares of Live Oak Financial common stock in exchange for shares of Independent common stock and cash. The shares of Independent common stock issuable in exchange for the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock will be issued in book-entry form only and a holder's shares of Independent common stock will be reflected in the shareholder's account with Independent's stock transfer agent. Independent will cause the exchange agent to mail the letter and instructions to the Live Oak Financial shareholders at least 20 days prior to the anticipated closing date of the merger. If a holder of certificates surrenders such certificates and a properly executed letter of transmittal to the exchange agent at least three business days prior to the closing date, then Independent will use commercially reasonable best efforts to cause the exchange agent to promptly, but no later than three business days following the closing date, deliver to such holder of certificates the merger consideration. If a holder of certificates

surrenders such certificates and a

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properly executed letter of transmittal to the exchange agent at any time after three business days prior to the closing date, then Independent will use its commercially reasonable best efforts to cause the exchange agent to promptly, but in no event later than three business days following receipt of such certificates and letter of transmittal, deliver to such holder of certificates the merger consideration. You must carefully review and complete these transmittal materials and return them as instructed along with your stock certificates for Live Oak Financial common stock. Please do not send Live Oak Financial or Independent any stock certificates until you receive these instructions. Share certificates delivered to the exchange agent without a properly completed letter of transmittal will be rejected and returned for corrective action.

Conditions to Completion of the Merger (page 71)

The completion of the merger depends on a number of conditions being satisfied. These include, among others:

- approval of the reorganization agreement by the shareholders of Live Oak Financial by the requisite vote;
- accuracy of each party's representations and warranties contained in the reorganization agreement as of the closing date of the merger;
- receipt of all required governmental approvals of the merger and subsequent bank merger in a manner that does not impose any material requirement upon Independent or its subsidiaries, including any requirement to sell or dispose of any significant amount of assets, which is reasonably unacceptable to Independent;
- receipt of all required consents, approvals, waivers and other assurances from nongovernmental third parties;
- absence of certain litigation regarding either party;
- absence of any material adverse change in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of either party since June 30, 2013;
- performance or compliance in all material respects by each party with its respective covenants and obligations required by the reorganization agreement;
- registration with the SEC of the shares of Independent common stock to be issued to shareholders of Live Oak Financial;
- authorization for listing on the NASDAQ Global Market of the shares of Independent common stock to be issued to shareholders of Live Oak Financial;

- Live Oak Financial's minimum tangible book value, as of the closing date, being at least \$12,500,000;
- Live Oak Financial's allowance for loan losses, as of the closing date, being equal to at least \$1,140,000;
- the volume-weighted average of the daily average sales price per share of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market over a twenty consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the closing date (i.e., the average sales price) being at least \$27.34;

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- termination of all Live Oak Financial employee benefit plans;

- delivery of the merger consideration by Independent;

- the receipt by Live Oak Financial of an opinion from Hunton & Williams LLP to the effect that for federal income tax purposes (i) the initial merger and the subsequent merger, together, will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of § 368(a) of the Code, and (ii) each of Independent and Live Oak Financial will be a party to such reorganization within the meaning of § 368(b) of the Code; and

- the receipt by Independent of an opinion from Andrews Kurth LLP to the effect that for federal income tax purposes the initial merger and the subsequent merger, together, will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of § 368(a) of the Code, (ii) each of Independent and Live Oak Financial will be a party to such reorganization within the meaning of § 368(b) of the Code; (iii) the bank merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of § 368(a) of the Code, and (iv) each of Independent Bank and Live Oak Bank will be a party to such reorganization within the meaning of § 368(b) of the Code.

Additionally, the completion of the merger depends on the execution of the following agreements, but those agreements will not become effective until the effective time of the merger:

- execution of an employment agreement by each of Carl Schieffer, Harlan Bilton and Danny Oberst;

- execution of releases from each of the directors and certain officers of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank, releasing Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank and their respective successors from any and all claims of such directors and officers, subject to certain limited exceptions;

- execution of support agreements by each of the directors of Live Oak Financial, agreeing to support, and not compete with, the business of Independent Bank; and

- execution of resignations from each of the directors of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank, resigning from the board of directors of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank.

Any condition to the completion of the merger other than regulatory approval may be waived in writing by the party to the reorganization agreement entitled to the benefit of such condition. A party to the reorganization agreement could choose to complete the merger even though a condition has not been satisfied, as long as permitted by law. Independent cannot be certain when or if the conditions to the merger will be satisfied or waived, or that the merger will be completed.

Regulatory Approvals Required (page 85)

The acquisition of Live Oak Financial by Independent requires the approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or Federal Reserve. In addition, the bank merger requires the approval of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the FDIC, and the Texas Department of Banking, or TDB. On September 27, 2013,

Independent, Independent Bank and Live Oak Bank filed applications with the Federal Reserve, the FDIC and the TDB to obtain approval of the transaction. Independent expects to obtain all necessary regulatory approvals, although Independent cannot be certain if or when Independent will obtain them.

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Amendments or Waiver (page 77)

Independent and Live Oak Financial may amend the reorganization agreement and each party may waive its right to require the other party to adhere to any term or satisfy any condition of the reorganization agreement. However, the merger consideration to be received by the shareholders of Live Oak Financial pursuant to the terms of the reorganization agreement may not be decreased after the approval of the reorganization agreement without the further approval of the Live Oak Financial shareholders.

No Solicitation (page 70)

Pursuant to the reorganization agreement, Live Oak Financial agreed that it will not, and that it will direct and use its commercially reasonable best efforts to cause its employees, directors, officers, financial advisors or agents not to, and not to propose to, solicit, knowingly encourage, initiate or participate in any negotiations or discussions with any third party with respect to any proposal that could reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal, disclose to any third party any information concerning the business, properties, books or records of it in connection with any acquisition proposal, or cooperate with any third party to make any acquisition proposal. Promptly upon receipt of any unsolicited offer, Live Oak Financial will communicate to Independent the terms of any proposal or request for information and the identity of the parties involved.

Provided that Live Oak Financial has complied with the foregoing restrictions, if after the date of the reorganization agreement and prior to obtaining shareholder approval of the merger, Live Oak Financial receives a bona fide, unsolicited written acquisition proposal, it may engage in negotiations and discussions with, and furnish any information and other access to, any person making such acquisition proposal if, and only if, Live Oak Financial's board of directors determines in good faith, after consultation with outside legal and financial advisors, that such acquisition proposal is or is reasonably capable of becoming an offer superior to the merger with Independent and the failure of Live Oak Financial's board of directors to furnish such information or access or enter into such discussions or negotiations would reasonably be expected to be a violation of its fiduciary duties to the shareholders of Live Oak Financial; provided that it obtains an appropriately executed confidentiality agreement.

Termination of the Reorganization Agreement (page 78)

Independent and Live Oak Financial can mutually agree at any time to terminate the reorganization agreement without completing the merger. In addition, either Independent or Live Oak Financial may decide, without the consent of the other, to terminate the reorganization agreement if:

- the conditions to such party's obligations to close have not been satisfied on or before December 31, 2013; subject to a thirty-day extension for the receipt of regulatory approvals and provided that the terminating party is not in breach of the reorganization agreement;
- the required regulatory approvals have not been obtained; or
- if the reorganization agreement is not approved by the shareholders of Live Oak Financial at the special meeting.

Live Oak Financial may terminate the reorganization agreement, without the consent of Independent, if:

· Independent breaches or fails to perform in any material respect any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in the reorganization agreement or any other agreement contemplated by the reorganization agreement, and such failure has not been cured within a period of 30 calendar days after written notice from Live Oak Financial; or

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- at any time prior to the Live Oak Financial special meeting in order to enter into, concurrently with such termination, an acquisition agreement or similar agreement with respect to a superior proposal that has been received and considered by Live Oak Financial and the Live Oak Financial board in accordance with all of the requirements of the reorganization agreement; or
- there has been any material adverse change in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of Independent since June 30, 2013.

In addition, Independent may terminate the reorganization agreement, without the consent of Live Oak Financial, if:

- Live Oak Financial breaches or fails to perform in any material respect any of its representations, warranties or agreements contained in the reorganization agreement or any other agreement contemplated by the reorganization agreement, and such failure has not been cured within a period of 30 calendar days after written notice from Independent;
- the Live Oak Financial board has (i) recommended to the shareholders of Live Oak Financial that they tender their shares in a tender or exchange offer commenced by an unaffiliated third party for more than 15% of the outstanding Live Oak Financial common stock, (ii) effected a change in the board's recommendation regarding the merger or recommended to the Live Oak Financial shareholders acceptance or approval of any alternative acquisition proposal, (iii) notified Independent in writing that Live Oak Financial is prepared to accept a superior proposal or (iv) resolved to do the foregoing;
- any of the following have occurred with respect to environmental matters regarding Live Oak Financial: (a) the factual substance of any representations and warranties of Live Oak Financial in the reorganization agreement is not materially true and accurate, (b) the results of any environmental inspection or other environmental survey by Independent are disapproved by Independent because such inspection or survey identifies a material or potential material violation of applicable environmental laws, (c) Live Oak Financial refuses to allow such inspection or survey in a manner that Independent reasonably considers necessary, (d) such inspection or survey identifies an event, condition or circumstance that would or potentially could reasonably be expected to require a material remedial or cleanup action or result in a material adverse change in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of Live Oak Financial, (e) such inspection or survey reveals the presence of any underground or above ground storage tank in, on or under any real property owned or leased by Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank that is not shown to be in material compliance with all applicable environmental laws, or that has had a release of petroleum or some other hazardous material that has not been cleaned up to the satisfaction of the relevant governmental authority or any other party with a right to compel such cleanup, or (f) such inspection or survey identifies the presence of any asbestos-containing material in, on or under any real property owned or leased by Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank, the removal of which could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of Live Oak Financial, subject, in the case of each of the foregoing, to notice and the right of Live Oak Financial to satisfactorily correct any such matter;

Independent determines, in good faith after consulting with counsel, there is a substantial likelihood that any necessary regulatory approval will not be obtained or will be obtained only upon one or more conditions that make it inadvisable to proceed with the transactions; or

· there has been any material adverse change in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank since June 30, 2013.

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Termination Fee and Expense Reimbursements (page 79)

To compensate Independent for entering into the reorganization agreement, taking actions to consummate the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement and incurring the related costs and expenses and other losses and expense, including foregoing the pursuit of other opportunities, Live Oak Financial has agreed to pay Independent a \$800,000 termination fee if the reorganization agreement is terminated:

- by Live Oak Financial because it receives an alternative acquisition proposal and, under certain terms and conditions, determines that it is a superior proposal to that of the reorganization agreement taking into account any adjustment made by Independent to the merger consideration, provided that Independent is not in material breach of any covenant or obligation under the reorganization agreement;
- by either Independent or Live Oak Financial if the Live Oak Financial shareholders do not approve the reorganization agreement and the merger at the special meeting and either (i) at the time of such disapproval, there exists an acquisition proposal with respect to Live Oak Financial other than that of Independent that has not been withdrawn prior to the special meeting or (ii) within 12 months of the termination of the reorganization agreement, Live Oak Financial enters into a definitive agreement with any third party with respect to any acquisition proposal; or
- by Independent if the Live Oak Financial board has (i) recommended to the Live Oak Financial shareholders that they tender their shares in a tender or exchange offer commenced by an unaffiliated third party for more than 15% of the outstanding Live Oak Financial common stock, (ii) effected a change in the board's recommendation regarding the merger or recommended to the Live Oak Financial shareholders acceptance or approval of any alternative acquisition proposal, (iii) notified Independent in writing that Live Oak Financial is prepared to accept a superior proposal or (iv) resolved to do the foregoing.

Some of the Directors and Officers of Live Oak Financial Have Financial Interests in the Merger that Differ from Your Interests (page 79)

Some of the directors and officers of Live Oak Financial have interests in the merger that differ from, or are in addition to, their interests as shareholders of Live Oak Financial. These interests include:

- each of Carl Schieffer, Harlan Bilton and Danny Oberst is an executive officer of Live Oak Financial and has a change in control agreement with Live Oak Bank that provides, among other things, upon a change in control transaction, the executive officer will be entitled to receive a lump sum severance payment equal to two times the amount of his respective base salary, Live Oak Bank will make change in control payments to these officers in connection with the completion of the merger.
- as a condition to the merger, Independent has required that each of Carl Schieffer, Harlan Bilton and Danny Oberst enter into an employment agreement, effective upon completion of the merger, that includes noncompetition and nonsolicitation obligations with Independent Bank and pursuant to which the executive officer is entitled to receive a salary, annual bonus and certain additional incentives from

Independent Bank; and

· the directors and officers of Live Oak Financial will receive indemnification from Independent for a period of three years after completion of the merger to the same extent and subject to the conditions set forth in the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Live Oak Financial and continued director and officer liability coverage for a period of three years after completion of the merger.

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Comparison of Rights of Shareholders of Live Oak Financial and Independent (page 207)

Live Oak Financial is a Texas corporation that is a registered bank holding company, and the rights of shareholders of Live Oak Financial are governed by Texas law and Live Oak Financial's articles of incorporation and bylaws. Independent is a Texas corporation that is a registered bank holding company, and the rights of Independent's shareholders are governed by Texas law and Independent's certificate of formation and bylaws. Upon completion of the merger, shareholders of Live Oak Financial will become shareholders of Independent and their rights as shareholders of Independent will be governed by Independent's certificate of formation and bylaws, in addition to Texas law. Independent's certificate of formation and bylaws will not be amended in the merger, but could be later restated, amended or, as regards the bylaws, repealed.

Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal in the Merger (page 86)

As a shareholder of Live Oak Financial, you have the right under Texas law to dissent from the merger and have the appraised fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock as of the date immediately preceding the effective date of the merger paid to you in cash. The appraised fair value may be more or less than the value of the shares of Independent common stock and cash shareholders of Live Oak Financial will receive for their Live Oak Financial shares in the merger.

Persons having beneficial interests in Live Oak Financial common stock held of record in the name of another person, such as a broker, bank or other nominee, must act promptly to cause the record holder to take the actions required under Texas law to exercise their dissenter's rights.

In order to dissent, you must carefully follow the requirements of the TBOC, including providing Live Oak Financial, prior to the special meeting, with a written objection to the merger that states that you will exercise your right to dissent if the Live Oak Financial shareholders approve the reorganization agreement and the merger is completed. These steps for perfecting your right of dissent are summarized under the caption "Dissenters' Rights of Live Oak Financial Shareholders" on page 86. The provisions of the TBOC pertaining to dissenters' rights are attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as [Appendix C](#) and the summaries of those provisions in this proxy statement/prospectus should be read in conjunction with, and are qualified by, those provisions of the TBOC.

If you intend to exercise dissenters' rights, you should read the provisions of the TBOC governing dissenters' rights carefully and consult with your own legal counsel. You should also remember that if you return a signed proxy card, but fail to provide instructions as to how your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock are to be voted, you will be considered to have voted in favor of the reorganization agreement. **In that event, you will not be able to assert dissenters' rights.**

If the Live Oak Financial shareholders approve the reorganization agreement, a holder of Live Oak Financial common stock who delivers to the president and the secretary of Live Oak Financial a written objection to the merger prior to the special meeting that states that such holder will exercise his or her right to dissent if the reorganization agreement is approved and the merger is completed and includes an address for notice of the effectiveness of the merger, who votes his or her shares of Live Oak Financial common stock against approval of the reorganization agreement at the special meeting, who, not later than the 20th day after Independent sends such holder notice that the merger was completed, delivers to the president and secretary of Independent a written demand for payment of the fair value of his or her shares of Live Oak Financial common stock that states the number and class of shares of Live Oak Financial common stock such holder owns, his or her estimate of the fair value of such stock and an address to which a notice relating to the dissent and appraisal procedures may be sent, and who, not later than the 20th day after he or she makes that demand for payment, submits to Independent the certificates representing his or her shares of Live Oak Financial

common stock will be entitled under the TBOC

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to receive the appraised fair value of his or her shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, as of the date immediately prior to the effective date of the merger, in cash under the TBOC.

Pending Acquisition (page 102)

On July 19, 2013, Independent announced that it entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Collin Bank, Plano, Texas, a Texas state chartered bank with total assets of \$180.6 million, total deposits of \$139.0 million and total equity capital of \$25.1 million as of June 30, 2013. Collin Bank is a full service commercial bank with one office located on the Dallas North Tollway in Plano, Texas.

Under the terms of the definitive agreement, Collin Bank shareholders will receive approximately \$10.00 per share for each outstanding share of Collin Bank common stock. Approximately 65% of the consideration is payable in cash and 35% is payable in shares of Independent common stock, subject to a maximum issuance to Collin Bank shareholders of 300,000 shares of Independent common stock, with the exchange ratio set three trading days prior to the closing by utilizing the average daily sales price of shares of Independent common stock over a twenty day trading period. Based on the number of shares of Collin Bank common stock currently outstanding, the amount of total consideration to be paid by Independent is currently valued at approximately \$29.1 million.

The merger has been approved by the board of directors of both companies and is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2013, although delays may occur. The transaction is subject to certain conditions, including the approval by shareholders of Collin Bank and customary regulatory approvals.

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The following selected historical consolidated financial information of Independent as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 has been derived from Independent's unaudited consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 appearing elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, the following selected consolidated financial information of Independent as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 has been derived from Independent's audited consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, and the selected consolidated financial information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, has been derived from Independent's audited consolidated financial statements not appearing in this proxy statement/prospectus.

You should read the following financial information relating to Independent in conjunction with other information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus, including the information set forth under Independent's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements of Independent and related accompanying notes included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. Independent's historical results for any prior period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in any future period, and Independent's historical results for the six months ended June 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of its results to be expected for all of 2013. As described elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, Independent has consummated several acquisitions in recent fiscal periods. The results and other financial information of those acquired operations are not included in the table below for the periods prior to their respective acquisition dates and, therefore, the results for these prior periods are not comparable in all respects and may not be predictive of Independent's future results. In addition, the selected financial information in the table immediately below does not include, on any basis, the results or financial condition for any period or as of any date of Live Oak Financial or of any other entity the acquisition of which may be consummated by Independent after June 30, 2013.

| | As of and for the Six Months Ended June 30, | | As of and for the Year Ended December 31, | | | |
|---|--|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| (dollars in thousands except per share) | | | | | | |
| (unaudited) | | | | | | |
| Selected Income Statement Data | | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 42,526 | \$ 33,222 | \$ 71,890 | \$ 59,639 | \$ 51,734 | \$ 48,747 |
| Interest expense | 6,461 | 6,615 | 13,337 | 13,358 | 13,669 | 15,721 |
| Net interest income | 36,065 | 26,607 | 58,553 | 46,281 | 38,065 | 33,026 |
| Provision for loan losses | 2,109 | 1,242 | 3,184 | 1,650 | 4,043 | 3,446 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 33,956 | 25,365 | 55,369 | 44,631 | 34,022 | 29,580 |
| Noninterest income (excluding acquisition gains) | 5,158 | 3,525 | 9,168 | 7,708 | 5,464 | 5,212 |
| Gain on acquisitions | | | | | 6,692 | |
| Noninterest expense | 27,307 | 22,095 | 47,160 | 38,639 | 33,062 | 27,136 |
| Net income | 11,807 | 6,795 | 17,377 | 13,700 | 13,116 | 7,656 |
| Pro forma net income ⁽¹⁾ (unaudited) | 7,936 | 4,750 | 12,147 | 9,357 | 8,775 | 5,189 |

Per Share Data (Common Stock)⁽²⁾

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|------|
| Earnings: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ | 1.14 | \$ | 0.92 | \$ | 2.23 | \$ | 2.00 | \$ | 1.95 | \$ | 1.29 |
| Diluted ⁽³⁾ | | 1.13 | | 0.92 | | 2.23 | | 2.00 | | 1.95 | | 1.29 |
| Pro forma earnings:⁽¹⁾ (unaudited) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | | 0.78 | | 0.64 | | 1.56 | | 1.37 | | 1.31 | | 0.87 |
| Diluted ⁽³⁾ | | 0.78 | | 0.64 | | 1.56 | | 1.37 | | 1.31 | | 0.87 |
| Dividends ⁽⁴⁾ | | 0.65 | | 0.45 | | 1.12 | | 0.89 | | 0.63 | | 0.57 |
| Book value ⁽⁵⁾ | | 17.75 | | 14.02 | | 15.06 | | 12.55 | | 11.13 | | 9.43 |
| Tangible book value ⁽⁶⁾ | | 15.13 | | 10.50 | | 11.19 | | 10.53 | | 9.02 | | 7.44 |

Selected Period End Balance**Sheet Data**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|---------|
| Total assets | \$ | 1,905,851 | \$ | 1,476,554 | \$ | 1,740,060 | \$ | 1,254,377 | \$ | 1,098,216 | \$ | 905,115 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 126,519 | | 50,129 | | 102,290 | | 56,654 | | 86,346 | | 58,089 |
| Securities available for sale | | 110,932 | | 95,746 | | 113,355 | | 93,991 | | 52,611 | | 3,182 |
| Total loans (gross) | | 1,520,373 | | 1,185,369 | | 1,378,676 | | 988,671 | | 860,128 | | 724,709 |
| Allowance for loan losses | | 12,762 | | 9,894 | | 11,478 | | 9,060 | | 8,403 | | 6,742 |
| Goodwill and core deposit intangible | | 31,641 | | 27,628 | | 31,965 | | 13,886 | | 14,453 | | 13,136 |
| Other real estate owned | | 8,182 | | 8,696 | | 6,847 | | 8,392 | | 7,854 | | 5,623 |
| Adriatica real estate owned ⁽⁷⁾ | | 9,656 | | 9,727 | | 9,727 | | 16,065 | | | | |
| Noninterest-bearing deposits | | 261,618 | | 190,612 | | 259,664 | | 168,849 | | 133,307 | | 114,880 |
| Interest-bearing deposits | | 1,223,511 | | 1,011,153 | | 1,131,076 | | 861,635 | | 794,236 | | 608,672 |
| Borrowings (other than junior subordinated debentures) | | 181,094 | | 145,411 | | 201,118 | | 118,086 | | 75,656 | | 101,682 |
| Junior subordinated debentures ⁽⁸⁾ | | 18,147 | | 14,538 | | 18,147 | | 14,538 | | 14,538 | | 14,538 |
| Total stockholders equity | | 214,182 | | 109,951 | | 124,510 | | 85,997 | | 76,044 | | 62,479 |

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| | As of and for the Six Months Ended June 30, | | As of and for the Year Ended December 31, | | | |
|--|--|--------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| | | | | | | |
| Selected Performance Metrics⁽⁹⁾ | | | | | | |
| Return on average assets ⁽¹⁰⁾ | 1.29% | 0.99% | 1.17% | 1.16% | 1.35% | 0.87% |
| Return on average equity ⁽¹⁰⁾ | 13.17 | 13.80 | 16.54 | 17.36 | 19.19 | 15.75 |
| Pro forma return on average assets ⁽¹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ (unaudited) | 0.89 | 0.69 | 0.82 | 0.79 | 0.91 | 0.59 |
| Pro forma return on average equity ⁽¹⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ (unaudited) | 9.04 | 9.65 | 11.56 | 11.86 | 12.84 | 10.68 |
| Net interest margin ⁽¹¹⁾ | 4.40 | 4.36 | 4.40 | 4.42 | 4.43 | 4.29 |
| Efficiency ratio ⁽¹²⁾ | 66.24 | 73.33 | 69.64 | 71.57 | 75.95 | 70.97 |
| Dividend payout ratio ⁽¹³⁾ | 11.65 | 14.44 | 11.89 | 13.26 | 13.54 | 20.04 |
| Credit Quality Ratios | | | | | | |
| Nonperforming assets to total assets | 1.27% | 2.30% | 1.59% | 2.85% | 2.19% | 1.92% |
| Nonperforming loans to total loans ⁽¹⁴⁾ | 0.43 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 1.14 | 1.89 | 1.62 |
| Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans ⁽¹⁴⁾ | 198.14 | 103.63 | 104.02 | 80.32 | 51.93 | 57.61 |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.83 | 0.92 | 0.98 | 0.93 |
| Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding (unaudited) | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.31 | 0.21 |
| Capital Ratios | | | | | | |
| Tier 1 capital to average assets | 10.91% | 6.91% | 6.45% | 6.89% | 6.98% | 7.22% |
| Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ⁽¹⁵⁾ | 13.80 | 8.35 | 8.22 | 8.59 | 8.88 | 8.93 |
| Total capital to risk-weighted assets ⁽¹⁵⁾ | 15.69 | 10.58 | 10.51 | 11.19 | 11.10 | 11.24 |
| Total stockholders' equity to total assets | 11.24 | 7.45 | 7.16 | 6.86 | 6.92 | 6.90 |
| Tangible common equity to tangible assets ⁽¹⁶⁾ | 9.74 | 5.68 | 5.42 | 5.81 | 5.68 | 5.53 |

(1) Prior to April 1, 2013, Independent elected to be taxed for federal income tax purposes as an S corporation under the provisions of Sections 1361 through 1379 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, as a result, Independent did not pay U.S. federal income taxes and has not been required to make any provision or recognize any liability for federal income tax in its consolidated financial statements for any period ending on or before March 31, 2013. As of April 1, 2013, Independent terminated its S corporation election and commenced being subject to federal income taxation as a C corporation. Independent has calculated its pro forma net income, pro forma earnings per share on a basic and diluted basis, pro forma return on average assets and pro forma return on average equity for each period presented by calculating a pro forma provision for federal income taxes using an assumed annual effective federal income tax rate of 32.8% and 30.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and 30.1%, 31.7%, 33.1%, and 32.2% for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and adjusting its historical net income for each period presented to give effect to the pro forma provision for federal income taxes for such period.

(2) The per share amounts and the weighted-average shares outstanding for each of the periods shown have been adjusted to give effect to the 3.2-for-one split of the shares of Independent's common stock that was effective as of February 22, 2013.

(3)

Independent calculates its diluted earnings per share for each period shown as its net income divided by the weighted-average number of its common shares outstanding during the relevant period adjusted for the dilutive effect of its outstanding warrants to purchase shares of common stock. See Note 1 to Independent's consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus for more information regarding the dilutive effect of its outstanding warrants and regarding certain nonvested shares of common stock, the effect of which is anti-dilutive. Earnings per share on a basic and diluted basis and pro forma earnings per share on a basic and diluted basis were calculated using the following outstanding share amounts:

| | As of June 30, | | | As of December 31, | | |
|---|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding basic | 9,960,767 | 7,232,697 | 7,626,205 | 6,668,534 | 6,518,224 | 5,667,360 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding diluted | 10,009,186 | 7,255,823 | 7,649,366 | 6,675,078 | 6,518,224 | 5,667,360 |

- (4) Dividends declared include quarterly cash distributions paid to Independent's shareholders in the relevant period to provide them with funds to pay their federal income tax liabilities incurred as a result of the pass-through of Independent's net taxable income for the first three months of the six months ended June 30, 2013 and for each other such period shown to its shareholders as holders of shares in an S corporation for federal income tax purposes. The aggregate amounts of such cash distributions relating to the payment of tax liabilities were \$0.52 per share and \$0.32 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$0.92 per share, \$0.63 per share, \$0.36 per share and \$0.30 per share for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.
- (5) Book value per share equals Independent's total stockholders' equity as of the date presented divided by the number of shares of its common stock outstanding as of the date presented. The number of shares of its common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2013 and 2012 was 12,064,967 and 7,842,288, respectively, and as of December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 was 8,269,707 shares, 6,850,288 shares, 6,832,323 shares and 6,628,056 shares, respectively.
- (6) Independent calculates tangible book value per share as of the end of a period as total stockholders' equity less goodwill and other intangible assets at the end of the relevant period divided by the outstanding number of shares of its common stock at the end of that period. Tangible book value is a non-GAAP financial measure, and, as Independent calculates tangible book value, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is total stockholders' equity. See Independent's reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures presented in the foregoing selected financial information to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures under the caption Independent's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Non-GAAP Financial Measures.
- (7) See Business IBG Adriatica for information regarding the real property owned by Independent's subsidiary, IBG Adriatica.
- (8) Each of five wholly owned, but nonconsolidated, subsidiaries of Independent holds a series of Independent's junior subordinated debentures purchased by the subsidiary in connection with, and paid for with the proceeds of, the issuance of trust issued preferred securities by that subsidiary. Independent has guaranteed the payment of the amounts payable under each of those issues of trust preferred securities.
- (9) The values for the selected performance metrics presented for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, other than the dividend payout ratio, are annualized.

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- (10) Independent has calculated its return on average assets and return on average equity for a period by dividing net income for that period by its average assets and average equity, as the case may be, for that period. Independent has calculated its pro forma return on average assets and pro forma return on average equity for a period by calculating its pro forma net income for that period as described in note 1 above and dividing that by its average assets and average equity, as the case be, for that period. Independent calculates its average assets and average equity for a period by dividing the sum of its total asset balance or total stockholder's equity balance, as the case may be, as of the close of business on each day in the relevant period and dividing by the number of days in the period.
- (11) Net interest margin for a period represents net interest income for that period divided by average interest-earning assets for that period.
- (12) Efficiency ratio for a period represents noninterest expenses for that period divided by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income for that period, excluding bargain purchase gains recognized in connection with certain of Independent's acquisitions and realized gains or losses from sales of investment securities for that period.
- (13) Independent calculates its dividend payout ratio for each period presented as the dividends paid per share for such period (excluding cash distributions made to shareholders in connection with tax liabilities as described in note (4) above) divided by its basic earnings per share for such period.
- (14) Nonperforming loans include nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest, and accruing loans modified under troubled debt restructurings.
- (15) Independent calculates its risk-weighted assets using the standardized method of the Basel II Framework, as implemented by the Federal Reserve and the FDIC.
- (16) Independent calculates tangible common equity as of the end of a period as total stockholders' equity less goodwill and other intangible assets as of the end of the period and calculates tangible assets as of the end of a period as total assets less goodwill and other intangible assets as of the end of the period. Tangible common equity to tangible assets is a non-GAAP financial measure, and as Independent calculates tangible common equity to tangible assets, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is total stockholders' equity to total assets. See Independent's reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures under the caption Independent's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations GAAP Financial Measures.

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The following selected historical financial information of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank for the capital ratios described below as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 has been derived from Live Oak Financial's unaudited financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, which Live Oak Financial's management believes reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of its financial position and results of operations as of and for the periods ended on such dates. The following selected historical financial information of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank for the capital ratios described below as of and for each of the four years ended December 31, 2012 has been derived from Live Oak Financial's audited financial statements. Live Oak Financial's historical results for any prior period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in any future period, and Live Oak Financial's historical results for the six months ended June 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of its results to be expected for all of 2013. Consistent with the rules of the SEC, Live Oak Financial's financial statements are not presented in this proxy statement/prospectus.

| | As of and for the Six Months Ended June 30, | | As of and for the Year Ended December 31, | | | |
|---|--|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| | (unaudited) | | | | | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands except per share)</i> | | | | | | |
| Selected Income Statement Data | | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 2,024 | \$ 2,184 | \$ 4,558 | \$ 4,439 | \$ 4,284 | \$ 4,763 |
| Interest expense | 118 | 163 | 310 | 406 | 547 | 823 |
| Net interest income | 1,906 | 2,021 | 4,248 | 4,033 | 3,737 | 3,940 |
| Provision for loan losses | | | | 96 | 413 | 590 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 1,906 | 2,021 | 4,248 | 3,937 | 3,324 | 3,350 |
| Noninterest income | 141 | 124 | 232 | 320 | 350 | 406 |
| Noninterest expense | 1,390 | 1,409 | 2,995 | 2,844 | 3,087 | 2,995 |
| Net income | 657 | 736 | 1,485 | 1,413 | 587 | 761 |
| Pro forma net income ⁽¹⁾ (unaudited) | 427 | 478 | 965 | 918 | 382 | 495 |
| Per Share Data (Common Shares) | | | | | | |
| Earnings | \$ 1.10 | \$ 1.23 | \$ 2.48 | \$ 2.36 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.34 |
| Pro forma earnings: ⁽²⁾ (unaudited) | 0.71 | 0.80 | 1.61 | 1.54 | 0.65 | 0.87 |
| Dividends | 0.93 | 0.57 | 1.46 | 0.79 | 0.52 | 0.51 |
| Book value | 23.18 | 23.21 | 23.72 | 22.46 | 21.02 | 20.62 |
| Selected Period End Balance Sheet Data | | | | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 122,736 | \$ 116,032 | \$ 119,405 | \$ 114,951 | \$ 107,023 | \$ 108,677 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 29,736 | 18,474 | 27,264 | 21,655 | 10,085 | 16,588 |
| Securities available for sale | 18,231 | 16,730 | 14,392 | 12,122 | 12,130 | 8,085 |
| Securities held to maturity | 2,353 | 7,200 | 4,674 | 9,604 | 10,349 | 5,541 |

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|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total loans (gross) | 71,200 | 70,602 | 70,781 | 68,613 | 69,696 | 75,869 |
| Allowance for loan losses | 1,141 | 1,104 | 1,116 | 1,055 | 1,079 | 1,325 |
| Goodwill and core deposit intangible | | | | | | |
| Other real estate owned | | 80 | 50 | 410 | 2157 | 400 |
| Noninterest-bearing deposits | 37,734 | 35,039 | 36,563 | 33,911 | 30,075 | 27,613 |
| Interest-bearing deposits | 65,476 | 61,713 | 63,863 | 62,697 | 60,892 | 62,704 |
| FHLB Advances | | | | | | |
| Total shareholders equity | 13,885 | 13,901 | 14,209 | 13,457 | 12,307 | 11,789 |
| Selected Performance Metrics⁽³⁾ | | | | | | |
| Return on average assets ⁽⁴⁾ | 1.07% | 1.25% | 1.21% | 1.19% | 0.55% | 0.65% |
| Return on average equity ⁽⁴⁾ | 9.47 | 10.59 | 10.46 | 10.51 | 5.01 | 6.22 |
| Pro forma return on average assets ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ (unaudited) | 0.79 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.59 | 0.52 | 0.31 |
| Pro forma return on average equity ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ (unaudited) | 6.82 | 7.57 | 7.57 | 5.26 | 5.00 | 3.14 |
| Net interest margin ⁽⁵⁾ | 3.23 | 3.55 | 3.70 | 3.53 | 3.52 | 3.70 |
| Efficiency ratio ⁽⁶⁾ | 67.90 | 65.69 | 66.85 | 65.33 | 75.53 | 68.91 |
| Credit Quality Ratios | | | | | | |
| Nonperforming assets to total assets | % | 0.07% | % | 0.08% | % | % |
| Nonperforming loans to total loans ⁽⁷⁾ | | 0.12 | | 0.13 | | |
| Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans ⁽⁷⁾ | | 12.68 | | 12.12 | | |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans | 1.60 | 1.56 | 1.58 | 1.54 | 1.55 | 1.75 |
| Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding | | | | 0.17 | 0.95 | 0.30 |
| Capital Ratios for Live Oak Bank | | | | | | |
| Tier 1 capital to average assets | 11.5% | 11.8% | 11.6% | 11.5% | 11.1% | 10.5% |
| Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ⁽⁸⁾ | 20.9 | 21.1 | 21.3 | 21.1 | 19.2 | 16.8 |
| Total capital to risk-weighted assets ⁽⁸⁾ | 22.2 | 22.3 | 22.6 | 22.4 | 20.5 | 18.1 |
| Total shareholders equity to total assets | 11.3 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 10.8 |

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- (1) Live Oak Financial has elected to be taxed for federal income tax purposes as a Subchapter S corporation under the provisions of Sections 1361 through 1379 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for all periods presented in the table appearing immediately above, and, as a result, Live Oak Financial did not pay U.S. federal income taxes and has not been required to make any provision or recognize any liability for federal income tax in its consolidated financial statements. Live Oak Financial has calculated its pro forma net income, pro forma earnings per share, pro forma return on average assets and pro forma return on average equity for each period presented in the table above by calculating a pro forma provision for federal income taxes using an assumed annual effective federal income tax rate of 35% for each period, and adjusting its historical net income for each period to give effect to the pro forma provision for federal income taxes for such period.
- (2) Book value per share equals Live Oak Financial's total shareholders' equity as of the date presented divided by the number of Live Oak Financial common shares outstanding as of the date presented. The number of Live Oak Financial common shares outstanding as of June 30, 2013 and 2012 was 598,948 and 598,948, respectively, and as of December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 was 598,948 shares, 598,948 shares, 585,336 shares, 571,724 shares and 565,612 shares, respectively.
- (3) The values for the selected performance metrics presented for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 are annualized.
- (4) Live Oak Financial has calculated its return on average assets and return on average equity for a period by dividing net income for that period by its average assets and average equity, as the case may be, for that period. Live Oak Financial has calculated its pro forma return on average assets and pro forma return on average equity for a period by calculating its pro forma net income for that period as described in note 1 above and dividing that by its average assets and average equity, as the case be, for that period. Live Oak Financial calculates its average assets and average equity for a period by dividing the sum of its total asset balance or total shareholder's equity balance, as the case may be, as of the close of business on each day in the relevant period and dividing by the number of days in the period.
- (5) Net interest margin for a period represents net interest income for that period divided by average interest-earning assets for that period.
- (6) Efficiency ratio for a period represents noninterest expenses for that period divided by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income for that period, excluding realized gains or losses from sales of investment securities for that period.
- (7) Nonperforming loans include nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest and accruing loans modified under troubled debt restructurings.
- (8) Live Oak Bank calculates its risk-weighted assets using the standardized method of the Basel II Framework, as implemented by the FDIC.

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The following table shows (1) the market values of Independent common stock at the close of business on August 21, 2013, the business day prior to the announcement of the proposed merger, and as of the most recent date practicable preceding the date of this proxy statement/prospectus and (2) the equivalent pro forma value of a share of Live Oak Financial common stock at such dates based on the value of the consideration to be received in the merger with respect to each share. Historical market value information regarding Live Oak Financial common stock is not provided because there is no active market for Live Oak Financial common stock. Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, and the closing price of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market of \$35.99 on such date, holders of Live Oak Financial common stock would receive 292,646 shares of Independent common stock and \$16.69 in cash for each share of Live Oak Financial common stock that they own. The per share stock consideration will be subject to adjustment if the average sales price is less than \$30.76 or greater than \$37.60. Additionally, the aggregate cash consideration in connection with the merger will be adjusted downward if Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$13,000,000 as of the closing date. Because of the possibility of an adjustment to each of the number of shares of Independent common stock delivered as the per share stock consideration and the amount of the per share cash consideration, you will not know the exact number of shares of Independent common stock or the exact amount of cash that you will receive in connection with the merger when you vote on the reorganization agreement. Independent urges you to obtain the current market price of Independent common stock before you vote.

| | Independent Common Stock⁽¹⁾ | Equivalent Pro Forma Per Share of Live Oak Financial Common Stock⁽²⁾ |
|-----------------|---|--|
| August 21, 2013 | \$ 34.09 | \$ 33.35 |
| October 7, 2013 | 35.99 | 34.27 |

(1) Represents the closing price of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on the date indicated.

(2) Equivalent pro forma market value per share of Live Oak Financial common stock represents the historical market value per share of Independent common stock multiplied the exchange ratio calculated by using the closing price of a share of Independent common stock on each date shown, which ratio is 0.4886 for August 21, 2013 and 0.4886 for October 7, 2013, plus the assumed per share cash consideration of \$16.69. See Proposal to Approve the Reorganization Agreement Terms of the Merger for a description of the merger consideration, exchange ratio and possible adjustment. If the aggregate number of shares of Independent common stock a holder of Live Oak Financial common stock would receive in the merger would include a fractional share of Independent common stock, that holder will receive cash in lieu of that fractional share.

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DIVIDENDS

Dividends

As approved by Independent's board of directors, Independent declared and paid a \$0.06 per share dividend to holders of Independent common stock in the third quarter of 2013, and, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory restrictions and the declaration of such dividends by the board of directors of Independent, intends to pay a cash dividend in the fourth quarter of 2013 and quarterly thereafter following the merger. No dividends payable in the future have been declared by Independent's board of directors.

Independent's dividend policy may change with respect to the payment of dividends as a return on investment, and Independent's board of directors may change or eliminate the payment of future dividends at its discretion, without notice to Independent's shareholders. Any future determination to pay dividends to holders of Independent's common stock will be dependent upon Independent's results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements, banking regulations, contractual restrictions (including the restrictions discussed below), and any other factors that Independent's board of directors may deem relevant.

Dividend Restrictions

Under the terms of its junior subordinated debentures issued in connection with the issuance of trust preferred securities by subsidiaries of Independent, Independent is not permitted to pay any dividends on its common stock if it is in default on any payments required to be made on the junior subordinated debentures.

As a bank holding company, Independent's ability to pay dividends is affected by the policies and enforcement powers of the Federal Reserve. See Regulation and Supervision Independent Bank Group as a Bank Holding Company Regulatory Restrictions on Dividends; Source of Strength. In addition, because Independent is a holding company, it is dependent upon the payment of dividends by Independent Bank to Independent as its principal source of funds to pay dividends in the future, if any, and to make other payments. Independent Bank is also subject to various legal, regulatory and other restrictions on its ability to pay dividends and make other distributions and payments to Independent. See Regulation and Supervision Regulation of Independent Bank Restrictions on Distribution of Subsidiary Bank Dividends and Assets.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in Independent common stock in connection with the merger involves risks. Independent describes below the material risks and uncertainties that it believes affect its business and an investment in Independent common stock. You should carefully read and consider all of these risks and all other information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus in deciding whether to vote for approval of the reorganization agreement. If any of the risks described in this proxy statement/prospectus occur, Independent's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected. If this were to happen, the value of Independent common stock could decline significantly, and you could lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Associated With the Merger

Fluctuations in market prices of Independent common stock could affect the number of shares and value of stock as well as the proportion of cash and stock consideration that Live Oak Financial shareholders receive for their shares of Live Oak Financial common stock.

The price of Independent common stock will fluctuate prior to the closing of the merger. The per share stock consideration will be subject to adjustment if the average sales price over a twenty consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the closing date is less than \$30.76 or greater than \$37.60. If the average sales price is less than \$30.76, the per share stock consideration will be adjusted to be a fraction (rounded to the nearest ten thousandth) determined by dividing (i) \$15.03 by (ii) the average sales price. However, a condition to each party's respective obligation to consummate the merger is that the average sales price be at least \$27.34 per share. If the average sales price is less than \$27.34 per share either party may determine not to consummate the merger. If, on the other hand, the average sales price is greater than \$37.60, the per share stock consideration will be adjusted to be a fraction (rounded to the nearest ten thousandth) determined by dividing (i) \$18.37 by (ii) the average sales price. In addition, shareholders of Live Oak Financial bear the risk that the value of the shares of Independent common stock they will receive in the merger will decline from the value of those shares after the date the per share stock consideration is fixed three trading days prior to the closing date and until their shares of Independent common stock are credited to their account in the Direct Registration System. Accordingly, at the time Live Oak Financial's shareholders vote with respect to the reorganization agreement, they will not know the number of shares or exact market value of Independent common stock they will actually receive in the merger.

Determination of the tangible book value of Live Oak Financial may affect the amount of cash consideration that Live Oak Financial shareholders receive for their shares of Live Oak Financial common stock.

The amount of aggregate cash consideration to be received by Live Oak Financial shareholders in the merger will be reduced if Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$13,000,000 as of the closing date. Accordingly, at the time Live Oak Financial's shareholders vote with respect to the reorganization agreement, they will not know the exact value of the cash consideration they will receive in the merger. Neither Independent nor Live Oak Financial can assure Live Oak Financial's shareholders of the exact amount of cash consideration that they will receive in the merger.

The merger may not be completed.

Completion of the merger is subject to regulatory approval. Independent cannot assure you that it will be successful in obtaining required regulatory approvals. If Independent is not successful in obtaining required regulatory approvals, the merger will not be completed. If such regulatory approvals are received, there can be no assurance to the timing of those approvals or whether any conditions will be imposed that would result in certain closing conditions of the merger not being satisfied.

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Shareholders should bear in mind that regulatory approval reflects only the view that the merger does not contravene applicable competitive standards imposed by law, and that the merger is consistent with regulatory policies relating to safety and soundness. Further, regulatory approval is not an opinion that the proposed merger is favorable to the shareholders of either party to the merger from a financial point of view or that the regulatory authority has considered the adequacy of the terms of the merger. Regulatory approval is not an endorsement or recommendation of the merger.

The consummation of the merger is also subject to other conditions precedent described in the reorganization agreement, including Live Oak Financial maintaining minimum capital and allowance for loan loss levels, and that there has been no material adverse change in the condition of Live Oak Financial or Independent. If a condition of either party is not satisfied, that party may be able to terminate the reorganization agreement and, in such case, the transaction would not be consummated. The parties cannot assure you that all of the conditions precedent in the reorganization agreement will be satisfied.

You may pay U.S. federal income tax as a result of the merger.

The amount of the cash consideration that you receive in the merger in exchange for your common stock of Live Oak Financial is anticipated to be taxable for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See [Proposal to Approve the Reorganization Agreement](#) [Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Independent Merger](#).

Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank will be subject to business uncertainties and contractual restrictions while the merger is pending.

Uncertainty about the effect of the merger on employees and customers may have an adverse effect on Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank and consequently on Independent. These uncertainties may impair Live Oak Financial's and Live Oak Bank's respective ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel until the merger is completed, and could cause customers and others that deal with either Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank to seek to change existing business relationships with either Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank. In addition, the reorganization agreement restricts Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank from taking other specified actions until the merger occurs without the consent of Independent. These restrictions may prevent Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank from pursuing attractive business opportunities that may arise prior to the completion of the merger. See [Proposal to Approve the Reorganization Agreement](#) [Conduct of Business Pending Effective Time](#) beginning on page 66 of this proxy statement/prospectus for a description of the restrictive covenants to which Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank are subject.

Integrating Live Oak Bank into Independent's operations may be more difficult, costly or time-consuming than Independent expects.

Independent, Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank have operated and, until the merger is completed, will continue to operate, independently. Accordingly, it is possible that the process of integrating Live Oak Bank's operations into Independent Bank's operations could result in the disruption of operations, the loss of Live Oak Bank customers and employees, and make it more difficult to achieve the intended benefits of the merger. Specifically, inconsistencies between the standards, controls, procedures and policies of Independent Bank and those of Live Oak Bank could adversely affect Independent's ability to maintain relationships with current customers and employees of Live Oak Bank if and when the merger is completed. Further, as with any merger of banking institutions, business disruptions may occur that may cause Independent to lose customers or may cause customers to withdraw their deposits from Live Oak Bank prior to the merger's consummation and from Independent Bank thereafter. The realization of the anticipated benefits of the merger may depend in large part on Independent's ability to integrate Live Oak Bank's operations into Independent Bank's operations, and to address differences in business models and cultures. Moreover,

the combined effect of integrating the acquisition of Collin Bank and Live Oak Financial, both of which are expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2013

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with most of the integration activities expected to occur in the first quarter of 2014, may stretch Independent's management and could result in Independent experiencing operational difficulties in such integrations. If Independent is not able to integrate the operations of Live Oak Bank into Independent Bank's operations successfully and on a timely basis, some or all of the expected benefits of the merger may not be realized.

Some of the directors and officers of Live Oak Financial may have interests and arrangements that may have influenced their decisions to support or recommend that you approve the reorganization agreement.

The interests of some of the directors and officers of Live Oak Financial may be different from those of Live Oak Financial shareholders. The directors and certain officers of Live Oak Financial are or will be participants in arrangements relating to or that are affected by the merger that are different from, or in addition to, those of Live Oak Financial shareholders. These interests are described in more detail in the section of this proxy statement/prospectus entitled "Financial Interests of Directors and Officers of Live Oak Financial in the Merger" beginning on page 79.

Independent may fail to realize the cost savings anticipated from the merger.

Although Independent anticipates that it will realize certain cost savings as to the Live Oak Bank operations and otherwise from the merger if and when the Live Oak Bank operations are fully integrated into Independent Bank's operations, it is possible that Independent may not realize all of the cost savings that Independent has estimated it can realize. For example, unanticipated growth in Independent's business may require Independent to continue to operate or maintain some facilities or support functions that are currently expected to be combined or reduced as a result of the merger. Independent's realization of the estimated cost savings also will depend on Independent's ability to combine the operations of Independent Bank and Live Oak Bank in a manner that permits those cost savings to be realized. If Independent is not able to integrate Live Oak Bank's operations into Independent Bank's operations successfully, the anticipated cost savings may not be fully realized, if at all, or may take longer to realize than expected.

Live Oak Financial shareholders will have a reduced ownership and voting interest after the merger and will exercise less influence over management.

Live Oak Financial shareholders currently have the right to vote in the election of the board of directors of Live Oak Financial and on other matters affecting Live Oak Financial. The merger will transfer control of Live Oak Financial to Independent and to the shareholders of Independent. When the merger occurs, each Live Oak Financial shareholder will become a shareholder of Independent with a percentage ownership of Independent much smaller than such shareholder's percentage ownership of Live Oak Financial. Because of this, Live Oak Financial shareholders will have less influence on the management and policies of Independent than they now have on the management and policies of Live Oak Financial.

The dissenters' rights appraisal process is uncertain.

Live Oak Financial shareholders may or may not be entitled to receive more than the amount provided for in the reorganization agreement for their shares of Live Oak Financial common stock if they elect to exercise their right to dissent from the proposed merger, depending on the appraisal of the fair value of the Live Oak Financial common stock pursuant to the dissenting shareholder procedures under the TBOC. See "Proposal to Approve the Reorganization Agreement Dissenters' Rights of Live Oak Financial Shareholders" and Appendix C. For this reason, the amount of cash that you might be entitled to receive should you elect to exercise your right to dissent to the merger may be more or less than the value of the merger consideration to be paid pursuant to the reorganization agreement. In addition, it is a condition in the reorganization agreement that the holders of not more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock shall have exercised their statutory dissenters' rights under the TBOC. The number of shares

of Live Oak Financial common stock that will exercise dissenters' rights under the TBOC is not known and therefore there is no assurance of this closing condition being satisfied.

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The fairness opinion obtained by Live Oak Financial from its financial advisor will not reflect changes in circumstances subsequent to the date of the fairness opinion.

Sheshunoff, Live Oak Financial's financial advisor in connection with the proposed merger, has delivered to the board of directors of Live Oak Financial its opinion dated as of August 21, 2013. The opinion of Sheshunoff stated that as of such date, and based upon and subject to the factors and assumptions set forth therein, the merger consideration was fair to the Live Oak Financial shareholders from a financial point of view. The opinion is necessarily based on economic, market, regulatory and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to Sheshunoff as of, August 21, 2013. Events occurring after the date of the opinion could materially affect the assumptions used in preparing the opinion and its resulting conclusion. Any such changes, or changes in other factors on which the opinion is based, may materially alter or affect the relative values of Independent and Live Oak Financial.

The shares of Independent common stock to be received by Live Oak Financial shareholders as a result of the merger will have different rights than the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock and in some cases may be less favorable.

The rights associated with Live Oak Financial common stock are different from the rights associated with Independent common stock and in some cases may be less favorable. For example, Live Oak Financial shareholders are permitted to remove directors with or without cause, whereas Independent shareholders may remove directors only for cause. See Comparison of Rights of Shareholders of Live Oak Financial and Independent on page 207 for a more detailed description of the shareholder rights of each of Independent and Live Oak Financial.

Risks Related to Independent's Business

Independent's success depends significantly on Independent's management team, and the loss of Independent's senior executive officers or other key employees and Independent's inability to recruit or retain suitable replacements could adversely affect Independent's business, results of operations and growth prospects.

Independent's success depends significantly on the continued service and skills of Independent's existing executive management team, particularly David Brooks, Independent's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Torry Berntsen, Independent's President and Chief Operating Officer, Daniel Brooks, Independent's Vice Chairman and Chief Risk Officer, Brian Hobart, Independent's Vice Chairman and Chief Lending Officer, Michelle Hickox, Independent's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Jan Webb, Independent's Executive Vice President and Secretary. The implementation of Independent's business and growth strategies also depends significantly on Independent's ability to retain employees with experience and business relationships within their respective market areas. Independent's officers may terminate their employment with Independent at any time, and Independent could have difficulty replacing such officers with persons who are experienced in the specialized aspects of Independent's business or who have ties to the communities within Independent's market areas. The loss of any of Independent's key personnel could therefore have an adverse impact on Independent's business and growth.

The obligations associated with being a public company will require significant resources and management attention, which will increase Independent's costs of operations and may divert focus from Independent's business operations.

Independent has not been required in the past to comply with certain requirements of the SEC, to file periodic reports with the SEC or to have Independent's consolidated financial statements completed, reviewed or audited and filed within a specified time. Having become a publicly traded company following completion of Independent's public offering in April 2013, Independent is now required to file periodic reports containing

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Independent's consolidated financial statements with the SEC within a specified time following the completion of quarterly and annual periods. As a public company, Independent will also incur significant legal, accounting, insurance and other expenses. Compliance with these reporting requirements and other rules of the SEC and the rules of the NASDAQ will increase Independent's legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more time consuming and costly. Furthermore, the need to establish the corporate infrastructure demanded of a public company may divert management's attention from implementing Independent's growth strategy, which could prevent Independent from successfully implementing Independent's strategic initiatives and improving Independent's business, results of operations and financial condition. Independent has made, and will continue to make, changes to Independent's internal controls and procedures for financial reporting and accounting systems to meet Independent's reporting obligations as a public company. However, Independent cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs that it may incur in order to comply with these requirements. Independent anticipates that these costs will materially increase its general and administrative expenses.

Independent's business concentration in Texas imposes risks and may magnify the adverse effects and consequences to Independent resulting from any regional or local economic downturn affecting Texas.

Independent conducts its operations almost exclusively in Texas as approximately 98% of the loans in Independent's real estate loan portfolio as of June 30, 2013, were secured by properties and collateral located in Texas. Likewise, as of such date, approximately 96% of the loans in Independent's loan portfolio were made to borrowers who live and/or conduct business in Texas. This geographic concentration imposes risks from lack of geographic diversification. The economic conditions in Texas affect Independent's business, financial condition, results of operations, and future prospects, where adverse economic developments, among other things, could affect the volume of loan originations, increase the level of nonperforming assets, increase the rate of foreclosure losses on loans and reduce the value of Independent's loans and loan servicing portfolio. Any regional or local economic downturn that affects Texas or existing or prospective borrowers or property values in such areas may affect Independent and Independent's profitability more significantly and more adversely than Independent's competitors whose operations are less geographically concentrated.

Independent's small to medium-sized business customers may have fewer financial resources than larger entities to weather a downturn in the economy, which may impair a borrower's ability to repay a loan, and such impairment could adversely affect Independent's results of operations and financial condition.

Independent focuses its business development and marketing strategy primarily to serve the banking and financial services needs of small to medium-sized businesses. These small to medium-sized businesses generally have fewer financial resources in terms of capital or borrowing capacity than larger entities. If general economic conditions negatively impact the north and central Texas area or the Texas market generally and small to medium-sized businesses are adversely affected, Independent's results of operations and financial condition may be negatively affected.

Independent's strategy of pursuing acquisitions exposes Independent to financial, execution and operational risks that could have a material adverse effect on Independent's business, financial condition, results of operations and growth prospects.

Independent has been pursuing a growth strategy that includes the acquisition of other financial institutions in target markets. Independent has completed four acquisitions since 2010, and Independent intends to continue this strategy. Such an acquisition strategy, involves significant risks, including the following:

- finding suitable markets for expansion;
- finding suitable candidates for acquisition;
- attracting funding to support additional growth;

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- maintaining asset quality;
- attracting and retaining qualified management; and
- maintaining adequate regulatory capital.

Acquisitions of financial institutions also involve operational risks and uncertainties, and acquired companies may have unknown or contingent liabilities with no available manner of recourse, exposure to unexpected asset quality problems, key employee and customer retention problems and other problems that could negatively affect Independent's organization. Independent may not be able to complete future acquisitions or, if completed, Independent may not be able to successfully integrate the operations, management, products and services of the entities that Independent acquires and eliminates redundancies. The integration process may also require significant time and attention from Independent's management that they would otherwise direct toward servicing existing business and developing new business. Acquisitions typically involve the payment of a premium over book and market values and, therefore, some dilution of Independent's tangible book value and net income per common share may occur in connection with any future transaction. Failure to successfully integrate the entities Independent acquires into Independent's existing operations may increase Independent's operating costs significantly and adversely affect Independent's business and earnings.

If Independent does not manage Independent's growth effectively, Independent's business, financial condition, results of operations and future prospects could be negatively affected, and Independent may not be able to continue to implement Independent's business strategy and successfully conduct Independent's operations.

If the goodwill that Independent recorded in connection with a business acquisition becomes impaired, it could require charges to earnings, which would have a negative impact on Independent's financial condition and results of operations.

Goodwill represents the amount by which the cost of an acquisition exceeded the fair value of net assets Independent acquired in connection with the purchase of another financial institution. Independent reviews goodwill for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset might be impaired.

Independent determines impairment by comparing the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. Any such adjustments are reflected in Independent's results of operations in the periods in which they become known. As of June 30, 2013, Independent's goodwill totaled \$28.7 million. While Independent has not recorded any such impairment charges since Independent initially recorded the goodwill, there can be no assurance that Independent's future evaluations of goodwill will not result in findings of impairment and related write-downs, which may have a material adverse effect on Independent's financial condition and results of operations.

If Independent does not effectively manage Independent's asset quality and credit risk, Independent would experience loan losses, which could have a material adverse effect on Independent's financial condition and results of operation.

Making any loan involves risk, including risks inherent in dealing with individual borrowers, risks of nonpayment, risks resulting from uncertainties as to the future value of collateral and cash flows available to service debt, and risks

resulting from changes in economic and market conditions. Independent's credit risk approval and monitoring procedures may fail to identify or reduce these credit risks, and they cannot completely eliminate all credit risks related to Independent's loan portfolio. If the overall economic climate in the United States, generally, or Independent's market areas, specifically, experiences material disruption, Independent's borrowers may experience difficulties in repaying their loans, the collateral Independent holds may decrease in

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value or become illiquid, and the level of nonperforming loans, charge-offs and delinquencies could rise and require additional provisions for loan losses, which would cause Independent's net income and return on equity to decrease.

Because a significant portion of Independent's loan portfolio is comprised of real estate loans, negative changes in the economy affecting real estate values and liquidity could impair the value of collateral securing Independent's real estate loans and result in loan and other losses.

As of June 30, 2013, approximately 81.7% of Independent's loan portfolio was comprised of loans with real estate as a primary or secondary component of collateral, excluding agricultural loans secured by real estate. As a result, adverse developments affecting real estate values in Independent's market areas could increase the credit risk associated with Independent's real estate loan portfolio. The market value of real estate can fluctuate significantly in a short period of time as a result of market conditions in the area in which the real estate is located. Adverse changes affecting real estate values and the liquidity of real estate in one or more of Independent's markets could increase the credit risk associated with Independent's loan portfolio, and could result in losses that would adversely affect credit quality, financial condition, and results of operation. Negative changes in the economy affecting real estate values and liquidity in Independent's market areas could significantly impair the value of property pledged as collateral on loans and affect Independent's ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure without a loss or additional losses. Collateral may have to be sold for less than the outstanding balance of the loan, which could result in losses on such loans. Such declines and losses would have a material adverse impact on Independent's business, results of operations and growth prospects. If real estate values decline, it is also more likely that Independent would be required to increase Independent's allowance for loan losses, which could adversely affect Independent's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Independent's allowance for loan losses may prove to be insufficient to absorb potential losses in Independent's loan portfolio, which may adversely affect Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Independent establishes its allowance for loan losses and maintain it at a level considered adequate by management to absorb probable loan losses based on Independent's analysis of Independent's portfolio and market environment. The allowance for loan losses represents Independent's estimate of probable losses in the portfolio at each balance sheet date and is based upon relevant information available to Independent. The allowance contains provisions for probable losses that have been identified relating to specific borrowing relationships, as well as probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio and credit undertakings that are not specifically identified. Additions to the allowance for loan losses, which are charged to earnings through the provision for loan losses, are determined based on a variety of factors, including an analysis of the loan portfolio, historical loss experience and an evaluation of current economic conditions in Independent's market areas. The actual amount of loan losses is affected by changes in economic, operating and other conditions within Independent's markets, as well as changes in the financial condition, cash flows, and operations of Independent's borrowers, all of which are beyond Independent's control, and such losses may exceed current estimates.

As of June 30, 2013, Independent's allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans was 0.84% and as a percentage of total nonperforming loans was 198.14%. Additional loan losses will likely occur in the future and may occur at a rate greater than Independent has previously experienced. Independent may be required to take additional provisions for loan losses in the future to further supplement the allowance for loan losses, either due to management's decision to do so or requirements by Independent's banking regulators. In addition, bank regulatory agencies will periodically review Independent's allowance for loan losses and the value attributed to nonaccrual loans or to real estate acquired through foreclosure. Such regulatory agencies may require Independent to recognize future charge-offs. These adjustments may adversely affect Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations.

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A lack of liquidity could adversely affect Independent's operations and jeopardize Independent's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Liquidity is essential to Independent's business. Independent relies on Independent's ability to generate deposits and effectively manage the repayment and maturity schedules of Independent's loans and investment securities, respectively, to ensure that Independent has adequate liquidity to fund Independent's operations. An inability to raise funds through deposits, borrowings, the sale of Independent's investment securities, Federal Home Loan Bank advances, the sale of loans, and other sources could have a substantial negative effect on Independent's liquidity. Independent's most important source of funds consists of deposits. Deposit balances can decrease when customers perceive alternative investments as providing a better risk/return tradeoff. If customers move money out of bank deposits and into other investments, Independent would lose a relatively low-cost source of funds, increasing Independent's funding costs and reducing Independent's net interest income and net income.

Other primary sources of funds consist of cash flows from operations, investment maturities and sales of investment securities, and proceeds from the issuance and sale of Independent's equity and debt securities to investors. Additional liquidity is provided by the ability to borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank. Independent also may borrow funds from third-party lenders, such as other financial institutions. Independent's access to funding sources in amounts adequate to finance or capitalize Independent's activities, or on terms that are acceptable to Independent, could be impaired by factors that affect Independent directly or the financial services industry or economy in general, such as disruptions in the financial markets or negative views and expectations about the prospects for the financial services industry.

Any decline in available funding could adversely impact Independent's ability to originate loans, invest in securities, meet Independent's expenses, pay dividends to Independent's shareholders, or to fulfill obligations such as repaying Independent's borrowings or meeting deposit withdrawal demands, any of which could have a material adverse impact on Independent's liquidity, business, financial condition and results of operations.

Independent may need to raise additional capital in the future, and if Independent fails to maintain sufficient capital, whether due to losses, an inability to raise additional capital or otherwise, Independent's financial condition, liquidity and results of operations, as well as Independent's ability to maintain regulatory compliance, would be adversely affected.

Independent faces significant capital and other regulatory requirements as a financial institution. Independent may need to raise additional capital in the future to provide Independent with sufficient capital resources and liquidity to meet Independent's commitments and business needs, which could include the possibility of financing acquisitions. In addition, Independent, on a consolidated basis, and Independent Bank, on a stand-alone basis, must meet certain regulatory capital requirements and maintain sufficient liquidity. Independent faces significant capital and other regulatory requirements as a financial institution. Independent's ability to raise additional capital depends on conditions in the capital markets, economic conditions and a number of other factors, including investor perceptions regarding the banking industry, market conditions and governmental activities, and on Independent's financial condition and performance. In the future, Independent may not be able to raise additional capital if needed or on terms acceptable to Independent. If Independent fails to maintain capital to meet regulatory requirements, Independent's financial condition, liquidity and results of operations would be materially and adversely affected.

Interest rate shifts may reduce net interest income and otherwise negatively impact Independent's financial condition and results of operations.

The majority of Independent's banking assets are monetary in nature and subject to risk from changes in interest rates. Like most financial institutions, Independent's earnings are significantly dependent on Independent's net interest income, the principal component of Independent's earnings, which is the difference

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between interest earned by Independent from Independent's interest-earning assets, such as loans and investment securities, and interest paid by Independent on Independent's interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits and borrowings. Independent expects that Independent will periodically experience gaps in the interest rate sensitivities of Independent's assets and liabilities, meaning that either Independent's interest-bearing liabilities will be more sensitive to changes in market interest rates than Independent's interest-earning assets, or vice versa. In either event, if market interest rates should move contrary to Independent's position, this gap will negatively impact Independent's earnings. The impact on earnings is more adverse when the slope of the yield curve flattens, that is, when short-term interest rates increase more than long-term interest rates or when long-term interest rates decrease more than short-term interest rates. Many factors impact interest rates, including governmental monetary policies, inflation, recession, changes in unemployment, the money supply, and international disorder and instability in domestic and foreign financial markets.

Interest rate increases often result in larger payment requirements for Independent's borrowers, which increase the potential for default. At the same time, the marketability of the property securing a loan may be adversely affected by any reduced demand resulting from higher interest rates. In a declining interest rate environment, there may be an increase in prepayments on loans as borrowers refinance their loans at lower rates.

Changes in interest rates also can affect the value of loans, securities and other assets. An increase in interest rates that adversely affects the ability of borrowers to pay the principal or interest on loans may lead to an increase in nonperforming assets and a reduction of income recognized, which could have a material adverse effect on Independent's results of operations and cash flows. Further, when Independent places a loan on nonaccrual status, Independent reverses any accrued but unpaid interest receivable, which decreases interest income. At the same time, Independent continues to have a cost to fund the loan, which is reflected as interest expense, without any interest income to offset the associated funding expense. Thus, an increase in the amount of nonperforming assets would have an adverse impact on net interest income.

If short-term interest rates remain at their historically low levels for a prolonged period, and assuming longer term interest rates fall further, Independent could experience net interest margin compression as Independent's interest earning assets would continue to reprice downward while Independent's interest-bearing liability rates could fail to decline in tandem. Such an occurrence would have a material adverse effect on Independent's net interest income and Independent's results of operations.

Independent could recognize losses on securities held in Independent's securities portfolio, particularly if interest rates increase or economic and market conditions deteriorate.

While Independent attempts to invest a significant percentage of Independent's assets in loans (Independent's loan to deposit ratio was 101.5% as of June 30, 2013), Independent invests a percentage of Independent's total assets (approximately 5.8% as of June 30, 2013) in investment securities as part of Independent's overall liquidity strategy. As of June 30, 2013, the fair value of Independent's securities portfolio was approximately \$110.9 million. Factors beyond Independent's control can significantly influence the fair value of securities in Independent's portfolio and can cause potential adverse changes to the fair value of these securities. For example, fixed-rate securities are generally subject to decreases in market value when market interest rates rise. Additional factors include, but are not limited to, rating agency downgrades of the securities, defaults by the issuer or individual borrowers with respect to the underlying securities, and continued instability in the credit markets. Any of the foregoing factors could cause an other-than-temporary impairment in future periods and result in realized losses. The process for determining whether impairment is other-than-temporary usually requires difficult, subjective judgments about the future financial performance of the issuer and any collateral underlying the security in order to assess the probability of receiving all contractual principal and interest payments on the security. Because of changing economic and market conditions

affecting market interest rates, the financial condition of issuers of the securities and the performance of the underlying collateral, Independent may recognize realized and/or unrealized losses in future periods, which could have an adverse effect on Independent's financial condition and results of operations.

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Independent faces strong competition from financial services companies and other companies that offer banking services, which could harm Independent's business.

Independent conducts Independent's operations almost exclusively in Texas. Many of Independent's competitors offer the same, or a wider variety of, banking services within Independent's market areas. These competitors include banks with nationwide operations, regional banks and other community banks. Independent also faces competition from many other types of financial institutions, including savings and loan institutions, finance companies, brokerage firms, insurance companies, credit unions, mortgage banks and other financial intermediaries. In addition, a number of out-of-state financial intermediaries have opened production offices, or otherwise solicit deposits, in Independent's market areas. Increased competition in Independent's markets may result in reduced loans and deposits, as well as reduced net interest margin and profitability. Ultimately, Independent may not be able to compete successfully against current and future competitors. If Independent is unable to attract and retain banking customers, Independent may be unable to continue to grow Independent's loan and deposit portfolios, and Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Independent has a continuing need for technological change, and Independent may not have the resources to effectively implement new technology, or Independent may experience operational challenges when implementing new technology.

The financial services industry is undergoing rapid technological changes with frequent introductions of new technology-driven products and services. In addition to better serving customers, the effective use of technology increases efficiency and enables financial institutions to reduce costs. Independent's future success will depend in part upon Independent's ability to address the needs of Independent's customers by using technology to provide products and services that will satisfy customer demands for convenience as well as to create additional efficiencies in Independent's operations as Independent continues to grow and expand Independent's market area. Independent may experience operational challenges as Independent implements these new technology enhancements or products, which could result in Independent not fully realizing the anticipated benefits from such new technology or require Independent to incur significant costs to remedy any such challenges in a timely manner.

Many of Independent's larger competitors have substantially greater resources to invest in technological improvements. As a result, they may be able to offer additional or superior products to those that Independent will be able to provide, which would put Independent at a competitive disadvantage. Accordingly, Independent may not be able to effectively implement new technology-driven products and services or be successful in marketing such products and services to Independent's customers.

System failure or breaches of Independent's network security could subject Independent to increased operating costs as well as litigation and other liabilities.

The computer systems and network infrastructure Independent uses could be vulnerable to unforeseen problems. Independent's operations are dependent upon Independent's ability to protect Independent's computer equipment against damage from physical theft, fire, power loss, telecommunications failure or a similar catastrophic event, as well as from security breaches, denial of service attacks, viruses, worms and other disruptive problems caused by hackers. Any damage or failure that causes breakdowns or disruptions in Independent's customer relationship management, general ledger, deposit, loan and other systems could damage Independent's reputation, result in a loss of customer business, subject Independent to additional regulatory scrutiny, or expose Independent to civil litigation and possible financial liability, any of which could have a material adverse effect on Independent. Computer break-ins, phishing and other disruptions could also jeopardize the security of information stored in and transmitted through Independent's computer systems and network infrastructure, which may result in significant liability to Independent and may cause

existing and potential customers to refrain from doing business with Independent. In addition, advances in computer capabilities could

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result in a compromise or breach of the systems Independent and Independent's third-party service providers use to encrypt and protect customer transaction data. A failure of such security measures could have a material adverse effect on Independent's financial condition and results of operations.

Independent's operations could be interrupted if Independent's third-party service providers experience difficulty, terminate their services or fail to comply with banking regulations.

Independent depends on a number of relationships with third-party service providers. Specifically, Independent receives core systems processing, essential web hosting and other Internet systems, deposit processing and other processing services from third-party service providers. If these third-party service providers experience difficulties, or terminate their services, and Independent is unable to replace them with other service providers, particularly on a timely basis, Independent's operations could be interrupted. If an interruption were to continue for a significant period of time, Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected, perhaps materially. Even if Independent is able to replace third party service providers, it may be at a higher cost to Independent, which could adversely affect Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Independent is subject to certain operational risks, including, but not limited to, customer or employee fraud and data processing system failures and errors.

Employee errors and employee and customer misconduct could subject Independent to financial losses or regulatory sanctions and seriously harm Independent's reputation. Misconduct by Independent's employees could include hiding unauthorized activities from Independent, improper or unauthorized activities on behalf of Independent's customers or improper use of confidential information. It is not always possible to prevent employee errors and misconduct, and the precautions Independent takes to prevent and detect this activity may not be effective in all cases. Employee errors could also subject Independent to financial claims for negligence.

Independent maintains a system of internal controls and insurance coverage to mitigate against operational risks, including data processing system failures and errors and customer or employee fraud. If Independent's internal controls fail to prevent or detect an occurrence, or if any resulting loss is not insured or exceeds applicable insurance limits, it could have a material adverse effect on Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, Independent relies heavily upon information supplied by third parties, including the information contained in credit applications, property appraisals, title information, equipment pricing and valuation and employment and income documentation, in deciding which loans Independent will originate, as well as the terms of those loans. If any of the information upon which Independent relies is misrepresented, either fraudulently or inadvertently, and the misrepresentation is not detected prior to asset funding, the value of the asset may be significantly lower than expected, or Independent may fund a loan that Independent would not have funded or on terms Independent would not have extended. Whether a misrepresentation is made by the applicant or another third party, Independent generally bears the risk of loss associated with the misrepresentation. A loan subject to a material misrepresentation is typically unsellable or subject to repurchase if it is sold prior to detection of the misrepresentation. The sources of the misrepresentations are often difficult to locate, and it is often difficult to recover any of the monetary losses Independent may suffer.

Independent could be subject to environmental risks and associated costs on Independent's foreclosed real estate assets, which could materially and adversely affect Independent.

A significant portion of Independent's loan portfolio is comprised of loans collateralized by real estate. There is a risk that hazardous or toxic waste could be discovered on the properties that secure Independent's loans. If Independent

acquires such properties as a result of foreclosure, Independent could be held responsible for the cost of cleaning up or removing this waste, and this cost could exceed the value of the underlying properties and materially and adversely affect Independent.

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Independent's subsidiary, IBG Adriatica, may not be able to dispose of its real estate holdings in a timely manner at prices at least equal to the amount of Independent's investment, which could adversely affect Independent's earnings.

Independent formed IBG Adriatica as a wholly owned subsidiary in June 2011 to acquire certain loans from an unaffiliated bank. The loans had an aggregate face value of approximately \$23.0 million at acquisition and were secured by approximately 27 acres of real property located in the Adriatica Development in McKinney, Texas.

IBG Adriatica will not act as a developer of the real property; rather, it plans to sell the real property to real estate developers and end-user businesses and homeowners. If IBG Adriatica is unable to sell the real property at prices sufficient to repay the loan owed to its lender, IBG Adriatica, and Independent as guarantor and on a consolidated basis, could incur a loss. Depending on the amount of the loss, if any, such loss could have a material effect on Independent's consolidated financial condition and adversely affect its business and earnings.

IBG Adriatica has engaged and will engage in transactions with principals of Independent which, because of the inherent conflict of interest, creates a risk that the terms of such transactions may not be favorable to Independent.

IBG Adriatica has sold two parcels of undeveloped real property, an associated interest in the common areas and an option to purchase 32,000 square feet of undeveloped real property in the Adriatica Development to Himalayan Ventures, L.P. Himalayan Ventures is an investment partnership comprised of principals of Independent, including Vincent Viola, Independent's majority shareholder, David Brooks, Independent's Chairman of the Board and CEO, Torry Berntsen, Independent's President and Chief Operating Officer, Dan Brooks, Independent's Vice Chairman and Chief Risk Officer, and Doug Cifu, a director of Independent. The purchase price paid for the property was based on the appraised value and was approved by an independent committee of the board of directors of Independent. Banking regulations require that all such transactions be based on the appraised value of the property. While Independent believes that these transactions are consistent with terms that are at least as favorable to Independent as could have been arranged with unrelated third parties, there is inherent risk in these transactions given the conflict of interest arising from the involvement of Independent's principals in Himalayan Ventures.

Independent's Chairman and CEO, Independent's majority shareholder, and certain other officers and directors of Independent, are business partners in business ventures in addition to Independent, which creates potential conflicts of interest and corporate governance issues.

Messrs. David Brooks, Viola, Cifu, Berntsen and Dan Brooks are partners in Himalayan Ventures. A dispute between these individuals in connection with this business venture outside of Independent could impact their relationship at Independent and, because of their prominence within Independent, Independent itself.

Risks Related to an Investment in Independent's Common Stock

An active trading market for Independent's common stock may not be sustained, and you may not be able to sell your common stock at or above the price at which your common stock was valued.

Independent recently completed the initial public offering of Independent's common stock. Prior to that offering, there was no public market for Independent's common stock. An active trading market for shares of Independent's common stock may not be sustained. If an active trading market is not sustained, investors in Independent's common stock may have difficulty selling their shares of common stock at an attractive price, or at all. An inactive market may also impair Independent's ability to raise capital by selling Independent's common stock and may impair Independent's

ability to expand Independent's business by using Independent's common stock as consideration.

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Independent is dependent upon Independent Bank for cash flow, and Independent Bank's ability to make cash distributions is restricted.

Independent's primary tangible asset is Independent Bank. As such, Independent depends upon Independent Bank for cash distributions (through dividends on Independent Bank's stock) that Independent uses to pay Independent's operating expenses, satisfy Independent's obligations (including Independent's senior indebtedness, or subordinated debentures, and Independent's junior subordinated indebtedness issued in connection with trust preferred securities), and to pay dividends on Independent's common stock. There are numerous laws and banking regulations that limit Independent Bank's ability to pay dividends to Independent. If Independent Bank is unable to pay dividends to Independent, Independent will not be able to satisfy Independent's obligations or pay dividends on Independent common stock. Federal and state statutes and regulations restrict Independent Bank's ability to make cash distributions to Independent. These statutes and regulations require, among other things, that Independent Bank maintain certain levels of capital in order to pay a dividend. Further, state and federal banking authorities have the ability to restrict the payment of dividends by supervisory action.

Independent's dividend policy may change without notice, and Independent's future ability to pay dividends is subject to restrictions.

Independent may change its dividend policy at any time without notice to Independent's shareholders. Holders of Independent's common stock are entitled to receive only such dividends as Independent's board of directors may declare out of funds legally available for such payments. Any declaration and payment of dividends on common stock will depend upon Independent's earnings and financial condition, liquidity and capital requirements, the general economic and regulatory climate, Independent's ability to service any equity or debt obligations senior to the common stock and other factors deemed relevant by its board of directors. Furthermore, consistent with Independent's strategic plans, growth initiatives, capital availability, projected liquidity needs, and other factors, Independent has made, and will continue to make, capital management decisions and policies that could adversely impact the amount of dividends, if any, paid to Independent's common shareholders.

The Federal Reserve has indicated that bank holding companies should carefully review their dividend policy in relation to the organization's overall asset quality, level of current and prospective earnings and level, composition and quality of capital. The guidance provides that Independent inform and consult with the Federal Reserve prior to declaring and paying a dividend that exceeds earnings for the period for which the dividend is being paid or that could result in an adverse change to Independent's capital structure, including interest on the subordinated debentures underlying Independent's trust preferred securities. If required payments on Independent's outstanding junior subordinated debentures, held by its unconsolidated subsidiary trusts, are not made or are suspended, Independent will be prohibited from paying dividends on its common stock.

Independent's majority shareholder and board of directors have historically controlled, and in the future will continue to be able to control, Independent.

Collectively, as of the date hereof, Messrs. Vincent Viola and David Brooks own 48% of Independent's outstanding common stock on a fully diluted basis. Vincent Viola, the majority shareholder of Independent, currently owns 39.1% of Independent's outstanding common stock, and David Brooks, Independent's Chairman of the Board and CEO, currently owns 8.9% of Independent's common stock, each calculated on a fully diluted basis. Further, as of the date hereof, Independent's other directors and executive officers currently own collectively approximately 12.8% of Independent's outstanding common stock as a result, these individuals will be able to control the election of its board of directors and otherwise exert controlling influence in Independent's management and policies. Further, given the large ownership position of these individuals, it will be difficult for any other shareholder to elect members to

Independent s board of directors or otherwise influence Independent s management or direction.

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In addition, three of Independent's directors have close professional and personal ties to Vincent Viola, Independent's majority shareholder. Doug Cifu is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Virtu Financial, LLC, Mr. Viola's primary operating entity; Torry Berntsen, Independent's President and Chief Operating Officer, was formerly Vice Chairman of Virtu Management, LLC, Mr. Viola's family investment vehicle; and Michael Viola is the son of Vincent Viola. Further, David Brooks, Independent's Chairman and CEO, has a 25 year history of ownership and operation of Independent Bank with Vincent Viola; and he has joint investments with Mr. Viola outside of Independent. Given these close relationships, even though he will not serve on Independent's board, Mr. Viola has and will continue to have a large influence over the direction and operation of Independent.

Independent's corporate organizational documents and the provisions of Texas law to which Independent is subject contain certain provisions that could have an anti-takeover effect and may delay, make more difficult or prevent an attempted acquisition of Independent that you may favor.

Independent's certificate of formation and bylaws contain various provisions that could have an anti-takeover effect and may delay, discourage or prevent an attempted acquisition or change in control of Independent. These provisions include:

- staggered terms for directors;
- a provision that directors cannot be removed except for cause;
- a provision that any special meeting of Independent's shareholders may be called only by a majority of Independent's board of directors, the Chairman or a holder or group of holders of at least 20% of Independent's shares entitled to vote at such special meeting;
- a provision that requires the vote of two-thirds of the shares outstanding for major corporate actions, such as an amendment to Independent's certificate of formation or bylaws or the approval of a merger; and
- a provision establishing certain advance notice procedures for nomination of candidates for election as directors and for shareholder proposals to be considered only at an annual or special meeting of shareholders.

Independent's certificate of formation provides for noncumulative voting for directors and authorizes the board of directors to issue shares of its preferred stock without shareholder approval and upon such terms as the board of directors may determine. The issuance of Independent's preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions, financings and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from acquiring, a controlling interest in Independent. In addition, certain provisions of Texas law, including a provision which restricts certain business combinations between a Texas corporation and certain affiliated shareholders, may delay, discourage or prevent an attempted acquisition or change in control of Independent. Also, Independent's certificate of formation prohibits shareholder action by written consent.

The holders of Independent's debt obligations and any shares of Independent's preferred stock that may be outstanding in the future will have priority over Independent's common stock with respect to payment in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up and with respect to the payment of interest and preferred dividends.

Upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Independent, holders of Independent's common stock will not be entitled to receive any payment or other distribution of assets until after all of Independent's obligations to Independent's debt holders have been satisfied and holders of trust preferred securities have received any payment or distribution due to them. In addition, Independent is required to pay interest on Independent's subordinated debentures and junior subordinated debentures issued in connection with

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Independent's trust preferred securities before Independent pays any dividends on Independent's common stock. Furthermore, while Independent has no shares of preferred stock outstanding, Independent's board of directors may also, in its sole discretion, designate and issue one or more series of preferred stock from Independent's authorized and unissued preferred stock, which may have preferences with respect to common stock in dissolution, dividends, liquidation or otherwise.

Prior to April 1, 2013, Independent was treated as an S corporation under Sections 1361 through 1379 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and claims of taxing authorities related to Independent's prior status as an S corporation could harm Independent.

On April 1, 2013, Independent's prior status as an S corporation status terminated and Independent is now treated as a C corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which is applicable to most corporations and treats the corporation as an entity that is separate and distinct from its shareholders. If the unaudited, open tax years in which Independent was an S corporation are audited by the Internal Revenue Service, and Independent is determined not to have qualified for, or to have violated, Independent's S corporation status, Independent will be obligated to pay back taxes, interest and penalties, and Independent does not have the right to reclaim tax distributions that Independent has made to Independent's shareholders during those periods. These amounts could include taxes on all of Independent's taxable income while Independent was an S corporation. Any such claims could result in additional costs to Independent and could have a material adverse effect on Independent's results of operations and financial condition.

Independent has entered into tax indemnification agreements with the persons holding shares of Independent's common stock immediately prior to the consummation of Independent's initial public offering, including Messrs. Viola and David Brooks, and could become obligated to make payments to them for any additional federal, state or local income taxes assessed against them for fiscal periods prior to the completion of this offering.

Prior to April 1, 2013, Independent had been treated as an S corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In connection with Independent's initial public offering, Independent's S corporation status terminated and Independent is now subject to federal and increased state income taxes. In the event of an adjustment to Independent's reported taxable income for a period or periods prior to termination of Independent's S corporation status, Independent's existing shareholders could be liable for additional income taxes for those prior periods. Therefore, Independent has entered into tax indemnification agreements with the persons holding shares of Independent's common stock immediately prior to the consummation of Independent's initial public offering. Pursuant to those agreements, Independent has agreed that upon filing any tax return (amended or otherwise), or in the event of any restatement of Independent's taxable income, in each case for any period during which Independent was an S corporation, Independent will make a payment to each shareholder on a pro rata basis in an amount sufficient so that the shareholder with the highest incremental estimated tax liability (calculated as if the shareholder would be taxable on its allocable share of Independent's taxable income at the highest applicable federal, state and local tax rates and taking into account all amounts Independent previously distributed in respect of taxes for the relevant period) receives a payment equal to that shareholder's incremental tax liability. Independent has also agreed to indemnify the shareholders for any interest, penalties, losses, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any claim under the agreements.

Independent is an emerging growth company, and Independent cannot be certain if the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies will make Independent's common stock less attractive to investors.

Independent is an emerging growth company, as defined in the JOBS Act, and Independent is taking advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including, but not limited to, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in Independent's periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from

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the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. In addition, even if Independent complies with the greater obligations of public companies that are not emerging growth companies, Independent may avail itself of the reduced requirements applicable to emerging growth companies from time to time in the future, so long as Independent is an emerging growth company. Independent will remain an emerging growth company for up to five years, though Independent may cease to be an emerging growth company earlier under certain circumstances, including if, before the end of such five years. Independent is deemed to be a large accelerated filer under the rules of the SEC (which depends on, among other things, having a market value of common stock held by nonaffiliates in excess of \$700 million). Investors and securities analysts may find it more difficult to evaluate Independent's common stock because Independent will rely on one or more of these exemptions, and, as a result, investor confidence and the market price of Independent's common stock may be materially and adversely affected.

Further, Section 102(b)(1) of the JOBS Act exempts emerging growth companies from being required to comply with new or revised financial accounting standards until private companies (that is, those that have not had a Securities Act registration statement declared effective or do not have a class of securities registered under the Exchange Act) are required to comply with the new or revised financial accounting standards. The JOBS Act provides that a company can elect to opt out of the extended transition period and comply with the requirements that apply to nonemerging growth companies but any such election to opt out is irrevocable. Independent has elected not to opt out of such extended transition period which means that when a standard is issued or revised and it has different application dates for public or private companies, Independent, as an emerging growth company, can adopt the new or revised standard at the time private companies adopt the new or revised standard. This may make Independent's financial statements not comparable with those of another public company which is neither an emerging growth company nor an emerging growth company which has opted out of using the extended transition period because of the potential differences in accounting standards used.

An investment in Independent's common stock is not an insured deposit and is not guaranteed by the FDIC, so you could lose some or all of your investment.

An investment in Independent's common stock is not a bank deposit and, therefore, is not insured against loss or guaranteed by the FDIC, any other deposit insurance fund or by any other public or private entity. An investment in Independent's common stock is inherently risky for the reasons described herein. As a result, if you acquire Independent's common stock, you could lose some or all of your investment.

Risks Related to the Business Environment and Independent's Industry

Legislative and regulatory actions taken now or in the future may increase Independent's costs and impact Independent's business, governance structure, financial condition or results of operations.

Independent and Independent's subsidiaries are subject to extensive regulation by multiple regulatory bodies. These regulations may affect the manner and terms of delivery of Independent's services. If Independent does not comply with governmental regulations, Independent may be subject to fines, penalties, lawsuits or material restrictions on Independent's businesses in the jurisdiction where the violation occurred, which may adversely affect Independent's business operations. Changes in these regulations can significantly affect the services that Independent provides as well as Independent's costs of compliance with such regulations. In addition, adverse publicity and damage to Independent's reputation arising from the failure or perceived failure to comply with legal, regulatory or contractual requirements could affect Independent's ability to attract and retain customers.

Current economic conditions, particularly in the financial markets, have resulted in government regulatory agencies and political bodies placing increased focus and scrutiny on the financial services industry. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act, significantly changed the regulation of financial institutions and the financial services industry. The Dodd-Frank Act and the

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regulations thereunder affect large and small financial institutions similarly, including several provisions that will affect how community banks, thrifts and small bank and thrift holding companies will be regulated in the future.

The Dodd-Frank Act, among other things, imposes new capital requirements on bank holding companies; changes the base for FDIC insurance assessments to a bank's average consolidated total assets minus average tangible equity, rather than upon its deposit base; permanently raises the current standard deposit insurance limit to \$250,000, and expands the FDIC's authority to raise insurance premiums. The legislation also calls for the FDIC to raise the ratio of reserves to deposits from 1.15% to 1.35% for deposit insurance purposes by September 30, 2020 and to offset the effect of increased assessments on insured depository institutions with assets of less than \$10.0 billion. The Dodd-Frank Act also limits interchange fees payable on debit card transactions. The Dodd-Frank Act establishes the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection as an independent entity within the Federal Reserve, which will have broad rulemaking, supervisory and enforcement authority over consumer financial products and services, including deposit products, residential mortgages, home-equity loans and credit cards, and contains provisions on mortgage-related matters, such as steering incentives, determinations as to a borrower's ability to repay and prepayment penalties. The Dodd-Frank Act also includes provisions that affect corporate governance and executive compensation at all publicly traded companies and allows financial institutions to pay interest on business checking accounts.

The Collins Amendment to the Dodd-Frank Act, among other things, eliminates certain trust preferred securities from Tier 1 capital, although certain trust preferred securities issued prior to May 19, 2010 by bank holding companies with total consolidated assets of \$15 billion or less will continue to be includable in Tier 1 capital until 2019. This provision also requires the federal banking agencies to establish minimum leverage and risk-based capital requirements that will apply to both insured banks and their holding companies. Independent's management is reviewing the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, many of which are to be phased-in over the next several months and years, and assessing its probable impact on Independent's operations. However, the ultimate effect of the Dodd-Frank Act on the financial services industry in general, and Independent in particular, is uncertain at this time.

Federal and state regulatory agencies frequently adopt changes to their regulations or change the manner in which existing regulations are applied. Certain aspects of current or proposed regulatory or legislative changes to laws applicable to the financial industry, if enacted or adopted, may impact the profitability of Independent's business activities, require more oversight or change certain of Independent's business practices, including the ability to offer new products, obtain financing, attract deposits, make loans, and achieve satisfactory interest spreads, and could expose Independent to additional costs, including increased compliance costs. These changes also may require Independent to invest significant management attention and resources to make any necessary changes to operations in order to comply, and could therefore also materially and adversely affect Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations.

On July 2, 2013, the Federal Reserve approved a final rule implementing the revised capital standards of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, commonly known as Basel III, as well as additional capital reforms required by the Dodd-Frank Act. This final rule, once fully phased-in, requires bank holding companies and their bank subsidiaries to maintain substantially more capital, with a greater emphasis on common equity.

Independent cannot determine whether additional proposals and legislation will be adopted, or the ultimate effect that such proposals and legislation, if enacted, or regulations issued to implement the same, would have upon Independent's business, financial condition or results of operations. Also, in recent years, regulatory oversight and enforcement have increased substantially, imposing additional costs and increasing the potential risks associated with Independent's operations. If these regulatory trends continue, they could adversely affect Independent's business and, in turn, Independent's consolidated results of operations.

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Monetary policies and regulations of the Federal Reserve could adversely affect Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition to being affected by general economic conditions, Independent's earnings and growth are affected by the policies of the Federal Reserve. An important function of the Federal Reserve is to regulate the money supply and credit conditions. Among the instruments used by the Federal Reserve to implement these objectives are open market operations in U.S. government securities, adjustments of the discount rate and changes in reserve requirements against bank deposits. These instruments are used in varying combinations to influence overall economic growth and the distribution of credit, bank loans, investments and deposits. Their use also affects interest rates charged on loans or paid on deposits.

The monetary policies and regulations of the Federal Reserve have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future. The effects of such policies upon Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations cannot be predicted.

The Federal Reserve may require Independent to commit capital resources to support Independent Bank.

The Federal Reserve, which examines Independent and Independent Bank, requires a bank holding company to act as a source of financial and managerial strength to a subsidiary bank and to commit resources to support such subsidiary bank. Under the source of strength doctrine, the Federal Reserve may require a bank holding company to make capital injections into a troubled subsidiary bank and may charge the bank holding company with engaging in unsafe and unsound practices for failure to commit resources to such a subsidiary bank. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act directs the federal bank regulators to require that all companies that directly or indirectly control an insured depository institution serve as a source of strength for the institution. Under these requirements, in the future, Independent could be required to provide financial assistance to Independent Bank if it experiences financial distress.

A capital injection may be required at times when Independent does not have the resources to provide it, and therefore Independent may be required to borrow the funds. In the event of a bank holding company's bankruptcy, the bankruptcy trustee will assume any commitment by the holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank. Moreover, bankruptcy law provides that claims based on any such commitment will be entitled to a priority of payment over the claims of the holding company's general unsecured creditors, including the holders of its note obligations. Thus, any borrowing that must be done by the holding company in order to make the required capital injection becomes more difficult and expensive and will adversely impact the holding company's cash flows, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Federal banking agencies periodically conduct examinations of Independent's business, including compliance with laws and regulations, and Independent's failure to comply with any supervisory actions to which Independent becomes subject as a result of such examinations could materially and adversely affect Independent.

Texas and federal banking agencies periodically conduct examinations of Independent's business, including compliance with laws and regulations. If, as a result of an examination, a Texas or federal banking agency were to determine that the financial condition, capital resources, asset quality, earnings prospects, management, liquidity or other aspects of Independent's operations had become unsatisfactory, or that Independent or its management was in violation of any law or regulation, it may take a number of different remedial actions as it deems appropriate. These actions include the power to enjoin unsafe or unsound practices, to require affirmative actions to correct any conditions resulting from any violation or practice, to issue an administrative order that can be judicially enforced, to direct an increase in Independent's capital, to restrict Independent's growth, to assess civil monetary penalties against

Independent Bank, Independent's officers or directors, to remove officers and directors and, if it is concluded that such conditions cannot be corrected or there is an imminent risk of loss to depositors, to terminate Independent's deposit insurance. If Independent becomes subject to such regulatory actions, Independent could be materially and adversely affected.

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Independent may be required to pay significantly higher FDIC deposit insurance assessments in the future, which could materially and adversely affect Independent.

Recent insured depository institution failures have significantly increased the loss provisions of the FDIC, resulting in a decline in the designated reserve ratio of the FDIC in recent years. These developments have caused the FDIC premiums to increase and may result in increased assessments in the future.

On February 7, 2011, the FDIC approved a final rule that amended the Deposit Insurance Fund restoration plan and implemented certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. Effective April 1, 2011, the assessment base is determined using average consolidated total assets minus average tangible equity rather than the previous assessment base of adjusted domestic deposits. The new assessment rates, calculated on the revised assessment base, generally range from 2.5 to 9.0 basis points for Risk Category I institutions, 9.0 to 24.0 basis points for Risk Category II institutions, 8.0 to 33.0 basis points for Risk Category III institutions, and 30.0 to 45.0 basis points for Risk Category IV institutions. The new assessment rates were calculated for the quarter beginning April 1, 2011 and were reflected in invoices for assessments due September 30, 2011.

The final rule provides the FDIC's board with the flexibility to adopt actual rates that are higher or lower than the total base assessment rates adopted on February 7, 2011 without notice and comment, if certain conditions are met. An increase in the assessment rates could materially and adversely affect Independent.

Independent may be materially and adversely affected by the creditworthiness and liquidity of other financial institutions.

Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty, or other relationships. Independent has exposure to many different industries and counterparties, and routinely execute transactions with counterparties in the financial services industry, including commercial banks, brokers and dealers, investment banks, and other institutional customers. Many of these transactions expose Independent to credit risk in the event of a default by a counterparty or customer. In addition, Independent's credit risk may be exacerbated when the collateral held by Independent cannot be realized upon or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount of the credit or derivative exposure due to Independent. Any such losses could have a material adverse effect on Independent.

The recent repeal of federal prohibitions on payment of interest on commercial demand deposits could increase Independent's interest expense, which could have a material adverse effect on Independent.

All federal prohibitions on the ability of financial institutions to pay interest on commercial demand deposit accounts were repealed as part of the Dodd-Frank Act. As a result, beginning on July 21, 2011, financial institutions were able to offer interest on commercial demand deposits to compete for customers. Independent's interest expense will increase and Independent's net interest margin could decrease if Independent begins offering interest on commercial demand deposits to attract additional customers or maintain current customers, which could have a material adverse effect on Independent.

Independent faces a risk of noncompliance and enforcement action with the Bank Secrecy Act and other anti-money laundering statutes and regulations.

The federal Bank Secrecy Act, the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 and other laws and regulations require financial institutions, among other duties, to institute and maintain effective anti-money laundering programs and file suspicious activity and

currency transaction reports as appropriate. The federal Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, established by the Treasury to administer the Bank Secrecy Act, is authorized to impose significant civil money penalties for violations of those requirements and has recently engaged in coordinated enforcement efforts with the individual federal banking regulators, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug

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Enforcement Administration and Internal Revenue Service. There is also increased scrutiny of compliance with the rules enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control. If Independent's policies, procedures and systems are deemed deficient or the policies, procedures and systems of the financial institutions that Independent has already acquired or may acquire in the future are deficient, Independent would be subject to liability, including fines and regulatory actions such as restrictions on Independent's ability to pay dividends and the necessity to obtain regulatory approvals to proceed with certain aspects of Independent's business plan, including Independent's acquisition plans, which would negatively impact Independent's business, financial condition and results of operations. Failure to maintain and implement adequate programs to combat money laundering and terrorist financing could also have serious reputational consequences for Independent.

There are substantial regulatory limitations on changes of control of bank holding companies.

With certain limited exceptions, federal regulations prohibit a person or company or a group of persons deemed to be acting in concert from, directly or indirectly, acquiring more than 10% (5% if the acquirer is a bank holding company) of any class of Independent's voting stock or obtaining the ability to control in any manner the election of a majority of Independent's directors or otherwise direct the management or policies of Independent's company without prior notice or application to and the approval of the Federal Reserve. Accordingly, prospective investors need to be aware of and comply with these requirements, if applicable, in connection with any purchase of shares of Independent's common stock. These provisions effectively inhibit certain mergers or other business combinations, which, in turn, could adversely affect the market price of Independent's common stock.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this proxy statement/prospectus that are not statements of historical fact constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of operations of Independent after the merger is completed as well as information about the merger, including Independent's future revenues, income, expenses, provision for taxes, effective tax rate, earnings per share and cash flows, Independent's future capital expenditures and dividends, Independent's future financial condition and changes therein, including changes in Independent's loan portfolio and allowance for loan losses, Independent's future capital structure or changes therein, the plan and objectives of management for future operations, Independent's future or proposed acquisitions, the future or expected effect of acquisitions on Independent's operations, results of operations and financial condition, Independent's future economic performance and the statements of the assumptions underlying any such statement. Such statements are typically identified by the use in the statements of words or phrases such as aim, anticipate, estimate, expect, goal, guidance, intend, is anticipated, is estimated, is expected, plan, projected, projection, will affect, will be, will continue, will decrease, will grow, will impact, incur, will reduce, will remain, will result, would be, variations of such words or phrases (including where the word could, may or would is used rather than the word will in a phrase) and similar words and phrases indicating that the statement addresses some future result, occurrence, plan or objective. The forward-looking statements that we make are based on Independent's current expectations and assumptions regarding its business, the economy, and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to future results and occurrences, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks, and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. Many possible events or factors could affect the future financial results and performance of each of Independent and Live Oak Financial before the merger or Independent after the merger, and could cause those results or performance to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. These possible events or factors include, but are not limited to:

- worsening business and economic conditions nationally, regionally and in Independent's target markets, particularly in Texas and the geographic areas in which Independent operates or particularly affecting the financial industry generally;
- Independent's dependence on its management team and its ability to attract, motivate and retain qualified personnel;
- the concentration of Independent's business within its geographic areas of operation in Texas;
- deteriorating asset quality and higher levels of nonperforming assets and loan charge-offs;
- concentration of Independent's loan portfolio in commercial and residential real estate loans and changes in the prices, values and sales volumes of commercial and residential real estate;
- inaccuracy of the assumptions and estimates Independent makes in establishing reserves for probable loan losses and other estimates;

- lack of liquidity, including as a result of a reduction in the amount of sources of liquidity Independent currently has;
- material decreases in the amount of deposits Independent holds;
- regulatory requirements to maintain minimum capital levels;
- changes in market interest rates that affect the pricing of Independent's loans and deposits and its interest margins and net interest income;
- fluctuations in the market value and liquidity of the securities that Independent holds for sale and changes in the securities market;
- effects of competition from a wide variety of local, regional, national and other providers of financial, investment and insurance services, which likely will increase;

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- the institution and outcome of litigation and other legal proceeding against Independent or to which Independent becomes subject;
- the impact of recent and future legislative and regulatory changes, including changes in banking, securities and tax laws and regulations and their application by Independent's regulators, such as the Dodd-Frank Act;
- changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the bank regulatory agencies, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board;
- governmental monetary and fiscal policies;
- changes in the scope and cost of FDIC, insurance and other coverage;
- the effects of war or other conflicts, acts of terrorism (including cyber attacks) or other catastrophic events, including storms, droughts, tornadoes and flooding, that may affect general economic conditions;
- Independent's actual cost savings resulting from the merger are less than expected, Independent is unable to realize those cost savings as soon as expected or Independent incurs additional or unexpected costs;
- Independent's actual cost savings resulting from the merger or the Collin Bank merger are less than expected, Independent is unable to realize those cost savings as soon as expected or Independent incurs additional or unexpected costs;
- Independent's revenues after the merger are less than expected;
- deposit attrition, operating costs, customer loss and business disruption before and after the merger, including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees, may be greater than Independent expected;
- the risk that the businesses of Independent and each of Live Oak Financial and Collin Bank will not be integrated successfully, or such integrations may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected;
- the failure of Live Oak Financial's shareholders to approve the reorganization agreement;

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- the failure of Collin Bank's shareholders to approve the Collin Bank reorganization agreement;
- the ability to obtain the governmental approvals of the merger and the Collin Bank merger on the proposed terms and schedule;
- the quality of the assets acquired from other organizations being lower than determined in Independent's due diligence investigation and related exposure to unrecoverable losses on loans acquired;
- general business and economic conditions in the markets Independent or Live Oak Financial serve change or are less favorable than expected;
- changes occur in business conditions and inflation;
- personal or commercial customers' bankruptcies increase; and
- technology-related changes are harder to make or more expensive than expected.

For other factors, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates contained in forward-looking statements, please read the Risk Factors section of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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Independent urges you to consider all of these risks, uncertainties and other factors carefully in evaluating all such forward-looking statements Independent may make. As a result of these and other matters, including changes in facts, assumptions not being realized or other factors, the actual results relating to the subject matter of any forward-looking statement may differ materially from the anticipated results expressed or implied in that forward-looking statement. Any forward-looking statement made by Independent in any report, filing, press release, document, report or announcement speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Independent undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

A forward-looking statement may include a statement of the assumptions or bases underlying the forward-looking statement. Independent believes that it has chosen these assumptions or bases in good faith and that they are reasonable. However, Independent cautions you that assumptions or bases almost always vary from actual results, and the differences between assumptions or bases and actual results can be material. Therefore, Independent cautions you not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document constitutes a proxy statement of Live Oak Financial and is being furnished to all record holders of Live Oak Financial common stock in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the board of directors of Live Oak Financial to be used at the special meeting of shareholders of Live Oak Financial to be held on November 20, 2013. One of the purposes of the special meeting is to consider and vote to approve the reorganization agreement, which provides, among other things, for the initial merger of IBGLO, a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent, with and into Live Oak Financial, with Live Oak Financial being the surviving entity, the subsequent merger of Live Oak Financial with and into Independent, with Independent being the surviving entity, and then the bank merger of Live Oak Bank with and into Independent Bank, with Independent Bank being the surviving bank. This document also constitutes a prospectus relating to offer and sale of the Independent common stock to be issued to holders of Live Oak Financial common stock upon completion of the merger of Live Oak Financial and IBGLO.

Independent has supplied all of the information contained herein relating to Independent and Independent Bank, and Live Oak Financial has supplied all of the information contained herein relating to Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank.

LIVE OAK FINANCIAL SPECIAL MEETING

Date, Place and Time of the Special Meeting

The special meeting of Live Oak Financial shareholders will be held at 5:00 p.m., Central Time, on November 20, 2013, at the offices of Live Oak State Bank, 3206 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas 75204.

Matters to be Considered

The purpose of the special meeting is to consider and vote on the following:

- a proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of August 22, 2013, by and between Independent and Live Oak Financial and the related Agreement and Plan of Merger, attached thereto as Exhibit A, pursuant to which IBGLO will merge with and into Live Oak Financial, all on the terms and subject to conditions contained therein; and
- any proposal made to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates if the board of directors of Live Oak Financial determines such an adjournment is necessary to permit further solicitation of proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to constitute a quorum or to approve the reorganization agreement.

No other business may be conducted at the special meeting.

Recommendation of the Live Oak Financial Board of Directors

The Live Oak Financial board of directors has unanimously approved the reorganization agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby. Based on Live Oak Financial's reasons for the merger described in this proxy statement/prospectus, including the fairness opinion of Sheshunoff, the board of directors of Live Oak Financial believes that the merger is in the best interests of Live Oak Financial's shareholders and unanimously recommends that

Live Oak Financial shareholders vote FOR approval of the reorganization agreement. See The Merger Recommendation of Live Oak Financial and its Reasons for the Merger beginning on page 56. The Live Oak Financial board of directors also unanimously recommends that Live Oak Financial shareholders vote FOR any proposal to adjourn the special meeting that the Live Oak Financial board of directors determines is necessary, including to permit further solicitation of proxies on the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement.

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Shares Entitled to Vote, Quorum and Vote Required

The holders of record of the outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock as of 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting. As of 5:00 p.m. on that date, there were 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the special meeting.

At the special meeting, the shareholders of Live Oak Financial will be entitled to one vote for each share of common stock owned of record on October 21, 2013. The holders of a majority of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting must be present, either in person or by proxy, to constitute a quorum at the special meeting, but the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting must be present, in person or by proxy, at the special meeting in order for the necessary vote to be able to take action on the merger proposal. Specifically, the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the outstanding Live Oak Financial common stock is required to approve the reorganization agreement. As a result, if shares representing at least two-thirds of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding on the closing date are not present at the special meeting, the presence of a quorum will still not permit the merger to be approved at the special meeting. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock cast at the special meeting is required to approve the adjournment of the special meeting. Accordingly, you are encouraged to complete, date and sign the accompanying proxy card and return it promptly in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Abstentions and shares held of record by a broker or nominee that are voted on any matter are included in determining whether a quorum exists at the special meeting. Brokers that are members of the NYSE or NASDAQ, as holders of record, are permitted to vote on certain routine matters in their discretion, but not on nonroutine matters. The proposal to approve the reorganization agreement is a nonroutine matter. Accordingly, if a shareholder holds shares in street name and does not provide voting instructions to his or her bank, broker or nominee that is a member of NYSE or NASDAQ, those shares will not be voted on that proposal at the special meeting unless you receive a proxy from that broker that will allow you to vote the shares you beneficially own and that are held by that broker. Abstentions and broker nonvotes will have no effect on the proposal to adjourn the special meeting.

Shares of Live Oak Financial Subject to the Voting Agreement

Certain directors and shareholders of Live Oak Financial have entered into an agreement to vote the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock they control in favor of approval of the reorganization agreement. As of the record date, 195,927 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, or approximately 32.71% of the outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting, are bound by the voting agreement.

Voting

Shareholders of Record. Shareholders of record may vote by mail or by attending the special meeting and voting in person. If you are a record holder and want to vote your shares by proxy, simply indicate on the proxy card applicable to your Live Oak Financial common stock how you want to vote and sign, date and mail your proxy card(s) in the enclosed pre-addressed postage-paid envelope as soon as possible, but in any event no later than immediately prior to the vote at the special meeting.

Any proxy cards must be returned to the Corporate Secretary of Live Oak Financial no later than immediately prior to the closing of the polls at the special meeting.

Shares Held in Street Name. If a Live Oak Financial shareholder's shares of Live Oak Financial common stock are held through a bank, broker or other nominee, such Live Oak Financial shareholder is

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considered the beneficial owner of such shares held in street name. In such case, this proxy statement/prospectus has been forwarded by such Live Oak Financial shareholder's bank, broker or other nominee, who is considered, with respect to such shares, the shareholder of record. If the broker, bank or other nominee has not provided a beneficial owner with a proxy appointing the beneficial owner as the proxy of the broker, bank or other nominee to vote the shares owned by the beneficial owner, the beneficial owner of shares of Live Oak Financial common stock has the right to direct such bank, broker or other nominee how to vote the shares by following the voting instructions that they have sent, or will send, to the Live Oak Financial shareholder. Without specific instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock it holds, the bank, broker or other nominee is not empowered to vote the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock it holds for the benefit of another person with respect to the merger proposal. Not voting these shares will have the effect of voting against the approval of the reorganization agreement, but will not have the effect of voting against any proposal of the Live Oak Financial board of directors to adjourn the special meeting since the vote is based on the number of affirmative votes cast for the proposal. When the vote is tabulated for the proposals, broker nonvotes, if any, will only be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. Accordingly, if a Live Oak Financial shareholder has not received a proxy from its broker, bank or other nominee covering the shares it beneficially owns, that shareholder should promptly give instructions to his or her bank, broker or other nominee to vote FOR approval of the reorganization agreement and FOR the proposal to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary, by using the voting instruction card provided to such Live Oak Financial shareholder by his or her bank, broker or other nominee. Alternatively, if a Live Oak Financial shareholder is a beneficial owner and desires to vote in person at the special meeting, the Live Oak Financial shareholder must provide a proxy executed in that shareholder's favor by the bank, broker or other nominee confirming that the Live Oak Financial shareholder was the beneficial owner of those shares as of 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, stating the number of shares of which the Live Oak Financial shareholder was the beneficial owner that were held for the Live Oak Financial shareholder's benefit at that time by that broker, bank or other nominee and appointing the Live Oak Financial shareholder as the record holder's proxy to vote the shares covered by that proxy at the special meeting.

Revocation of Proxies

If you have previously provided a proxy to Live Oak Financial regarding your shares, you may revoke your proxy by:

- delivering to Live Oak Financial prior to the special meeting a written notice of revocation addressed to Corporate Secretary, Live Oak Financial Corp., 3206 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas 75204;
- completing, signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date before the date of the special meeting, and any earlier proxy will be revoked automatically; or
- attending the special meeting and voting in person, and any earlier proxy will be revoked. However, simply attending the special meeting without voting will not revoke a shareholder's previously submitted proxy.

If you hold your shares in street name with a bank or broker, you must contact such bank or broker if you desire to revoke your proxy.

Solicitation of Proxies; Expenses

This proxy solicitation is made by the board of directors of Live Oak Financial. Live Oak Financial is responsible for its expenses incurred in preparing, assembling, printing and mailing this proxy statement/prospectus. Proxies will be solicited through the mail. Additionally, directors of Live Oak Financial intend to solicit proxies personally or by telephone or other means of communication. The directors will not be receiving any additional compensation for any solicitation of such proxies. Live Oak Financial will reimburse banks, brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable expenses in forwarding the proxy materials to beneficial owners.

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Attending the Special Meeting

All holders of Live Oak Financial common stock, including shareholders of record and shareholders who hold their shares in street name through banks, brokers or other nominees, are invited to attend the special meeting. Shareholders of record can vote in person at the special meeting. If a Live Oak Financial shareholder is not a shareholder of record and would like to vote in person at the special meeting, that shareholder must produce a proxy executed in his or her favor by the record holder of the shareholder's shares confirming that the Live Oak Financial shareholder was the beneficial owner of those shares as of 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, stating the number of shares of which the Live Oak Financial shareholder was the beneficial owner that were held for the Live Oak Financial shareholder's benefit at that time by that broker, bank or other nominee and appointing the Live Oak Financial shareholder as the record holder's proxy to vote the shares covered by that proxy at the special meeting. In addition, that shareholder must bring a form of personal photo identification with him or her in order to be admitted at the special meeting. Live Oak Financial reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone without proper proof of share ownership or without proper photo identification. The use of cameras, sound recording equipment, communications devices or any similar equipment during the special meeting is prohibited without Live Oak Financial's express written consent.

Adjournments

Although it is not currently expected, the special meeting may be adjourned, including for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies, if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement or if a quorum is not present at the special meeting. Other than an announcement to be made at the special meeting of the time, date and place of an adjourned special meeting, an adjournment generally may be made without notice. Any adjournment of the special meeting for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies will allow the shareholders who have already sent in their proxies to revoke them at any time prior to their use at the special meeting as adjourned.

Questions and Additional Information

If a Live Oak Financial shareholder has questions about the merger or the process for voting or if additional copies of this document or a replacement proxy card are needed, please contact Carl B. Schieffer, Live Oak Financial's President, at (214) 841-9800.

PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE REORGANIZATION AGREEMENT

(Proposal One)

The following information describes material aspects of the merger. It is not intended to be a complete description of all information relating to the merger and is qualified in its entirety by reference to more detailed information contained in the Appendices to this document, including the reorganization agreement. A copy of the reorganization agreement (with the agreement and plan of merger attached as Exhibit A thereto) is included as Appendix A to this proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference. You are urged to read the Appendices in their entirety.

Terms of the Merger

The reorganization agreement provides for the acquisition of Live Oak Financial by Independent through certain merger transactions. Specifically, the reorganization agreement provides for the initial merger of IBGLO, a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent, with and into Live Oak Financial, with Live Oak Financial being the surviving

entity, the subsequent merger of Live Oak Financial with and into Independent, with Independent being the surviving entity, and then the bank merger of Live Oak Bank with and into Independent Bank, with Independent Bank being the surviving bank. If the shareholders of Live Oak Financial approve the reorganization agreement at the special meeting, and if the required regulatory approvals are obtained and the other conditions to the parties' obligations to effect the merger are satisfied or are waived by the party entitled to

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do so, the parties anticipate that the merger will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2013, although delays could occur. As a result of the merger, holders of Live Oak Financial common stock will be entitled to receive whole shares of Independent common stock and cash, with cash paid in lieu of a fractional share, and will no longer be owners of Live Oak Financial common stock. As a result of the merger, certificates for Live Oak Financial common stock will only represent the right to receive the merger consideration pursuant to the reorganization agreement. Live Oak Financial will cease to exist following the completion of the merger.

If Live Oak Financial shareholders approve the reorganization agreement and the merger is completed, all outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock will be converted into an aggregate of 292,646 shares of Independent common stock and \$10,000,000 in cash, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement. Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, holders of Live Oak Financial common stock will receive 0.4886 shares of Independent common stock (with cash in lieu of a fractional share) and \$16.69 in cash, subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances, as set forth in the reorganization agreement, for each share of Live Oak Financial common stock that they own. Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding as of October 7, 2013, and the closing price of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market of \$35.99 on such date, the amount of total consideration to be paid by Independent is valued at approximately \$20,532,000.

The per share stock consideration will be subject to adjustment if the volume-weighted average of the daily average sales price per share of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market, or average sales price, over a twenty consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the closing date is less than \$30.76 or greater than \$37.60. If the average sales price is less than \$30.76, the per share stock consideration will be adjusted to be a fraction (rounded to the nearest ten thousandth) determined by dividing (i) \$15.03 by (ii) the average sales price. However, a condition to each party's respective obligation to consummate the merger is that the average sales price be at least \$27.34 per share. If the average sales price is less than \$27.34 per share either party may determine not to consummate the merger. If, on the other hand, the average sales price is greater than \$37.60, the per share stock consideration will be adjusted to be a fraction (rounded to the nearest ten thousandth) determined by dividing (i) \$18.37 by (ii) the average sales price. Therefore, the maximum aggregate value of shares of Independent common stock to be issued to Live Oak Financial shareholders is \$11,000,000 and the minimum aggregate value of shares of Independent common stock to be issued to Live Oak Financial shareholders is \$9,000,000.

Further, the amount of aggregate cash consideration will be reduced if Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$13,000,000 as of the closing date. If, as of the closing date, Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$13,000,000, but equal to or more than \$12,750,000, the aggregate cash consideration will be reduced by an amount equal to \$13,000,000 minus Live Oak Financial's tangible book value as of the closing date. If, as of the closing date, Live Oak Financial's tangible book value is less than \$12,750,000, the aggregate cash consideration will be reduced by an amount equal to the sum of (i) \$250,000, plus (ii) the product of (x) \$12,750,000 minus Live Oak Financial's tangible book value as of the closing date, multiplied by (y) 1.54.

Fractional shares of Independent common stock will be paid in cash, without interest. The market price of shares of Independent common stock will fluctuate from the date of this proxy statement/prospectus to the date of completion of the merger, and these fluctuations could result in an adjustment to the proportion of the cash and stock consideration and the number of shares of Independent common stock. Because of the possibility of an adjustment to the proportion of per share cash and stock consideration and the number of shares of Independent common stock, you will not know the exact number of shares of Independent common stock or the exact amount of cash you will receive in connection with the merger when you vote on whether to approve the reorganization agreement.

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Background of the Merger

Since the inception of Live Oak Financial in 2001, the board of directors of Live Oak Financial anticipated that the most likely strategic course to maximize its shareholder value would be an acquisition by, or an affiliation with, a larger financial institution. The likely timing of that endeavor has been the subject of ongoing evaluation by Live Oak Financial's board of directors in weighing the opportune time to pursue such a transaction based on the current mergers and acquisitions market as well as the expressed desires of Live Oak Financial's shareholder base. Several of Live Oak Financial's shareholders have expressed concern with the lack of a liquid market for Live Oak Financial's common stock, especially as the economy struggled over the last five years.

From time to time, the board of directors of Live Oak Financial had discussed the possibility of establishing additional branches or the possible acquisition of another depository institution. But low interest rate margins and soft loan demand made expansion an unrealistic alternative. The board has also become increasingly concerned with the extensive and costly regulatory burden confronting Live Oak Financial, with many additional regulations required under the Dodd-Frank Act yet to be implemented.

In 2007 and in 2012, the board of directors of Live Oak Financial met with an investment banking firm to explore the current market for a possible sale or merger, but in each instance the board of directors concluded that pursuing a transaction at that time would not maximize shareholder value.

In April 2013, Live Oak Financial's executive committee (consisting of all directors other than Rod J. Rohrich M.D.), discussed with Sheshunoff the possibility of exploring a sale or merger. On April 25, 2013, representatives of Sheshunoff met with the executive committee and gave a presentation on recent activity for bank mergers and acquisitions. After their presentation, the executive committee approved the engagement of Sheshunoff to represent Live Oak Financial in a possible sale or merger transaction.

After negotiating a contract acceptable to the Live Oak Financial executive committee, Sheshunoff was engaged on May 9, 2013, to be Live Oak Financial's exclusive financial advisor to explore the sale or merger of Live Oak Financial. Live Oak Financial selected Sheshunoff because of its expertise, reputation and familiarity with Live Oak Financial and the overall financial services industry and because its investment banking professionals have substantial experience in transactions comparable to the proposed merger.

Over the next few weeks, Sheshunoff prepared a presentation package to be provided to potentially interested acquirers. On May 21, 2013, the Live Oak Financial executive committee reviewed a list of twelve potential purchasers, which were then contacted by Sheshunoff to solicit their interest in a potential transaction with Live Oak Financial. Ten of the twelve banks expressed an interest and signed a confidentiality agreement to receive an information package. Each confidentiality agreement limited the use of confidential information to an evaluation of a potential transaction with Live Oak Financial. Each agreement further provided that a potential bidder would neither attempt to acquire Live Oak Financial without negotiating the acquisition with Live Oak Financial's board of directors nor solicit, hire, or divert any of Live Oak Financial's employees for a period of time after the date thereof.

Upon receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement from a potential acquirer, Sheshunoff sent the representatives of the interested party access to the confidential information memorandum containing certain public and non-public information regarding Live Oak Financial and instructions describing Live Oak Financial's process to determine that party's level of interest in acquiring Live Oak Financial. In those instructions, potential acquirers were asked to submit a non-binding indication of interest with respect to Live Oak Financial no later than June 26, 2013. Sheshunoff made clear to each potential acquirer that: (1) Live Oak Financial was in the process of exploring a number of alternatives to provide value to its shareholders, one of which could be its sale; (2) if they had an interest in pursuing such a

transaction, they must participate in this process; (3) Live Oak Financial was not bound or obligated to continue discussions, enter into any agreement or continue the process; and (4) certain qualified bidders would be permitted to perform due diligence on Live Oak Financial to determine whether they wished to proceed in the process.

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Live Oak Financial received four indications of interest from potential acquirers. On June 27, 2013, the Live Oak Financial executive committee and Sheshunoff reviewed the four indications of interest received. At that meeting, the Live Oak Financial executive committee advised Sheshunoff to contact two of the bidders to gather additional information to assist the executive committee in evaluating their bids.

On July 3, 2013, the Live Oak Financial executive committee met with Sheshunoff and reviewed the two indications of interest in light of the additional information received from each of the bidders. At that meeting, Sheshunoff was instructed to contact each of the two potential acquirers who submitted the most attractive offers (which included Independent) to inform them that they would be permitted to continue in the process.

On July 9, 2013 and July 10, 2013, members of the executive committee met with the management of the two prospective acquirers to discuss their bids in further detail.

On July 11, 2013, the Live Oak Financial executive committee and Sheshunoff reviewed additional information provided by two potential bidders as well as publicly available information regarding those bidders. Although the bid received from another bidder would potentially have resulted in slightly higher consideration to the shareholders of Live Oak Financial, the Live Oak Financial executive committee was concerned with that bidder's ability to ultimately complete the proposed transaction, including the bidder's relative inexperience in completing recent acquisitions and the ability of that bidder to obtain all necessary regulatory approvals on a timely basis. Accordingly, at the conclusion of this meeting, the executive committee accepted the indication of interest presented by Independent and authorized Carl Schieffer to negotiate a letter of intent with Independent.

Over the next few days, working with outside legal counsel, Live Oak Financial negotiated the terms of a letter of intent, which was then executed by both parties on July 18, 2013.

During the week of July 22, 2013, Independent performed due diligence of Live Oak Financial at the offices of Live Oak Bank.

Independent presented Live Oak Financial with an initial draft of the reorganization agreement on August 1, 2013. Live Oak Financial and its outside legal counsel presented comments to the initial draft of the reorganization agreement to Independent and its counsel on August 12, 2013. From August 13, 2013, to August 21, 2013, management of both Live Oak Financial and Independent, and their respective legal counsel, negotiated the reorganization agreement and related documents. Negotiations between the parties focused on certain limitations on the representations and warranties made by Live Oak Financial, the addition of certain representations and warranties made by Independent, the adjustment to the merger consideration if Live Oak Financial did not meet the minimum tangible book value requirement, and the amount of the termination fee. Independent agreed to indemnify the directors and officers of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank under certain circumstances after the closing. The executive committee met frequently during the period from August 2 through August 20, reviewing all aspects of the reorganization agreement. Management representatives of Live Oak Financial and Sheshunoff also conducted reverse due diligence on Independent.

On August 21, 2013, Live Oak Financial's board of directors held a meeting to consider the merger with Independent. Live Oak Financial's board of directors met with representatives of Sheshunoff and Live Oak Financial's outside legal counsel. Before that meeting, all directors present at this meeting were provided with the then-current draft of the reorganization agreement and all ancillary documents. Outside legal counsel made a presentation regarding the fiduciary duties of the directors. The representative of Sheshunoff then reviewed the transaction process, time line and summary. The representative of Sheshunoff reviewed the valuation analysis of comparable transactions, both nationwide and within Texas. The representative of Sheshunoff then provided an overview of Independent, its

financial performance and the market performance of its common stock. At the conclusion of this presentation and after responding to questions from the directors, Sheshunoff rendered to Live Oak Financial's board its oral opinion that, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications set

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forth in their written opinion, the total aggregate consideration to be received from Independent, which consisted of \$10,000,000 in cash and 292,646 shares of Independent common stock, was fair to the Live Oak Financial shareholders from a financial point of view. Sheshunoff's oral opinion was confirmed by delivery of its written opinion, dated as of August 21, 2013, to Live Oak Financial's board of directors.

Outside legal counsel then reviewed the terms and conditions of the proposed reorganization agreement and ancillary legal documents with Live Oak Financial's board of directors, discussing in detail the business points, contingencies, timing issues and fiduciary concerns. Outside legal counsel also described the terms and conditions of the voting agreement that Independent asked to be signed by the board of directors of Live Oak Financial.

Based upon Live Oak Financial's board of directors review and discussion of the reorganization agreement, the opinion of Sheshunoff and other relevant factors (described below in Live Oak Financial's Reasons for the Merger and Recommendations of the Board of Live Oak Financial), the board of directors of Live Oak Financial, by unanimous vote of all directors present at the meeting, authorized and approved the execution of the reorganization agreement with Independent, and authorized Mr. Schieffer to execute the reorganization agreement on behalf of Live Oak Financial. One of the directors, Sue Dorsey, was not able to participate in the meeting as she was traveling. As a result, Mrs. Dorsey had signed a unanimous consent, and the other directors of Live Oak Financial signed a counterpart consent so that the proposal would be unanimously approved by the board of directors.

On August 22, 2013, signature pages to the reorganization agreement, the voting agreement and related documents were exchanged by the parties. The companies issued a joint press release announcing the signing of the reorganization agreement after the close of the stock markets that afternoon.

Recommendation of Live Oak Financial's Board and Its Reasons for the Merger

Live Oak Financial's board of directors has unanimously approved the reorganization agreement and unanimously recommends that the Live Oak Financial shareholders vote FOR approval of the reorganization agreement.

Live Oak Financial's board of directors has determined that the merger is fair to, and in the best interests of, Live Oak Financial's shareholders. In approving the reorganization agreement, Live Oak Financial's board of directors consulted with Sheshunoff with respect to the financial aspects and fairness of the merger consideration, from a financial point of view, to the holders of shares of Live Oak Financial common stock and with its outside legal counsel as to its legal duties and the terms of the reorganization agreement. In arriving at its determination, Live Oak Financial's board also considered a number of factors, including the following:

- Live Oak Financial's board of directors' familiarity with and review of information concerning the business, results of operations, financial condition, competitive position and future prospects of Live Oak Financial;
- the current and prospective environment in which Live Oak Financial operates, including national, regional and local economic conditions, the competitive environment for banks, thrifts and other financial institutions generally and the increased regulatory burdens on financial institutions generally and the trend toward consolidation in the banking industry and in the financial services industry;

the financial presentation of Sheshunoff and its opinion dated as of August 21, 2013, that, as of August 21, 2013 (the date on which Live Oak Financial's board of directors approved the reorganization agreement), and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications set forth in the opinion, the total aggregate consideration to be received from Independent, which consisted of \$10,000,000 million in cash and 292,646 shares Independent common stock, is fair, from a financial

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point of view, to the Live Oak Financial shareholders (see Opinion of Live Oak Financial's Financial Advisor, beginning on page 58);

- that shareholders of Live Oak Financial will receive part of the merger consideration in shares of Independent common stock, which are listed for trading on the NASDAQ Global Market, contrasted with the absence of a public market for shares of Live Oak Financial common stock;
- the treatment of the merger as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code with respect to the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock exchanged for shares of Independent common stock;
- the results that Live Oak Financial could expect to obtain if it continued to operate independently, and the likely benefits to shareholders of that course of action, as compared with the value of the merger consideration offered by Independent;
- the ability of Independent to pay the aggregate merger consideration without a financing contingency and without the need to obtain financing to close the transaction;
- the ability of Independent to receive the requisite regulatory approvals in a timely manner;
- the terms and conditions of the reorganization agreement, including the parties' respective representations, warranties, covenants and other agreements, the conditions to closing, including a provision that permits Live Oak Financial's board of directors, in the exercise of its fiduciary duties, under certain conditions, to furnish information to, a third party that has submitted an unsolicited proposal to acquire Live Oak Financial;
- merger with a larger holding company would provide the opportunity to realize economies of scale, increase efficiencies of operations and enhance the development of new products and services;
- the agreement of Independent to continue to provide indemnification for Live Oak Financial's directors and officers;
- that some of Live Oak Financial's directors and executive officers have other financial interests in the merger in addition to their interests as Live Oak Financial shareholders, including financial interests that are the result of compensation arrangements with Live Oak Financial, the manner in which such interests would be affected by the merger, as well as the new employment agreements that certain of these persons entered into with Independent Bank in connection with the merger;

- that the cash portion of the merger consideration will be taxable to Live Oak Financial's shareholders upon completion of the merger;
- the requirement that Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank conduct its business in the ordinary course and the other restrictions on the conduct of their respective business before completion of the merger, which may delay or prevent Live Oak Financial from undertaking business opportunities that may arise before completion of the merger; and
- that under the reorganization agreement Live Oak Financial could not solicit competing proposals for the acquisition of Live Oak Financial.

The reasons set out above for the merger are not intended to be exhaustive, but do include all material factors considered by the board of directors of Live Oak Financial in approving the merger. In reaching its determination, the Live Oak Financial board of directors did not assign any relative or specific weights to

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different factors, and individual directors may have given different weights to different factors. Based on the reasons stated, the board believed that the merger was in the best interest of Live Oak Financial's shareholders, and therefore the board of directors of Live Oak Financial unanimously approved the reorganization agreement and the merger. In addition, all members of Live Oak Financial's board of directors have agreed to vote the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock over which they have voting authority in favor of the reorganization agreement and the merger.

LIVE OAK FINANCIAL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE REORGANIZATION AGREEMENT.

Independent's Reasons for the Merger

As a part of Independent's growth strategy, Independent routinely evaluates opportunities to acquire financial institutions. The acquisition of Live Oak Financial is consistent with Independent's expansion strategy. Independent's board of directors and senior management reviewed the business, financial condition, results of operation and prospects of Live Oak Financial, the market condition of the market area in which Live Oak Financial conducts business, the compatibility of the management and the proposed financial terms of the merger. In addition, management of Independent believes that the merger will expand Independent's presence in the Swiss Avenue/Lakewood area east of downtown Dallas, Texas, and the surrounding area, provide opportunities for future growth and provide the potential to realize cost savings through the integration of the operations of Live Oak Financial. Independent's board of directors also considered the financial condition and valuation for both Live Oak Financial and Independent as well as the financial and other effects the merger would have on Independent's shareholders, including the potential effect on the market price of Independent common stock.

While management of Independent believes that revenue opportunities will be achieved and costs savings will be obtained following the merger, Independent has not definitively quantified the amount of enhancements or projected the areas of operation in which such enhancements will occur.

In view of the variety of factors considered in connection with its evaluation of the merger, the Independent board did not find it useful to and did not attempt to quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative weights to the factors it considered. Further, individual directors may have given different weights to different factors. In addition, the Independent board did not undertake to make any specific determination as to whether any particular factor, or any aspect of any particular factor, was favorable or unfavorable to its ultimate determination. Rather, the board conducted an overall analysis of the factors it considered material to its decision, including thorough discussions with, and questioning of, Independent's management.

Opinion of Live Oak Financial's Financial Advisor

The fairness opinion of Live Oak Financial's financial advisor, Sheshunoff, is described below. The description contains projections, estimates and other forward-looking statements about the future earnings or other measures of the future performance of Live Oak Financial. You should not rely on any of these statements as having been made or adopted by Live Oak Financial or Independent. You should review the copy of the fairness opinion, which is attached as Appendix B.

Live Oak Financial retained Sheshunoff to provide an opinion as to the fairness from a financial viewpoint to the Live Oak Financial shareholders of the merger consideration to be received by the shareholders of Live Oak Financial. As part of its investment banking business, Sheshunoff is regularly engaged in the valuation of securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions and valuations for estate, corporation and other purposes. Live Oak Financial retained Sheshunoff based upon its experience as a financial advisor in mergers and acquisitions of financial institutions and its

knowledge of financial institutions.

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On August 21, 2013, Sheshunoff rendered its fairness opinion to the board of directors of Live Oak Financial that, as of such date, the merger consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to the shareholders of Live Oak Financial. The full text of the fairness opinion, which sets forth, among other things, assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached as Appendix B to this proxy statement-prospectus. You are urged to read Sheshunoff's fairness opinion carefully and in its entirety. The fairness opinion is addressed to the board of directors of Live Oak Financial and does not constitute a recommendation to any shareholder of Live Oak Financial as to how he or she should vote at the special meeting of shareholders of Live Oak Financial.

In connection with the fairness opinion, Sheshunoff:

- reviewed the latest draft of the reorganization agreement;
- discussed the terms of the reorganization agreement with the management of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Financial's legal counsel;
- conducted conversations with management of Live Oak Financial regarding recent and projected financial performance of Live Oak Financial;
- evaluated the financial condition of Live Oak Financial based upon a review of regulatory reports for the five-year period ended December 31, 2012 and interim period through June 30, 2013, and internally prepared financial reports for the interim period through June 30, 2013;
- compared Live Oak Financial's recent operating results with those of certain other banks in the United States and the State of Texas that have recently been acquired;
- compared pricing multiples for Live Oak Financial in the merger to recent acquisitions of banks in the United States and the State of Texas with similar characteristics to Live Oak Financial;
- analyzed the present value of the after-tax cash flows based on projections on a stand-alone basis approved by Live Oak Financial through the year 2017;
- reviewed the potential pro forma impact of the merger on the combined company's results and certain financial performance measures of Live Oak Financial and Independent;
- reviewed publicly available information regarding Independent's regulatory standing, financial performance and business prospects;

- reviewed stock analyst research reports regarding Independent;
- compared Independent's recent operating results and pricing multiples with those of certain other publicly traded banks in the United States that Sheshunoff deemed relevant;
- compared the historical stock price data and trading volume of Independent to certain relevant indices; and
- performed such other analyses deemed appropriate.

For the purposes of this opinion, Sheshunoff assumed and relied upon, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of the information provided to it by Live Oak Financial for the purposes of this opinion. Sheshunoff assumed that any projections provided by or approved by Live Oak Financial were reasonably prepared on a basis reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of Live Oak Financial's management. Sheshunoff assumed such forecasts and projections will be realized in the amounts and at times contemplated thereby.

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Sheshunoff did not make an independent evaluation of the assets or liabilities (including any contingent, derivative or off-balance-sheet assets or liabilities) of Live Oak Financial or Independent nor was Sheshunoff furnished with any such appraisal. Sheshunoff assumed that any off-balance-sheet activities of Live Oak Financial or Independent will not materially and adversely impact the future financial position or results of operation of Independent after the merger. Sheshunoff is not an expert in the evaluation of loan portfolios for the purposes of assessing the adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses and assumed that such allowances for Live Oak Financial and Independent are, respectively, adequate to cover such losses.

Sheshunoff assumed that the reorganization agreement, as provided to Sheshunoff, will be without any amendment or waiver of, or delay in the fulfillment of, any terms or conditions set for in the terms provided to Sheshunoff or any subsequent development that would have a material adverse effect on Live Oak Financial or Independent and thereby on the results of its analyses. Sheshunoff assumed that any and all regulatory approvals, if required, will be received in a timely fashion and without any conditions or requirements that could adversely affect the operations or financial condition of Independent after the completion of the merger.

The fairness opinion is necessarily based on economic, market, regulatory, and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to Sheshunoff as of August 21, 2013.

In rendering the fairness opinion, Sheshunoff performed a variety of financial analyses. The preparation of an opinion involves various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances. Consequently, the fairness opinion is not readily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. Moreover, the evaluation of fairness, from a financial point of view, of the merger consideration is to some extent subjective, based on the experience and judgment of Sheshunoff, and not merely the result of mathematical analysis of financial data. Sheshunoff did not attribute particular weight to any analysis or factor considered by it. Accordingly, notwithstanding the separate factors summarized below, Sheshunoff believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses and of the factors considered, without considering all analyses and factors, could create an incomplete view of the evaluation process underlying its opinion. The ranges of valuations resulting from any particular analysis described below should not be taken to be Sheshunoff's view of the actual value of Live Oak Financial, Independent or the combined entity.

In performing its analyses, Sheshunoff made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, business and economic conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond the control of Live Oak Financial or Independent. The analyses performed by Sheshunoff are not necessarily indicative of actual values or future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than suggested by such analyses. In addition, Sheshunoff's analyses should not be viewed as determinative of the opinion of the board of directors or the management of Live Oak Financial with respect to the value of Live Oak Financial or Independent or to the fairness of the merger consideration.

The following is a summary of the analyses performed by Sheshunoff in connection with its opinion. The discussion utilizes financial information concerning Live Oak Financial and Independent as of June 30, 2013, that is believed to be reliable, accurate and complete; however, Sheshunoff cannot guarantee the reliability, accuracy or completeness of any such publicly available information.

Pursuant to the reorganization agreement, all outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock will be converted into the right to receive \$10,000,000 in cash and 292,646 shares of Independent common stock subject in each case to adjustment under certain circumstances are set forth in the reorganization agreement. Based on 598,948 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding and based upon the twenty-day volume-weighted average sales price ending two trading days before the signing date of the reorganization agreement, or pre-signing date

average sales price, this equated to \$16.70 per Live Oak Financial common share in Independent common shares and \$16.69 per Live Oak Financial share in cash. The exchange ratio for the stock consideration was set at 0.4886 by dividing \$16.70 by \$34.18, which was the pre-signing date average sales price

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of Independent common stock. The exchange ratio will be adjusted if the average sales price of a share of Independent common stock is more than 10% above or 10% below the pre-signing date average sales price of \$34.18. The reorganization agreement also includes a condition to each party's obligation to complete the merger that stipulates that the average sales price be at least \$27.34, which is 80% of the pre-signing date average sales price. As noted above, the value and the composition of the total merger consideration may also be adjusted pursuant to other terms of the reorganization agreement.

Live Oak Financial Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

Using discounted cash flow analysis, Sheshunoff estimated the present value of the future after-tax cash flow streams that Live Oak Financial could produce on a stand-alone basis through December 31, 2017, under various circumstances, assuming that it performed in accordance with the projections provided by Live Oak Financial's management.

Sheshunoff estimated the terminal value for Live Oak Financial at the end of December 31, 2017, by (1) multiplying the final period projected earnings by one plus the assumed annual long-term growth rate of the earnings of Live Oak Financial of 5.0% (or 1.05) and (2) dividing this product by the difference between the required rates of return shown below and the assumed annual long-term growth rate of earnings of 5% in (1) above. Sheshunoff discounted the annual cash flow streams (defined as all earnings in excess of that which is required to maintain a tangible common equity to tangible asset ratio of 8.0%) and the terminal values using discount rates ranging from 11.0% to 13.0%. The discount range was chosen to reflect different assumptions regarding the required rates of return of Live Oak Financial and the inherent risk surrounding the underlying projections. This discounted cash flow analysis indicated a range of values per share of \$21.51 to \$28.67, as shown in the table below, compared to the estimated merger consideration of \$33.39 per share.

| | Discount Rate | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 13.0% | 12.0% | 11.0% |
| Present value (in thousands) | \$12,884 | \$14,719 | \$17,171 |
| Present value (per share) | \$21.51 | \$24.58 | \$28.67 |

Analysis of Selected Transactions

Sheshunoff performed an analysis of premiums paid in selected recently announced acquisitions of banking organizations with comparable characteristics to the merger. Three sets of transactions were selected to ensure a thorough analysis.

The first set of comparable transactions consisted of a group of selected transactions for banks in the United States for which pricing data were available, with the following characteristics: total assets between \$100 million and \$250 million that were announced since January 1, 2012, a positive return on average assets, and a nonperforming assets to total assets ratio less than 1%. These comparable transactions consisted of 14 mergers and acquisitions of banks with total assets ranging between \$102.6 million and \$242.2 million that were announced between March 15, 2012, and July 26, 2013. The analysis yielded multiples of the purchase prices in these transactions as summarized below:

| Price/ Book (x) | Price/Tg Book (x) | Price/ 8% Tg | Price/ LTM** | Price/ Assets (%) | Price/ Deposits | Premium/ Deposits |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
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| | | | Book (x) | Earnings (x) | | (%) | (%) |
|------------------------|------|------|-----------------|---------------------|------|------------|------------|
| Maximum | 1.94 | 1.94 | 1.95 | 43.1 | 18.2 | 25.7 | 6.5 |
| Minimum | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 0.0 |
| Median | 1.31 | 1.33 | 1.36 | 21.6 | 13.3 | 16.3 | 3.6 |
| Live Oak Financial* | 1.44 | 1.44 | 1.62 | 21.6 | 16.3 | 19.2 | 5.9 |

* Assumes merger consideration of \$20 million or \$33.39 per share and Live Oak Financial earnings taxed at 35%.

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The median pricing multiples in the comparable transactions were lower than those in the merger, except the median price to earnings, which was the same.

The second set of comparable transactions consisted of a group of selected transactions for banks in the United States located in major metropolitan areas for which pricing data were available, with the following characteristics: total assets between \$100 million and \$250 million that were announced since January 1, 2012, a positive return on average assets, and a nonperforming assets to total assets ratio below 1%. These comparable transactions consisted of five mergers and acquisitions of banks with total assets ranging between \$175.0 million and \$242.0 million that were announced between March 23, 2012, and July 18, 2013. The analysis yielded multiples of the purchase prices in these transactions as summarized below:

| | Price/ Book (x) | Price/Tg Book (x) | Price/ 8% Tg Book (x) | Price/ LTM Earnings (x) | Price/ Assets (%) | Price/ Deposits (%) | Premium/ Deposits (%) |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Maximum | 1.94 | 1.94 | 1.95 | 16.5 | 15.6 | 18.5 | 5.7 |
| Minimum | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 16.3 | 11.3 | 14.6 | 0.0 |
| Median | 1.13 | 1.13 | 1.21 | 16.4 | 13.7 | 16.6 | 2.9 |
| Live Oak Financial* | 1.44 | 1.44 | 1.62 | 21.6 | 16.3 | 19.2 | 5.9 |

* Assumes merger consideration of \$20 million or \$33.39 per share and Live Oak Financial earnings taxed at 35%. The median pricing multiples in the comparable transactions were lower than those in the merger.

The third set of comparable transactions consisted of a group of selected transactions for banks headquartered in Texas for which pricing data were available, with the following characteristics: total assets between \$75 million and \$250 million that were announced since January 1, 2012, a positive return on average assets, and a nonperforming assets to total assets ratio below 1%. These comparable transactions consisted of five mergers and acquisitions of banks with total assets ranging between \$77.0 million and \$220.1 million that were announced between April 26, 2012, and August 5, 2013. The analysis yielded multiples of the purchase prices in these transactions as summarized below:

| | Price/ Book (x) | Price/Tg Book (x) | Price/ 8% Tg Book (x) | Price/ LTM Earnings (x) | Price/ Assets (%) | Price/ Deposits (%) | Premium/ Deposits (%) |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Maximum | 2.62 | 2.62 | 2.18 | 37.3 | 16.0 | 18.1 | 11.2 |
| Minimum | 1.13 | 1.13 | 1.21 | 17.7 | 13.5 | 14.1 | 2.1 |
| Median | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.56 | 17.7 | 14.3 | 15.8 | 5.1 |
| Live Oak Financial* | 1.44 | 1.44 | 1.62 | 21.6 | 16.3 | 19.2 | 5.9 |

* Assumes merger consideration of \$20 million or \$33.39 per share and Live Oak Financial earnings taxed at 35%.

The median pricing multiples in the comparable transactions were lower than those in the merger, except for the prices to book and tangible book, which were slightly higher.

Contribution Analysis

Sheshunoff reviewed the relative contributions of Live Oak Financial and Independent to the combined company based on regulatory data as of June 30, 2013, for Live Oak Financial and Independent. Sheshunoff compared the pro forma ownership interests (which excludes the cash component of the merger) of Live Oak Financial and Independent of 2.4% and 97.6%, respectively, to: (1) total assets of 6.1% and 93.9%, respectively; (2) total loans of 4.5% and 95.5%, respectively; (3) total deposits of 6.5% and 93.5%, respectively; (4) net-interest income of 5.5% and 94.5%, respectively; (5) noninterest income of 1.9% and 98.1%, respectively; (6) noninterest expenses of 4.9% and 95.1%, respectively; (7) June 30, 2013 LTM earnings of 4.0% and 96.0%, respectively; and (8) total tangible equity of 7.1% and 92.9%, respectively. The contribution analysis shows that the ownership of Live Oak Financial shareholders in the combined company is less than the contribution of the

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components listed due largely to the considerable amount of cash consideration in the merger. The contributions are shown in the table following.

| | Assets | % | Loans | % | Deposits | % |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Live Oak Financial Corp. | \$ 122,905 | 6.1% | \$ 71,126 | 4.5% | \$ 103,914 | 6.5% |
| Independent Bank Group, Inc. | \$ 1,905,851 | 93.9% | \$ 1,520,373 | 95.5% | \$ 1,485,129 | 93.5% |
| Combined Company | \$ 2,028,756 | 100.0% | \$ 1,591,499 | 100.0% | \$ 1,589,043 | 100.0% |

| | Net Interest Income | % | Non-Interest Income | % | Non-Interest Expenses | % |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| Live Oak Financial Corp. | \$ 3,929 | 5.5% | \$ 233 | 1.9% | \$ 2,756 | 4.9% |
| Independent Bank Group, Inc. | \$ 68,044 | 94.5% | \$ 12,288 | 98.1% | \$ 53,890 | 95.1% |
| Combined Company | \$ 71,973 | 100.0% | \$ 12,521 | 100.0% | \$ 56,646 | 100.0% |

| | Earnings | % | Shares * | % | Tg. Equity | % |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Live Oak Financial Corp. | \$ 928 | 4.0% | 292,646 | 2.4% | \$ 13,885 | 7.1% |
| Independent Bank Group, Inc. | \$ 22,144 | 96.0% | 12,076,927 | 97.6% | \$ 182,541 | 92.9% |
| Combined Company | \$ 23,072 | 100.0% | 12,369,573 | 100.0% | \$ 196,426 | 100.0% |

* Share percentage is lower due to cash consideration;
Income data is last-twelve-months as of June 30, 2013

Pro Forma Financial Impact

Sheshunoff analyzed the pro forma impact of the merger on estimated earnings per share, book value per share and tangible book value per share for the twelve-month periods ending December 31, 2014, and December 31, 2015, based on the projections provided by Live Oak Financial's management for Live Oak Financial on a stand-alone basis assuming pre-tax cost savings of \$705,000 phased in by the end of calendar year 2014.

The analysis was performed using publicly available information for Independent as of June 30, 2013. The analysis did not include any pro forma changes to Independent resulting from the Collin Bank acquisition or any pro forma valuation or other adjustments by Independent relating to the merger. Accordingly, the incidence of accretion or dilution noted in the analysis and the amounts of such accretion or dilution may differ materially from those presented elsewhere.

The analysis indicated pro forma consolidated earnings per share dilution of \$0.59 per share or 37.2% in 2014 and \$0.53 per share or 29.9% in 2015 compared to estimated earnings per share for Live Oak Financial on a stand-alone basis. The earnings dilution is greatly affected by the cash consideration to be received. The implied book value (including the cash portion of the merger consideration) per share accretion in the merger was \$0.72 per share or 2.8% in 2014 and the implied book value dilution was \$0.21 per share or 0.8% in 2015. The analysis further indicated pro forma consolidated tangible book value (including the cash portion of the merger consideration) per share dilution of \$0.79 per share or 3.0% in 2014 and \$1.30 per share or 4.7% in 2015 compared to Live Oak Financial's tangible book value on a stand-alone basis. The analysis of whether the merger consideration is accretive or dilutive to Live Oak Financial based on the above measures and the amounts of such accretion or dilution is sensitive to the composition of the merger consideration and the accounting assumptions to be made by Independent.

Comparable Company Analysis

Sheshunoff compared the operating and market results of Independent to the results of other publicly traded banking companies. The comparable publicly traded companies in the United States were selected

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primarily on the basis of total asset size, profitability and asset quality. Independent was compared to banks with total assets between \$1 billion and \$3 billion that had a core return on average assets greater than 0.75% for the last twelve months ending June 30, 2013, and a nonperforming assets to total assets ratio less than 2.00%. The data for the following table is based on GAAP financial information as of June 30, 2013, provided by SNL Financial. Some of the ratios presented are proprietary to SNL Financial and may not strictly conform to the common industry determination.

| | Independent (%) | Peer Group Median (%) |
|---|---------------------------|---|
| Return on Average Assets | 1.30 | 1.02 |
| Return on Average Equity | 15.49 | 10.67 |
| Net Interest Margin | 4.40 | 3.74 |
| Efficiency Ratio | 64.5 | 59.7 |
| Tangible Equity to Tangible Asset Ratio | 9.74 | 9.14 |
| Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio | 15.69 | 15.24 |
| Ratio of Nonperforming Assets to Total Assets | 1.10 | 1.18 |
| Ratio of Nonperforming Loans to Total Loans | 0.15 | 1.49 |
| Ratio of Loan Loss Reserves to Loans | 0.84 | 1.58 |

Independent's performance as measured by its return on average assets and return on average equity was higher than that of its peers. Independent's net interest margin was better than its peers but its efficiency ratio was somewhat worse than its peers. Independent's capital level was generally similar to its peers with both ratios slightly above that of its peers. Independent's asset quality, as measured by its ratio of nonperforming assets to total assets and its ratio of nonperforming loans to total loans, was stronger than the peer group medians. Its ratio of loan loss reserves to loans was lower than the median peer group.

Sheshunoff compared Independent's trading results to its peers. The results are summarized in the following table. The data for the following table is based on publicly available GAAP financial information and market data as of June 30, 2013 provided by SNL Financial.

| | Independent | Peer Group Median |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Market Price as a Multiple of Stated Tangible Book Value (times) | 1.71 | 1.20 |
| Price as a Multiple of LTM Earnings (times) | 2.01 | 1.43 |
| Market Price as a Percent of Assets | 12.2 | 12.1 |
| Dividend Yield (percent) | 19.2 | 12.9 |
| Dividend Payout (percent) | NA | 2.62 |

Independent's price-to-book multiples as measured by its market price as a multiple of stated book value and its market price as a multiple of stated tangible book value were higher than the comparable peer group medians. Independent's

price-to-earnings multiple as shown by the price as a multiple of LTM earnings through June 30, 2013, was similar to its peers. Independent's market price to assets ratio was higher than that of its peers. Independent's dividend yield and dividend payout ratio were zero as of June 30, 2013, as it did not declare a dividend as a publicly traded company until August 4, 2013.

Sheshunoff compared selected stock market results of Independent to the KBW Bank index for all publicly traded banks in the United States since Independent came public on April 3, 2013. Independent's common stock price underperformed the index for the period from April 2013 until late-July 2013. From late-July 2013 to mid-August 2013, Independent's stock price outperformed the KBW Bank index. Since mid-August 2013, the stock price has performed in line with the KBW Bank index.

Sheshunoff also compared Independent's stock price performance to the SNL US Bank \$1B-\$5B index for the period from Independent's first day of trading on April 3, 2013 until the date of its opinion. From April

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2013 until May 2013, Independent's stock price performed generally in line with the SNL US Bank \$1B-\$5B index. Independent's stock underperformed the SNL US Bank \$1B-\$5B index from May 2013 until mid-June 2013, at which time it outperformed the index for a period of about two weeks. It underperformed the index until late-July 2013 then outperformed the index until mid-August 2013. Since mid-August 2013, Independent's stock has performed slightly better than the SNL US Bank \$1B-\$5B index.

No company or transaction used in the comparable company and comparable transaction analysis is identical to Live Oak Financial, Independent, or Independent as the surviving corporation in the merger. Accordingly, an analysis of the results of the foregoing necessarily involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operational characteristics of Live Oak Financial and Independent and other factors that could affect the public trading value of the companies to which they are being compared. Mathematical analysis (such as determining the average or median) is not in and of itself a meaningful method of using comparable transaction data or comparable company data.

Pursuant to its engagement letter with Live Oak Financial, Sheshunoff will receive a fee of \$25,000 for the fairness opinion that is not contingent on the closing of the merger and additional fees that are contingent upon consummation of the merger. In addition, Live Oak Financial agreed to reimburse Sheshunoff for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Live Oak Financial also agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Sheshunoff and its officers and employees against certain liabilities in connection with its services under the engagement letter, except for liabilities resulting from the negligence, violation of law or regulation, or bad faith of Sheshunoff or any matter for which Sheshunoff may have strict liability.

The fairness opinion is directed only to the question of whether the merger consideration is fair from a financial perspective to the Live Oak Financial shareholders and does not constitute a recommendation to any Live Oak Financial shareholder to vote in favor of the merger. No limitations were imposed on Sheshunoff regarding the scope of its investigation or otherwise by Live Oak Financial.

Based on the results of the various analyses described above, Sheshunoff concluded that the merger consideration to be paid by Independent is fair to the Live Oak Financial shareholders, from a financial point of view.

Each shareholder is encouraged to read the fairness opinion in its entirety. The full text of the fairness opinion is included as [Appendix B](#) to this proxy statement/prospectus.

Exchange of Live Oak Financial Stock Certificates

If you are a shareholder of Live Oak Financial, prior to the effective time of the merger, Independent's transfer and exchange agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, will mail a letter of transmittal and instructions to you for use in surrendering your Live Oak Financial stock certificates. Independent shall cause the exchange agent to mail the letter of transmittal and instructions to you at least 20 days prior to the anticipated closing date. When you properly surrender your certificates or provide other satisfactory evidence of ownership, and return the letter of transmittal duly executed and completed in accordance with its instructions, Wells Fargo Bank will promptly cancel the surrendered stock certificates and deliver to you a notice required under the TBOC specifying, among other things, the number of shares of Independent common stock, which shall be in uncertificated book-entry only form, and cash to which you are entitled under the reorganization agreement. No Independent stock certificates will be issued with respect to the Independent common stock to be issued under the reorganization agreement. If a holder of certificates for shares of Live Oak Financial common stock surrenders such certificates and a properly executed letter of transmittal to the exchange agent at least three business days prior to the closing date, then Independent will use commercially reasonable best efforts to cause the exchange agent to promptly, but no later than three business days following the

closing date, deliver to such holder of certificates the cash portion of the merger consideration and to cause the shares of Independent common stock issued as the stock portion of the consideration to be credited to the account of such holder established in the Direct Registration System. If a holder of certificates for shares of Live Oak Financial common

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stock surrenders such certificates and a properly executed letter of transmittal to the exchange agent at any time after three business days prior to the closing date, then Independent will use its commercially reasonable best efforts to cause the exchange agent to promptly, but in no event later than three business days following receipt of such certificates and letter of transmittal, deliver to such holder of certificates the merger consideration and to cause the shares of Independent common stock issued as the stock portion of the consideration to be credited to the account of such holder established in the Direct Registration System.

You should not send in your certificates until you receive the letter of transmittal and instructions.

At the effective time of the merger, and until surrendered as described above, other than shares of Live Oak Financial common stock subject to the exercise of dissenters' rights, each outstanding Live Oak Financial stock certificate will be deemed for all purposes to represent only the right to receive the merger consideration to be paid pursuant to the reorganization agreement without interest thereon. With respect to any Live Oak Financial stock certificate that has been lost, stolen or destroyed, Independent will pay the merger consideration attributable to such certificate upon receipt of a surety bond or other adequate indemnity, as required in accordance with Independent's standard policy, and evidence reasonably satisfactory to Independent of ownership of the shares in question. After the effective time of the merger, Live Oak Financial's transfer books will be closed and no transfer of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock outstanding immediately prior to the effective time will be made on Independent's stock transfer books.

To the extent permitted by law, you will be entitled to vote after the effective time of the merger at any special meeting of Independent's shareholders the number of whole shares of Independent common stock into which your shares of Live Oak Financial are converted, regardless of whether you have exchanged your Live Oak Financial stock certificates for Independent stock certificates. Whenever Independent declares a dividend or other distribution on Independent common stock which has a record date after the effective time, the declaration will include dividends or other distributions on all shares of Independent common stock issuable pursuant to the reorganization agreement. However, no dividend or other distribution payable to the holders of record of Independent common stock will be delivered to you until you surrender your Live Oak Financial stock certificates. Wells Fargo Bank, as Independent's transfer and exchange agent, will deliver to you a notice required under the TBOC specifying, among other things, the number of shares of Independent common stock, which shall be in uncertificated book-entry only form, and your share of the cash portion of the merger consideration, any cash in lieu of any fractional share of Independent common stock to which you would otherwise be entitled and any undelivered dividends, without interest.

Effective Time of the Merger

The merger will become effective at the date and time specified in the certificate of merger to be filed with the Secretary of State of Texas regarding the merger of Live Oak Financial and IBGLO. If the shareholders of Live Oak Financial approve the reorganization agreement at the special meeting, and if all required regulatory approvals are obtained and the other conditions to the parties' obligations to effect the merger are satisfied or are waived by the party entitled to do so, Independent anticipates that the merger will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2013, although delays could occur.

Independent cannot assure you that the necessary shareholder and regulatory approvals will be obtained or that the other conditions to completion of the merger can or will be satisfied.

Conduct of Business Pending Effective Time

From the date of the reorganization agreement to and including the closing date, Live Oak Financial has agreed, and has agreed to cause Live Oak Bank to:

- maintain its corporate existence in good standing;
- maintain the general character of its business and conduct its business in its ordinary and usual manner;

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- extend credit only in accordance with existing lending policies and practices;
- use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve its business organization intact; retain the services of its present employees, officers, directors and agents; retain its present customers, depositors, suppliers and correspondent banks; and preserve its goodwill and the goodwill of its suppliers, customers and others having business relationships with it;
- use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any approvals or consent required to maintain all existing contracts, leases and documents relating to or affecting its properties, assets, leased or owned real property, and business;
- maintain all offices, machinery, equipment, materials, supplies, inventories, vehicles and other properties owned, leased or used by it (whether under its control or the control of others) in good operating repair and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted;
- comply in all material respects with all laws, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders, licenses and permits applicable to its properties and operations, where such noncompliance with which would reasonably be expected to cause a material adverse change;
- timely file all tax returns required to be filed by it and promptly pay all taxes, assessments, governmental charges, duties, penalties, interest and fines that become due and payable, except those being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- withhold from each payment made to each of its employees the amount of all taxes (including federal income taxes, FICA taxes and state and local income and wage taxes) required to be withheld therefrom and pay the same to the proper tax receiving officers;
- continue to follow and implement policies, procedures and practices regarding the identification, monitoring, classification and treatment of all assets in substantially the same manner as it has in the past;
- account for all transactions in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (unless otherwise instructed by regulatory accounting principles, in which instance account for such transaction in accordance with regulatory accounting principles) specifically, without limitation, (i) maintaining the allowance for loan and lease losses account for Live Oak Bank at not less than \$1,140,000 and (ii) paying or accruing for by the closing date all liabilities, obligations, costs and expenses owed or incurred by Live Oak Bank on or before the closing date;
- perform all of its material obligations under contracts, leases and documents relating to or affecting its assets, properties and business, except such obligations as it may in good faith reasonably dispute;

- maintain and keep in full force and effect, in all material respects, presently existing insurance coverage and give all notices and present all claims under all insurance policies in due and timely fashion; and
- timely file all reports required to be filed with governmental authorities and observe and conform, in all material respects, to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders, licenses and permits, except those being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.

From the date of the reorganization agreement through the effective time of the merger, Live Oak Financial has agreed not to, and has agreed not to cause Live Oak Bank to, without the prior written consent of Independent:

- introduce any new material method of management or operation;
- intentionally take any action that could reasonably be anticipated to result in a material adverse change to its financial condition or operations;

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- take or fail to take any action that could reasonably be expected to cause its representations and warranties made in the reorganization agreement to be inaccurate in any material respect at the effective time of the merger or preclude Live Oak Bank from making such representations and warranties at the effective time of the merger;
- declare, set aside or pay any dividend or other distribution with respect to its capital except that Live Oak Bank may pay dividends to Live Oak Financial;
- enter into, alter, amend, renew or extend any material contract or commitment that would result in an obligation for Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank to make payments in excess of \$25,000, except for loans and extensions of credit in the ordinary course of business;
- mortgage, pledge or subject to lien, charge, security interest or any other encumbrance or restriction any of its properties, business or assets, tangible or intangible, except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- cause or allow the loss of insurance coverage, unless replaced with coverage that is substantially similar (in amount and insurer) to that in effect as of the date of the reorganization agreement;
- incur any indebtedness, obligation or liability, whether absolute or contingent, other than the receipt of deposits and trade debt or except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices or in connection with the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement or any of the agreements or documents contemplated therein;
- discharge or satisfy any lien or pay any obligation or liability, whether absolute or contingent, due or to become due, except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- issue, reserve for issuance, grant, sell or authorize the issuance of any shares of its capital stock or other securities or subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights or commitments of any kind relating to the issuance thereto, except to the extent any commitment to do so is outstanding as of the date of the reorganization agreement;
- amend or otherwise change its articles of incorporation or bylaws;
- sell, transfer, lease to others or otherwise dispose of any material amount of its assets or properties, discount or arrange for a payoff of a charged off or deficiency credit, cancel or compromise any material debt or claim, or waive or release any right or claim other than in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices, but any such transaction involving amounts in excess of \$100,000 shall be deemed to not be in the ordinary course of business;

- enter into any material transaction other than in the ordinary course of business;

- except in the ordinary course of the business and consistent with past practices, enter into or give any promise, assurance or guarantee of the payment, discharge or fulfillment of any undertaking or promise made by any other third person, firm or corporation;

- sell or knowingly dispose of, or otherwise divest itself of the ownership, possession, custody or control, of any corporate books or records of any nature that, in accordance with sound business practice, normally are retained for a period of time after their use, creation or receipt, except at the end of the normal retention period;

- except for salary increases in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices, (i) make any material change in the rate of compensation, commission, bonus or other direct or indirect remuneration payable, (ii) pay, agree to, or orally promise to pay, conditionally or otherwise, any bonus or extra compensation, pension, severance or vacation pay, to or for the benefit of any of its shareholders, directors, officers or employees, or (iii) enter into any employment or consulting contract (other than as contemplated by the reorganization agreement) or other agreement with any director, officer or employee or adopt, amend in any material respect or terminate (other than termination of any employee benefit plans contemplated by the reorganization agreement) any

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pension, employee welfare, retirement, stock purchase, stock option, stock appreciation rights, termination, severance, income protection, golden parachute, savings or profit-sharing plan (including trust agreements and insurance contracts embodying such plans), any deferred compensation or collective bargaining agreement, any group insurance contract or any other incentive, welfare or employee benefit plan or agreement maintained by it for the benefit of its directors, employees or former employees;

- engage in any transaction with any of its affiliates, except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- acquire any capital stock or other equity securities or acquire any equity or ownership interest in any bank, corporation, partnership or other entity, except (i) through settlement of indebtedness, foreclosure or the exercise of creditors' remedies or (ii) in a fiduciary capacity, the ownership of which does not expose it to any liability from the business, operations or liabilities of such person;
- except as contemplated by the reorganization agreement, terminate, cancel or surrender any contract, lease or other agreement or unreasonably permit any damage, destruction or loss which, in any case or in the aggregate, may reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change to its financial condition or business operations;
- dispose of, permit to lapse, transfer or grant any rights under, or knowingly breach or infringe upon, any United States or foreign license or proprietary right or materially modify any existing rights with respect thereto, except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- make any capital expenditures, capital additions or betterments in excess of an aggregate of \$25,000;
- hire or employ any new officer or hire or employ any new nonofficer employee, other than to replace nonofficer employees;
- make any, or acquiesce with any, change in accounting methods, principles or material practices, except as required by generally accepted accounting principles, or regulatory accounting principles, including, without limitation, making any reverse provision for loan losses or other similar entry or accounting method that would reduce the allowance for loan and lease losses of Live Oak Bank;
- pay a rate on deposits at Live Oak Bank materially higher than is consistent with the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- make any new loan to a single borrower and his related interests in excess of \$100,000, and Live Oak Financial is to provide to Independent a weekly written report of all loans made, renewed or modified by Live Oak Bank;

- renew, extend the maturity of, or alter the material terms of, any loan except in compliance with Live Oak Bank's existing policies and procedures and consistent with past practices and prudent banking principles;
- renew, extend the maturity of, or alter any of, the material terms of any classified loan or extension of credit;
- sell (but payment at maturity or prepayment is not deemed a sale) investment securities or purchase investment securities, other than U.S. Treasuries with a maturity of two years or less; or
- redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any of its capital.

For a complete description of such restrictions on the conduct of the business of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank, Independent refers you to the reorganization agreement, which is attached as Appendix A to this proxy statement/prospectus.

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From the date of the reorganization agreement through the effective time of the merger, Independent has agreed to:

- maintain its corporate existence in good standing;
- maintain the general character of its business and conduct is business in its ordinary and usual manner;
- extend credit only in accordance with existing lending policies and practices; and
- use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve its business organization intact; retain the services of its present employees, officers, directors and agents; retain its present customers, depositors, suppliers and correspondence banks; and preserve its goodwill and the goodwill of its suppliers, customers and others having business relationships with it.

No Solicitation

Live Oak Financial agreed that it will not, and that it will cause Live Oak Bank and the respective employees, directors, officers, financial advisors and agents of each of them not to:

- solicit, knowingly encourage, initiate or participate in any negotiations or discussions with any third party with respect to any proposal that could reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal, whether by business combination, purchase of securities or assets or otherwise;
- disclose to any third party any information concerning the business, properties, books or records of Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank in connection with any acquisition proposal, other than as provided in the reorganization agreement or as required by applicable law; or
- cooperate with any third party to make any acquisition proposal, other than a sale of assets of Live Oak Bank in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices. Promptly upon receipt of any unsolicited offer, Live Oak Financial will communicate to Independent the terms of any proposal or request for information and the identity of the parties involved.

Provided that Live Oak Financial has complied with the restrictions set forth above, if after the date of the reorganization agreement and before obtaining approval of the merger by its shareholders Live Oak Financial receives a bona fide, unsolicited written acquisition proposal, it may engage in negotiations and discussions with, and furnish any information and other access to, any person making such acquisition proposal if, and only if, Live Oak Financial's board of directors determines in good faith, after consultation with outside legal and financial advisors, that (i) such acquisition proposal is or is reasonably capable of becoming a superior proposal and (ii) the failure of the Live Oak Financial board of directors to furnish such information or access or enter into such discussions or negotiations would reasonably be expected to be a violation of its fiduciary duties to the shareholders of Live Oak Financial; but before furnishing any material nonpublic information, Live Oak Financial must receive from the person making such acquisition proposal an executed confidentiality agreement with terms at least as restrictive in all material respects on

such person as the confidentiality agreement entered into with Independent. In such case, Live Oak Financial is required to:

- promptly notify Independent of the receipt of such acquisition proposal or any request for nonpublic information relating to Live Oak Financial or for access to its properties, books or records by any person that has made, or may be considering making, an acquisition proposal;
- communicate the material terms of such acquisition proposal to Independent, including as they may change upon any modification or amendment to the terms thereof; and
- keep Independent reasonably apprised of the status of and other matters relating to any such acquisition proposal on a timely basis.

An acquisition proposal means a written offer or proposal from a party other than Independent that contains a fixed price per share or a mathematically ascertainable formula for calculating a price per share for the

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Live Oak Financial common stock regarding any of the following involving Live Oak Financial: (i) any merger, reorganization, consolidation, share exchange, recapitalization, business combination, liquidation, dissolution or other similar transaction involving any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets or equity securities or deposits of Live Oak Financial, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, which could reasonably be expected to impede, interfere with, prevent or materially delay the completion of the merger; (ii) any tender offer or exchange offer for 50% or more of the outstanding shares of Live Oak Financial common stock or the filing of a registration statement in connection therewith; or (iii) any public announcement of a proposal, plan or intention to do, or any agreement to engage in any of the foregoing. A superior proposal means a bona fide acquisition proposal made by a party other than Independent that the board of directors of Live Oak Financial determines in its good faith judgment to be more favorable to Live Oak Financial's shareholders than the merger and for which financing, to the extent required, is then committed or which, in the good faith judgment of the board of directors of Live Oak Financial is reasonably capable of being obtained by such third person.

Conditions to Completion of the Merger

The reorganization agreement contains a number of conditions to the obligations of Independent and Live Oak Financial to complete the merger that must be satisfied as of the closing date, including, but not limited to, the following:

- approval of the reorganization agreement and the merger by the holders of the percentage of the outstanding Live Oak Financial common stock required for approval under the Live Oak Financial articles of incorporation and the TBOC;
- receipt of all approvals and consents required by applicable law from all applicable governmental authorities in connection with the reorganization agreement, any other agreement contemplated thereby and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which approvals and consents do not impose any material requirement upon Independent or its subsidiaries that are reasonably unacceptable to Independent;
- the registration statement of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part has become effective and no stop order suspending its effectiveness is in effect and no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated and continuing or threatened by the SEC, and all necessary approvals under state securities laws relating to the issuance or trading of the Independent common stock to be issued have been received;
- the shares of Independent common stock to be issued to Live Oak Financial shareholders being authorized for listing on the NASDAQ Global Market;
- no action shall have been taken, and no statute, rule, regulation or order shall have been promulgated, enacted, entered, enforced or deemed applicable to the reorganization agreement, or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, by any governmental authority, including by means of the entry of a preliminary or permanent injunction, that would (A) make the reorganization agreement or any other agreement contemplated thereby, or the transactions contemplated thereby, illegal, invalid or

unenforceable, (B) impose material limits on the ability of any party to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or (C) could reasonably be expected to subject Independent, Live Oak Financial, Live Oak Bank or any of their respective subsidiaries, or any of their respective officers, directors, shareholders or employees, to criminal or civil liability upon the consummation of the reorganization agreement or any other agreement contemplated thereby, or the transactions contemplated thereby;

· the other party's representations and warranties contained in the reorganization agreement being true and correct as of the date of the reorganization agreement and being true and correct in all material respects as of the date of the closing and receipt of a certificate signed by an appropriate representative of the other party to that effect;

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- the absence of a material adverse change since June 30, 2013, in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of either party or any event that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in a material adverse effect on either party; and
- the performance or compliance in all material respects by each party with its respective covenants and obligations required by the reorganization agreement to be performed or complied with before the closing of the merger and receipt of a certificate signed by an appropriate representative of the other party to that effect.

In addition to the conditions listed above, Live Oak Financial's obligations to complete the merger is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

- Independent's delivery of the merger consideration to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as exchange agent;
- the volume-weighted average of the daily average sales price per share of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market over a twenty consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the closing date (i.e., the average sales price) being at least \$27.34; and
- the receipt by Live Oak Financial of an opinion from Hunton & Williams LLP to the effect that for federal income tax purposes (i) the initial merger and the subsequent merger, together, will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of § 368(a) of the Code, and (ii) each of Independent and Live Oak Financial will be a party to such reorganization within the meaning of § 368(b) of the Code.

In addition to the conditions listed above, Independent's obligation to complete the merger is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions by Live Oak Financial:

- Live Oak Financial's tangible book value as of the closing must not be less than \$12,500,000;
- Live Oak Financial's allowance for loan losses as of the closing date must be at least equal to \$1,140,000;
- the volume-weighted average of the daily average sales price per share of Independent common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market over a twenty consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the closing date (i.e., the average sales price) being at least \$27.34;
- all Live Oak Financial employee plans must be terminated in accordance with the respective terms thereof and all applicable laws and regulations and the affected participants must be notified of such terminations;
- receipt by Independent of an executed release and support agreement from each of the directors and executive officers of Live Oak Financial releasing Live Oak Financial and its successors from any and all

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claims of such directors and executive officers, subject to certain limited exceptions, which will not become effective until the effective time of the merger;

- receipt of the resignations of each of the directors of Live Oak Financial, effective as of the closing date;
- the employment agreement between Independent Bank and each of Carl Schieffer, Harlan Bilton and Danny Oberst, which have been executed, but are not currently effective, shall not have been terminated and remains in full force and effect;
- holders of no more than 5% of the capital stock of Live Oak Financial shall have demanded or exercised their statutory dissenters' rights under the TBOC;
- all material consents and approvals from all nongovernmental third parties which are required to be obtained under the terms of any contract, agreement or instrument to which Live Oak Financial is a party; and
- the receipt by Independent of an opinion from Andrews Kurth LLP to the effect that the initial merger and the subsequent merger, together, will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning

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of § 368(a) of the Code, (ii) each of Independent and Live Oak Financial will be a party to such reorganization within the meaning of § 368(b) of the Code; (iii) the bank merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of § 368(a) of the Code, and (iv) each of Independent Bank and Live Oak Bank will be a party to such reorganization within the meaning of § 368(b) of the Code.

Any condition to the completion of the merger, except the required shareholder and regulatory or governmental approvals, and the absence of an order or ruling prohibiting the merger, may be waived in writing by the party to the reorganization agreement entitled to the benefit of such condition.

Additional Agreements

In addition to the agreements described above, each party agreed in the reorganization agreement to take certain other actions, including but not limited to:

- each party agreed to use commercially reasonable best efforts to cause the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement in accordance with its terms and conditions;
- each party agreed to promptly notify the other party in writing of any litigation, or of any claim, controversy or contingent liability that might reasonably be expected to become the subject of litigation, against such party or affecting any of its properties, if such litigation or potential litigation is reasonably likely, in the event of an unfavorable outcome, to result in a material adverse change to such party;
- each party agreed to promptly notify the other party of any legal action, suit or proceeding or judicial, administrative or governmental investigation, pending or, to the best knowledge of such party, threatened against such party, or Live Oak Bank in the case of Live Oak Financial, that (i) questions or would reasonably be expected to question the validity of the reorganization agreement or the agreements contemplated thereby, or any actions taken or to be taken by such party, or Live Oak Bank in the case of Live Oak Financial, pursuant thereto or (ii) seeks to enjoin or otherwise restrain the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement;
- each party agreed to promptly notify the other party in writing if any change occurred or was threatened (or any development occurred or was threatened involving a prospective change) in the business, financial condition or operations of such party, or Live Oak Bank in the case of Live Oak Financial, that has resulted in or would reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change;
- each party agreed that the confidential information provided by the other party would be used solely for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement and any other agreement contemplated thereby, and that such confidential information would be kept confidential by such party;
- each party agreed that it would not make, issue or release, or cause to be made, issued or released, any announcement, statement, press release, acknowledgment or other public disclosure of the existence,

terms, conditions or status of the reorganization agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby without the prior written consent of the other party;

· each agreed to provide to the other party, at least three business days prior to closing, with supplemental schedules pursuant to the reorganization agreement reflecting any material changes between the date of the reorganization agreement and the closing date;

· Live Oak Financial agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all consents and approvals from regulatory authorities and other third parties required in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement, and to cooperate in all commercially reasonable respects with Independent to obtain all such approvals and consents required of such other party;

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- Live Oak Financial agreed, to the extent permitted by law, to use its commercially reasonable best efforts to provide Independent all information concerning Live Oak Financial that is required for inclusion in this proxy statement/prospectus, or any other application, filing, statement or document to be made or filed in connection with the merger and the other transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement and to promptly inform Independent if Live Oak Financial becomes aware that any information provided or cross referenced contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and to take the necessary steps to correct such information;
- Live Oak Financial agreed to promptly notify Independent in writing if it becomes aware of any fact or condition that makes untrue, or shows to have been untrue, in any material respect, any material information furnished to Independent by Live Oak Financial or any representation or warranty made in or pursuant to the reorganization agreement or that results in Live Oak Financial's failure to comply with any covenant, condition or agreement contained in the reorganization agreement;
- Live Oak Financial agreed to afford Independent's officers, directors, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers and authorized representatives access during regular business hours to the books, contracts, commitments, personnel and records of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank, and furnish such period such other information concerning Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank as Independent may reasonably request;
- Live Oak Financial agreed to give notice, and to cause Live Oak Bank to give notice, to one designee of Independent of, and shall invite such designee to attend, all regular and special meetings of the Live Oak Financial board of directors and the Live Oak Bank board of directors and all regular and special meetings of any senior management committee (including the executive committee and the loan and discount committee of Live Oak Bank) of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank; except that such designee shall be required to excuse himself from such meetings while the reorganization agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby or related thereto are being discussed;
- Live Oak Financial agreed to cause Live Oak Bank to terminate, subject to compliance with applicable law, all Live Oak Bank employee benefit plans and to terminate and pay all amounts owed under any employment agreements;
- Live Oak Financial agreed to use its best efforts to cause the directors of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank to execute and deliver a voting agreement agreeing to vote the shares of stock of Live Oak Financial owned by them in favor of the reorganization agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (which has occurred);
- Live Oak Financial agreed to make available to Independent a list of the Live Oak Financial's shareholders and their addresses, a list showing all transfers of Live Oak Financial's stock and such other information as Independent may reasonably request regarding both the ownership and prior transfers of the Live Oak Financial capital stock;

- Live Oak Financial agreed, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, to make such accounting entries as Independent may reasonably request in order to conform the accounting records of Live Oak Financial to the accounting policies and practices of Independent;
- Live Oak Financial agreed to purchase before closing an extended reporting period for three years under its existing directors and officers liability insurance policy for purposes of covering actions occurring prior to the effective time of the merger;
- Live Oak Financial agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain releases and support agreements signed by, and receipt of resignations from, each of the directors and executive officers of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank releasing Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank and their respective successors from any and all claims of such directors and officers, subject to certain limited exceptions, agreeing to support, and not compete with, the business of Independent Bank and resigning from the board of Live Oak Financial and Live Oak Bank, as applicable;

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- Live Oak Financial agreed to promptly furnish Independent with true and complete copies of (i) the audited financial statements of Live Oak Financial as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 in form and content consistent with the 2011 financial statements, as soon as such audited financial statements are available, and (ii) each additional Live Oak Financial regulatory report and Live Oak Bank call report as soon as such reports are available.

- Live Oak Financial agreed that Independent, at its sole cost and expense, shall have the right to the same extent that Live Oak Financial has the right to, upon written notice to Live Oak Financial, inspect any real property leased or owned by Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank, including conducting asbestos surveys and sampling, environmental assessments and investigations, and other environmental surveys and analysis, and to conduct further investigation if deemed desirable by Independent and upon reasonable written notice to Live Oak Financial and subject to Live Oak Financial's right to place reasonable time and place restrictions on any such further investigation, and further subject to Independent's obligation to make available to Live Oak Financial the results and reports of any such investigation or survey;

- Independent agreed to prepare and file a registration statement with the SEC with respect to the shares of Independent common stock to be issued pursuant to the reorganization agreement, and use its reasonable best efforts to cause the registration statement to become and remain effective; Independent further agreed that none of the information supplied or to be supplied by it for inclusion in (i) the registration statement will, at the time the registration statement and any amendment or supplement thereto becomes effective, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and (ii) the proxy statement/prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto will, at the date(s) of mailing to Live Oak Financial shareholders and at the time of the special meeting, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and Independent will take the necessary steps to correct such information;

- Independent agreed to file all documents required to be filed to have the shares of the Independent common stock to be issued pursuant to the reorganization agreement included for listing on the NASDAQ Global Market and use its reasonable best efforts to effect said listing;

- Independent agreed to use its commercially reasonable best efforts to prepare all documentation, to effect all filings and to obtain all permits, consents, approvals and authorizations of all third parties and federal or state bank regulatory or governmental authority necessary to consummate the merger and the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement;

- Independent agreed that for a period of three years from the effective time of the merger to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each person entitled to indemnification from Live Oak Financial against all liabilities arising out of actions or omissions occurring at or prior to the effective time of the merger;

- Independent agreed, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to, and to cause each of its subsidiaries to, upon reasonable notice from Live Oak Financial, afford Live Oak Financial's employees and officers and

authorized representatives reasonable access to the properties, books and records of Independent and its subsidiaries during normal business hours and furnish Live Oak Financial with such additional financial and operating data and other information as to the business and properties of Independent as Live Oak Financial may reasonably request from time to time; and

Independent agreed, for a period of two years after the effective time of the merger (or such shorter period of time as may be applicable for affiliates of Live Oak Financial to sell shares of Independent common stock in accordance with Rule 145 of the Securities Act), to use its commercially reasonable efforts to file in a timely manner all reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, required to be filed by it pursuant to Section 13 and Section 15(d) of

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the Exchange Act (other than current reports on Form 8-K) and submit electronically and post on its corporate website, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation T.

Representations and Warranties of Live Oak Financial and Independent

In the reorganization agreement, Live Oak Financial has made representations and warranties to Independent, and Independent has made representations and warranties to Live Oak Financial. The more significant of these relate to (among other things):

- corporate organization and existence;
- authority and power to execute the reorganization agreement and the bank merger agreement and to complete the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement and the bank merger agreement;
- the absence of conflicts between the execution of the reorganization agreement and completion of the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement and the parties' charter documents, applicable law and certain other agreements;
- capitalization;
- compliance with applicable laws and regulatory filings, including tax filings;
- the accuracy of their financial statements and reports;
- pending or threatened litigation and other proceedings;
- actions taken by regulatory authorities and its ability to receive required regulatory approval;
- the absence of certain changes and events; and
- the absence of undisclosed liabilities.

Live Oak Financial also has made additional representations and warranties to Independent with respect to (among other things):

- its investments;

- its loan portfolio and reserve for loan losses;
- the existence of indebtedness, certain loan agreements and related matters;
- title and conditions of personal property assets;
- its compliance with regulatory and environmental laws;
- its compliance with tax laws, payment of taxes and filing of tax returns;
- the existence of certain contracts and commitments and contractual relationships;
- its insurance coverage and fidelity bonds;
- its employment relations;
- its employees, compensation and benefits plans;
- its deferred compensation and salary continuation arrangements, including no excess parachute payments;
- its related person transactions;

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- its absence of certain business practices;
- the absence of guarantees;
- its data processing agreements;
- its deposit accounts;
- its loan practices and compliance with financial institution laws, rules and regulations;
- its ownership and use of intellectual property rights;
- completeness of its books and records;
- its compliance with zoning and related laws;
- dissenting shareholders;
- business combination restrictions;
- its receipt of a fairness opinion; and
- Live Oak Financial's performance of its fiduciary responsibilities as trustee, custodian, guardian or escrow agent.

Independent has also made additional representations and warranties to Live Oak Financial with respect to (among other things) its compliance with its SEC reporting obligations and the accuracy of such reports.

For detailed information concerning these representations and warranties, reference is made to Articles III and IV of the reorganization agreement included as Appendix A to this proxy statement/prospectus.

The reorganization agreement contains representations and warranties that Live Oak Financial and Independent made to and solely for the benefit of each other. These representations and warranties are subject to materiality standards, which may differ from what may be viewed as material by investors and shareholders, and, in certain cases, were used for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties rather than establishing matters as facts. The assertions embodied in those representations and warranties also are qualified by information in confidential disclosure schedules that the parties have exchanged in connection with signing the reorganization agreement. Although neither Live Oak Financial nor Independent believes that the disclosure schedules contain information that the federal securities laws require to

be publicly disclosed, the disclosure schedules do contain information that modifies, qualifies and creates exceptions to the representations and warranties set forth in the attached reorganization agreement.

Accordingly, you should not rely on the representations and warranties as characterizations of the actual state of facts, since they were only made as of the date of the reorganization agreement and are modified in important part by the underlying disclosure schedules. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties may have changed since the date of the reorganization agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in Independent's public disclosures.

Amendment or Waiver of the Reorganization Agreement

No termination, cancellation, modification, amendment, deletion, addition or other change in the reorganization agreement, or any provision thereof, or waiver of any right or remedy therein provided, is effective for any purpose unless specifically set forth in a writing signed by the party or parties to be bound thereby. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event on one occasion is not deemed a waiver of such right or remedy in respect to such occurrence or event on any other occasion.

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Termination of the Reorganization Agreement

Independent and Live Oak Financial can mutually agree at any time to terminate the reorganization agreement without completing the merger. In addition, either Independent or Live Oak Financial may decide, without the consent of the other, to terminate the reorganization agreement if:

- the conditions to such party's obligations to close have not been satisfied on or before December 31, 2013; subject to a thirty-day extension for the receipt of regulatory approvals and provided that the terminating party is not in breach of the reorganization agreement;
- the required regulatory approvals have not been obtained; or
- if the reorganization is not approved by the shareholders of Live Oak Financial at the special meeting.

Live Oak Financial may terminate the reorganization agreement, without the consent of Independent, if:

- Independent breaches or fails to perform in any material respect any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in the reorganization agreement or any other agreement contemplated by the reorganization agreement, and such failure has not been cured within a period of 30 calendar days after written notice from Live Oak Financial; or
- at any time prior to the Live Oak Financial special meeting in order to enter concurrently with such termination into an acquisition agreement or similar agreement with respect to a superior proposal, that has been received and considered by Live Oak Financial and the Live Oak Financial board in accordance with all of the requirements of the reorganization agreement; or
- there has been any material adverse change, since June 30, 2013, in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of Independent.

In addition, Independent may terminate the reorganization agreement, without the consent of Live Oak Financial, if:

- Live Oak Financial breaches or fails to perform in any material respect any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in the reorganization agreement or any other agreement contemplated by the reorganization agreement, and such failure has not been cured within a period of 30 calendar days after written notice from Independent;
- the Live Oak Financial board has (i) recommended to the shareholders of Live Oak Financial that they tender their shares in a tender or exchange offer commenced by an unaffiliated third party for more than 15% of the outstanding Live Oak Financial common stock, (ii) effected a change in the board's

recommendation with respect to the merger or recommended to the Live Oak Financial shareholders acceptance or approval of any alternative acquisition proposal, (iii) notified Independent in writing that Live Oak Financial is prepared to accept a superior proposal or (iv) resolved to do the foregoing;

any of the following have occurred with respect to environmental matters regarding Live Oak Financial: (a) the factual substance of any representations and warranties of Live Oak Financial in the reorganization agreement is not materially true and accurate, (b) the results of any environmental inspection or other environmental survey by Independent are disapproved by Independent because such inspection or survey identifies a material or potential material violation of applicable environmental laws, (c) Live Oak Financial refusal to allow such inspection or survey in a manner that Independent reasonably considers necessary, (d) such inspection or survey identifies an event, condition or circumstance that would or potentially could reasonably be expected to require a material remedial or cleanup action or result in a material adverse change in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of Live Oak Financial, (e) such inspection or survey reveals the

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presence of any underground or above ground storage tank in, on or under any real property owned or leased by Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank that is not shown to be in material compliance with all applicable environmental laws, or that has had a release of petroleum or some other hazardous material that has not been cleaned up to the satisfaction of the relevant governmental authority or any other party with a right to compel such cleanup, or (f) such inspection or survey identifies the presence of any asbestos-containing material in, on or under any real property owned or leased by Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank, the removal of which could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of Live Oak Financial, subject, in the case of each of the foregoing, to notice and the right of Live Oak Financial to satisfactorily correct any such matter;

- Independent determines, in good faith after consulting with counsel, there is a substantial likelihood that any necessary regulatory approval will not be obtained or will be obtained only upon one or more conditions that make it inadvisable to proceed with the transactions; or

- there has been any material adverse change, since June 30, 2013, in the assets, properties, business or financial condition of Live Oak Financial or Live Oak Bank.

Termination Fee and Expense Reimbursements

To compensate Independent for entering into the reorganization agreement, taking actions to consummate the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement and incurring the related costs and expenses and other losses and expense, including foregoing the pursuit of other opportunities, the reorganization agreement provides that Live Oak Financial has agreed to pay to Independent a termination fee of \$800,000 if the reorganization agreement is terminated:

- by Live Oak Financial because it receives an alternative acquisition proposed and, under certain terms and conditions, determines that it is a superior proposal to that of the reorganization agreement taking into account any adjustment made by Independent to the merger consideration, provided that Independent is not in material breach of the reorganization agreement;

- by either Independent or Live Oak Financial if the Live Oak Financial shareholders do not approve the reorganization agreement and the merger at the special meeting and either (i) at the time of such disapproval, there exists an acquisition proposal with respect to Live Oak Financial other than that of Independent that has not been withdrawn prior to the special meeting or (ii) within 12 months of the termination of the reorganization agreement, Live Oak Financial enters into a definitive agreement with any third party with respect to any acquisition proposal; or

- by Independent if the Live Oak Financial board has (i) recommended to the Live Oak Financial shareholders that they tender their shares in a tender or exchange offer commenced by an unaffiliated third party for more than 15% of the outstanding Live Oak Financial common stock, (ii) effected a change in the board's recommendation with respect to the merger or recommended to the Live Oak Financial shareholders acceptance or approval of any alternative acquisition proposal, (iii) notified Independent in writing that Live Oak Financial is prepared to accept a superior proposal or (iv) resolved to do the

foregoing.

Except with respect to termination fees and expenses, as discussed above, in the event of the termination of the reorganization agreement without breach by any party, the reorganization agreement will be void and have no effect, without liability on the part of any party or the directors, officers or shareholders of any party, except as specifically contemplated in the reorganization agreement.

Financial Interests of Directors and Officers of Live Oak Financial in the Merger

In considering the recommendation of the board of directors of Live Oak Financial to vote for the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement, you should be aware that certain directors and officers of Live

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Oak Financial have interests in the merger that are in addition to, or different from, their interests as shareholders of Live Oak Financial. The board of Live Oak Financial was aware of these interests and considered them in approving the reorganization agreement. These interests include:

- *Change in Control Payments.* Each of Carl Schieffer, Harlan Bilton and Danny Oberst currently has a change in control agreement with Live Oak Bank that provides, among other things, upon a change in control transaction he will be entitled to receive a lump sum severance payment equal to two times the amount of his respective salary. Live Oak Bank will pay an aggregate amount of \$1,050,000 to those officers in connection with the merger. This payment will reduce the tangible book value of Live Oak Financial.
- *Employment Agreements with Independent Bank.* As a condition to the merger, Independent has required that each of Carl Schieffer, Harlan Bilton and Danny Oberst enter into an employment agreement, effective upon completion of the merger, that includes noncompetition and nonsolicitation obligations with Independent Bank and pursuant to which the executive officer is entitled to receive a salary, annual bonus and certain additional incentives from Independent Bank.
- *Indemnification.* The directors and officers of Live Oak Financial will receive indemnification from Independent for a period of three years after completion of the merger to the same extent and subject to the conditions set forth in the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Live Oak Financial and continued director and officer liability coverage for a period of three years after completion of the merger.

Voting Agreement

The directors of Live Oak Financial have entered into an agreement to vote the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock that they control in favor of approval of the reorganization agreement and the related agreement and plan of merger. As of the record date, 195,927 shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, or approximately 32.71% of the outstanding shares of the Live Oak Financial common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting, were bound by the voting agreement. A copy of the form of Voting Agreement is included as [Exhibit B](#) to [Appendix A](#).

NASDAQ Global Market Listing

Independent has agreed to file all documents required to be filed to have the shares of Independent common stock to be issued pursuant to the reorganization agreement approved for listing on the NASDAQ Global Market and to use its reasonable best efforts to effect such listing. The obligations of the parties to complete the merger are subject to such shares having been authorized for listing on the NASDAQ Global Market.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Independent Merger

The following discussion addresses the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Independent merger to U.S. holders (as defined below) of Live Oak Financial common stock. The discussion is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, referred to as the Code, Treasury regulations, administrative rulings and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect) and to differing interpretations, and is the opinion of Andrews Kurth LLP and Hunton & Williams LLP insofar as it sets forth specific legal conclusions under U.S. federal income tax law. The opinion of counsel is included as an exhibit to the

registration statement of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part.

This discussion applies only to U.S. holders (as defined below) that hold their Live Oak Financial common stock as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, each of which we refer to in this document as a holder. Further, this discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal taxation that may

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be relevant to a particular stockholder in light of its personal circumstances or to stockholders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, including:

- banks or trusts,
 - tax-exempt organizations,
 - insurance companies,
 - dealers in securities or foreign currency,
 - traders in securities who elect to apply a mark-to-market method of accounting,
 - pass-through entities and investors in such entities,
 - foreign persons,
 - U.S. expatriates,
 - regulated investment companies and real estate investment trusts,
 - broker-dealers,
 - holders liable for the alternative minimum tax,
 - holders that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar,
- holders who received their Live Oak Financial common stock through the exercise of employee stock options, through a tax-qualified retirement plan or otherwise as compensation, and
- holders who hold Live Oak Financial common stock as part of a hedge, straddle, constructive sale, conversion transaction or other integrated investment.

In addition, the discussion does not address any alternative minimum tax or any state, local or foreign tax consequences of the Independent merger, nor does it address any tax consequences arising under the unearned income Medicare contribution tax pursuant to the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

For purposes of this discussion, a U.S. holder is a beneficial owner of Live Oak Financial common stock who is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes: (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation created or organized under the laws of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; (iii) an estate that is subject to U.S. federal income tax on its income regardless of its source; or (iv) a trust (A) if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (B) that was in existence on August 29, 1996 and has made a valid election to be treated as a United States person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

This discussion does not address the tax treatment of partnerships (or entities or arrangements that are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes) or persons that hold their Live Oak Financial common stock through partnerships or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If a partnership, including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, holds shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in such

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partnership will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. We urge such partners and partnerships to consult their own tax advisors regarding the particular tax consequences of the Independent merger to them.

We urge each holder of Live Oak Financial common stock to consult its tax advisor with respect to the particular tax consequences of the Independent merger to such holder.

Tax Opinions

The obligations of the parties to complete the Independent merger are conditioned on, among other things, the receipt by Independent and Live Oak Financial of opinions from Andrews Kurth LLP and Hunton & Williams LLP, respectively, each dated the closing date of the Independent merger, that for U.S. federal income tax purposes the Independent merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. The conditions relating to receipt of the opinions may be waived by both Independent and Live Oak Financial. Neither Independent nor Live Oak Financial currently intends to waive the conditions related to the receipt of the opinions. However, if these conditions were waived, Live Oak Financial would re-solicit the approval of its shareholders prior to completing the Independent merger. In addition, the obligation of each of Andrews Kurth LLP and Hunton & Williams LLP to deliver such opinions is conditioned on the Independent merger's satisfying the continuity of proprietary interest requirement. That requirement generally will be satisfied if the aggregate value of the Independent common stock constitutes at least 42% of the aggregate value of the aggregate merger consideration at the time the Independent merger becomes effective. The opinions will be based on certain facts, representations, covenants and assumptions, including representations of Independent and Live Oak Financial.

If any of the representations or assumptions upon which such opinions are based are inconsistent with the actual facts, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Independent merger could be adversely affected. These opinions are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts, and neither Independent nor Live Oak Financial intends to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Independent merger. Therefore, while the Independent merger is conditioned upon the delivery by tax counsel to each of Independent and Live Oak Financial of its opinion that the Independent merger will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, no assurance can be given that the Internal Revenue Service will not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of those set forth below.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Independent Merger Generally

The following discussion regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Independent merger assumes that the Independent merger will be consummated as described in the reorganization agreement and this proxy statement/prospectus and Independent and Live Oak Financial will not waive the opinion condition described above in

Tax Opinions. The Independent merger will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a reorganization qualifying under the provisions of Section 368(a) of the Code. If the Independent merger is treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, the Independent merger will have the following U.S. federal income tax consequences.

If, pursuant to the Independent merger, a holder exchanges all of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock actually owned by it for a combination of Independent common stock and cash, the holder will recognize gain (but not loss) equal to the lesser of cash received (excluding any cash received in lieu of a fractional share of Independent common stock) or gain realized in the Independent merger. The amount of gain realized will equal the amount by which the cash plus the fair market value, at the effective time of the Independent merger, of the Independent common stock exceeds the adjusted tax basis in the Live Oak Financial common stock to be surrendered in exchange therefor.

For this purpose, gain or loss must be calculated separately for each identifiable block of shares surrendered in the exchange, and a loss realized on one block of

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shares may not be used to offset a gain realized on another block of shares. We urge holders to consult their tax advisors regarding the manner in which cash and Independent common stock should be allocated among different blocks of Live Oak Financial common stock. Any recognized gain generally will be long-term capital gain if the holder's holding period with respect to the Live Oak Financial common stock surrendered is more than one year at the effective time of the Independent merger. If, however, the cash received has the effect of the distribution of a dividend, the gain will be treated as a dividend to the extent of the holder's ratable share of accumulated earnings and profits of Live Oak Financial as calculated for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See Possible Treatment of Cash as a Dividend below.

The aggregate adjusted tax basis of Independent common stock received (including fractional shares deemed received and redeemed as described below) by a holder that exchanges its shares of Live Oak Financial common stock for a combination of Independent common stock and cash pursuant to the Independent merger will be equal to the aggregate adjusted tax basis of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock surrendered for Independent common stock and cash, reduced by the amount of cash received by the holder pursuant to the Independent merger (excluding any cash received instead of a fractional share of Independent common stock) and increased by the amount of gain (including any portion of the gain that is treated as a dividend as described below but excluding any gain or loss resulting from the deemed receipt and redemption of fractional shares described below), if any, recognized by the holder on the exchange. The holding period of the Independent common stock (including fractional shares deemed received and redeemed as described below) will include the holding period of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock surrendered.

Possible Treatment of Cash as a Dividend

Any gain recognized by a holder may be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of the holder's ratable share of Live Oak Financial's accumulated earnings and profits. In general, the determination of whether the gain recognized in the exchange will be treated as capital gain or has the effect of a distribution of a dividend depends upon whether and to what extent the exchange reduces the holder's deemed percentage stock ownership of Independent. For purposes of this determination, the holder is treated as if it first exchanged all of its shares of Live Oak Financial common stock solely for Independent common stock and then Independent immediately redeemed, which we refer to as the deemed redemption, a portion of the Independent common stock in exchange for the cash the holder actually received. The gain recognized in the deemed redemption will be treated as capital gain if the deemed redemption is (1) substantially disproportionate with respect to the holder or (2) not essentially equivalent to a dividend.

The deemed redemption will generally be substantially disproportionate with respect to a holder if the percentage described in (2) below is less than 80% of the percentage described in (1) below. Whether the deemed redemption is not essentially equivalent to a dividend with respect to a holder will depend upon the holder's particular circumstances. At a minimum, however, in order for the deemed redemption to be not essentially equivalent to a dividend, the deemed redemption must result in a meaningful reduction in the holder's deemed percentage stock ownership of Independent. That determination requires a comparison of (1) the percentage of the outstanding stock of Independent that the holder is deemed actually and constructively to have owned immediately before the deemed redemption and (2) the percentage of the outstanding stock of Independent that is actually and constructively owned by the holder immediately after the deemed redemption. In applying the above tests, a holder may, under the constructive ownership rules, be deemed to own stock that is owned by other persons or stock underlying a holder's option to purchase in addition to the stock actually owned by the holder.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that a stockholder in a publicly held corporation whose relative stock interest is minimal (e.g., less than 1%) and who exercises no control with respect to corporate affairs is generally considered

to have a meaningful reduction if that stockholder has a relatively minor (e.g., approximately 3%) reduction in its percentage stock ownership under the above analysis. Accordingly, the gain recognized in the exchange by such a stockholder would be treated as capital gain.

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These rules are complex and dependent upon the specific factual circumstances particular to each holder. Consequently, we urge each holder that may be subject to these rules to consult its tax advisor as to the application of these rules to the particular facts relevant to such holder.

Cash Received Instead of a Fractional Share.

A holder who receives cash instead of a fractional share of Independent common stock will be treated as having received such fractional share and then as having received such cash in redemption of the fractional share. Gain or loss generally will be recognized based on the difference between the amount of cash received instead of the fractional share and the portion of the holder's aggregate adjusted tax basis of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock surrendered which is allocable to the fractional share. Such gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the holding period for such shares of Live Oak Financial common stock is more than one year at the effective time of the Independent merger. Long-term capital gains of noncorporate taxpayers are subject to reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Dissenters

Upon the proper exercise of dissenters' rights, a holder will exchange all of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock actually owned by that holder solely for cash and that holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and its adjusted tax basis in the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock surrendered, which gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the holder's holding period with respect to the Live Oak Financial common stock surrendered is more than one year. Long-term capital gains of noncorporate taxpayers are subject to reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. Although the law is unclear, if the holder constructively owns shares of Live Oak Financial common stock that are exchanged for shares of Independent common stock in the Independent merger or otherwise owns shares of Independent common stock actually or constructively after the Independent merger, the consequences to that holder may be similar to the consequences described below under the heading U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Independent Merger. Generally, except that the amount of consideration, if any, treated as a dividend may not be limited to the amount of that holder's gain.

Certain Tax Reporting Rules

Under applicable Treasury regulations, significant holders of Live Oak Financial stock will be required to comply with certain reporting requirements. A Live Oak Financial stockholder should be viewed as a significant holder if, immediately before the Independent merger, such holder held 5% or more, by vote or value, of the total outstanding Live Oak Financial common stock. Significant holders generally will be required to file a statement with the holder's U.S. federal income tax return for the taxable year that includes the consummation of the Independent merger. That statement must set forth the holder's adjusted tax basis in, and the fair market value of, the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock surrendered pursuant to the Independent merger (both as determined immediately before the surrender of shares), the date of the Independent merger, and the name and employer identification number of Independent, Live Oak Financial, and IBGLO, and the holder will be required to retain permanent records of these facts. We urge each holder of Live Oak Financial common stock to consult its tax advisor as to whether such holder may be treated as a significant holder.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payments of cash pursuant to the Independent merger may, under certain circumstances, be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless the recipient provides proof of an applicable exemption or furnishes its

taxpayer identification number, and otherwise complies with all applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules are not an additional tax and will be allowed as a refund or credit against such holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

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This discussion of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences is for general information only and is not tax advice. We urge holders of Live Oak Financial common stock to consult their tax advisors with respect to the application of U.S. federal income tax laws to their particular situations as well as any tax consequences arising under the U.S. federal estate or gift tax rules, or under the laws of any state, local, foreign or other taxing jurisdiction or under any applicable tax treaty.

Accounting Treatment

The merger will be accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this method, Live Oak Financial's assets and liabilities as of the date of the merger will be recorded at their respective fair values. Any difference between the purchase price for Live Oak Financial and the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired (including core deposit intangibles) will be recorded as goodwill. In accordance with ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations*, issued in July 2001, the goodwill resulting from the merger will not be amortized to expense, but instead will be reviewed for impairment at least annually and to the extent goodwill is impaired, its carrying value will be written down to its implied fair value and a charge will be made to earnings. Core deposit and other intangibles with definite useful lives recorded by Independent in connection with the merger will be amortized to expense in accordance with such rules. The consolidated financial statements of Independent issued after the merger will reflect the results attributable to the acquired operations of Live Oak Financial beginning on the date of completion of the merger.

Restrictions on Resales of Independent Common Stock Received in the Merger

The shares of Independent common stock issued in the merger will not be subject to any restrictions on transfer arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except for shares of Independent common stock issued to any Live Oak Financial shareholder who may be deemed to be an affiliate of Independent after completion of the merger. Affiliates generally are defined as persons or entities who control, are controlled by or are under common control with Independent at or after the effective time of the merger and generally include executive officers, directors and beneficial owners of 10% or more of the common stock of Independent. Former Live Oak Financial shareholders who are not affiliates of Independent after the completion of the merger may sell their shares of Independent common stock received in the merger at any time.

Former Live Oak Financial shareholders who become affiliates of Independent after completion of the merger will be subject to the volume and sale limitations of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, until they are no longer affiliates of Independent. This proxy statement/prospectus does not cover resales of Independent common stock received by any person upon completion of the merger, and no person is authorized to make any use of or rely on this proxy statement/prospectus in connection with or to effect any resale of Independent shares.

Regulatory Approvals Required for the Merger

The acquisition of Live Oak Financial by Independent requires the approval of the Federal Reserve. The merger and the bank merger require the approval of the FDIC and the TDB. Independent filed an application with the Federal Reserve, and Independent Bank and Live Oak Bank filed applications with the FDIC and TDB for applicable regulatory approval on September 27, 2013.

Independent expects to receive all necessary regulatory approvals. You should note that the approval of any notice or application merely implies satisfaction of regulatory criteria for approval, and does not include review of the merger from the standpoint of the adequacy of the consideration to be received by, or fairness to, shareholders. Regulatory approval does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of the proposed merger.

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Independent cannot assure you as to whether or when the requisite regulatory approvals will be obtained, and, if obtained, Independent cannot assure you as to the date of receipt of any of these approvals, the terms thereof or the absence of any litigation challenging them. Independent and Live Oak Financial are not aware of any other material governmental approvals or actions that are required prior to the parties' completion of the merger.

Dissenters' Rights of Live Oak Financial Shareholders

General. If you hold one or more shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, you are entitled to dissenters' rights under Texas law and have the right to dissent from the merger and have the appraised fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock as of the date immediately prior to the effective date of the merger paid to you in cash. The appraised fair value may be more or less than the value of the shares of Independent common stock and cash being paid in the merger in exchange for the Live Oak Financial common stock. If you are contemplating exercising your right to dissent, we urge you to read carefully the provisions of Chapter 10, Subchapter H of the Texas Business Organizations Code, or TBOC, which are attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Appendix C and which qualify in all respects the following discussion of those provisions, and consult with your legal counsel before electing or attempting to exercise these rights. The following discussion describes the steps you must take if you want to exercise your right to dissent. You should read this summary and the full text of the law carefully. In this description of the dissenters' rights of the Live Oak Financial shareholders, references to the merger are to the merger of Live Oak Financial and IBGLO.

How to Exercise and Perfect Your Right to Dissent. To be eligible to exercise your right to dissent to the merger:

- you must, prior to the Live Oak Financial special meeting of the Live Oak Financial shareholders, provide Live Oak Financial with a written objection to the merger that states that your right to dissent will be exercised if the reorganization agreement are approved and the merger is completed and that provides an address to which a notice of effectiveness of the merger should be delivered or mailed to you if the merger is completed;
- you must vote your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock against approval of the reorganization agreement at the special meeting in person or by proxy;
- you must, not later than the 20th day after Independent Bank (which will be the ultimate the successor to Live Oak Financial) sends you notice that the merger was completed, deliver to Independent a written demand for payment of the fair value of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock you own that states the number and class of shares of Live Oak Financial common stock you own, your estimate of the fair value of such stock and an address to which a notice relating to the dissent and appraisal procedures may be sent; and
- you must, not later than the 20th day after you make your demand for payment to Independent Bank as described above, submit your certificates representing Live Oak Financial common stock to Independent.

If you intend to exercise your right to dissent from the merger, prior to the special meeting you must send the notice of objection to Live Oak Financial, addressed to:

Live Oak Financial Corp.

3206 Live Oak Street

Dallas, Texas 75204

Attention: President and Secretary

If you fail to send the written objection to the merger in the proper form and prior to the special meeting, to vote your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock at the special meeting against the approval of the merger and the reorganization agreement or to submit your demand for payment in the proper form and on a timely basis, you will lose your right to dissent from the merger. If you fail to submit to Independent on a timely basis the certificates representing the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock after you have submitted the

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demand for payment as described above, Independent will have the option to terminate your right of dissent as to your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock. In any instance of a termination or loss of a your right of dissent, you will instead receive the merger consideration. If you comply with the first two items above and the merger is completed, Independent will send you a written notice advising you that the merger has been completed. Independent Bank must deliver this notice to you within ten days after the merger is completed.

Your Demand for Payment. If the merger is completed, you have provided your written objection to the merger to Live Oak Financial in a timely manner and in proper form and you have voted against the reorganization agreement at the special meeting as described above and you desire to receive the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock in cash, you must, within 20 days of the date on which Independent sends to you the notice of the effectiveness of the merger, give Independent a written demand for payment of the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock. The fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock will be the value of the shares on the day immediately preceding the merger, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the merger. After the merger is completed, your written demand and any notice sent to Independent must be addressed to:

Independent Bank Group, Inc.

1600 Redbud Boulevard, Suite 400

McKinney, Texas 75069-3257

Attention: President and Secretary

Your written demand must include a demand for payment for your shares for which rights of dissent and appraisal are sought and must state the number of shares and class of Live Oak Financial common stock you own and your estimate of the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock and an address to which a notice relating to the dissent and appraisal procedures may be sent. This written demand must be delivered to Independent within 20 days of the date on which Independent sends to you the notice of the effectiveness of the merger. If your written demand for payment in proper form is not received by Independent within that 20 day period, you will be bound by the merger and you will not be entitled to receive a cash payment representing the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock. Instead, you will receive shares of Independent common stock and cash as the merger consideration set forth in the reorganization agreement.

Delivery of Stock Certificates. If you have satisfied the requirements for the exercise of your right to dissent described above, including the delivery of the written demand for payment to Independent as described above, you must, not later than the 20th day after you make your written demand for payment to Independent, submit to Independent your certificate or certificates representing the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock you own. You may submit those certificates with your demand for payment if you prefer. In accordance with the provisions of the TBOC, Independent will note on each such certificate that you have demanded payment of the fair value of the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock that were represented by such certificate under the provisions of the TBOC relating to the rights of dissenting owners. After making those notations on those certificates, Independent will return each such certificate to you at your request. If you fail to submit all of the certificates representing the shares of Live Oak Financial common stock for which you have exercised the right of dissent in a timely fashion, Independent will have the right to terminate your rights of dissent and appraisal with respect to all of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock unless a court, for good cause shown, directs Independent not to terminate those rights.

Independent's Actions Upon Receipt of Your Demand for Payment. Within 20 days after Independent receives your written demand for payment and your estimate of the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock submitted as described above, Independent must send you written notice stating whether or not it accepts your estimate of the fair value of your shares.

If Independent accepts your estimate, Independent will notify you that it will pay the amount of your estimated fair value within 90 days after the effective date of the merger. Independent will make this payment to

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you only if you have surrendered the share certificates representing your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, duly endorsed for transfer, to Independent.

If Independent does not accept your estimate, Independent will notify you of this fact and will make an offer of an alternative estimate of the fair value of your shares that it is willing to pay you within 120 days after the effective date of the merger, which you may accept within 90 days after the effective date of the merger or decline.

Payment of the Fair Value of Your Shares of Live Oak Financial Common Stock Upon Agreement of an Estimate. If you and Independent have reached an agreement on the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock within 90 days after the effective date of the merger, Independent must pay you the agreed amount within 120 days after the effective date of the merger, provided that you have surrendered the share certificates representing your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, duly endorsed for transfer, to Independent.

Commencement of Legal Proceedings if a Demand for Payment Remains Unsettled. If you and Independent have not reached an agreement as to the fair market value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock within 90 days after the effective date of the merger, you or Independent may, within 60 days after the expiration of the 90 day period, commence proceedings in Collin County, Texas, asking the court to determine the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock. The court will determine if you have complied with the provisions of the TBOC regarding their right of dissent and if you have become entitled to receive payment for your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock. The court will appoint one or more qualified persons to act as appraisers to determine the fair value of your shares in the manner prescribed by the TBOC. The appraisers will determine the fair value of your shares and will report this value to the court. Once the appraisers' report is filed with the court, you will receive a notice from the court indicating that the report has been filed. You will be responsible for obtaining a copy of the report from the court. If you or Independent objects to the report or any part of it, the court will hold a hearing to determine the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock. Both you and Independent may address the court about the report. The court will determine the fair value of your shares and direct Independent to pay that amount, plus interest, which will begin to accrue 91 days after the merger is completed. The court may require you to share in the court costs relating to the matter to the extent the court deems it fair and equitable that you do so.

Rights as a Shareholder. If you have made a written demand on Independent for payment of the fair value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock, you will not thereafter be entitled to vote or exercise any other rights as a shareholder of Independent, but will only have the right to receive payment for your shares as described herein and the right to maintain an appropriate action to obtain relief on the ground that the merger would be or was fraudulent. In the absence of fraud in the transaction, your right under the dissent provisions described herein is the exclusive remedy for the recovery of the value of your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock or money damages with respect to the merger.

Withdrawal of Demand. If you have made a written demand on Independent for payment of the fair value of your Live Oak Financial common stock, you may withdraw such demand at any time before payment for your shares has been made or before a petition has been filed with a court for determination of the fair value of your shares. If you withdraw your demand or are otherwise unsuccessful in asserting your dissenters' rights, you will be bound by the merger and you will have the same rights to receive of the merger consideration with respect to your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock as you would have had if you had not made a demand for payment as to those shares, as well as to participate to the appropriate extent in any dividends or distributions on the shares of Independent common stock that may have been paid to Independent shareholders after the effective date of the merger. Such rights will, however, be subject to any change in or adjustment to those shares made because of an action taken after the date your demand for payment.

Beneficial Owners. Persons who beneficially own shares of Live Oak Financial common stock that are held of record in the name of another person, such as a broker, bank, trustee or other nominee, and who wish to

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have the right of dissent exercised as to those shares must act promptly to cause the record holder of those shares to take the actions required under Texas law to exercise the dissenter's rights with respect to those shares. Only the persons in whose names shares of Live Oak Financial common stock are registered on the share transfer records of Live Oak Financial may exercise the right of dissent and appraisal discussed above.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences. See Proposal to Approve the Reorganization Agreement Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Independent Merger on page 80 for a discussion on how the federal income tax consequences of your action will change if you elect to dissent from the merger.

You should remember that if you return a signed proxy card, but fail to provide instructions as to how your shares of Live Oak Financial common stock are to be voted, you will be considered to have voted in favor of the reorganization agreement and you will not be able to assert dissenters' rights. You should also remember that if you otherwise vote at the special meeting in favor of the reorganization agreement, you will not be able to assert dissenters' rights.

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PROPOSAL TO ADJOURN OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

(Proposal Two)

If there are not sufficient votes to constitute a quorum or to approve the reorganization agreement at the time of the special meeting, the special meeting may be adjourned to a later date or dates in order to permit further solicitation of proxies. Pursuant to the TBOC, the Live Oak Financial board of directors is not required to fix a new record date to determine the Live Oak Financial shareholders entitled to vote at the adjourned special meeting. At the adjourned special meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the special meeting. If the Live Oak Financial board of directors does not fix a new record date, it is not necessary to give any notice of the time and place of the adjourned special meeting other than an announcement at the special meeting at which the adjournment is taken, unless the adjournment is for more than thirty days. If a new record date is fixed, notice of the adjourned special meeting shall be given as in the case of an original special meeting.

In order to allow proxies that have been received at the time of the special meeting to be voted for an adjournment, if necessary, this proposal regarding the question of adjournment is being submitted to the Live Oak Financial shareholders as a separate matter for their consideration. If approved, the adjournment proposal will authorize the holder of any proxy solicited by the Live Oak Financial board of directors to vote in favor of adjourning the special meeting and any later adjournments. If the Live Oak Financial shareholders approve this adjournment proposal, Live Oak Financial could adjourn the special meeting and use the additional time to solicit additional proxies to gain a quorum for the special meeting or approve the reorganization agreement, including the solicitation of proxies from Live Oak Financial shareholders who previously have voted against the reorganization agreement. Among other things, approval of the adjournment proposal could mean that, even if proxies representing a sufficient number of votes against the reorganization agreement have been received, Live Oak Financial could adjourn the special meeting without a vote on the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement and seek to convince the holders of those shares to change their votes to votes in favor of the proposal to approve the reorganization agreement.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of holders of the majority of the shares for which votes are cast at the special meeting is needed to approve this proposal. Abstentions and broker nonvotes will not be counted as votes cast and, therefore, will not affect this proposal. Further, the failure to vote, either by proxy or in person, will not have an effect on this proposal. Unless instructions to the contrary are specified in a proxy properly voted and returned through available channels, the proxies will be voted FOR this proposal.

Certain directors and shareholders of Live Oak Financial entered into a voting agreement with Independent, pursuant to which they have agreed to vote FOR the this proposal to adjourn the special meeting. For more information regarding the voting agreement, please see the section entitled The Proposal Approve the Reorganization Agreement Voting Agreement beginning on page 52.

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BUSINESS OF INDEPENDENT

Overview

Independent. Independent is a Texas based bank holding company headquartered in McKinney, Texas, which is located in the northern portion of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. Through Independent's wholly owned subsidiary, Independent Bank, a Texas state chartered bank, Independent provides a wide range of relationship-driven commercial banking products and services tailored to meet the needs of businesses, professionals and individuals. Independent operates 29 banking offices in 26 communities in two market regions centered in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area and in the greater Austin area. As of June 30, 2013, Independent had consolidated total assets of approximately \$1.9 billion, total loans of approximately \$1.5 billion, total deposits of approximately \$1.5 billion and total stockholders' equity of approximately \$214 million.

History. While the origins of Independent Bank go back almost 100 years, Independent began its modern history in 1988 when an investor group led by David Brooks, Independent's Chairman and CEO, and Vincent Viola, Independent's majority shareholder, acquired a small bank in a community north of Dallas. From that first acquisition, Independent has expanded in the Dallas and Austin areas by growing organically and making strategic acquisitions. Effective January 1, 2009, Independent merged Independent Bank Group Central Texas (a separate, but affiliated bank holding company operating in Central Texas) into Independent, forming the foundation of Independent's current franchise.

Strategy

Independent operates Independent based upon the following core strategies, which Independent designed to enhance shareholder value by growing strategically while preserving asset quality, improving efficiency and increasing profitability:

- **Grow Organically.** Independent focuses on continued organic growth through Independent's existing footprint and business lines. The Dallas/North Texas and Austin/Central Texas market regions in which Independent currently operates provide abundant opportunities to grow Independent's customer base and expand Independent's current market share. Independent plans to follow Independent's community-focused, relationship-driven customer strategy to increase loans and deposits through Independent's existing locations. Additionally, Independent intends to add teams of experienced bankers to grow in Independent's current markets and expand into new markets. Preserving the safety and soundness of Independent's loan portfolio is a fundamental element of Independent's organic growth strategy. Independent has a strong and conservative credit culture, which allows Independent to maintain Independent's asset quality as Independent grows.

- **Grow Through Acquisitions.** Independent plans to continue to take advantage of opportunities to acquire other banking franchises both within and outside Independent's current footprint. Since mid-2010, Independent has completed four acquisitions that Independent believes have enhanced shareholder value

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and Independent's market presence. The following table summarizes each of the four acquisitions completed since 2010:

| Acquired Institution/Market | Date of Acquisition | Fair Value of Total Assets Acquired (dollars in thousands) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Town Center Bank | | |
| <i>Dallas/North Texas</i> | July 31, 2010 | \$37,451 |
| Farmersville Bancshares, Inc. | | |
| <i>Dallas/North Texas</i> | September 30, 2010 | \$99,420 |
| I Bank Holding Company, Inc. | | |
| <i>Austin/Central Texas</i> | April 1, 2012 | \$172,587 |
| The Community Group, Inc. | | |
| <i>Dallas/North Texas</i> | October 1, 2012 | \$110,967 |

Independent believes there will continue to be numerous small to mid-sized banking organizations available for acquisition in Independent's existing market regions and in attractive new markets in Texas, as a result of scale and operational challenges, regulatory pressure, management succession issues or shareholder liquidity needs. There are approximately 500 banks in Texas with total assets of less than \$1 billion, which affords Independent future opportunities to make acquisitions that Independent believes will strengthen Independent's business and increase franchise value over the long term. Independent plans to explore opportunities in the Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, as well as in attractive sub-markets within Independent's current market regions.

Improve Efficiency and Increase Profitability. Independent employs a systematic and calculated approach to increasing Independent's profitability and improving Independent's efficiencies. Independent has updated Independent's operating capabilities and created synergies within Independent in the areas of technology, data processing, compliance and human resources. Independent believes that Independent's scalable infrastructure provides Independent with an efficient operating platform from which to grow in the near term without incurring significant incremental noninterest expenses, which will enhance Independent's returns.

Independent's Corporate Structure

Independent. Independent is a registered bank holding company that is the parent company for Independent Bank. Independent was organized as a Texas corporation on September 20, 2002. Independent acquired 100% of the stock of Independent Bank on December 31, 2002. Independent's primary function is and will be to own all of the stock of Independent Bank. Independent's profitability is primarily dependent on the financial results of Independent Bank.

Independent Bank. Independent Bank is a Texas state bank. Its home office is located in McKinney, Texas and it operates 29 banking offices throughout North and Central Texas. Independent Bank is a locally managed community bank that seeks to provide personal attention and professional assistance to its customer base, which consists principally of small to medium size businesses, professionals, and individuals. Independent Bank's philosophy includes offering direct access to its officers and personnel, providing friendly, informed and courteous service, local and timely decision making, flexible and reasonable operating procedures, and consistently applied credit policies.

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Independent's Community Banking Services

The Independent Way. Nearly a century after Independent's beginning, Independent's dedication to serving the needs of individuals and businesses in Independent's communities remains stronger than ever. Independent strives to provide Independent's customers with innovative financial products and services, local decision making and a level of service and responsiveness that is second to none. Independent's innovative and independent spirit is balanced by adherence to fundamental banking principles that have enabled Independent to remain strong, sound and financially secure even during challenging economic times. Independent is also steeped in a tradition of civic pride as evidenced by the investment of Independent's time, energies and financial resources in many local organizations to improve and benefit Independent's communities.

Lending Strategy and Types of Loans. Through Independent Bank, Independent offers a broad range of commercial and retail lending products to businesses, professionals and individuals. Commercial lending products include owner-occupied commercial real estate loans, interim construction loans, commercial loans (such as SBA guaranteed loans, business term loans, equipment financing and lines of credit) to a diversified mix of small and midsized businesses, and loans to professionals, particularly medical practices. Retail lending products include residential first and second mortgage loans, and consumer installment loans such as loans to purchase cars, boats and other recreational vehicles.

Independent's strategy is to maintain a broadly diversified loan portfolio by type and location. Independent's loans are primarily real estate secured loans spread among a variety of types of borrowers, including owner occupied offices for small businesses, medical practices and offices, retail operations, and multi-family properties. Independent's loans are diversified geographically throughout Independent's Dallas/North Texas region (approximately 55%) and Independent's Austin/Central Texas region (approximately 45%). Independent seeks to be the premier provider of lending products and services in Independent's market areas and serve the credit needs of high quality businesses and individual borrowers in the communities Independent serves.

Independent markets its lending products and services to qualified lending customers through Independent's high touch personal service, and seek to attract new lending customers through competitive pricing and innovative structures. Independent targets its business development and marketing strategy primarily on businesses with between \$500,000 and \$25 million in annual revenue. Independent's lending officers actively solicit the business of companies entering Independent's market areas as well as long-standing businesses operating in the communities Independent serves. As a general practice, Independent originates substantially all of Independent's loans and Independent limits the amount of participations Independent purchases to loans originated by lead banks with which Independent has a close relationship and which share Independent's credit philosophies.

The following is a discussion of Independent's major types of lending:

Commercial Real Estate Loans. Independent is primarily a real estate secured lender. Independent originates real estate loans to finance commercial property that is owner-occupied as well as commercial property owned by real estate investors. The total amount of owner-occupied commercial real estate loans outstanding as of June 30, 2013, was \$363.0 million, or 23.9%, of Independent's loan portfolio. The total amount of commercial real estate loans outstanding as of June 30, 2013, excluding owner-occupied properties, was \$368.0 million, or 24.2%, of Independent's loan portfolio. The real estate securing Independent's existing commercial real estate loans includes a wide variety of property types, such as owner-occupied offices/warehouses/production facilities, office buildings, health care facilities, hotels, mixed-use residential/commercial, retail centers, multifamily properties, restaurants, churches and assisted living facilities.

Commercial real estate loans are often larger and involve greater risks than other types of lending. Adverse developments affecting commercial real estate values in Independent's market area could increase the

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credit risk associated with these loans, impair the value of property pledged as collateral for these loans, and affect Independent's ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure without a loss. Due to the larger average size of commercial real estate loans, Independent faces the risk that losses incurred on a small number of commercial real estate loans could have a material adverse impact on Independent's financial condition and results of operations. In addition, commercial real estate loans have the risk that repayment is subject to the ongoing business operations of the borrower.

Commercial Construction, Land and Land Development Loans. Independent's construction portfolio includes loans to small and mid-sized businesses to construct owner-user properties, and, to a much lesser extent, loans to developers of commercial real estate investment properties and residential developments. These loans are typically disbursed as construction progresses and carry interest rates that vary with the prime rate. As of June 30, 2013, the outstanding balance of Independent's construction loans was \$101.8 million, or 6.7%, of Independent's total loan portfolio.

Construction and development loans typically involve more risk than other types of lending products because repayment of these loans is dependent, in part, on the success of the ultimate project or, to a lesser extent, the ability of the borrower to refinance the loan or sell the property upon completion of the project, rather than the ability of the borrower or guarantor to repay principal and interest. Moreover, these loans are typically based on future estimates of value and economic circumstances, which may differ from actual results or be affected by unforeseen events. If the actual circumstances differ from the estimates made at the time of approval of these loans, Independent faces the risk of having inadequate security for the repayment of the loan. Further, if Independent forecloses on the loan, Independent may be required to fund additional amounts to complete the project and may have to hold the property for an unspecified period of time while Independent attempts to dispose of it.

Residential Real Estate Loans. Independent offers first and second mortgage loans to Independent's individual customers primarily for the purchase of primary and secondary residences. As of June 30, 2013, the outstanding balance of one-to-four family real estate secured loans, including home equity loans, represented \$337.3 million, or 22.2%, of Independent's total loan portfolio. Residential real estate loans held for sale of \$8.5 million as of June 30, 2013, are also included in this category.

Like Independent's commercial real estate loans, Independent's residential real estate loans are secured by real estate, the value of which may fluctuate significantly over a short period of time as a result of market conditions in the area in which the real estate is located. Adverse developments affecting real estate values in Independent's market areas could therefore increase the credit risk associated with these loans, impair the value of property pledged as collateral on loans and affect Independent's ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure without a loss or additional losses.

Single-Family Interim Construction Loans. Independent makes single-family interim construction loans to home builders and individuals to fund the construction of single family residences with the understanding that such loans will be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of the homes by builders or, in the case of individuals building their own homes, with the proceeds of a permanent mortgage loan. Such loans are secured by the real property being built and are made based on Independent's assessment of the value of the property on an as-completed basis. As of June 30, 2013, the outstanding balance of Independent's single-family interim construction loans was \$71.8 million, or 4.7%, of Independent's total loan portfolio.

Like Independent's commercial and residential real estate loans, Independent's single-family interim construction loans are secured by real estate, the value of which may fluctuate significantly over a short period of time as a result of market conditions in the area in which the real estate is located. Adverse developments affecting real estate values in Independent's market areas could therefore increase the credit risk associated with these loans, impair the value of property pledged as collateral on loans, and affect Independent's ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure without a

loss or additional losses. Further, like Independent's commercial construction and land

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development loans, the repayment of single-family interim construction loans is dependent upon the ability of the borrower to obtain a permanent loan or to sell the property rather than on the borrower's ability to repay the loans.

Commercial Loans. Independent originates commercial loans to small businesses and professionals, in particular, medical practices, located in Independent's market areas. These loans are primarily term loans to purchase capital equipment and small loans for working capital and operational purposes. Because Independent is a community bank with long standing close ties to the businesses and professionals operating in Independent's market areas, Independent is able to tailor Independent's commercial loan programs to meet the needs of Independent's customers. As of June 30, 2013, Independent had outstanding commercial loans, of \$200.8 million, or 13.2%, of Independent's total loan portfolio. To further diversify Independent's portfolio, Independent has recently hired an experienced energy lending team, which will operate as part of Independent's latest Dallas location.

Like Independent's commercial real estate loans, commercial loans have the risk that repayment is subject to the ongoing business operations of the borrower. Any interruption or discontinuance of operating cash flows from the business, which may be influenced by events not under the control of the borrower such as economic events and changes in governmental regulations, could materially affect the ability of the borrower to repay the loan.

Further, commercial loans are often secured by personal property, such as inventory, and intangible property, such as accounts receivable, which if the business is unsuccessful, typically have values insufficient to satisfy the loan without a loss.

Agricultural Loans. Independent's agricultural loan portfolio primarily includes loans secured by real property used for agricultural purposes. Independent provides loans for the acquisition of farm and ranch land, as well as the construction of buildings upon agricultural real estate. On a more limited basis, Independent offers agricultural equipment financing and crop production loans which are secured by crops, equipment, and crop insurance. The total amount of agricultural loans outstanding at June 30, 2013, was \$34.5 million, or 2.3%, of Independent's total loan portfolio.

Like Independent's other types of real estate loans, Independent's agricultural loans are secured primarily by real estate, the value of which may fluctuate significantly over a short period of time as a result of market conditions in the area in which the real estate is located. Adverse developments affecting real estate values in Independent's market areas could therefore increase the credit risk associated with these loans, impair the value of the property pledged as collateral, and affect Independent's ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure without a loss. Further, agricultural loans carry additional risk because repayment of this type of loan is dependent, in part, on continuing successful agricultural operations, which can be adversely affected by weather, market conditions and governmental agricultural policies, all of which are beyond control of the borrower. If the agricultural operation is unsuccessful, agricultural loans secured by livestock, crops or equipment are at even greater risk because this type of collateral typically has values insufficient to satisfy the loan without a loss.

Consumer Loans. Independent offers a variety of consumer loans, such as installment loans to purchase cars, boats and other recreational vehicles. Independent's consumer loans typically are part of an overall customer relationship designed to support the individual consumer borrowing needs of Independent's commercial loan and deposit customers. As of June 30, 2013, Independent had outstanding \$43.2 million of consumer loans, or 2.8% of Independent's total loan portfolio. Consumer loans typically have shorter terms, lower balances, higher yields and higher risks of default than residential real estate mortgage loans. Consumer loan collections are dependent on the borrower's continuing financial stability and are therefore more likely to be affected by adverse personal circumstances. Consumer loan collections are dependent on the borrower's financial stability and therefore involve greater risk of being affected by adverse individual circumstances, such as the loss of employment or unexpected

medical costs.

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Mortgage Brokerage Activities. Independent also engages in the origination of residential loans sold into the secondary market. Independent originates mortgages for specific institutional purchasers, such as investment banks and other financial institutions. Independent's mortgage originations were \$95.7 million during the six months ended June 30, 2013, \$177.1 million during 2012 and \$113.5 million during 2011. Independent sells all of the originated mortgages to institutional purchasers shortly after closing. Independent only retains a portion of the revenue generated by Independent's mortgage brokerage division, with the remaining portion, less expenses and salaries, paid to Independent's mortgage brokers as part of their compensation arrangement.

Underwriting. Prudent underwriting is the foundation of Independent's strong credit culture. Independent seeks to maintain a broadly diversified loan portfolio in terms of type of customer, type of loan product, geographic area and industries in which Independent's business customers are engaged. Independent adheres to disciplined underwriting standards and offer creative loan solutions in a responsive and timely manner.

In considering a loan, Independent follows the conservative underwriting principles in Independent's loan policy which include the following:

- having a relationship with Independent's customers to ensure a complete understanding of their financial condition and ability to repay the loan;
- verifying that the primary and secondary sources of repayment are adequate in relation to the amount of the loan;
- observing appropriate loan to value guidelines for real estate secured loans;
- maintaining Independent's targeted levels of diversification for the loan portfolio, both as to type of borrower and geographic location of collateral; and
- ensuring that each loan is properly documented with perfected liens on collateral.

Independent implements its underwriting policy through a tiered system of individual loan authority for Independent's loan officers and a loan committee approval structure. Lending officers are assigned various levels of authority based upon their respective levels of experience and expertise. Loans with relationships over the lending authority of the loan officer must be approved by Independent's Executive Loan Committee. Loans exceeding the authority of the Executive Loan Committee must be approved by Independent Bank's Director Loan Committee.

Independent employs appropriate limits on its overall loan portfolio and requirements with respect to certain types of lending. As a general practice, Independent operates with an internal guideline limiting loans to any single borrowing relationship to less than half of Independent Bank's legal lending limit.

Independent requires its nonowner occupied commercial real estate loans to be secured by well-managed income producing property with adequate margins, supported by a history of profitable operations and cash flows, and proven operating stability in the case of commercial loans. Except in very limited circumstances, Independent's commercial real estate loans and commercial loans are supported by personal guarantees from the principals of the borrower.

As part of the underwriting process, Independent seeks to minimize risk in a variety of ways, including the following:

- careful analysis of the borrower's financial condition, cash flow, liquidity, and leverage;
- assessment of the project's operating history, operating projections, location and condition;
- review of appraisals, title commitment and environmental reports;
- consideration of the management experience and financial strength of the principals of the borrower; and
- understanding economic trends and industry conditions.

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Independent is a relationship-oriented, rather than transaction-oriented, lender. Accordingly, substantially all of Independent's loans are made to borrowers located or operating in Independent's primary market areas. The limited number of loans secured by properties located outside Independent's market areas are made to borrowers who are well-known to Independent Bank because they are headquartered or reside within one of Independent's primary market areas. For example, Independent has loans secured by second homes in other states owned by customers whose primary residence is located in Independent's market areas, and Independent has loans to a restaurant franchise headquartered in Independent's Austin market, but which has locations in other states.

Credit Risk Management

Managing credit risk is a company-wide process. Independent's strategy for credit risk management includes the conservative underwriting process described above, and ongoing risk monitoring and review processes for all credit exposures. Independent's Vice Chairman and Chief Risk Officer provides bank-wide credit oversight and periodically reviews the loan portfolio to ensure that the risk identification processes are functioning properly and that Independent's credit standards are followed. In addition, a third party annually performs a loan review to identify problem assets. Independent strives to identify potential problem loans early in an effort to aggressively seek resolution of these situations before the loans become a loss, record any necessary charge-offs promptly and maintain adequate allowance levels for probable loan losses inherent in the loan portfolio.

Credit risk management involves a partnership between Independent's lenders and Independent's credit administration group. The manager of this group has significant prior experience working in credit administration. The members of Independent's credit administration group primarily focus their efforts on credit analysis, underwriting and monitoring new credits and providing management reporting to executive management and the board of directors. In addition, the group includes a special assets manager who is responsible for monitoring and working out problem loans, managing the collection and foreclosure process, and operating and disposing of other real estate owned.

In general, whenever a particular loan or overall borrower relationship is downgraded to special mention or substandard based on one or more standard loan grading factors, Independent's special assets manager will make a determination as to whether responsibility for the ongoing monitoring of the loan or relationship should be retained by the loan officer, or whether this responsibility should be transferred to the special assets group. Executive management regularly reviews the status of the watch list and classified assets portfolio as well as the larger credits in the portfolio.

IBG Adriatica

Independent established IBG Adriatica, Inc., or IBG Adriatica, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent on June 20, 2011 to acquire distressed loans related to a mixed commercial/residential development in McKinney, Texas, from a third party. The distressed loans had an aggregate face value of approximately \$23 million at acquisition and were secured by approximately 27 acres of real property located in the Adriatica development in McKinney. The purchase price for the loans was \$16.3 million, of which IBG Adriatica borrowed \$12.2 million from the seller. Independent has guaranteed this loan.

While not part of Independent's ordinary course of business and without any intention of pursuing this line of business in the future, Independent formed IBG Adriatica for the following reasons.

Independent believed that the completion of this anchor development in a professional and high quality manner was important to the overall growth of McKinney, one of Independent's major markets and home to Independent's headquarters.

Independent was very familiar with the Adriatica development because Independent owns a branch in the development and have financed several owner occupied professional buildings within the development.

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- Independent needed to be in control of the development to protect the value of Independent's branch and the professional buildings in the area that secured Independent's outstanding loans.
- Independent believed that the property was under-valued and had significant potential for development and that the price for the distressed loans secured by the property was advantageous.
- Independent believed that Independent could both preserve the value of Independent's branch and the real estate securing Independent's loans within the development and exit the investment for a gain within a reasonable time frame.

Following the acquisition of the distressed loans, IBG Adriatica acquired all of the real property securing the loans through a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure. The real property consisted of a 29,000 square foot commercial office building, a 16,500 square foot retail center, 36 residential lots, a 625 space multistory parking garage, and approximately 18 acres of undeveloped real property. In connection with its acquisition of the real property, IBG Adriatica obtained a third party appraisal indicating that the combined value of the real property was approximately \$18.4 million. The property was recorded at \$17.0 million in recognition of expected selling costs.

IBG Adriatica holds its Adriatica assets as other real estate owned. While IBG Adriatica has not and will not act as the developer of the project, it has invested approximately \$750,000 to improve the infrastructure of the overall project. IBG Adriatica also is incurring holding costs related to the property, including property taxes, insurance, and management expenses. While IBG Adriatica receives rental income from the lease of the commercial and retail buildings included in the property, the ability to repay the indebtedness and the overall success of the project is dependent on IBG Adriatica's ability to sell the real property. IBG Adriatica completed one sale in 2011 for a net sales price of approximately \$1.5 million and four sales in 2012 for an aggregate net sales price of approximately \$8.1 million. IBG Adriatica used approximately \$8.7 million of these net sales proceeds to reduce its indebtedness to \$3.5 million as of December 31, 2012. As a result of these sales, the recorded value of the Adriatica property was approximately \$9.7 million as of June 30, 2013.

Deposits

Deposits are Independent's principal source of funds for use in lending and other general banking purposes. Independent provides a full range of deposit products and services, including a variety of checking and savings accounts, debit cards, online banking, mobile banking, eStatements and bank-by-mail and direct deposit services. Independent also offers business accounts and management services, including analyzed business checking, business savings, and treasury management services. Independent solicits deposits through its relationship-driven team of dedicated and accessible bankers and through community focused marketing.

Given the diverse nature of Independent's branch network and Independent's relationship-driven approach to Independent's customers, Independent believes its deposit base is less sensitive to Independent's competitor's interest rates. Nevertheless, Independent attempts to price its deposit products to promote core deposit growth.

Independent's ability to gather deposits is an important aspect of Independent's business franchise, and Independent believes this is a significant driver of franchise value. As of June 30, 2013, Independent held \$1.5 billion of total deposits. Independent has grown deposits at a CAGR of 23.4% from December 31, 2009 to June 30, 2013. At the request of Independent's customers, Independent places a small percentage of Independent's total deposits with other financial institutions and receive reciprocal deposits as part of the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry System, or CDARS, program which are classified as brokered deposits. Other than deposits obtained through the CDARS

program, Independent does not have brokered deposits.

Independent's Market Areas

Independent is based in Texas which continues to have a rapidly growing population, a high level of job growth and an attractive business climate. The Texas economy is strong, diverse and growing, and it benefits from a number of expanding industries, in particular, the energy, technology and healthcare industries.

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Independent operates in two market regions situated in the heart of Texas along the Interstate 35 corridor from Dallas to Austin. The communities Independent serves are a mix of affluent and growing suburban areas related to the Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin metropolitan areas, the New Urbanism areas of Dallas and Austin, the Waco metropolitan area, and smaller rural communities on the outskirts of the Dallas metropolitan area. Independent believes its presence in a diversified group of communities enables Independent to match the strengths of each area with needs in other areas, thereby enhancing Independent's overall operations. Within these regions, Independent's strategy is to selectively place Independent's banking offices in growing and affluent markets. For example, Collin County, the county in which Independent has the most locations, has projected population growth of 14.0% from 2011 through 2016, which is approximately double the projected population growth for the Dallas-Fort Worth MSA, and the county's 2011 median household income was \$86,909, which is 67% higher than the 2011 median household income for the Dallas-Fort Worth MSA. Further, Williamson County, where Independent has two Central Texas locations, reported job growth of 75% from 2000 to 2011, ranking third on the CNN Money Magazine list of *Where the Jobs Are*. Independent is also proud that McKinney, Texas, home of Independent's corporate headquarters, ranked as the second best place to live in 2012 by CNN Money Magazine.

Dallas/North Texas Region. The Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area, the fourth largest metropolitan area in the nation based upon the 2011 estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau, serves as the corporate headquarters for numerous Fortune 500 companies, including Exxon Mobil, AT&T, Texas Instruments, Southwest Airlines, and JCPenney. The Dallas-Fort Worth area also contains several world class hospitals and medical research facilities, major universities, and professional sports franchises. Independent primarily operates in Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Grayson Counties, which are located in the northern growth corridor of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area.

Independent's locations in the Dallas/North Texas region are positioned among the fastest growing and most affluent counties within the region. The following table reflects Independent's position in the Dallas/North Texas region and highlights key demographics of the counties within this region:

| County | Number of Branches ⁽¹⁾ | Company Deposits in Market ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Percent of Franchise Deposits | Total Population 2012 | Projected Population Change 2012-2017 | Median Household Income 2012 |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Collin | 10 | \$ 474,589 | 37.1% | 822,906 | 12.71% | \$ 79,858 |
| Grayson | 6 | 276,584 | 21.6 | 122,690 | 2.82 | 44,841 |
| Denton | 3 | 127,785 | 10.0 | 695,694 | 13.00 | 68,075 |
| Dallas | 2 | 18,739 | 2.4 | 2,401,029 | 4.72 | 45,720 |
| Tarrant ⁽³⁾ | 1 ⁽³⁾ | 7,534 ⁽³⁾ | 0.6 ⁽³⁾ | 1,856,711 | 7.73 | 54,113 |
| County Totals / Weighted Avg. ⁽⁴⁾ | 22 | \$ 905,231 | 71.7% | 5,877,030 | 9.46% | \$ 67,311 |
| State of Texas | | | | 25,906,038 | 7.70 | 47,622 |

(1) Gives effect to Independent's acquisition of The Community Group, Inc. completed on October 1, 2012 and the closing of a duplicative branch acquired in that transaction.

(2) Deposits as of June 30, 2012. In thousands.

(3) The Tarrant County branch was closed in the second quarter of 2013.

(4) Demographics are weighted by the percentage of deposits in each county.

Source: SNL Financial

Austin/Central Texas Region. Austin is the capital of Texas, the home to The University of Texas, and is a major national cultural, arts, film, and media center. One of the fastest growing areas in the country, it ranked second nationally in percentage population growth from 2010 to 2011 as estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau. Several public high tech companies maintain their corporate headquarters in the Austin metropolitan area, including Dell, Freescale Semiconductor, and National Instruments Corp. In fact, Austin is often dubbed "Silicon Hills" because of the number technology companies that have operations in this area, including Apple, Google, Facebook, IBM and Advanced Micro Devices. Independent's Central Texas region also includes the city of Waco, which is located equi-distant between Dallas and Austin and is home to Baylor University.

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The following table reflects Independent's position in the Austin/Central Texas region and highlights key demographics of the counties within this region:

| County | Number of Branches | Company Deposits in Franchise Market⁽¹⁾ | Percent of Deposits | Total Population 2012 | Projected Population Change 2012-2017 | Median Household Income 2012 |
|--|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Travis | 3 | \$ 138,995 | 10.9% | 1,068,253 | 12.46% | \$ 54,707 |
| Williamson | 2 | 125,105 | 9.8 | 453,629 | 16.76 | 68,074 |
| McLennan | 3 | 99,011 | 7.7 | 239,640 | 5.33 | 39,415 |
| County Totals / Weighted Avg.⁽²⁾ | 8 | \$ 363,111 | 28.4% | 1,761,522 | 12.00% | \$ 55,143 |
| State of Texas | | | | 25,906,038 | 7.70 | 47,622 |

(1) Deposits as of June 30, 2012. In thousands.

(2) Demographics are weighted by the percentage of Independent's deposits within each county.

Source: SNL Financial

Competition

Independent competes in the commercial banking industry solely through Independent Bank and firmly believe that Independent Bank's long-standing presence in the community and personal service philosophy enhances Independent's ability to attract and retain customers. This industry is highly competitive, and Independent Bank faces strong direct competition for deposits, loans, and other financial-related services. Independent competes with other commercial banks, thrifts and credit unions. Although some of these competitors are situated locally, others have statewide or nationwide presence. In addition, Independent competes with large banks in major financial centers and other financial intermediaries, such as consumer finance companies, brokerage firms, mortgage banking companies, insurance companies, securities firms, mutual funds and certain government agencies as well as major retailers, all actively engaged in providing various types of loans and other financial services. Independent believes that its banking professionals, the range and quality of products that Independent offers and its emphasis on building long-lasting relationships distinguishes Independent Bank from its competitors.

According to SNL Financial, as of June 30, 2012, Independent had the fifth largest deposit market share in the zip codes in which Independent operates. Independent believes that its strong market share in its zip codes of operation is a reflection of its ability to compete with more prominent banking franchises in its markets.

Independent's Employees

As of June 30, 2013, Independent employed approximately 332 persons. Independent provides extensive training to Independent's employees in an effort to ensure that Independent's customers receive superior customer service. None of Independent's employees are represented by any collective bargaining unit or are parties to a collective bargaining agreement. Independent believes that Independent's relations with Independent's employees are good.

Independent's Properties

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Independent owns its corporate headquarters, which is a 62,000 square foot, four story office building located at 1600 Redbud Blvd., Suite 400, McKinney, Texas 75069, and serves as Independent Bank's home office. Independent's building is the most prominent office building in McKinney, providing significant visibility which enhances Independent's brand in Collin County. Independent's recent remodeling of the building won

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U.S. Green Building Council's 2010 LEED Silver Certification. In addition to the foregoing, Independent also operates banking offices at the following locations:

| Dallas/North Texas Region | | | Austin/Central Region | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Location | Own or Lease | Sq. Ft. | Location | Own or Lease | Sq. Ft. |
| Collin County | | | Travis County | | |
| McKinney (Redbud ⁽¹⁾) | Own | 3,542 ⁽¹⁾ | Austin Branch | Own | 10,328 |
| McKinney (Craig Drive) | Own | 9,640 | Lakeway Branch | Own | 3,500 |
| McKinney (Adriatica) | Own | 5,524 | Manor Branch | Own | 5,231 |
| Anna Branch | Own | 5,678 | Williamson County | | |
| Celina Branch | Own | 6,959 | Georgetown Branch | Own | 5,760 |
| Farmersville Branch | | 11,911 (Main) | Round Rock Branch | Own | 5,226 |
| | Own | 2,760 (Drive Thru) | | | |
| Lavon Branch | Own | 3,608 | McLennan County | | |
| Plano Branch | Lease | 2,069 | Bosque Branch | Own | 5,100 |
| Princeton Branch | Own | 5,790 | Elm Mott Branch | Own | 2,655 |
| Prosper Branch | Own | 5,310 | Woodway Branch | Lease | 4,787 |
| Dallas County | | | | | |
| Coppell Branch | Own | 8,898 | | | |
| Dallas Branch | Lease | 5,148 | | | |
| Denton County | | | | | |
| Denton Branch | Own | 5,109 | | | |
| Highland Village Ranch | Own | 12,962 | | | |
| Little Elm Branch | Own | 3,500 | | | |
| Grayson County | | | | | |
| Collinsville Branch | Own | 5,105 | | | |
| Denison Branch | Own | 11,732 | | | |
| Howe Branch | Own | 6,380 | | | |
| Sherman Branch | Own | 3,874 | | | |
| Van Alstyne Branch | Own | 4,554 | | | |
| Whitewright Branch | Own | 4,292 | | | |

(1) The Redbud branch is located on the ground floor of Independent's headquarters office building. Independent believes that the leases to which Independent is subject are generally on terms consistent with prevailing market terms, and with the exception of Independent's Woodway Branch in Waco (see Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions), none of the leases are with Independent's directors, officers, beneficial owners of more than 5% of Independent's voting securities or any affiliates of the foregoing. Independent believes that Independent's facilities are in good condition and are adequate to meet Independent's operating needs for the foreseeable future.

Legal Proceedings

In the normal course of business, Independent is named or threatened to be named as a defendant in various lawsuits. Management, following consultation with legal counsel, does not expect the ultimate disposition of any or a combination of these matters to have a material adverse effect on Independent's business. Independent Bank is currently subject to the following legal proceedings:

Independent Bank is subject to a legal proceeding related to Independent Bank's foreclosure on May 3, 2011, of real property securing a loan, and involves a title dispute between an adjacent property owner and the former borrower/owner of the foreclosed property. The dispute resulted in Field Street Development I, Ltd, Flct, Ltd, Flla, Ltd, Flsc, Ltd and Flst, Ltd filing a lawsuit in the 219th District Court of Texas on May 20, 2010, against Harold Holigan and Melissa Land Partners, Ltd, and joining Independent Bank and Holigan Land Development, Ltd. on or about July 21, 2011. Independent Bank is vigorously defending this action. Further, Independent Bank has submitted a claim to the title company that issued a title insurance policy with respect to the foreclosed property. The title company is currently paying Independent Bank's costs of defense. Independent

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Bank believes that its potential loss if the plaintiff prevails would be approximately \$1.0 million. If Independent Bank becomes responsible for the payment of any damages or other amounts as a result of this proceeding, Independent Bank would pursue its claim against the title company for this amount.

Independent Bank is subject to a legal proceeding related to a lending relationship inherited by Independent Bank in connection with the acquisition of The Community Group, Inc. and its subsidiary, United Community Bank N.A., or UCB, that was consummated effective October 1, 2012. UCB established a \$350,000 line of credit for a guarantor to pay for deficiencies arising from loans made to a related borrower. John Ganter, the guarantor, filed a lawsuit on November 21, 2012, in the 298th District Court of Texas alleging fraud by UCB seeking a restraining order to prevent Independent Bank from realizing on the collateral securing the line of credit and a judgment that the line of credit is unenforceable. The court denied the plaintiff's request for a temporary injunction, the restraining order lapsed, and Independent Bank foreclosed on and sold the collateral to satisfy the line of credit. Independent Bank has filed a counterclaim against the plaintiff for deficiencies on other indebtedness guaranteed by the plaintiff and for payment of legal fees. Independent Bank is preparing a motion for summary judgment and otherwise continues to defend this lawsuit.

Pending Acquisition

On July 19, 2013, Independent announced that it entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Collin Bank, Plano, Texas, a Texas state chartered bank with total assets of \$180.6 million, total deposits of \$139.0 million and total equity capital of \$25.1 million as of June 30, 2013. Collin Bank is a full service commercial bank with one office located on the Dallas North Tollway in Plano.

Under the terms of the definitive agreement, Collin Bank shareholders will receive approximately \$10.00 per share for each outstanding share of Collin Bank common stock. Approximately 65% of the consideration is payable in cash and 35% is payable in shares of Independent common stock, subject to a maximum issuance to Collin Bank shareholders of 300,000 shares of Independent common stock, with the exchange ratio set three trading days prior to the closing by utilizing the average sales price of shares of Independent common stock over a twenty consecutive trading day period. Based on the number of shares of Collin Bank common stock currently outstanding, the amount of total consideration to be paid by Independent is currently valued at approximately \$29.1 million.

The acquisition will be accomplished through a series of merger transactions, including the merger of a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent with and into Collin Bank, with Collin Bank surviving, and, thereafter, the merger of Collin Bank with and into Independent Bank. The acquisition of Collin Bank is an in market acquisition, meaning that Independent, through Independent Bank, has a presence near the Collin Bank location and Independent Bank is otherwise familiar with this market.

The Collin Bank transaction has been approved by the board of directors of both companies and is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2013, although delays may occur. The Collin Bank transaction is subject to certain conditions, including the approval by shareholders of Collin Bank and customary regulatory approvals.

Independent cannot assure you that it will be successful in obtaining required regulatory approvals for the Collin Bank transaction. If Independent is not successful in obtaining required regulatory approvals, the acquisition of Collin Bank will not be completed. If such regulatory approvals are received, there can be no assurance to the timing of those approvals or whether any conditions will be imposed that would result in certain closing conditions of the parties not being satisfied. In addition, if a condition of either party is not satisfied, that party may be able to terminate the agreement and, in such case, the merger would not be consummated. Independent cannot assure you that all of the conditions precedent in the agreement will be satisfied.

It is possible that the process of integrating Collin Bank's operations into Independent Bank's operations could result in the disruption of Independent Bank's operations, the loss of Collin Bank customers and employees, and make it more difficult to achieve the intended benefits of the merger. Further, as with any merger

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of banking institutions, business disruptions may occur that may cause Independent to lose customers or may cause customers to withdraw their deposits from Collin Bank prior to the merger's consummation and from Independent Bank thereafter. The realization of the anticipated benefits of Independent's acquisition of Collin Bank may depend in large part on Independent's ability to integrate Collin Bank's operations into Independent Bank's operations, and to address differences in business models and cultures. Moreover, the combined effect of integrating the acquisition of Collin Bank and Live Oak Financial, both of which are expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2013 with most of the integration activities expected to occur in the first quarter of 2014, may stretch Independent's management and could result in Independent experiencing operational difficulties in such integrations. If Independent is not able to integrate the operations of Collin Bank and Live Oak Bank into Independent Bank's operations successfully and on a timely basis, some or all of the expected benefits of the applicable mergers may not be realized.

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**INDEPENDENT'S MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis of Independent's financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with Selected Financial Information of Independent and Independent's consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks and uncertainties and are based on certain assumptions that Independent believes are reasonable but may prove to be inaccurate. Certain risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those set forth under Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements, Risk Factors and elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected results discussed in the forward-looking statements appearing in this discussion and analysis. Independent assumes no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements.

As an emerging growth company under the JOBS Act, Independent has elected to include Independent's consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 in this proxy statement/prospectus. As a result, in accordance with the JOBS Act's provisions, this management's discussion and analysis of Independent's financial condition and results of operations addresses only Independent's results of operations for those periods and financial condition as of those dates.

Overview

Independent was organized as a bank holding company in 2002. On January 1, 2009, Independent merged with Independent Bank Group Central Texas, Inc., and, since that time, Independent has pursued a strategy to create long-term shareholder value through organic growth of Independent's community banking franchise in Independent's market areas and through selective acquisitions of complementary banking institutions with operations in Independent's market areas. On April 8, 2013, Independent consummated the initial public offering of its common stock for trading on the NASDAQ Global Market.

Independent's principal business is lending to and accepting deposits from businesses, professionals and individuals. Independent conducts all of Independent's banking operations through Independent Bank. Independent derives its income principally from interest earned on loans and, to a lesser extent, income from securities available for sale. Independent also derives income from noninterest sources, such as fees received in connection with various deposit services and mortgage brokerage operations. From time to time, Independent also realizes gains on the sale of assets and, in some instances, gains on acquisitions. Independent's principal expenses include interest expense on interest-bearing customer deposits, advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, or FHLB, and other borrowings, operating expenses, such as salaries, employee benefits, occupancy costs, data processing and communication costs, expenses associated with other real estate owned, other administrative expenses, provisions for loan losses and Independent's assessment for FDIC deposit insurance.

Independent intends for this discussion and analysis to provide the reader with information that will assist in understanding Independent's financial statements, the changes in certain key items in those financial statements from period to period and the primary factors that accounted for those changes. This discussion relates to Independent and its consolidated subsidiaries and should be read in conjunction with Independent's consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013, and as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, and the accompanying notes, appearing elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. Independent's fiscal year ends on December 31.

Table of Contents**Certain Events Affect Year-over-Year Comparability**

Acquisitions. The comparability of Independent's consolidated results of operations for the periods ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012 is affected by the two acquisitions Independent completed in 2012. Independent acquired I Bank Holding Company (I Bank) and its bank subsidiary, on April 1, 2012, and I Bank's consolidated results of operations were first included in Independent's consolidated financial statements in the second quarter of 2012. As a result, the comparability of Independent's consolidated results of operations for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 are affected by that acquisition. Independent acquired The Community Group (CGI) and its bank subsidiary on October 1, 2012, and CGI's consolidated results of operations were first included in Independent's consolidated results of operations in the fourth quarter of 2012. As a result, the comparability of Independent's consolidated results of operations for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 are affected by that acquisition.

The comparability of Independent's consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and Independent's consolidated financial condition as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, is affected by the two acquisitions Independent completed in 2010 and the two acquisitions Independent completed in 2012. On July 31, 2010, Independent acquired Town Center Bank and on September 30, 2010, Independent acquired Farmersville Bancshares, Inc. and its bank subsidiary. The comparability of Independent's consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 to Independent's consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2010 is affected by the fact that the results of the acquired operations of Town Center Bank and Farmersville Bancshares were first included in Independent's consolidated results of operations in the third quarter of Independent's fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, but were included for all of the year ended December 31, 2012 and the year ended December 31, 2011. As noted above, on April 1, 2012, Independent acquired I Bank and its bank subsidiary, and on October 1, 2012, Independent acquired CGI and its bank subsidiary. The comparability of Independent's consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2012 with Independent's consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 is affected by the fact that the results of the acquired operations of I Bank and CGI were not included in Independent's consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011 or the year ended December 31, 2010 and were first included in Independent's consolidated results of operations in the second and fourth quarters, respectively, of Independent's fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

Independent's Initial Public Offering. Independent consummated the initial public offering of its common stock during the three months ended June 30, 2013. The period-over-period comparability of certain aspects of Independent's results of operations and the changes in Independent's financial condition from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2013 are affected by the issuance of 3,680,000 shares of Independent's common stock issued in that offering and its receipt of the net proceeds of the sale of those shares of Independent's common stock. In particular, the period-over-period comparability of Independent's earnings per share and return on equity is affected by such issuance of the shares in its initial public offering.

S Corporation Status

From its formation in 2002 through March 31, 2013, Independent elected to be taxed for federal income tax purposes as an S corporation under the provisions of Section 1361 through 1379 of the Internal Revenue Code. As a result, Independent's net income was not subject to, and Independent did not pay, U.S. federal income taxes and Independent was not required to make any provision or recognize any liability for federal income tax in its financial statements for the periods ended on or prior to March 31, 2013. Independent terminated its status as an S corporation in connection with its initial public offering as of April 1, 2013. Starting April 1, 2013, Independent became subject to corporate federal income tax and Independent's net income for each subsequent fiscal year and each subsequent interim period

will reflect a provision for federal income taxes. As a result of that change in Independent's status under the federal income tax laws, the net income and earnings

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per share data presented in Independent's historical financial statements set forth elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, which do not include any provision for federal income taxes, are not be comparable with Independent's net income and earnings per share in periods in which Independent is taxed as a C corporation, which will be calculated by including a provision for federal income taxes.

Although Independent was not subject to corporate federal income tax prior to April 1, 2013, Independent made periodic cash distributions to its shareholders in amounts estimated to be necessary for them to pay their estimated personal U.S. federal income tax liabilities related to the items of Independent's income, gain, deductions and losses allocated to each of Independent's shareholders. The aggregate amount of such cash distributions has equaled 35% of Independent's taxable net income for the related period.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are, and in future periods will be, recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of the change in tax rates resulting from becoming a C corporation will be recognized in income in the quarter such change takes place. On April 1, 2013, Independent recorded an initial net deferred tax asset of \$1.8 million to recognize the difference between the financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases as of the date that Independent became a taxable corporate entity.

Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012

The following discussion and analysis of Independent's results of operations compares its results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2013 with its results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2012. The results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that may be expected for all of the year ending December 31, 2013, in part because Independent's results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013, that are included in Independent's results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2013 do not include any provision for federal income taxes as do Independent's results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2013 and as will Independent's results of operations for the last six months of the year ending December 31, 2013.

Results of Operations

For the six months ended June 30, 2013, net income was \$11.6 million (\$1.13 per common share on a diluted basis) compared with \$6.8 million (\$0.92 per common share on a diluted basis) for the six months ended June 30, 2012. Pro forma after tax income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 was \$7.9 million (\$0.78 per common share on a diluted basis) after excluding the initial recording of the deferred tax benefit of \$1.8 million due to the change in Independent's taxable status effective April 1, 2013. Pro forma after tax income was \$4.8 million (\$0.64 per common share on a diluted basis) for the six months ended June 30, 2012. Independent posted returns on average common equity of 13.17% and 13.80%, returns on average assets of 1.29% and 0.99% and efficiency ratios of 66.2% and 73.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The efficiency ratio is calculated by dividing total noninterest expense (which does not include the provision for loan losses) by net interest income plus noninterest income.

Net Interest Income

Independent's net interest income is its interest income, net of interest expenses. Changes in the balances of Independent's earning assets and its deposits, FHLB advances and other borrowings, as well as changes in the market interest rates, affect Independent's net interest income. The difference between

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Independent's average yield on earning assets and its average rate paid for interest-bearing liabilities is its net interest spread. Noninterest-bearing sources of funds, such as demand deposits and stockholders' equity, also support Independent's earning assets. The impact of the noninterest-bearing sources of funds is reflected in Independent's net interest margin, which is calculated as annualized net interest income divided by average earning assets.

Net interest income was \$36.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013, an increase of \$9.5 million, or 35.7%, from \$26.6 million at June 30, 2012. This increase is due primarily to a \$426 million increase, or 34.7%, in average interest earning assets to \$1.7 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2013 compared to \$1.2 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2012. The greatest part of the increases in interest-earning assets and noninterest-bearing deposits occurred as a result of the acquisition Independent completed in October 2012, while the balance of the increases came from organic loan and deposit growth. Average interest-earning assets also increased as a result of organic growth sustained in the first half of 2013 due to the addition of experienced lending teams in the last half of 2012. In addition, discount accretion on acquired loans of \$1.1 million and \$60 thousand is included in net interest income for the six months ended June 30 2013 and 2012, respectively. The significant increase in acquired loan accretion was primarily related to the unexpected payoff of three loans. The net interest margin for the six months ended June 30, 2013 increased 4 basis points to 4.40% compared to 4.36% for the comparable period in 2012. The average yield on interest earning assets decreased 26 basis points from 5.45% to 5.19%. The effect of this decrease was offset by a decrease in the average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities of 28 basis points from 1.22% to 0.94%. The average yield on interest earning assets would have been 5.05% for the six months ended June 30, 2013 compared to 5.44% for the six months ended June 30, 2012 without the effect of the discount accretion on acquired loans.

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Average Balance Sheet Amounts, Interest Earned and Yield Analysis. The following table presents average balance sheet information, interest income, interest expense and the corresponding average yields earned and rates paid for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012. The average balances are principally daily averages and, for loans, include both performing and nonperforming balances.

| | For the Six Months Ended June 30, | | | | | |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2013 | | | 2012 | | |
| | Average Outstanding Balance⁽²⁾ | Interest | Yield/ Rate⁽¹⁾ | Average Outstanding Balance⁽²⁾ | Interest | Yield/ Rate⁽¹⁾ |
| (dollars in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | |
| Loans | \$ 1,433,650 | \$ 41,207 | 5.80% | \$ 1,073,096 | \$ 32,006 | 6.00% |
| Taxable securities | 81,875 | 641 | 1.58 | 68,793 | 660 | 1.93 |
| Nontaxable securities | 32,245 | 507 | 3.17 | 22,451 | 399 | 3.57 |
| Federal funds sold and other | 104,429 | 171 | 0.33 | 62,085 | 157 | 0.51 |
| Total interest-earning assets | 1,652,199 | \$ 42,526 | 5.19 | 1,226,425 | \$ 33,222 | 5.45 |
| Noninterest-earning assets | 155,313 | | | 154,649 | | |
| Total assets | \$ 1,807,512 | | | \$ 1,381,074 | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 706,830 | \$ 1,909 | 0.54 | \$ 530,445 | \$ 2,280 | 0.86 |
| Savings accounts | 113,476 | 185 | 0.33 | 106,578 | 403 | 0.76 |
| Money market accounts | 47,057 | 64 | 0.27 | 31,721 | 64 | 0.41 |
| Certificates of deposit | 312,188 | 1,303 | 0.84 | 279,525 | 1,554 | 1.12 |
| Total deposits | 1,179,551 | 3,461 | 0.59 | 948,269 | 4,301 | 0.91 |
| FHLB advances | 164,562 | 1,656 | 2.03 | 92,123 | 1,087 | 2.37 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 25,030 | 1,073 | 8.64 | 39,579 | 974 | 4.95 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 18,147 | 271 | 3.01 | 14,538 | 253 | 3.50 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 1,387,290 | 6,461 | 0.94 | 1,094,509 | 6,615 | 1.22 |
| Noninterest-bearing checking accounts | 237,942 | | | 181,758 | | |
| Noninterest-bearing liabilities | 5,269 | | | 5,816 | | |

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Stockholders equity | 177,011 | 98,991 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 1,807,512 | \$ 1,381,074 |
| Net interest income | \$ 36,065 | \$ 26,607 |
| Interest rate spread | 4.25% | 4.23% |
| Net interest margin (3) | 4.40 | 4.36 |
| Average interest earning assets to Interest bearing liabilities | 119.10 | 112.05 |

(1) Yields and rates for the six-month periods are annualized.

(2) Average loan balances include nonaccrual loans.

(3) Net interest margins for the periods presented represent: (i) the difference between interest income on interest-earning assets and the interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, divided by (ii) average interest-earning assets for the period.

Interest Rates and Operating Interest Differential. Increases and decreases in interest income and interest expense result from changes in average balances (volume) of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, as well as changes in average interest rates. The following table shows the effect that these factors had on the interest earned on Independent's interest-earning assets and the interest incurred on Independent's interest-bearing liabilities. The effect of changes in volume is determined by multiplying the change in volume by the previous year's average rate. Similarly, the effect of rate changes is calculated by multiplying the change in average rate by the prior year's volume. For purpose of the following table, changes attributable to both volume

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and rate, which cannot be segregated, have been allocated to the changes due to volume and the changes due to rate in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amount of change in each.

| | For the Six Month Ended June 30, 2013 vs. 2012 | | |
|---|---|-------------------|--|
| | Increase (Decrease) Due to | | Total Increase (Decrease) |
| | Volume | Rate | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Interest-earning assets | | | |
| Loans | \$ 12,300 | \$ (3,099) | \$ 9,201 |
| Taxable securities | 237 | (256) | (19) |
| Nontaxable securities | 230 | (122) | 108 |
| Federal funds sold and other | 155 | (141) | 14 |
| Total interest-earning assets | \$ 12,922 | \$ (3,618) | \$ 9,304 |
| Interest-bearing liabilities | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 1,430 | \$ (1,801) | \$ (371) |
| Savings accounts | 72 | (290) | (218) |
| Limited access money market accounts | 50 | (50) | |
| Certificates of deposit | 415 | (666) | (251) |
| Total deposits | 1,967 | (2,807) | (840) |
| FHLB advances | 1,015 | (446) | 569 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | (932) | 1,031 | 99 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 102 | (84) | 18 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 2,152 | (2,306) | (154) |
| Net interest income | \$ 10,770 | \$ (1,312) | \$ 9,458 |

As a result of the current interest rate environment and competitive pressure in the market, yields on the loans Independent makes may decline in future periods. Independent intends to mitigate the effect of any such decreases on Independent's results of operations by growing Independent's loan portfolio and managing the liability side of Independent's balance sheet through the reduction of Independent's cost of funds.

Interest Income. Independent's total interest income increased \$9.3 million, or 28.0%, to \$42.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013 from \$33.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and the period-over-period variations in such categories of interest income:

| | For the Six Months Ended June 30, | Variance |
|--|--|-----------------|
|--|--|-----------------|

(dollars in thousands)

| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 v. 2012 |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Interest income | | | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 41,207 | \$ 32,006 | \$ 9,201 |
| Interest on taxable securities | 641 | 660 | (19) |
| Interest on nontaxable securities | 507 | 399 | 108 |
| Interest on federal funds sold and other | 171 | 157 | 14 |
| Total interest income | \$ 42,526 | \$ 33,222 | \$ 9,304 |

The 28.0% increase in Independent's interest and fees on loans for the six months ended June 30, 2013 from the six months ended June 30, 2012 was primarily attributable to a \$361 million, or 33.6%, increase in the average balance of Independent's loans to \$1.4 billion during the six months ended June 30, 2013 as compared with the average balance of \$1.1 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2012. The increase resulted from Independent's acquisition of an aggregate of \$180.4 million of loans in the I Bank Holding Company transaction in April 2012 and the CGI transaction in October 2012 and the organic growth of Independent's loan portfolio.

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The interest Independent earned on nontaxable securities during the six months ended June 30, 2013 increased by 27.1% from the six months ended June 30, 2012, primarily as a result of an increase in the average portfolio balance for the six months ended June 30, 2013, as Independent altered the allocation of capital invested in investment securities, increasing the percentage of Independent's portfolio held in obligations of Texas state and municipal governmental subdivisions in order to diversify Independent's investment security portfolio and enhance yield. These securities consist primarily of general obligation bonds issued by independent school districts located in Texas that are guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund. Bonds guaranteed by that fund are currently rated AAA by Standard & Poors Ratings Services. The average balance of nontaxable securities increased by \$10 million, or 43.6%, to \$32 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013 from \$22 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012.

Interest Expense. Total interest expense on Independent's interest-bearing liabilities decreased \$154,000, or 2.3%, to \$6.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013 from \$6.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and the period-over-period variations in such categories of interest expense:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Six Months Ended June 30, | | Variance 2013 v. 2012 |
|--|--|-------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Interest Expense | | | |
| Interest on deposits | \$ 3,461 | \$ 4,301 | \$ (840) |
| Interest of FHLB advances | 1,656 | 1,087 | 569 |
| Interest on notes payable and other borrowings | 1,073 | 974 | 99 |
| Interest on junior subordinated debentures | 271 | 253 | 18 |
| Total interest expense | \$ 6,461 | \$ 6,615 | \$ (154) |

Interest expense on deposits for the six months ended June 30, 2013 decreased by \$840,000, or 19.5%, primarily as a result of a decrease in the weighted-average rate of interest Independent paid on its deposits, although the effect of that decrease was partially offset by a 33.3% period-over-period increase in Independent's average balance on its interest-bearing checking accounts attributable to its two acquisitions in 2012 and organic deposit growth. The average rate of interest paid on Independent's deposits decreased by 32 basis points to 0.59% on average interest-bearing deposits of \$1.2 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2013 from 0.91% on average interest-bearing deposits of \$948 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012. This decrease in cost of funds for this source of funding primarily resulted from lower market interest rates and the 29.7% increase in the portion of deposits represented by average balance of interest-bearing checking, savings and limited access money market accounts, on which Independent typically pays lower rates than those Independent pays on its certificates of deposit.

Interest expense on FHLB advances for the six months ended June 30, 2013 increased by \$569,000, or 52.3%, due primarily to a higher average balance of such advances. The average balance of Independent's FHLB advances for the six months ended June 30, 2013 increased by \$72 million, or 78.6% to \$165 million from the average balance of \$92 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012 primarily as a result of funding new loan originations through such advances, in part to manage interest rate risk with respect to such loans.

Interest expense on notes payable and other borrowings for the six months ended June 30, 2013, increased by \$99,000, or 10.2%, primarily as a result of a higher average balance of such borrowings. The average balance of Independent's

notes payable and other borrowings decreased by \$15 million primarily as a result of the repayment of \$15.7 million in principal amount of notes payable and \$4.2 million in principal amount of subordinated debt in April 2013, which payments were funded with a portion of the net proceeds of Independent's initial public offering of its common stock.

Table of Contents**Provision for Loan Losses**

Management actively monitors Independent's asset quality and provides specific loss provisions when necessary. Provisions for loan losses are charged to income to bring the total allowance for loan losses to a level deemed appropriate by management based on such factors as historical loss experience, trends in classified loans and past dues, the volume and growth in the loan portfolio, current economic conditions and the value of collateral.

Loans are charged off against the allowance for loan losses when appropriate. Although management believes it uses the best information available to make determinations with respect to the provision for loan losses, future adjustments may be necessary if economic conditions differ from the assumptions used in making the determination.

Independent made a \$2.1 million provision for loan losses for the six months ended June 30, 2013 compared to \$1.2 million for the comparable period in 2012. The increase in the provision in the current year period was to properly reserve for the growth in Independent's loan portfolio. Net charge-offs were \$825 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2013 compared to \$408 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2012. The increase in net charge-offs from the previous period was primarily related to one large commercial real estate loan that was foreclosed during the period and charged down by \$516 thousand prior to being transferred to other real estate.

Noninterest Income

The following table sets forth the major components of noninterest income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and the period-over-period variations in such categories of noninterest income:

| | For the Six Months Ended | | Variance |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2013 | June 30, 2012 | |
| (dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Noninterest Income | | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | \$ 2,349 | \$ 1,647 | \$ 702 |
| Mortgage fee income | 2,163 | 1,857 | 306 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of other real estate | 173 | (44) | 217 |
| Loss on sale of securities available for sale | | (3) | 3 |
| Loss on sale of premises and equipment | (1) | (345) | 344 |
| Increase in cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance | 160 | 163 | (3) |
| Other noninterest income | 314 | 250 | 64 |
| Total noninterest income | \$ 5,158 | \$ 3,525 | \$ 1,633 |

Total noninterest income increased \$1.6 million, or 46.3%, for the six months ended June 30, 2013, compared to the comparable period in 2012. Changes in the components of noninterest income are discussed below.

Service Charges. Service charges on deposit accounts for the six months ended June 30, 2013 increased \$702 thousand, or 42.6%, compared to the comparable period in 2012. The increase in the period primarily relates to ATM service fees, which have previously been reported net of related expense and commencing in 2013 are being reported on a gross basis with offsetting expense being reported in noninterest expense, which expense is \$598 thousand for the

six months ended June 30, 2013. In 2012, ATM fees were settled on a net basis.

Mortgage Fee Income. Mortgage fee income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 increased \$306 thousand, or 16.5%, compared to the comparable period in 2012. This increase is directly related to a comparable increase in mortgage loan origination volume from the comparable prior year period.

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Gain (loss) on Sale of Other Real Estate. Other real estate gains of \$173 thousand for the six-month period ended June 30, 2013 are related to several sales of property including two sales of Adriatica property. In the comparable period in 2012, there was a loss of \$44 thousand as a result of fewer transactions at Independent Bank and no sales of Adriatica property.

Loss on Sale of Premises and Equipment. Loss on sale of premises and equipment decreased \$344 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2013 from the comparable period in 2012 because Independent did not have any significant sales of premises and equipment in that period while it recognized a loss on the sale of the corporate aircraft that occurred during the six months ended June 30, 2012.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense increased \$5.2 million, or 23.6%, for the six months ended June 30, 2013, compared to the comparable period in 2012. The overall increase from 2012 to 2013 is primarily due to increases in salaries and benefits expenses, occupancy expenses, other real estate impairment and other noninterest expenses related to the two acquisitions completed in 2012. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's noninterest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and the period-over-period variations in such categories of noninterest expense:

| | For the Six Months Ended | | Variance 2013 v. 2012 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2013 | June 30, 2012 | |
| (dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Noninterest Expense | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$ 15,712 | \$ 12,257 | \$ 3,455 |
| Occupancy | 4,445 | 3,494 | 951 |
| Data processing | 612 | 559 | 53 |
| FDIC assessment | (12) | 413 | (425) |
| Advertising and public relations | 404 | 339 | 65 |
| Communications | 678 | 643 | 35 |
| Other real estate owned expense, net | 257 | 141 | 116 |
| IBG Adriatica expenses, net | 372 | 528 | (156) |
| Other real estate impairment | 463 | 56 | 407 |
| Core deposit intangible amortization | 352 | 311 | 41 |
| Professional fees | 565 | 448 | 117 |
| Acquisition expense, including legal | 128 | 605 | (477) |
| Other | 3,331 | 2,301 | 1,030 |
| Total noninterest expense | \$ 27,307 | \$ 22,095 | \$ 5,212 |

Salaries and Employee Benefits. Salaries and employee benefits expense, which historically has been the largest component of Independent's noninterest expense, increased \$3.5 million, or 28.2%, for the six months ended June 30, 2013 compared to the comparable periods in the prior year. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in the number of Independent's full-time equivalent employees, which resulted from the two acquisitions Independent completed in 2012, as well as the addition of lending teams in Independent's high growth markets during the second half of 2012. Also contributing to the increase is compensation expense relating to the issuance of 111,420 shares of

restricted stock under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan in connection with the recently completed initial public offering. Independent will also incur compensation expense relating to such stock issuance in future periods.

Occupancy Expense. Occupancy expense increased \$951 thousand, or 27.2%, for the six months ended June 30, 2013 compared to the comparable periods in 2012. The increase resulted from higher maintenance contract expense, building lease expenses and property taxes, attributable primarily to the two acquisitions completed in 2012, and the establishment of Independent's Dallas location in June 2012.

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FDIC Assessment. FDIC assessment decreased \$425 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2013, compared to the comparable period in 2012. The decrease is due to a nonrecurring refund of \$504 thousand of Independent's prepaid assessment during the six months ended June 30, 2013.

Other Real Estate Impairment. Other real estate impairment totaling \$463 thousand was recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2013 compared to \$56 thousand for the comparable period in 2012. Approximately \$225 thousand of the expense for the six months ended June 30, 2013 was related to an ORE property located in the Austin, Texas area that was in negotiation to sell at a lower amount than the recorded book value. The remaining increase in the impairment for that period was recorded on two properties located in Frisco, Texas for which Independent had obtained updated appraisals. The impairment recognized in 2012 was related to the same Austin area property.

Acquisition Expense. Acquisition expense was \$477 thousand higher for the six months ended June 30, 2012, compared to the comparable period in 2013 primarily due to the two acquisitions completed in 2012. Acquisition expense is expected to increase in future periods consistent with Independent's strategic growth plan.

Other. Other expense increased by \$1.0 million, or 44.8%, for the six months ended June 30, 2013, compared to the comparable period in 2012. The majority of the increase relates to ATM exchange fees, which had settled on a net basis prior to 2013 and were recorded in noninterest income. ATM expense was \$598 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

Income Tax Expense

As a result of its prior status as an S corporation as discussed above, Independent had no federal tax expense for the quarters ended on or prior to March 31, 2013. Independent was not subject to income tax expense until April 1, 2013, the date which it became a taxable entity. Independent has determined that had it been taxed as a C corporation and paid federal income taxes in the periods ended prior to April 1, 2013, its federal tax rates would have been 32.8% for the six months ended June 30, 2013, and 30.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2012. For the six months ended June 30, 2013, income tax expense was \$2.0 million. However, Independent recorded an initial deferred tax asset on April 1, 2013 that resulted in a credit to income tax of \$1.8 million. This resulted in reported income tax expense of \$245,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2013. As of June 30, 2013, the total recorded deferred tax asset totaled \$3.4 million, of which \$1.6 million related to the change in the unrealized gain (loss) on investment securities, net of tax, since March 31, 2013, at which time Independent was still an S corporation.

On a pro forma basis, Independent's federal income tax expense would have been \$2.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012, and \$3.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013, resulting in pro forma net income, after federal taxes, for those periods of \$4.8 million and \$7.9 million, respectively.

Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011

The following discussion and analysis of Independent's results of operations also compares the year ended December 31, 2012 with the year ended December 31, 2011.

Net Income

Independent's net income increased by \$3.7 million, or 26.8%, to \$17.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 from \$13.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase resulted from a \$12.3 million increase in net interest income and a \$1.5 million increase in noninterest income, partially offset by a \$1.5 million increase in the

provision for loan losses and a \$8.5 million increase in noninterest expense. Independent's net income for the year ended December 31, 2012 and, therefore, Independent's return on average

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assets and Independent's return on average equity, were adversely affected by \$1.4 million of acquisition-related expenses and a \$348,000 loss on the sale of Independent's single engine aircraft in connection with the purchase of a twin engine, turbo prop aircraft.

Net Interest Income

Independent's net interest income is Independent's interest income, net of interest expenses. Changes in the balances of Independent's earning assets and Independent's deposits, FHLB advances and other borrowings, as well as changes in the market interest rates, affect Independent's net interest income. The difference between Independent's average yield on earning assets and Independent's average rate paid for interest-bearing liabilities is Independent's net interest spread. Noninterest-bearing sources of funds, such as demand deposits and stockholders' equity, also support Independent's earning assets. The impact of the noninterest-bearing sources of funds is reflected in Independent's net interest margin, which is calculated as net interest income divided by average earning assets.

Independent earned net interest income of \$58.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, an increase of \$12.3 million, or 26.5%, from \$46.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase in net interest income was due to growth of Independent's average interest-earning assets and a reduction in Independent's cost of funds for fiscal 2012 as a result of an increase in noninterest-bearing deposits. Independent's net interest margin for fiscal 2012 decreased to 4.40% from 4.42% in fiscal 2011, and Independent's interest rate spread for fiscal 2012 decreased to 4.27% from the 4.28% interest rate spread for fiscal 2011. The average balance of interest-earning assets for fiscal 2012 increased by \$282.3 million, or 26.9%, to \$1.3 billion from an average balance of \$1.0 billion for fiscal 2011. The average aggregate balance of noninterest-bearing checking accounts increased to \$203.2 million for fiscal 2012 from \$148.7 million for fiscal 2011. The increases in interest-earning assets and noninterest-bearing deposits occurred as a result of the two acquisitions that Independent completed in 2012, while the balance of the increases came from organic loan and deposit growth. The decrease in net interest margin was offset by an increase in the ratio of average interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities to 113.82% for the year ended December 31, 2012 from 110.61% for the prior year. Independent's net interest margin for the year ended December 31, 2012 was adversely affected by a 28 basis point decline in the weighted-average yield on interest-earning assets to 5.41% for the year ended December 31, 2012 from 5.69% for the year ended December 31, 2011. This decline in yield resulted from changes in market interest rates and the competitive landscape.

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Average Balance Sheet Amounts, Interest Earned and Yield Analysis. The following table presents average balance sheet information, interest income, interest expense and the corresponding average yields earned and rates paid for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. The average balances are principally daily averages and, for loans, include both performing and nonperforming balances.

| | For the Year Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2012 | | | 2011 | | |
| | Average Outstanding Balance | Interest | Yield/ Rate | Average Outstanding Balance | Interest | Yield/ Rate⁽¹⁾ |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | |
| Loans ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 1,179,006 | \$ 69,494 | 5.89% | \$ 920,296 | \$ 57,263 | 6.22% |
| Taxable securities | 79,587 | 1,357 | 1.71 | 70,042 | 1,767 | 2.52 |
| Nontaxable securities | 25,397 | 825 | 3.25 | 14,314 | 522 | 3.65 |
| Federal funds sold and other | 45,955 | 214 | 0.47 | 43,039 | 87 | 0.20 |
| Total interest-earning assets | 1,329,946 | 71,890 | 5.41 | 1,047,691 | 59,639 | 5.69 |
| Noninterest-bearing assets | 157,688 | | | 133,002 | | |
| Total assets | \$ 1,487,614 | | | \$ 1,180,693 | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 579,495 | \$ 4,529 | 0.78% | \$ 443,890 | \$ 5,082 | 1.14% |
| Savings accounts | 110,118 | 710 | 0.65 | 86,080 | 926 | 1.08 |
| Limited access money market accounts | 32,976 | 117 | 0.36 | 27,525 | 132 | 0.48 |
| Certificates of deposit | 285,564 | 2,995 | 1.05 | 285,808 | 3,772 | 1.32 |
| Total deposits | 1,008,153 | 8,351 | 0.83 | 843,303 | 9,912 | 1.18 |
| FHLB advances | 105,072 | 2,383 | 2.27 | 59,329 | 1,477 | 2.49 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 39,963 | 2,072 | 5.18 | 30,030 | 1,489 | 4.96 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 15,260 | 531 | 3.48 | 14,538 | 480 | 3.30 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 1,168,447 | 13,337 | 1.14 | 947,200 | 13,358 | 1.41 |
| Noninterest-bearing checking accounts | 203,248 | | | 148,700 | | |
| Noninterest-bearing liabilities | 10,863 | | | 5,871 | | |
| Stockholders equity | 105,055 | | | 78,922 | | |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 1,487,614 | | | \$ 1,180,693 | | |
| Net interest income | | \$ 58,553 | | | \$ 46,281 | |

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Interest rate spread | 4.27% | 4.28% |
| Net interest margin ⁽²⁾ | 4.40 | 4.42 |
| Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities | 113.82 | 110.61 |

(1) Average loan balances include nonaccrual loans.

(2) Net interest margins for the years presented represent: (i) the difference between interest income on interest-earning assets and the interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, divided by (ii) average interest-earning assets for the year.

Interest Rates and Operating Interest Differential. Increases and decreases in interest income and interest expense result from changes in average balances (volume) of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, as well as changes in average interest rates. The following table shows the effect that these factors had on the interest earned on Independent's interest-earning assets and the interest incurred on Independent's interest-bearing liabilities. The effect of changes in volume is determined by multiplying the change in volume by the previous year's average rate. Similarly, the effect of rate changes is calculated by multiplying the change in average rate by the prior year's volume. For purpose of the following table, changes attributable to both volume

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and rate, which cannot be segregated, have been allocated to the changes due to volume and the changes due to rate in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amount of change in each.

| | For the Year Ended December 31, 2012 vs. 2011 | | |
|---|--|-------------------|--|
| | Increase (Decrease) Due to | | Total Increase (Decrease) |
| | Volume | Rate | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Interest-earning assets | | | |
| Loans | \$ 15,383 | \$ (3,152) | \$ 12,231 |
| Taxable securities | 218 | (628) | (410) |
| Nontaxable securities | 365 | (62) | 303 |
| Federal funds sold and other | 6 | 121 | 127 |
| Total interest-earning assets | \$ 15,972 | \$ (3,721) | \$ 12,251 |
| Interest-bearing liabilities | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 1,311 | \$ (1,864) | \$ (553) |
| Savings accounts | 216 | (432) | (216) |
| Limited access money market accounts | 23 | (38) | (15) |
| Certificates of deposit | (3) | (774) | (777) |
| Total deposits | 1,547 | (3,108) | (1,561) |
| FHLB advances | 1,048 | (142) | 906 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 512 | 71 | 583 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 24 | 27 | 51 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 3,131 | (3,152) | (21) |
| Net interest income | \$ 12,841 | \$ (569) | \$ 12,272 |

As a result of the current interest rate environment and competitive pressure in the market, yields on the loans Independent makes may decline in future periods. Independent intends to mitigate the effect of any such decreases on Independent's results of operations by growing Independent's loan portfolio and managing the liability side of Independent's balance sheet through the reduction of Independent's cost of funds.

Interest Income. Independent's total interest income increased \$12.3 million, or 20.5%, to \$71.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 from \$59.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's interest income for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the year-over-year variations in such categories of interest income:

| | For the Year Ended December 31, | Variance |
|--|--|-----------------|
|--|--|-----------------|

(dollars in thousands)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 v. 2011 |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Interest income | | | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 69,494 | \$ 57,263 | \$ 12,231 |
| Interest on taxable securities | 1,357 | 1,767 | (410) |
| Interest on nontaxable securities | 825 | 522 | 303 |
| Interest on federal funds sold and other | 214 | 87 | 127 |
| Total interest income | \$ 71,890 | \$ 59,639 | \$ 12,251 |

The 21.4% increase in Independent's interest and fees on loans for the year ended December 31, 2012 from the year ended December 31, 2011 was primarily attributable to a \$258.7 million increase in the average balance of Independent's loans to \$1.2 billion during fiscal 2012 as compared with the average balance of \$920.3 million for fiscal 2011. The increase resulted from Independent's acquisition of an aggregate of \$180.4 million of loans in the I Bank Holding Company transaction in April 2012 and CGI transaction in October 2012 and the organic growth of Independent's loan portfolio.

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The interest Independent earned on taxable securities, which consists primarily of government agency securities, decreased 23.2% for the year ended December 31, 2012 due primarily to a lower portfolio yield, which decreased to 1.71% from 2.52% for the year ended December 31, 2011. The decline in yield occurred as Independent reinvested the proceeds of maturing securities at the lower interest rates that were available in a declining market interest rate environment.

The interest Independent earned on nontaxable securities during fiscal 2012 increased by 58.0% from fiscal 2011 primarily as a result of an increase in the average portfolio balance as Independent altered the allocation of capital invested in investment securities, increasing the percentage of Independent's portfolio held in obligations of Texas state and municipal governmental subdivisions in order to diversify Independent's investment security portfolio and enhance yield. These securities consist primarily of general obligation bonds issued by independent school districts located in Texas that are guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund. Bonds guaranteed by that fund are currently rated AAA by Standard & Poors' Ratings Services. The average balance of nontaxable securities increased by \$11.1 million to \$25.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 from \$14.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Interest Expense. Total interest expense on Independent's interest-bearing liabilities decreased \$21,000, or 0.2%, to \$13.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 from \$13.4 million in the prior year. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2012 and the year ended December 31, 2011 and the year-over-year variations in such categories of interest expense:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Year Ended | | Variance |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | December 31, | | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 v. 2011 |
| Interest Expense | | | |
| Interest on deposits | \$ 8,351 | \$ 9,912 | \$ (1,561) |
| Interest of FHLB advances | 2,383 | 1,477 | 906 |
| Interest on notes payable and other borrowings | 2,072 | 1,489 | 583 |
| Interest on junior subordinated debentures | 531 | 480 | 51 |
| Total interest expense | \$ 13,337 | \$ 13,358 | \$ (21) |

Interest expense on deposits for fiscal 2012 decreased by \$1.6 million, or 15.8%, primarily as a result of a decrease in the weighted-average rate of interest Independent paid on Independent's deposits, although the effect of that decrease was partially offset by a 30.5% year-over-year increase in Independent's average balance on Independent's interest-bearing checking accounts attributable to Independent's two acquisitions in 2012 and organic deposit growth. The average rate on Independent's deposits decreased by 35 basis points to 0.83% on average interest-bearing deposits of \$1.0 billion for fiscal 2012 from 1.18% on average interest-bearing deposits of \$843.3 million in fiscal 2011. This decrease in cost of funds for this source of funding primarily resulted from lower market interest rates and the 29.6% increase in the portion of deposits represented by average balance of interest-bearing checking, savings and limited access money market accounts, on which Independent typically pays lower rates than those Independent pays on its certificates of deposit.

Interest expense on FHLB advances for fiscal 2012 increased by \$906,000, or 61.3%, due primarily to a higher average balance of such advances. The average balance of Independent's FHLB advances increased by \$45.7 million primarily as a result of funding new loan originations through such advances, in part to manage interest rate risk with respect to such loans, and the assumption of \$12.5 million of FHLB advances in Independent's acquisition of I Bank Holding Company in April 2012.

Interest expense on notes payable and other borrowings for fiscal 2012 increased by \$583,000, or 39.2%, primarily as a result of a higher average balance of such borrowings. The average balance of Independent's notes payable and other borrowings increased by \$10.0 million primarily as a result of an increase

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in Independent's senior debt and subordinated debentures. Interest expense on junior subordinated debentures increased \$51,000, or 10.6%, due to the assumption of \$3.6 million of junior subordinated debt in the acquisition of CGI in October 2012.

Provision for Loan Losses

Independent increased Independent's allowance for loan losses to \$11.5 million as of December 31, 2012 by making provisions for loan losses totaling \$3.2 million in fiscal 2012, which was a \$1.5 million, or 93.0%, increase over the provision for loan losses of \$1.7 million Independent made in fiscal 2011. The increase in Independent's allowance for loan losses was made as a result of the organic growth in Independent's loan portfolio. The effect of the provision for loan losses in fiscal 2012 on Independent's allowance for loan losses was partially offset by net charge-offs for that period of \$766,000, which net charge-offs were 0.06% of Independent's average loans outstanding during such period. The provision for loan losses in fiscal 2011 had been partially offset by net charge-offs of \$993,000 million during that period. Independent's net charge-offs were lower in fiscal 2012, largely as a result of improvement in the quality of Independent's loan portfolio.

Independent made an unallocated provision for loan losses of \$227,000 in fiscal 2012 to serve as a buffer against the risk of loss inherent in lending as Independent's loan portfolio grew and based on Independent's assessment of historical loan loss rates. The balance of the provision for loan losses was made based on Independent's assessment of the credit quality of Independent's loan portfolio and in view of the amount of Independent's net charge-offs in that period. Independent did not make any specific provision for loan losses with respect to the loans acquired in Independent's two acquisitions completed in 2012 because, in accordance with purchase accounting standards, Independent recorded the loans acquired in those acquisitions at fair value and determined that Independent's fair value adjustments appropriately reflected the probability of losses on those loans as of the acquisition date.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income increased \$1.5 million, or 18.9%, to \$9.2 million for fiscal 2012 from \$7.7 million for fiscal 2011. This increase resulted primarily from a 55.1% year-over-year increase in Independent's mortgage fee income and a 60.9% year-over-year increase in gain on the sale of Adriatica real property, which was partially offset by losses on the sale of other real estate and a corporate aircraft versus gains on the sale of other real estate recognized during fiscal 2011. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's noninterest income for fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011 and the year-over-year variations in such categories of noninterest income:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Year Ended | | Variance |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | December 31, | December 31, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 v. 2011 |
| Noninterest Income | | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | \$ 3,386 | \$ 3,383 | \$ 3 |
| Mortgage fee income | 4,116 | 2,654 | 1,462 |
| (Loss) gain on other real estate transactions | (175) | 104 | (279) |
| Gain on Adriatica real estate transactions | 1,310 | 814 | 496 |
| (Loss) gain on sale of premises and equipment | (343) | 21 | (364) |
| Increase in cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance | 327 | 330 | (3) |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| All other noninterest income | 547 | 402 | 145 |
| Total noninterest income | \$ 9,168 | \$ 7,708 | \$ 1,460 |

Service charges on deposit accounts. Service charges on deposit accounts were consistent at \$3.4 million for fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011.

Mortgage fee income. Income from Independent's mortgage brokerage operations for fiscal 2012 increased 55.1% over the income from those operations for fiscal 2011. Mortgage fee income results from

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Independent's share of fees paid in connection with mortgage loans that Independent originates and promptly sell, which increased as a result of the addition of new mortgage brokerage personnel and increases in referrals from Independent Bank's personnel, as well as increased demand for refinancings of existing mortgage loans and, to a lesser extent, for new purchase loans.

Gain on Adriatica real estate transactions. Independent sold four parcels of property of the Adriatica real estate in fiscal 2012, recognizing an aggregate gain on the sales of \$1.3 million. In fiscal 2011, Independent recognized a gain of \$699,000 when Independent acquired the Adriatica real property in a deed-in-lieu-of foreclosure transaction in June 2011 and recognized a gain of \$115,000 on the sale of a tract of land and associated interest in common areas to a company controlled by certain officers and directors of Independent. See Certain Relationships and Related Persons Transactions Related Person Transactions.

Loss and gain on sale of premises and equipment. During fiscal 2012, in connection with its acquisition of a twin engine, turbo prop aircraft, Independent Bank sold the single engine turbo prop aircraft it previously owned. A loss of \$348,000 was recognized on the sale.

All other noninterest income. During fiscal 2012, Independent sold a branch located in an area that Independent determined was more effectively served by Independent's other locations, recognizing a \$38,000 gain. No comparable transaction occurred in fiscal 2011.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense increased \$8.5 million, or 22.1%, to \$47.2 million for fiscal 2012 from \$38.6 million for fiscal 2011. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's noninterest expense for fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011 and the year-over-year variations in such categories of noninterest expense:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Year Ended | | Variance 2012 v. 2011 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2012 | December 31, 2011 | |
| Noninterest Expense | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$ 26,569 | \$ 21,118 | \$ 5,451 |
| Occupancy | 7,317 | 6,776 | 541 |
| Data processing | 1,198 | 850 | 348 |
| FDIC assessment | 800 | 1,238 | (438) |
| Advertising and public relations | 626 | 589 | 37 |
| Communications | 1,334 | 1,074 | 260 |
| Net other real estate owned expenses (including taxes) | 220 | 403 | (183) |
| Net expenses of operations of IBG Adriatica | 832 | 871 | (39) |
| Impairment of other real estate | 94 | 184 | (90) |
| Amortization of core deposit intangibles | 656 | 567 | 89 |
| Professional fees | 1,104 | 971 | 133 |
| Acquisition expense, including legal | 1,401 | | 1,401 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Other | 5,009 | 3,998 | 1,011 |
| Total noninterest expense | \$ 47,160 | \$ 38,639 | \$ 8,521 |

Salaries and employee benefits expense. Salaries and employee benefits expense, which historically has been the largest component of Independent's noninterest expense, increased in fiscal 2012 by 25.8% from Independent's salary and employee benefits expense in fiscal 2011. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in the number of Independent's full-time equivalent employees during fiscal 2012, in large part resulting from Independent's two acquisitions and, in the third quarter of fiscal 2011 and the second quarter of fiscal 2012, the addition of lending teams in high growth markets. In addition, Independent accrued higher bonuses in fiscal 2012 than it did in fiscal 2011 as a result of an increase in Independent's profitability, increased mortgage loan production and certain performance targets being met during fiscal 2012.

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Occupancy expense. Occupancy expense increased 8.0% in fiscal 2012 compared with fiscal 2011. This increase resulted from higher maintenance contract expense and building lease expenses, attributable in part to Independent's two acquisitions and the establishment of Independent's Dallas location in 2012.

Data processing expense. Independent's data processing expense for fiscal 2012 was up 40.9% over fiscal 2011 because of increased charges of Independent's core service provider due to the increase in the number of Independent's branches and users, as well as expenses incurred in the enhancement of Independent's internet banking capability.

Communications expense. Communications expense for the year ended December 31, 2012, increased by 24.2% over the prior year as a result of additional expenses associated with new branches and employees related to the two acquisitions that Independent completed in 2012.

FDIC insurance assessment expense. Independent's FDIC insurance assessment expense for fiscal 2012 decreased by 35.4% from the amount of that expense for fiscal 2011. This decrease in the assessment resulted from a reduction in the rate at which Independent Bank's deposit insurance assessment is calculated under the mandates of the Dodd-Frank Act for banks of Independent's size, overall condition and asset quality.

Net other real estate owned expenses. Independent's net other real estate owned expenses (which exclude expenses relating to the Adriatica real estate Independent owns) decreased \$183,000 in fiscal 2012 compared with fiscal 2011 as a result of the mix of the type of properties constituting Independent's other real estate owned, with a greater proportion of that real estate being undeveloped land, which has lower associated maintenance and other costs than does developed property. Such expenses are net of any rental income received.

Net expenses from the operations of IBG Adriatica. Independent's expenses associated with the operation of Adriatica real property include primarily maintenance, insurance, construction and tax expenses, some of which expenses were incurred in preparing portions of the property for sale to third parties. A portion of the property includes buildings from which Independent realizes rental income, and the amounts shown for this category in the immediately preceding table are Independent's expenses, net of that rental income. The gains Independent has recognized from the sale of portions of the Adriatica property are not netted against these expenses and are reflected in Independent's consolidated statements of income as noninterest income. Independent's net expenses for fiscal 2012 decreased by \$39,000, or 4.5%, over the net expenses for fiscal 2011.

Acquisition expense. Independent incurred \$705,000 of acquisition expenses in fiscal 2012 in connection with Independent's acquisition of I Bank and \$696,000 of such expenses in connection with Independent's acquisition of CGI, which was consummated in October 2012. These expenses included legal fees of approximately \$318,000, data processing contract termination fees of approximately \$1.0 million, and valuation and other professional fees of approximately \$61,000. Independent did not complete an acquisition in fiscal 2011.

Other noninterest expense. Other noninterest expense for fiscal 2012 increased by 25.3% as a result of higher charitable contributions, travel expenses, deposit promotion costs and correspondent bank service charges, partially offset by a \$97,000 refund from the Internal Revenue Service related to an employee payroll tax issue that was settled in 2011.

Pro Forma Income Tax Expense and Net Income

As a result of Independent's status as an S corporation as discussed above, Independent had no federal income tax expense for fiscal 2012 or 2011. Independent has determined that had Independent been taxed as a C corporation and paid federal income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, Independent's effective federal income tax

rates would have been 30.1% and 31.7% for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. These pro forma effective rates reflect a federal income tax rate of 34.0% on corporate

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income and the fact that a portion of Independent's net income in fiscal 2012 and 2011 was derived from nontaxable investment securities and life insurance income. Independent's net income for fiscal 2012 and 2011 was \$17.4 million and \$13.7 million, and Independent's tax-exempt interest income for such periods was \$0.8 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. Had Independent been subject to federal income taxes during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, on a pro forma basis, Independent's provision for federal income taxes would have been \$5.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 and \$4.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase in such pro forma provision for federal income taxes would have resulted primarily from the increase in Independent's net income for fiscal 2012. As a result of the foregoing factors, Independent's pro forma net income, (after federal income taxes), for the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 would have been \$12.2 million and \$9.4 million, respectively.

Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010

The following discussion and analysis of Independent's results of operations compares the year ended December 31, 2011 with the year ended December 31, 2010.

Net Income

Independent's net income increased by \$584,000, or 4.5%, to \$13.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 from \$13.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. The increase resulted from an \$8.2 million increase in net interest income and a \$2.4 million decrease in the provision for loan losses, substantially offset by a \$4.4 million decrease in noninterest income and a \$5.6 million increase in noninterest expense. Noninterest income in fiscal 2010 included a \$6.7 million gain on acquisitions made in that year.

Net Interest Income

Independent earned net interest income of \$46.3 million in fiscal 2011, an increase of \$8.2 million, or 21.5%, from \$38.1 million in fiscal 2010. The increase in net interest income was due to a higher level of interest-earning assets in fiscal 2011 compared with fiscal 2010. The average balance of interest-earning assets in 2011 increased by \$188.8 million, or 22.0%, to \$1.0 billion from \$0.9 billion in fiscal 2010. This increase in Independent's interest-earning assets was largely due to having the benefit of the results of the operations of Town Center Bank, which Independent acquired on July 31, 2010, and of Farmersville Bancshares, which Independent acquired on September 30, 2010, included in Independent's results of operations for a full year in fiscal 2011, as well as organic growth in Independent's interest-earning assets. In addition, Independent's interest rate spread increased by one basis point to 4.28% for fiscal 2011 from 4.27% for fiscal 2010. That improvement in the interest rate spread was due to Independent's cost of funds declining by 34 basis points, to 1.41% for fiscal 2011 from 1.75% for fiscal 2010, versus a 33 basis point decline in the yield on interest-earning assets to an average rate of 5.69% for fiscal 2011 from 6.02% for fiscal 2010. Independent's weighted-average yield on Independent's interest-earning assets for fiscal 2011 decreased as Independent redeployed the proceeds of amortizing and maturing assets and other funds in a lower rate environment.

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Average Balance Sheet, Interest and Yield/Rate Analysis. The following table presents average balance sheet information, interest income, interest expense and the corresponding average yields earned and rates paid for the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. The average balances are principally daily averages and, for loans, include both performing and nonperforming balances.

| | For the Year Ended December 31, | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | 2011 | | | 2010 | | |
| | Average Outstanding Balance | Interest | Yield/ Rate | Average Outstanding Balance | Interest | Yield/ Rate |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets | | | | | | |
| Loans ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 920,296 | \$ 57,263 | 6.22% | \$ 775,279 | \$ 49,614 | 6.40% |
| Taxable securities | 70,042 | 1,767 | 2.52 | 51,626 | 1,903 | 3.69 |
| Nontaxable securities | 14,314 | 522 | 3.65 | 3,804 | 147 | 3.86 |
| Federal funds sold and other | 43,039 | 87 | 0.20 | 28,179 | 70 | 0.25 |
| Total interest-earning assets | 1,047,691 | 59,639 | 5.69 | 858,888 | 51,734 | 6.02 |
| Noninterest-earning assets | 133,002 | | | 110,434 | | |
| Total assets | \$ 1,180,693 | | | \$ 969,322 | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities | | | | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$ 443,890 | \$ 5,082 | 1.14% | \$ 326,563 | 5,197 | 1.59% |
| Savings accounts | 86,080 | 926 | 1.08 | 47,656 | 645 | 1.35 |
| Limited access money market accounts | 27,525 | 132 | 0.48 | 20,304 | 136 | 0.67 |
| Certificates of deposit | 285,808 | 3,772 | 1.32 | 289,841 | 4,801 | 1.66 |
| Total deposits | 843,303 | 9,912 | 1.18 | 684,364 | 10,779 | 1.58 |
| FHLB advances | 59,329 | 1,477 | 2.49 | 63,132 | 1,425 | 2.26 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 30,030 | 1,489 | 4.96 | 20,105 | 981 | 4.88 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 14,538 | 480 | 3.30 | 14,538 | 484 | 3.33 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 947,200 | 13,358 | 1.41 | 782,139 | 13,669 | 1.75 |
| Noninterest-bearing checking accounts | 148,700 | | | 116,196 | | |
| Other noninterest-bearing liabilities | 5,871 | | | 2,637 | | |
| Stockholders' equity | 78,922 | | | 68,350 | | |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 1,180,693 | | | \$ 969,322 | | |
| Net interest income | | \$ 46,281 | | | \$ 38,065 | |

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Interest rate spread | 4.28% | 4.27% |
| Net interest margin ⁽²⁾ | 4.42 | 4.43 |
| Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities | 110.61 | 109.81 |

(1) Average loan balances include nonaccrual loans.

(2) Net interest margins for the years presented represent: (i) the difference between interest income on interest-earning assets and the interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, divided by (ii) average interest-earning assets for the year.

Interest Rates and Operating Interest Differential. Increases and decreases in interest income and interest expense result from changes in average balances (volume) of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, as well as changes in average interest rates. The following table shows the effect that these factors had on the interest earned in Independent's interest-earning assets and the interest incurred on Independent's interest-bearing liabilities. The effect of changes in volume is determined by multiplying the change in volume by the previous year's average rate. Similarly, the effect of rate changes is calculated by multiplying the change in average rate by the previous year's volume. For purposes of this table, changes attributable to both volume and

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rate, which cannot be segregated, have been allocated to the changes due to volume and the changes due to rate in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts of change in each.

| | For the Year Ended December 31, 2011 v. 2010 | | |
|---|---|------------------|--|
| | Increase (Decrease) Due to | | Total Increase (Decrease) |
| | Volume | Rate | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | |
| Loans | \$9,056 | \$(1,470) | \$7,649 |
| Taxable securities | 565 | (701) | (136) |
| Nontaxable securities | 384 | (9) | 375 |
| Federal funds sold and other | 32 | (15) | 17 |
| Total interest-earning assets | \$10,037 | \$(2,132) | \$7,905 |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | |
| Checking accounts | \$1,573 | \$(1,689) | \$ (116) |
| Savings accounts | 435 | (154) | 281 |
| Limited access money market accounts | 41 | (45) | (4) |
| Certificates of deposit | (44) | (984) | (1,028) |
| Total deposits | 2,005 | (2,872) | (867) |
| FHLB advances | (89) | 141 | 52 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 737 | (229) | 508 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | | (4) | (4) |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | 2,653 | (2,964) | (311) |
| Net interest income | \$7,384 | \$832 | \$8,216 |

Interest Income. Independent's total interest income increased \$7.9 million, or 15.3%, to \$59.6 million in fiscal 2011 from \$51.7 million in fiscal 2010. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's interest income for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the year-over-year variations in such categories of interest income:

| | For the Year Ended December 31, | | Variance 2011 v. 2010 |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Interest income | | | |
| Interest and fees on loans | \$ 57,263 | \$ 49,614 | \$ 7,649 |
| Interest on taxable securities | 1,767 | 1,903 | (136) |

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| | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Interest on nontaxable securities | 522 | 147 | 375 |
| Interest on federal funds sold and other | 87 | 70 | 17 |
| Total interest income | \$ 59,639 | \$ 51,734 | \$ 7,905 |

Interest and fee income on Independent's total loan portfolio for fiscal 2011 increased by 15.4% compared with such income in fiscal 2010, primarily as a result of an increase of \$145.0 million, or 18.7%, in the average balance of Independent's loans for fiscal 2011 to \$920.3 million as compared with \$775.3 million for fiscal 2010. That increase resulted in part from the organic growth of Independent's loan portfolio and the acquisition of loans of \$67.5 million in the Town Center Bank and Farmersville Bancshares acquisitions during the third quarter of fiscal 2010.

Independent experienced a 7.1% decrease in the interest Independent earned on taxable securities in fiscal 2011. That decrease occurred as a result of a lower average yield on such securities, although a higher average balance of taxable securities available for sale partially offset the effect of that lower average yield. The average balance on taxable securities increased by \$18.4 million to \$70.0 million for fiscal 2011 from \$51.6 million for fiscal 2010. The average yield on such securities decreased to 2.52% for fiscal 2011 from 3.69% for fiscal 2010. The decline in the yield occurred as Independent reinvested the proceeds of maturing securities in securities bearing interest at the lower interest rates that were available in a declining interest rate environment.

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Independent's interest on nontaxable securities increased 255.1% in fiscal 2011 over fiscal 2010 primarily as a result of an increase in the average nontaxable securities portfolio balance in fiscal 2011 over fiscal 2010, which increase occurred as Independent altered the allocation of capital invested in investment securities, increasing the percentage of Independent's portfolio held in obligations of Texas state and municipal governmental subdivisions in order to diversify Independent's investment securities portfolio and enhance yield. These securities consist of primarily general obligation bonds issued by independent school districts located in Texas and are guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund. Bonds guaranteed by that fund are currently rated AAA by Standard & Poors Ratings Services. The average balance of nontaxable securities increased by \$10.5 million to \$14.3 million for fiscal 2011 from \$3.8 million for fiscal 2010.

Interest Expense. Independent's total interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities decreased \$311,000, or 2.3%, to \$13.4 million in fiscal 2011 from \$13.7 million in fiscal 2010. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's interest expense for fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010 and the year-over-year variations in such categories of interest expense:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Year Ended | | Variance |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | December 31, | | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 v. 2010 |
| Interest Expense | | | |
| Interest on deposits | \$ 9,912 | \$ 10,779 | \$ (867) |
| Interest of FHLB advances | 1,477 | 1,425 | 52 |
| Interest on notes payable and other borrowings | 1,489 | 981 | 508 |
| Interest on junior subordinated debentures | 480 | 484 | (4) |
| Total interest expense | \$ 13,358 | \$ 13,669 | \$ (311) |

Deposit interest expense for fiscal 2011 decreased 8.0% from fiscal 2010 as a result of a lower weighted-average rate on interest-bearing deposits, which lower rate was partially offset by an increase of \$158.9 million, or 23.2%, in Independent's average interest-bearing deposit balance to \$843.3 million in fiscal 2011 from an average of \$684.4 million in fiscal 2010. The decrease in Independent's cost of funds from interest-bearing deposits was primarily attributable to lower market interest rates and the increase in the portion of all interest-bearing deposits represented by interest-bearing checking, savings and money market accounts, on which Independent typically pays lower rates than those Independent pays on its certificates of deposit. The average balance of Independent's interest-bearing checking accounts increased by \$117.3 million to \$443.9 million for 2011, while savings accounts increased by \$38.4 million to \$86.1 million for 2011. The increase in Independent's average interest-bearing deposit balance in fiscal 2011 was primarily attributable to the inclusion for all of fiscal 2011 of deposits assumed in the Town Center Bank and Farmersville Bancshares acquisitions in the third quarter of fiscal 2010, as well as organic growth in Independent's interest-bearing deposits.

Interest expense on FHLB advances for fiscal 2011 increased by \$0.1 million, or 3.6%, due to the higher average rate that Independent paid on such advances, the effect of which was partially offset by a lower average balance of those advances, which decreased by \$3.8 million to \$59.3 million for fiscal 2011. The average rate on those advances increased by 23 basis points to 2.49% for fiscal 2011. The higher average rate was attributable to new intermediate-term (3-to 5-year term) advances.

In addition, the interest expense on Independent's notes payable and other borrowings for fiscal 2011 increased by \$508,000, or 51.8%, as a result of primarily a higher average balance, partially offset by a lower average rate. The average balance of Independent's notes payable and other borrowings increased by \$9.9 million primarily as a result of the financing received from an unaffiliated commercial bank in connection with the acquisition of the Adriatica-related loans in June 2011 and the issuance of subordinated debt in fiscal 2011 to increase capital.

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Independent increased Independent's allowance for loan losses to \$9.1 million as of December 31, 2011 from a balance of \$8.4 million as of December 31, 2010 as Independent's loan portfolio grew. The increase was made through provisions for loan losses totaling \$1.7 million in fiscal 2011, the effect of which on Independent's allowance for loan losses was offset to a significant degree by net charge-offs of \$1.0 million in fiscal 2011. Independent's provision for loan losses in fiscal 2010 was \$4.0 million. The lower provision for loan losses in fiscal 2011 reflects lower loan losses in fiscal 2011 than in fiscal 2010, which enabled Independent to maintain an appropriate allowance for loan losses while making the provision described above. The lower loan losses resulted from improvements in borrowers ability to perform and the collection of problem assets. Independent had made a provision of \$4.0 million in fiscal 2010 to absorb \$2.4 million in net charge-offs made during fiscal 2010, largely with respect to a limited number of commercial and real estate loans, and to provide for increased risk. In addition, the provision for loan losses increased the unallocated portion of Independent's allowance for loan losses to reflect the risk inherent in lending. Independent did not make any specific provision for loan losses in fiscal 2010 or fiscal 2011 with respect to the loans acquired in the Town Center Bank and Farmersville Bancshares acquisitions that Independent consummated in fiscal 2010 because, in accordance with purchase accounting standards, Independent recorded those loans at fair value at the date of acquisition.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income decreased \$4.4 million, or 36.6%, to \$7.7 million in fiscal 2011 from \$12.2 million in fiscal 2010. This decline was primarily the result of the recognition in fiscal 2010 of a \$6.7 million bargain purchase gain on the acquisition of banks in the third quarter of fiscal 2010, although the effect of that decline was lessened by the increase of \$913,000 in mortgage fee income in fiscal 2011 over fiscal 2010. Noninterest income from sources other than the gains on bargain purchases in the acquisitions of banks, gains on the foreclosure of the collateral securing the loans secured by the Adriatica real property and gains on real property sales recognized in fiscal 2010 increased \$2.2 million, or 41.1%, in fiscal 2011 compared with fiscal 2010. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's noninterest income for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Year Ended | | Variance |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | December 31, | | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 v. 2010 |
| Noninterest Income | | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | \$3,383 | \$2,841 | \$542 |
| Mortgage fee income | 2,654 | 1,741 | 913 |
| Bargain purchase gain on acquisition of banks | | 6,692 | (6,692) |
| (Loss) gain on other real estate transactions | 104 | 136 | (32) |
| Gain on Adriatica real estate transactions | 814 | | 814 |
| Gain on sale of premises and equipment | 21 | 1 | 20 |
| Increase in cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance | 330 | 303 | 27 |
| All other noninterest income | 402 | 442 | (40) |
| Total noninterest income | \$7,708 | \$12,156 | \$(4,448) |

Service charges on deposits. Noninterest income from service charges on deposits for fiscal 2011 increased by \$542,000, or 19.1%, compared with the prior year primarily due to higher ATM-related fees and overdraft protection and other deposit-related service charges resulting from a higher number of transaction accounts.

Mortgage fee income. Income from Independent's mortgage brokerage operations for fiscal 2011 increased by 52.4% over income for such category in fiscal 2010. That fee income increased as a result of the addition of new mortgage brokerage personnel and increases in referrals from Independent Bank's personnel, as well as increased demand for refinancings of existing mortgage loans and for new purchase loans.

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Bargain purchase gains on the acquisition of banks. Independent recognized an aggregate gain of \$6.7 million on the acquisitions in fiscal 2010 of Town Center Bank and Farmersville Bancshares. Such gains were recognized primarily as a result of the determination, based on independent appraisals, that the value of certain of the assets acquired in such acquisitions was in excess of the purchase price of such assets. Independent did not acquire any banking or other institutions or significant amounts of assets in extraordinary transactions during fiscal 2011.

Gains on Adriatica real estate transactions. In December 2011, Independent sold a parcel of undeveloped land and an undivided interest in certain common areas of the Adriatica development, which Independent had acquired in June 2011, to a company controlled by certain officers and directors of Independent for a gain of \$115,000. See Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions Related Person Transactions for more information regarding this transaction. In addition, in fiscal 2011, Independent recognized a gain of \$699,000 when Independent acquired the Adriatica real property in a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure transaction.

Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense increased \$5.6 million, or 16.9%, to \$38.6 million in fiscal 2011 from \$33.1 million in fiscal 2010. The following table sets forth the major components of Independent's noninterest expense for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Year Ended | | Variance |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | December 31, | | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 v. 2010 |
| Noninterest Expense | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$ 21,118 | \$ 17,019 | \$ 4,099 |
| Occupancy | 6,776 | 5,552 | 1,224 |
| Data processing | 850 | 708 | 142 |
| FDIC assessment | 1,238 | 1,042 | 196 |
| Advertising and public relations | 589 | 483 | 106 |
| Communications | 1,074 | 843 | 231 |
| Net other real estate owned expenses (including taxes) | 403 | 825 | (422) |
| Net expenses of operations of IBG Adriatica | 871 | | 871 |
| Impairment of other real estate | 184 | 805 | (621) |
| Amortization of core deposit intangibles | 567 | 431 | 136 |
| Professional fees | 971 | 750 | 221 |
| Acquisition expense, including legal | | 668 | (668) |
| Other | 3,998 | 3,936 | 62 |
| Total noninterest expense | \$ 38,639 | \$ 33,062 | \$ 5,577 |

Salaries and employee benefits. Independent's salaries and employee benefits expense, which historically has been the largest component of Independent's noninterest expense, increased 24.1% from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011. The increase was attributable to an increase in the number of Independent's full-time equivalent employees, due in large part to the

additional employees of the banks Independent acquired in fiscal 2010. Independent also added an experienced lending team during the third quarter of fiscal 2011 to expand Independent's commercial lending operations. In addition, Independent Bank paid higher total bonuses in fiscal 2011 than in fiscal 2010 as a result of the increase in Independent's profitability, increased mortgage loan production and certain performance targets being met during fiscal 2011.

Occupancy expense. Occupancy expense increased \$1.2 million, or 22.1%, as a result of higher depreciation expense on Independent's premises and equipment, increased real estate taxes and higher utilities and other occupancy costs related to the five branches added in bank acquisitions in July and September of 2010.

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Data processing expense. The 20.1% increase in data processing costs from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011 resulted from increased charges of Independent's core service provider due to the increase in the number of Independent's branches and users, as well as expenses incurred in the enhancement of Independent's technology infrastructure.

Communications expense. Communications expense for the year ended December 31, 2011 increased by 27.4% as a result of the additional communications costs being incurred for acquired bank branches and to upgrade Independent's communications capabilities.

FDIC insurance assessment expense. FDIC insurance assessment expense increased 18.8% in fiscal 2011 over the amount of the assessment in fiscal 2010. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase of \$191.4 million, or 23.9%, in Independent's average deposit balance to \$992.0 million for fiscal 2011 from \$800.6 million for fiscal 2010 as a result of organic growth in Independent's deposit base during fiscal 2011 and the first full year of inclusion of deposit liabilities assumed in the Town Center Bank and Farmersville Bancshares acquisitions.

Net other real estate owned expenses. Independent's net other real estate expense (which exclude the expenses from operations of IBG Adriatica) decreased 51.2% in fiscal 2011 from fiscal 2010. The decrease resulted from a lower volume of foreclosures and lower costs related to the holding of other real estate owned.

Net expenses from operations of IBG Adriatica. Independent acquired the Adriatica real property in fiscal 2011 and, consequently, fiscal 2011 was the first fiscal year in which Independent had net expenses from the operation and maintenance of the Adriatica real estate. The expenses Independent incurred for that period were offset to a degree by rental income from buildings on the property. The gains Independent recognized on the sales of portions of the property were recognized as noninterest income.

Impairment of other real estate. Impairment of other real estate for fiscal 2011 decreased by \$621,000, or 77.1%. The impairment expense for fiscal 2010 resulted primarily from write downs of the carrying value of certain portions of Independent's other real estate, primarily several single-family homes. Impairments were recognized in order to facilitate a quicker sale of the properties acquired.

Professional fees. Professional fees for the year ended December 31, 2011 increased by \$0.2 million, or 29.5%, due primarily to higher independent audit fees related to Independent being subject to additional audit requirements under banking regulations for fiscal 2011 as Independent's total assets exceeded the \$1 billion threshold of such requirements and, to a lesser extent, legal fees.

Acquisition expense. Independent incurred no acquisition expenses in fiscal 2011 as Independent did not complete an acquisition during that year. Independent had incurred \$0.7 million of acquisition expenses, including legal, in fiscal 2010 relating to the acquisitions of Town Center Bank and Farmersville Bancshares.

Pro Forma Income Tax Expense and Net Income

As a result of Independent's status as an S corporation as discussed above, Independent had no federal income tax expense for fiscal 2011 or fiscal 2010. Independent has determined that had it been taxed as a C corporation and paid federal income taxes for fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010, Independent's pro forma effective federal income rates would have been 31.7% for fiscal 2011 and 33.1% for fiscal 2010 in light of Independent's federal corporate income tax rate of 35% and the fact that a portion of Independent's net income earned during that period was from nontaxable securities and life insurance income. Independent's net income for fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010 was \$13.7 million and \$13.1 million, respectively, Independent's tax-exempt interest income for such periods was \$0.5 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, and Independent had nontaxable increases in the value of BOLI of \$0.3 million for such

periods. On a pro forma basis, Independent's provision for federal income

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taxes would have been \$4.3 million for each of fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010. As a result of the foregoing factors, Independent's pro form net income, after federal taxes, for fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010 would have been \$9.4 million and \$8.8 million, respectively.

Quarterly Financial Information

The following table presents certain unaudited consolidated quarterly financial information regarding Independent's results of operations for the quarters ended June 30 and March 31, 2013 and the quarters in the year ended December 31, 2012. This information should be read in conjunction with Independent's consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 appearing elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. Prior to April 1, 2013, Independent elected to be taxed for federal income tax purposes as an S corporation under Sections 1361 through 1379 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As a result and as reflected in the information appearing below, Independent did not pay, and made no provision for, federal income taxes for any quarter ended on or before March 31, 2013.

| | Quarter Ended 2013 | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | June 30 | March 31 |
| <i>(dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i> | | |
| | (unaudited) | |
| Interest Income | \$21,105 | \$21,421 |
| Interest Expense | 3,255 | 3,206 |
| Net Interest Income | 17,850 | 18,215 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,079 | 1,030 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 16,771 | 17,185 |
| Noninterest income | 2,732 | 2,426 |
| Noninterest expense | 13,384 | 13,923 |
| Income before income taxes | 6,119 | 5,688 |
| Provision for income taxes | 245 | |
| Net income | \$ 5,784 | \$ 5,688 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.49 | \$ 0.69 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.49 | \$ 0.68 |

| | Quarter Ended 2012 | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | December 31 | September 30 | June 30 | March 31 |
| <i>(dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i> | | | | |
| | (unaudited) | | | |
| Interest income | \$20,214 | \$18,454 | \$17,716 | \$15,506 |
| Interest expense | 3,423 | 3,299 | 3,411 | 3,204 |

| | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net interest income | 16,791 | 15,155 | 14,305 | 12,302 |
| Provision for loan losses | 929 | 1,013 | 667 | 575 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 15,862 | 14,142 | 13,638 | 11,727 |
| Noninterest income | 3,556 | 2,087 | 1,634 | 1,891 |
| Noninterest expense | 13,329 | 11,736 | 11,601 | 10,494 |
| Net income | \$ 6,089 | \$ 4,493 | \$ 3,671 | \$ 3,124 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$0.74 | \$0.57 | \$0.47 | \$0.44 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$0.74 | \$0.57 | \$0.47 | \$0.43 |

Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition

The following discussion and analysis of Independent's financial condition discusses and analyzes the financial condition of Independent as of June 30, 2013, and December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 and certain changes in that financial condition from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2013, from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012, and from December 31, 2010, to December 31, 2011.

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Independent's total assets increased by \$165.8, or 9.5%, to \$1.9 billion as of June 30, 2013, from \$1.7 billion at December 31, 2012. Such increase was primarily the result of a \$140.4 million, or 10.3%, increase in Independent's loans, net of allowance for loan losses, from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2013, which occurred for the reasons discussed in Loan Portfolio below as well as the receipt and temporary investment of the portion of the net proceeds of \$86.7 million from Independent's initial public offering of its common stock not applied to the repayment of indebtedness.

Independent's total assets increased by \$485.7 million, or 38.7%, to \$1.7 billion as of December 31, 2012, from \$1.3 billion as of December 31, 2011, primarily due to organic growth in Independent's loan portfolio, the acquisition of \$283.6 million of total assets from Independent's two acquisitions in 2012 and a \$19.4 million increase in Independent's securities available for sale.

Independent's total assets increased \$156.2 million, or 14.2%, to \$1.3 billion as of December 31, 2011 from \$1.1 billion as of December 31, 2010, primarily as a result of a \$128.2 million increase in Independent's loan portfolio, a \$41.4 million increase in Independent's securities available for sale and Independent's \$16.1 million investment in Adriatica real estate.

Loan Portfolio

Independent's loan portfolio is the largest category of Independent's earning assets. As of June 30, 2013, loans, net of allowance for loan losses, totaled \$1.508 billion, which is an increase of 10.3% over the six months. The growth in the loan portfolio from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2013 is primarily due to an increase in commercial and commercial real estate loan activity as a result of new lending teams, including experienced energy lenders, added during the second half of 2012. As of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, loans, net of allowance for loan losses, totaled \$1.4 billion, \$979.6 million and \$851.7 million, respectively. The following table presents the balance and associated percentage of each major category in Independent's loan portfolio as of June 30, 2013, December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010:

| | As of June 30, 2013 | | 2012 | | As of December 31, 2011 | | 2010 | |
|--|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Amount | % of Total | Amount | % of Total | Amount | % of Total | Amount | % of Total |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | \$ 200,755 | 13.2% | \$ 169,882 | 12.32% | \$ 127,827 | 12.93% | \$ 121,805 | 14.16% |
| Real estate: | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate | 731,030 | 48.1 | 648,494 | 47.04 | 470,820 | 47.62 | 361,106 | 41.98 |
| Commercial construction, land and land development | 101,755 | 6.7 | 97,329 | 7.06 | 79,063 | 8.00 | 81,270 | 9.45 |
| Residential real estate ⁽¹⁾ | 337,274 | 22.2 | 315,349 | 22.87 | 222,929 | 22.55 | 211,297 | 24.57 |

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Single-family interim construction | 71,844 | 4.7 | 67,920 | 4.93 | 24,592 | 2.49 | 20,402 | 2.37 |
| Agricultural | 34,491 | 2.3 | 40,127 | 2.91 | 34,923 | 3.53 | 32,902 | 3.8 |
| Consumer | 43,160 | 2.8 | 39,502 | 2.87 | 28,437 | 2.88 | 31,270 | 3.64 |
| Other | 64 | | 73 | | 80 | | 76 | |
| Total loans | 1,520,373 | 100.0% | 1,378,676 | 100.00% | 988,671 | 100.00% | 860,128 | 100.00% |
| Other items: | | | | | | | | |
| Allowance for losses | (12,762) | | (11,478) | | (9,060) | | (8,403) | |
| Total loans, net | \$ 1,507,611 | | \$ 1,367,198 | | \$ 979,611 | | \$ 851,725 | |

(1) Includes mortgage loans held for sale as of June 30, 2013, December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 of \$8.5 million, \$9.2 million, \$3.0 million and \$3.3 million, respectively.

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Loans prior to Independent's allowance for loan losses increased \$141.7 million, or 10.3%, to \$1.5 billion at June 30, 2013, from \$1.4 billion as of December 31, 2012, and \$390.0 million, or 39.4%, to \$1.4 billion as of December 31, 2012 from \$988.7 million as of December 31, 2011, as a result of the organic growth of Independent's loan portfolio and Independent's two acquisitions in 2012. Loans prior to Independent's allowance for loan losses increased \$128.5 million, or 14.9%, to \$988.7 million as of December 31, 2011 from \$860.1 million as of December 31, 2010, as a result of organic growth in Independent's loan portfolio, as Independent hired additional experienced lenders, expanded within Independent's markets and benefited from increasing loan demand.

The following table sets forth the contractual maturities, including scheduled principal repayments, of Independent's loan portfolio (which includes balloon notes) and the distribution between fixed and adjustable interest rate loans as of December 31, 2012:

| As of December 31, 2012 <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Within One Year | | One Year to Five Years | | After Five Years | | Total | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Fixed Rate | Adjustable Rate | Fixed Rate | Adjustable Rate | Fixed Rate | Adjustable Rate | Fixed Rate | Adjustable Rate |
| Commercial | \$ 41,304 | \$ 32,930 | \$ 47,996 | \$ 26,480 | \$ 12,151 | \$ 9,020 | \$ 101,452 | \$ 68,430 |
| Real estate: | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate | 44,706 | 23,178 | 140,296 | 109,633 | 121,371 | 209,940 | 305,743 | 342,751 |
| Commercial construction, land and land development | 18,091 | 13,098 | 34,050 | 8,625 | 5,558 | 17,907 | 57,698 | 39,631 |
| Residential real estate | 55,751 | 11,520 | 106,796 | 21,165 | 60,977 | 59,139 | 223,524 | 91,825 |
| Single family interim construction | 49,707 | 13,227 | 3,108 | 492 | 686 | 700 | 53,501 | 14,419 |
| Agricultural | 10,775 | 7,746 | 10,219 | 3,862 | 2,406 | 5,119 | 23,400 | 16,727 |
| Consumer | 16,435 | 12,591 | 9,623 | 577 | 227 | 50 | 26,285 | 13,217 |
| Other | 73 | | | | | | 73 | |
| Total loans | \$ 236,212 | \$ 114,290 | \$ 352,088 | \$ 170,834 | \$ 203,376 | \$ 301,876 | \$ 791,676 | \$ 587,000 |

The principal categories of Independent's loan portfolio are discussed below:

Commercial loans. Independent provides a mix of variable and fixed rate commercial loans. The loans are typically made to small-and medium-sized manufacturing, wholesale, retail, energy related service businesses and medical practices for working capital needs and business expansions. Commercial loans generally include lines of credit and loans with maturities of five years or less. The loans are generally made with operating cash flows as the primary source of repayment, but may also include collateralization by inventory, accounts receivable, equipment and/or personal guarantees. Independent plans to continue to make commercial loans an area of emphasis in Independent's lending operations in the future.

Commercial loans increased \$30.9 million, or 18.2%, to \$200.8 million as of June 30, 2013 from \$169.9 million as of December 31, 2012. This increase is primarily attributable to loans originated by Independent's energy lending group and other organic growth in Independent's commercial loan portfolio. Independent's commercial loan portfolio increased \$42.1 million, or 32.9%, to \$169.9 million as of December 31, 2012, from \$127.8 million as of December 31, 2011, with the increase primarily attributable to the commercial loans acquired in Independent's acquisition of CGI and the loans originated by Independent's energy lending group. Commercial loans increased \$6.0 million, or 4.9%, to \$127.8 million as of December 31, 2011 from \$121.8 million as of December 31, 2010, as a

result of increased lending activity.

Commercial real estate loans. Independent's commercial real estate loans generally are used by customers to finance their purchase of office buildings, retail centers, medical facilities and mixed-use buildings. Approximately 50%, 55%, 62% and 69% of Independent's commercial real estate loans as of June 30, 2013, December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, were owner-occupied. Such loans generally involve less risk than loans on investment property. Independent expects that commercial real estate loans will continue to be a significant portion of Independent's total loan portfolio and an area of emphasis in Independent's lending operations.

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Commercial real estate loans increased \$82.5 million, or 12.7%, to \$731.0 million as of June 30, 2013 from \$648.5 million as of December 31, 2012. That increase was due to a general increase in lending activity, primarily in the Austin region. Independent's commercial real estate loans increased \$177.7 million, or 37.7%, to \$648.5 million as of December 31, 2012 from \$470.8 million as of December 31, 2011, as a result of Independent's two acquisitions and increased lending activity. Commercial real estate loans balance as of December 31, 2011, represented an increase of \$109.7 million, or 30.4%, from the balance of \$361.1 million as of December 31, 2010, which increase resulted from increased demand for commercial real estate loans within Independent's markets and from increased lending activity resulting from the addition of experienced lending officers in growing markets.

Commercial construction, land and land development loans. Independent's commercial construction, land and land development loans comprise loans to fund commercial construction, land acquisition and real estate development construction. Although Independent continues to make commercial construction loans, land acquisition and land development loans on a selective basis, Independent does not expect Independent's lending in this area to result in this category of loans being a significantly greater portion of Independent's total loan portfolio.

Commercial construction, land and land development loans increased \$4.4 million, or 4.5%, to \$101.8 million as of June 30, 2013 from \$97.3 million as of December 31, 2012. Independent's loans in this segment of its loan portfolio increased \$18.3 million, or 23.1%, to \$97.3 million as of December 31, 2012, from \$79.1 million as of December 31, 2011. The December 31, 2011, balance reflected a decrease of \$2.2 million, or 2.7%, from a balance of \$81.3 million as of December 31, 2010. The increase in loans in this category from December 31, 2012, to June 30, 2013, was primarily as a result of general increased lending activity, while the increase in such loans from December 31, 2011, to December 31, 2012, resulted primarily from the I Bank Holding Company acquisition. The decrease in the aggregate amount of loans in this category that Independent experienced from December 31, 2010, to December 31, 2011, occurred as a result of lower demand for such loans.

Residential real estate loans. Independent's residential real estate loans are primarily made with respect to and secured by single-family homes, which are both owner-occupied and investor owned and include a limited amount of home equity loans, with a relatively small average loan balance spread across many individual borrowers. However, Independent's loan portfolio also includes a number of multi-family housing real estate loans. Independent expects that Independent will continue to make residential real estate loans, with an emphasis on single-family housing loans, so long as housing values in Independent's markets do not deteriorate from current prevailing levels and Independent is able to make such loans consistent with Independent's current credit and underwriting standards.

Independent's residential real estate loan portfolio grew by \$21.9 million, or 7.0%, to a balance of \$337.3 million as of June 30, 2013 from \$315.3 million as of December 31, 2012. The increase in this loan category resulted from the sustained demand in the residential real estate market. The significantly slower rate of growth in this type of loan from December 31, 2012, to June 30, 2013, reflects the effect of the I Bank acquisition on the rate of growth in 2012. Residential real estate loans increased \$92.4 million, or 41.5%, to such December 31, 2012, balance from \$222.9 million as of December 31, 2011, which balance was an increase of \$11.6 million, or 5.5%, from \$211.3 million as of December 31, 2010. The increase in loans in this category from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 resulted from the I Bank Holding Company acquisition and increased lending activity. The increase in the aggregate amount of loans in this category that Independent experienced from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 occurred as a result of increased lending activity due to an increase in demand.

Single-family interim construction loans. Independent makes single-family interim construction loans to home builders and individuals to fund the construction of single-family residences with the understanding that such loans will be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of the homes by builders or, in the case of individuals

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building their own homes, with the proceeds of a permanent mortgage loan. Such loans are secured by the real property being built and are made based on Independent's assessment of the value of the property on an as-completed basis. Independent expects to continue to make single-family interim construction loans so long as demand for such loans continues and the market for single-family housing and the values of such properties remain stable or continue to improve in Independent's markets.

The balance of single-family interim construction loans in Independent's loan portfolio increased by \$3.9, or 5.8%, to \$71.8 million as of June 30, 2013 from the balance of \$67.9 million as of December 31, 2012. That increase resulted from the sustained demand in the residential real estate market. That December 31, 2012 balance represented an increase of \$43.3 million, or 176.2%, from \$24.6 million as of December 31, 2011, as a result of the acquisition of these types of loans in the I Bank transaction and as demand for new housing and new housing starts increased in Independent's market areas during fiscal 2012. The significantly slower rate of growth in this type of loan from December 31, 2012, to June 30, 2013, reflects the effect of the I Bank acquisition on the rate of growth in 2012. The balance of these loans increased by \$4.2 million from \$20.4 million as of December 31, 2010, to \$24.6 million as of December 31, 2011, as Independent experienced the beginning of an increase in demand for new housing and new housing starts in Independent's market areas in fiscal 2011.

Other categories of loans. Other categories of loans included in Independent's loan portfolio include agricultural loans made to farmers and ranchers relating to their operations, consumer loans made to individuals for personal purposes, including automobile purchase loans and personal lines of credit. None of these categories of loans represents a significant portion of Independent's total loan portfolio or represents more than 4.0% of Independent's total loan portfolio as of June 30, 2013 or December 31, 2012, 2011 or 2010.

Asset Quality

Nonperforming Assets. Independent has established procedures to assist Independent in maintaining the overall quality of Independent's loan portfolio. In addition, Independent has adopted underwriting guidelines to be followed by Independent's lending officers and require significant senior management review of proposed extensions of credit exceeding certain thresholds. When delinquencies exist, Independent rigorously monitors the levels of such delinquencies for any negative or adverse trends. Independent's loan review procedures include approval of lending policies and underwriting guidelines by Independent Bank's board of directors, an annual independent loan review, approval of large credit relationships by Independent Bank's Directors' Loan Committee and loan quality documentation procedures. Independent, like other financial institutions, is subject to the risk that its loan portfolio will be subject to increasing pressures from deteriorating borrower credit due to general economic conditions.

Independent discontinues accruing interest on a loan when management of Independent believes, after considering Independent's collection efforts and other factors, that the borrower's financial condition is such that collection of interest of that loan is doubtful. Loans are placed on nonaccrual status or charged-off at an earlier date if collection of principal or interest is considered doubtful. All interest accrued but not collected for loans, including troubled debt restructurings, that are placed on nonaccrual status or charged off is reversed against interest income. The interest on these loans is accounted for on the cash-basis or cost-recovery method, until qualifying for return to accrual. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured. Independent did not make any changes in Independent's nonaccrual policy during the first six months of 2013, fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011 or fiscal 2010.

Placing a loan on nonaccrual status has a two-fold impact on net interest earnings. First, it may cause a charge against earnings for the interest which had been accrued in the current year but not yet collected on the loan. Second, it eliminates future interest income with respect to that particular loan from Independent's revenues. Interest on such

loans is not recognized until the entire principal is collected or until the loan is returned to performing status. Independent had \$1.7 million, \$6.6 million, \$4.4 million and \$7.8 million in loans

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on nonaccrual status as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The decrease from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 as a result of collections of loans by means of foreclosures and reductions in nonperforming loans by other means, including payoffs. However, Independent had an increase in loans on nonaccrual status from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 as a result of one large loan acquired in the I Bank Holding Company acquisition and one internally originated commercial real estate loan that was placed on nonaccrual status in December 2012. The effect of these additional nonaccrual loans was partially offset by the paydown of certain residential real estate loans on nonaccrual status. Independent's loans on nonaccrual status decreased from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2013 primarily as a result of the payoff of a \$1.78 million loan that was on nonaccrual status at December 31, 2012 and a foreclosure that resulted in the transfer of a \$2.3 million nonaccrual loan to other real estate owned.

Real estate Independent has acquired as a result of foreclosure or by deed-in-lieu of foreclosure is classified as other real estate owned until sold. Independent's policy is to initially record other real estate at fair value less estimated costs to sell at the date of foreclosure. After foreclosure, other real estate is carried at the lower of the initial carrying amount (fair value less estimated costs to sell or lease), or at the value determined by subsequent appraisals of the other real estate.

Independent obtains appraisals of real property that secure loans and may update such appraisals of real property securing loans categorized as nonperforming loans and potential problem loans, in each case as required by regulatory guidelines. In instances where updated appraisals reflect reduced collateral values, an evaluation of the borrower's overall financial condition is made to determine the need, if any, for possible write-downs or appropriate additions to the allowance for loan losses.

Independent periodically modifies loans to extend the term or make other concessions to help a borrower with a deteriorating financial condition stay current on their loan and to avoid foreclosure. Independent generally does not forgive principal or interest on loans or modify the interest rates on loans to rates that are below market rates. Under applicable accounting standards, such loan modifications are generally classified as troubled debt restructurings.

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The following table sets forth the allocation of Independent's nonperforming assets among Independent's different asset categories as of the dates indicated. Independent classifies nonperforming loans as nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest or loans modified under restructurings as a result of the borrower experiencing financial difficulties. The balances of nonperforming loans reflect the net investment in these assets, including deductions for purchase discounts.

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | As of June 30, 2013 | As of December 31, 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Nonaccrual loans | | | | |
| Commercial | \$ 431 | \$ 218 | \$ 131 | \$ 194 |
| Real estate: | | | | |
| Commercial real estate, construction, land and land development | 499 | 4,857 | 1,291 | 5,531 |
| Residential real estate | 751 | 894 | 2,864 | 2,079 |
| Single-family interim construction | | 560 | 91 | |
| Agricultural | | | | |
| Consumer | 53 | 70 | 54 | 42 |
| Other | | | | |
| Total nonaccrual loans⁽¹⁾ | 1,734 | 6,599 | 4,431 | 7,846 |
| Loans delinquent 90 days or more and still accruing | | | | |
| Commercial | | | 31 | 39 |
| Real estate: | | | | |
| Commercial real estate, construction, land and land development | | | | |
| Residential real estate | 30 | | | 92 |
| Single-family interim construction | | | | |
| Agricultural | | | | 2 |
| Consumer | | 2 | 24 | 1 |
| Other | | | | |
| Total loans delinquent 90 days or more and still accruing | 30 | 2 | 55 | 134 |
| Troubled debt restructurings, not included in nonaccrual loans | | | | |
| Commercial | 120 | 481 | 552 | 147 |
| Real estate: | | | | |
| Commercial real estate, construction, land and land development | 2,478 | 1,778 | 6,094 | 7,671 |
| Residential real estate | 2,077 | 2,165 | 136 | 382 |
| Single-family interim construction | | | | |
| Agricultural | | | | |
| Consumer | 2 | 9 | 12 | |
| Other | | | | |

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total troubled debt restructurings, not included in nonaccrual loans | 4,677 | 4,433 | 6,794 | 8,200 |
| Total nonperforming loans | 6,441 | 11,034 | 11,280 | 16,180 |
| Other real estate owned (Bank only) | | | | |
| Commercial real estate, construction, land and land development | 7,886 | 6,166 | 7,835 | 7,164 |
| Residential real estate | 296 | 653 | 100 | 155 |
| Single-family interim construction | | | | |
| Agricultural real estate | | | 457 | 535 |
| Total other real estate owned | 8,182 | 6,819 | 8,392 | 7,854 |
| Adriatica real estate owned | 9,656 | 9,727 | 16,065 | |
| Total nonperforming assets | \$ 24,279 | \$ 27,580 | \$ 35,737 | \$ 24,034 |
| Ratio of nonperforming loans to total loans | 0.43% | 0.81% | 1.14% | 1.89% |
| Ratio of nonperforming assets to total assets | 1.27 | 1.59 | 2.85 | 2.19 |

(1) Nonaccrual loans include troubled debt restructurings of \$388,000, \$3.1 million, \$305,000 and \$480,000 as of June 30, 2013, December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Nonaccrual loans decreased from \$6.6 million as of December 31, 2012 to \$1.7 million as of June 30, 2013. Troubled debt restructurings that were also on nonaccrual status totaled \$388 thousand and \$3.1 million at

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June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. These decreases primarily resulted from the payoff of a \$1.8 million loan that was on nonaccrual at December 31, 2012 and a foreclosure that resulted in the transfer of a \$2.3 million nonaccrual loan to other real estate. That transfer also resulted in the increase in other real estate from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

The balance of Independent's nonperforming loans remained relatively stable from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012, as Independent's troubled debt restructurings and loans delinquent 90 days or more and still accruing declined due to continued paydowns, while nonaccrual loans increased. The decrease of \$4.9 million, or 30.3%, in nonperforming loans during fiscal 2011 resulted from collections and foreclosures.

Independent did not recognize any interest income on nonaccrual loans during fiscal 2012 or in fiscal 2011 while the loans were in nonaccrual status. The amount of interest Independent included in Independent's net interest income for fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011 with respect to loans classified as troubled debt restructurings was \$351,000 and \$350,000, respectively. Additional interest income that Independent would have recognized on nonaccrual loans and loans classified as troubled debt restructurings had they been current in accordance with their original terms was \$277,000 and \$154,000, respectively, during fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011.

As of June 30, 2013, Independent had a total of 58 loans with an aggregate principal balance of \$13.7 million that were not currently nonaccrual loans, 90 days past due loans or troubled debt restructurings, but where Independent had information about possible credit problems of the borrowers that caused Independent's management to have serious concerns as to the ability of the borrowers to comply with present loan repayment terms and that could result in those loans becoming nonaccrual loans, 90 days past due loans or troubled debt restructurings in the future.

As of December 31, 2012, Independent had a total of 41 loans with an aggregate principal balance of \$2.5 million that were not currently nonaccrual loans, 90 days past due loans or troubled debt restructurings, but where Independent had information about possible credit problems of the borrowers that caused Independent's management to have serious concerns as to the ability of the borrowers to comply with present loan repayment terms and that could result in those loans becoming nonaccrual loans, 90 days past due loans or troubled debt restructurings in the future.

Independent generally continues to use the classification of acquired loans classified nonaccrual or 90 days and accruing as of the acquisition date. Independent does not classify acquired loans as troubled debt restructurings, or TDRs, unless Independent modifies an acquired loan subsequent to acquisition that meets the TDR criteria. Reported delinquency of Independent's purchased loan portfolio is based upon the contractual terms of the loans.

As of December 31, 2012, Independent had other real estate with a carrying value of \$6.8 million, down \$1.6 million from the balance as of December 31, 2011. The balance as of December 31, 2011, \$8.4 million, was up \$0.5 million from Independent's other real estate owned balance of \$7.9 million as of December 31, 2010. The date-to-date changes in other real estate owned resulted from Independent's ordinary course acquisition of real estate at foreclosures or in deed-in-lieu of foreclosure transactions, excluding the Adriatica real property, certain sales and adjustments to the carrying values of such assets.

Independent utilizes an asset risk classification system in compliance with guidelines established by the state and federal banking regulatory agencies as part of Independent's efforts to improve asset quality. In connection with examinations of insured institutions, examiners have the authority to identify problem assets and, if appropriate, classify them. There are three classifications for problem assets: substandard, doubtful, and loss. Substandard assets have one or more defined weaknesses and are characterized by the distinct possibility that the insured institution will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Doubtful assets have the weaknesses of substandard assets with the additional characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full questionable and there is a high

probability of loss based on currently existing facts, conditions and values. An asset classified as loss is not considered collectable and is of such little value that

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continuance as an asset is not warranted. Independent produces a problem asset report that is reviewed by Independent Bank's board of directors monthly. That report also includes pass/watch loans and other assets especially mentioned or OAEM. Pass/ watch loans have a potential weakness that requires more frequent monitoring. OAEM credits have weaknesses that require attention. Officers and directors loan committees review these loans monthly to determine if a more severe rating is warranted.

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is established through charges to earnings in the form of a provision for loan losses. Independent's allowance for loan losses represents Independent's estimate of probable and reasonably estimable loan losses inherent in loans held for investment as of the respective balance sheet date. Independent's methodology for assessing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses includes a general allowance for performing loans, which are grouped based on similar characteristics, and an allocated allowance for individual impaired loans. Actual credit losses or recoveries are charged or credited directly to the allowance.

Independent establishes a general allowance for loan losses that Independent believes to be adequate for the losses Independent estimates to be inherent in Independent's loan portfolio. In making Independent's evaluation of the credit risk of the loan portfolio, Independent considers factors such as the volume, growth and composition of the loan portfolio, the diversification by industry of Independent's commercial loan portfolio, the effect of changes in the local real estate market on collateral values, trends in past dues, the experience of the lender, changes in lending policy, the effects on the loan portfolio of current economic indicators and their probable impact on borrowers, historical loan loss experience, industry loan loss experience, the amount of nonperforming loans and related collateral and the evaluation of Independent's loan portfolio by the loan review function.

Independent may assign a specific allowance to individual loans based on an impairment analysis. Loans are considered impaired when it is probable that Independent will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. The amount of impairment is based on an analysis of the most probable source of repayment, including the present value of the loan's expected future cash flows, the estimated market value or the fair value of the underlying collateral. Loans evaluated for impairment include all commercial, real estate, agricultural loans and TDRs. Smaller balance consumer loans are collectively evaluated for impairment.

Independent follows a loan review program to evaluate the credit risk in the loan portfolio. Throughout the loan review process, Independent maintains an internally classified loan watch list, which, along with a delinquency list of loans, helps management assess the overall quality of Independent's loan portfolio and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. Charge-offs occur when Independent deems a loan to be uncollectible.

Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses. The following table sets forth the allowance for loan losses by category of loan:

| | As of June 30, | | As of December 31, | | As of December 31, | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| | 2013 | % of Total Loans ⁽¹⁾ | 2012 | % of Total Loans ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 | % of Total Loans ⁽¹⁾ | 2010 | % of Total Loans ⁽¹⁾ |
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial loans | \$ 1,970 | 13.2% | \$ 2,377 | 12.32% | \$ 1,259 | 12.93% | \$ 1,228 | 14.16% |
| Real estate: | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial real estate, construction, land and land development | 7,044 | 54.8 | 4,924 | 54.10 | 5,051 | 55.62 | 4,294 | 51.43 |

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|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Residential real estate | 2,567 | 22.2 | 2,965 | 22.87 | 1,964 | 22.55 | 1,639 | 24.57 |
| Single family interim construction | 540 | 4.7 | 523 | 4.93 | 317 | 2.49 | 250 | 2.37 |
| Agricultural | 210 | 2.3 | 159 | 2.91 | 209 | 3.53 | 167 | 3.83 |
| Consumer | 350 | 2.8 | 278 | 2.87 | 235 | 2.88 | 293 | 3.64 |
| Unallocated | 81 | | 252 | | 25 | | 532 | |
| Total allowance for loan losses | \$ 12,762 | 100.0% | \$ 11,478 | 100.00% | \$ 9,060 | 100.00% | \$ 8,403 | 100.00% |

(1) Represents the percentage of Independent's total loans included in each loan category.

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During the period from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012, Independent increased its allowance for loan losses from \$6.7 million to \$11.5 million and increased the allowance by an additional \$1.3 million from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2013. During the period from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013, \$248.0 million of the growth in Independent's loan portfolio occurred through the acquisition of loans in bank acquisitions. The problem assets in those acquisitions that might have required an allowance for loan loss if Independent had originated those loans were instead appropriately recorded at their fair value determined in accordance with business combination accounting guidance, as were other loans acquired in those acquisitions. As of December 31, 2012, the outstanding contractual balance of purchased impaired loans was \$9.2 million, with a recorded balance of \$6.9 million, while as of June 30, 2013, the outstanding contractual balance of purchased impaired loans was \$4.4 million, with a recorded balance of \$3.4 million. Had Independent originated these loans and recorded a specific reserve consistent with the current fair market value discount, Independent's ratio of allowance of loan losses to total loans held in investment would have been 1.00% rather than 0.84% as of December 31, 2012, and 0.91% rather than 0.84% as of June 30, 2013. Independent does not believe that any other credit metrics, trends or ratios are materially impacted by Independent's purchased loan portfolio.

As of June 30, 2013, the allowance for loan losses amounted to \$12.8 million, or 0.84% of total loans held in investment, compared with \$11.5 million, or 0.84% of total loans held for investment, as of December 31, 2012. Independent increased the amount of the allowance as of June 30, 2013, from the allowance as of December 31, 2012 primarily in response to the organic growth in its total loans during the six months ended June 30, 2013. The unallocated portion of Independent's allowance for loan losses was decreased to \$81,000 as of June 30, 2013, as a result of adjustments made to qualitative factors in Independent's allowance methodology. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of nonperforming loans increased from 104.02% at December 31, 2012, to 198.14% at June 30, 2013, due to the decrease in nonperforming loans from \$11.0 million at December 31, 2012, to \$6.4 million at June 30, 2013. The decrease in nonperforming loans was primarily due to the removal of the two same nonaccrual loans totaling \$4.1 million that are discussed above. As of June 30, 2013, Independent had made a specific allowance for loan losses of \$761,000 for impaired loans totaling \$4.6 million, compared with a specific allowance of \$989,000 for impaired loans totaling \$7.6 million as of December 31, 2013. This decrease resulted from the foreclosure and transfer of a \$2.3 million impaired loan to other real estate owned.

Independent's allowance for loan losses increased by \$2.4 million to \$11.5 million as of December 31, 2012 from \$9.1 million as of December 31, 2011, in response to organic growth in Independent's loan portfolio. As a consequence of that loan growth, Independent increased the unallocated portion of Independent's allowance for loan losses by \$227,000. Independent's allowance for loan losses increased \$657,000 to \$9.1 million as of December 31, 2011, from \$8.4 million as of December 31, 2010. The increase resulted primarily from an increase in loss exposures with commercial real estate, construction, land and land development and residential real estate loans as of December 31, 2011, although the change in Independent's allowance for loan losses also reflects a \$507,000 decrease in the unallocated allowance for loans losses. As of December 31, 2012, impaired loans as to which Independent had made a specific allowance for loan losses totaled \$7.6 million, compared with \$10.0 million of such impaired loans as of December 31, 2011 and \$7.1 million of such impaired loans as of December 31, 2010. The specific allowance for loan losses of such impaired loans was \$989,000, \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Although the allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans has increased significantly over the periods presented in Independent's consolidated financial statements appearing in this proxy statement/prospectus, Independent does not expect to decrease Independent's allowance as a percentage of total loans. The allowance is primarily related to loans evaluated collectively and will continue to increase as Independent's loan portfolio grows.

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The following table provides an analysis of the provisions for loan losses, net charge-offs and recoveries for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and the effects of those items on Independent's allowance for loan losses:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | As of and for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 | As of and for the Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|---|--|-------------|-------------|
| | | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Allowance for loan losses-balance at beginning of period | \$11,478 | \$ 9,060 | \$ 8,403 | \$6,742 |
| Charge-offs | | | | |
| Commercial | (231) | (169) | (23) | (579) |
| Real estate: | | | | |
| Commercial real estate, construction, land and land development | (556) | (484) | (694) | (416) |
| Residential real estate | (66) | (178) | (316) | (837) |
| Single-family interim construction | | | (20) | (561) |
| Agricultural | | | | |
| Consumer | (24) | (86) | (94) | (114) |
| Other | | | | |
| Total charge-offs | (877) | (917) | (1,147) | (2,507) |
| Recoveries | | | | |
| Commercial | 9 | 26 | 17 | 15 |
| Real estate: | | | | |
| Commercial real estate, construction, land and land development | 9 | 68 | 35 | 3 |
| Residential real estate | 6 | 3 | | 49 |
| Single-family interim construction | | | 49 | 10 |
| Agricultural | | | | |
| Consumer | 28 | 54 | 53 | 48 |
| Other | | | | |
| Total recoveries | 52 | 151 | 154 | 125 |
| Net charge-offs | (825) | (766) | (993) | (2,382) |
| Provision for loan losses | 2,109 | 3,184 | 1,650 | 4,043 |
| Allowance for loan losses-balance at end of period | \$12,762 | \$11,478 | \$9,060 | \$8,403 |
| Ratios | | | | |
| Net charge-offs to average loan outstanding | 0.12% | 0.06% | 0.11% | 0.31% |

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|--|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans at end of period | 198.14 | 104.02 | 80.32 | 51.93 |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans at end of period ⁽¹⁾ | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.92 | 0.98 |

(1) Calculation excludes loans held for sale in total loans.

Independent's ratio of allowance to loan losses to total loans as of June 30, 2013 was 0.84%, unchanged from December 31, 2013 as a result of the \$2.1 million provision for loan losses made during the six months ended June 30, 2013 in connection with the growth in Independent's loan portfolio and charge-offs during that period and net charge-offs of \$825,000 during that period. The ratio of net charge-offs to average loans outstanding during the six months ended June 30, 2013 (on an annualized basis) increased to 0.12% from 0.06% for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase occurred as a result of two large charge-offs totaling \$714,000 during the first six months of 2013.

The ratio of Independent's allowance for loan losses to total loans was 0.84% as of December 31, 2012, compared to 0.92% as of December 31, 2011, which decrease occurred as a result of net charge-offs of \$766,000 occurring during fiscal 2012 and the acquisition of loans recorded at fair value. The ratio of net charge-offs to average loans outstanding decreased to 0.06% for the year ended December 31, 2012 from 0.11% for the year ended December 31, 2011 as a result of improvement in the financial condition of Independent's borrowers and the value of the collateral securing Independent's loans.

The ratio of Independent's allowance for loan losses to total loans was 0.92% as of December 31, 2011, compared to 0.98% as of December 31, 2010. This ratio decreased as a result of the increase in Independent's

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loan portfolio as well as net charge-offs of \$1.0 million occurring during fiscal 2011. The ratio of net charge-offs to average loans outstanding decreased to 0.11% for fiscal 2011 from 0.31% for fiscal 2010 as a result of improvement in the financial condition of Independent's borrowers and the value of the collateral securing Independent's loans. During fiscal 2010, Independent experienced net charge-offs on certain commercial business loans and commercial, land development, residential and interim construction real estate loans attributable to conditions in the real estate market.

Securities Available for Sale

Independent's investment strategy aims to maximize earnings while maintaining liquidity in securities with minimal credit risk. The types and maturities of securities purchased are primarily based on Independent's current and projected liquidity and interest rate sensitivity positions. The following table sets forth the book value, which is equal to fair market value because all investment securities Independent held were classified as available for sale as of the applicable date, and the percentage of each category of securities as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | As of June 30, 2013 | | 2012 | | As of December 31, 2011 | | 2010 | |
|--|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Book Value | % of Total | Book Value | % of Total | Book Value | % of Total | Book Value | % of Total |
| Securities available for sale | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury securities | \$ 3,523 | 3.18% | \$ 3,547 | 3.13% | \$ 2,550 | 2.71% | \$ 1,030 | 1.96% |
| Government agency securities | 68,820 | 62.04 | 70,211 | 61.94 | 65,686 | 69.89 | 41,420 | 78.73 |
| Obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | 36,032 | 32.48 | 36,814 | 32.48 | 22,325 | 23.75 | 5,998 | 11.40 |
| Residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | 535 | 0.48 | 680 | 0.60 | 3,430 | 3.65 | 4,163 | 7.91 |
| Corporate bonds | 2,022 | 1.82 | 2,103 | 1.86 | | | | |
| Total securities available for sale | \$ 110,932 | 100.00% | \$ 113,355 | 100.00% | \$ 93,991 | 100.00% | \$ 52,611 | 100.00% |

Independent had no gain or loss on sales of securities in the six months ended June 30, 2013, but recognized a nominal loss on sale of securities during the six months ended June 30, 2012. Securities represented 5.8% and 6.5% of Independent's total assets at June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) on at least a quarterly basis and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant such an evaluation. Management does not intend to sell any debt securities it holds and believes Independent more likely than not will not be required to sell any debt securities it holds before their anticipated recovery, at which time Independent will receive full value for the securities.

Management has the ability and intent to hold the securities classified as available for sale that were in a loss position as of June 30, 2013 for a period of time sufficient for an entire recovery of the cost basis of the securities. For those

securities that are impaired, the unrealized losses are largely due to interest rate changes. The fair value is expected to recover as the securities approach their maturity date. Management believes any impairment in Independent's securities at June 30, 2013, is temporary and no impairment has been realized in Independent's consolidated financial statements.

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The following table sets forth the book value, scheduled maturities and weighted average yields for Independent's investment portfolio as of June 30, 2013:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Book Value | % of Total Investment Securities | Weighted Average Yield |
|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| U.S. Treasury securities | | | |
| Maturing within one year | \$ 2,518 | 2.27% | 1.41% |
| Maturing in one to five years | 1,005 | 0.91 | 1.06 |
| Maturing in five to ten years | | | |
| Maturing after ten years | | | |
| Total U.S. Treasury securities | 3,523 | 3.18 | 1.31 |
| Government agency securities | | | |
| Maturing within one year | 3,537 | 3.19 | 1.44 |
| Maturing in one to five years | 50,019 | 45.09 | 1.07 |
| Maturing in five to ten years | 15,264 | 13.76 | 2.02 |
| Maturing after ten years | | | |
| Total government agency securities | 68,820 | 62.04 | 1.30 |
| Obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | | | |
| Maturing within one year | | | |
| Maturing in one to five years | 308 | 0.28 | 5.41 |
| Maturing in five to ten years | 5,373 | 4.84 | 4.02 |
| Maturing after ten years | 30,351 | 27.36 | 4.78 |
| Total obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | 36,032 | 32.48 | 4.68 |
| Residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | | | |
| Maturing within one year | 15 | 0.01 | 7.39 |
| Maturing in one to five years | 416 | 0.38 | 6.03 |
| Maturing in five to ten years | 2 | | 2.16 |
| Maturing after ten years | 102 | 0.09 | 1.40 |
| Total residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | 535 | 0.48 | 5.14 |
| Corporate bonds | | | |
| Maturing within one year | | | |

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| Maturing in one to five years | | | |
| Maturing in five to ten years | 1,015 | 0.91 | 3.06 |
| Maturing after ten years | 1,007 | 0.91 | 2.44 |
| Total corporate bonds | 2,022 | 1.82 | 2.75 |
| Total investment securities | \$ 110,932 | 100.00% | 2.48% |

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The following table sets forth the book value, scheduled maturities and weighted average yields for Independent's investment portfolio as of December 31, 2012:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Book Value | % of Total Investment Securities | Weighted Average Yield |
|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| U.S. Treasury securities | | | |
| Maturing within one year | \$ | % | % |
| Maturing in one to five years | 3,547 | 3.13 | 1.31 |
| Maturing in five to ten years | | | |
| Maturing after ten years | | | |
| Total U.S. Treasury securities | 3,547 | 3.13 | 1.31 |
| Government agency securities | | | |
| Maturing within one year | 2,526 | 2.23 | 4.45 |
| Maturing in one to five years | 45,992 | 40.57 | 1.06 |
| Maturing in five to ten years | 20,690 | 18.25 | 2.03 |
| Maturing after ten years | 1,003 | 0.88 | 0.93 |
| Total government agency securities | 70,211 | 61.94 | 1.47 |
| Obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | | | |
| Maturing within one year | | | |
| Maturing in one to five years | 421 | 0.37 | 1.45 |
| Maturing in five to ten years | 4,428 | 3.91 | 3.05 |
| Maturing after ten years | 31,965 | 28.20 | 3.50 |
| Total obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | 36,814 | 32.48 | 3.42 |
| Residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | | | |
| Maturing within one year | 1 | 0.00 | 5.19 |
| Maturing in one to five years | 20 | 0.02 | 7.39 |
| Maturing in five to ten years | | | |
| Maturing after ten years | 659 | 0.58 | 5.90 |
| Total residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | 680 | 0.60 | 5.94 |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Corporate bonds | | | |
| Maturing within one year | | | |
| Maturing in one to five years | | | |
| Maturing in five to ten years | 1,113 | 0.98 | 3.16 |
| Maturing after ten years | 990 | 0.87 | 2.42 |
| Total corporate bonds | 2,103 | 1.86 | 2.81 |
| Total investment securities | \$ 113,355 | 100.00% | 2.15% |

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The following table summarizes the amortized cost of securities classified as available for sale and their approximate fair values as of the dates shown:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Securities available for sale | | | | |
| As of June 30, 2013 | | | | |
| U.S. treasuries | \$ 3,496 | \$ 27 | \$ | \$ 3,523 |
| Government agency securities | 69,636 | 123 | (939) | 68,820 |
| Obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | 37,976 | 231 | (2,175) | 36,032 |
| Residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | 504 | 31 | | 535 |
| Corporate bonds | 2,092 | | (70) | 2,022 |
| | \$ 113,704 | \$ 412 | \$ (3,184) | \$ 110,932 |
| As of December 31, 2012 | | | | |
| U.S. treasuries | \$ 3,493 | \$ 54 | \$ | \$ 3,547 |
| Government agency securities | 69,636 | 575 | | 70,211 |
| Obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | 34,908 | 2,123 | (217) | 36,814 |
| Residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | 635 | 45 | | 680 |
| Corporate bonds | 2,105 | 23 | (25) | 2,103 |
| | \$ 110,777 | \$ 2,820 | \$ (242) | \$ 113,355 |
| As of December 31, 2011: | | | | |
| U.S. treasuries | \$ 2,492 | \$ 58 | \$ | \$ 2,550 |
| Government agency securities | 65,092 | 615 | (21) | 659,686 |
| Obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | 20,970 | 1,355 | | 22,325 |
| Residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | 3,275 | 155 | | 3,430 |
| | \$ 91,829 | \$ 2,183 | \$ (21) | \$ 93,991 |
| As of December 31, 2010: | | | | |
| U.S. treasuries | \$ 1,000 | \$ 30 | \$ | \$ 1,030 |
| Government agency securities | 40,686 | 798 | (64) | 41,420 |
| Obligations of state and municipal subdivisions | 6,063 | 71 | (136) | 5,998 |
| Residential mortgage backed securities guaranteed by FNMA, GNMA, FHLMC and SBA | 3,996 | 168 | (1) | 4,163 |
| | \$ 51,745 | \$ 1,067 | \$ (201) | \$ 52,611 |

Independent's securities available for sale, carried at fair value, increased \$19.4 million, or 20.6%, during fiscal 2012 and \$41.4 million, or 78.7%, during fiscal 2011. The increase in Independent's investment portfolio from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 primarily reflected an increase in government agency securities and obligations of state and municipal subdivisions. This growth in Independent's portfolio occurred primarily as the result of growth in Independent's assets available for investment and the acquisition of approximately \$10.3 million in securities acquired in Independent's acquisition of CGI, including \$6.3 million in municipal securities and \$2.1 million in corporate bonds. The increase in Independent's investment securities portfolio from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 occurred as Independent experienced significant deposit growth which, combined with Independent's other improved liquidity metrics, allowed Independent to reduce Independent's excess cash position and allocate resources to higher earning assets.

As the size of Independent's portfolio has increased, Independent has changed the allocation of Independent's capital invested in investment securities, increasing the percentage of Independent's portfolio held in obligations of state and municipal subdivisions in order to diversify Independent's investment securities portfolio and enhance yield without diminishing asset quality.

Table of Contents**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$24.2 million, or 23.7%, to \$126.5 million as of June 30, 2013, from \$102.3 million as of December 31, 2012. That increase occurred as a result of Independent holding federal funds sold of \$35.0 million as of June 30, 2013, which was offset to a degree by a decrease in the cash and due from banks balance as of June 30, 2013 compared to December 31, 2012. The federal funds sold represented a temporary investment of a portion of the net proceeds of Independent's initial public offering that had not been otherwise deployed at that date.

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$45.6 million, or 80.6%, to \$102.3 million as of December 31, 2012, from \$56.7 million as of December 31, 2011. Such increase in fiscal 2012 was necessary to maintain compliance with Independent's liquidity policy of holding cash and investment securities held for sale in an amount equal to at least 10% of Independent's total assets. Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$29.7 million, or 34.4%, to \$56.7 million as of December 31, 2011 from \$86.3 million as of December 31, 2010. In fiscal 2011, such decreases occurred primarily as Independent funded loans made in response to higher loan demand and increases in Independent's investment securities portfolio.

Certificates of Deposit Held in Other Banks

Independent owned certificates of deposit held in other banks in the amount of \$7.7 million as of December 31, 2012, which Independent acquired in the I Bank acquisition and which mature during 2013. However, the certificates of deposit held in other banks had decreased to an amount of \$3.8 million as of June 30, 2013, as certain of the certificates of deposit held in other banks acquired in the I Bank acquisition matured.

Goodwill and Core Deposit Intangible, Net

Independent's total goodwill was \$28.7 million as of both June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, and was \$11.2 million as of both December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. Goodwill represents the excess of the consideration paid over the fair value of the net assets acquired. The increase in Independent's goodwill from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 resulted from the acquisition of I Bank (\$13.0 million in goodwill) and the acquisition of CGI (\$4.8 million in goodwill).

Independent's other intangible asset, Independent's core deposit intangible, net, was \$2.9 million as of June 30, 2013, \$3.3 million as of December 31, 2012, \$2.7 million as of December 31, 2011 and \$3.2 million as of December 31, 2010. Independent's core deposit intangible is amortized on a straight-line basis over its estimated life of 10 years. The increase in the core deposit intangible, net, from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 occurred as a result of the increase in Independent's core deposit intangible of \$1.1 million and \$265,000 as a result of the acquisition of deposits in the I Bank and CGI acquisitions, respectively, the benefit of which was partially offset by the amortization of Independent's core deposit intangible, for that year. The decreases in Independent's core deposit intangible, net, from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2013 and from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 occurred as the result of the amortization of Independent's core deposit intangible in the six months ended June 30, 2013 and in the year ended December 31, 2011.

Liabilities

Independent's total liabilities increased \$76.1 million, or 4.7%, to \$1.7 billion as of June 30, 2013, from \$1.6 billion as of December 31, 2012, primarily due to organic deposit growth of \$94.4 million. The effect of that deposit growth was offset in part by the repayment of a total of \$19.9 million in principal amount of notes payable and subordinated debt

of Independent with a portion of the net proceeds of Independent's initial public offering of its common stock.

Independent's total liabilities increased \$447.2 million, or 38.3%, to \$1.6 billion as of December 31, 2012, from \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2011, primarily due to the assumption of deposit liabilities of

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\$122.9 million in the I Bank Holding Company acquisition and \$93.6 million in CGI acquisition. The balance of the increase is accounted for by organic growth in Independent's deposit base, an increase in FHLB advances of \$82.3 million, increases in Independent's senior debt of \$7.0 million and in Independent's subordinated debentures of \$4.7 million, and Independent's assumption of \$3.6 million in junior subordinated debentures related to trust preferred securities in CGI acquisition. Independent's total liabilities increased \$146.2 million to \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2011 from \$1.0 billion as of December 31, 2010, due to growth in deposits of \$102.9 million, an increase in FHLB borrowings of \$27.0 million and an increase in Independent's notes payable and other borrowings of \$15.4 million. Independent increased Independent's FHLB borrowings for liquidity and interest rate risk management purposes in connection with funding of loans. The increase in Independent's notes payable and other borrowings was due to refinancings, acquisitions and increasing debt capital.

Deposits

Deposits represent Independent Bank's primary source of funds. Independent continues to focus on growing core deposits through Independent's relationship driven banking philosophy and community-focused marketing programs.

Total deposits were \$1.5 billion as of June 30, 2013, an increase of \$94.4 million, or 6.8%, compared to \$1.4 billion as of December 31, 2012. Such increase resulted primarily from organic growth of 8.2% in interest-bearing deposits from December 31, 2012, to June 30, 2013. As of June 30, 2013, noninterest-bearing demand, interest-bearing checking, savings deposits and limited access money market accounts accounted for 77.7% of Independent's total deposits, while individual retirement accounts and certificates of deposit made up 22.3% of total deposits. Noninterest-bearing demand deposits totaled \$261.6 million, or 17.6% of total deposits, as of June 30, 2013, compared with \$259.7 million, or 18.7% of total deposits, as of December 31, 2012, with the decrease in the percentage of total deposits represented by noninterest-bearing demand deposits occurring as a result of more robust growth in interest-bearing deposits over the six months ended June 30, 2013.

The total deposits of \$1.4 billion as of December 31, 2012, compared with total deposits of \$1.0 billion as of December 31, 2011, reflecting a \$360.3 million, or 35.0%, increase from December 31, 2011. As of December 31, 2012, noninterest-bearing demand, interest-bearing checking, savings deposits and limited access money market accounts accounted for 78.5% of Independent's total deposits, while individual retirement accounts and certificates of deposit made up 21.5% of total deposits. Noninterest-bearing demand deposits totaled \$259.7 million, or 18.7% of total deposits, as of December 31, 2012 compared with \$168.8 million, or 16.4% of total deposits as of December 31, 2011, an increase of \$90.8 million or 53.8%. The average cost of interest-bearing deposits was 0.83% per annum for fiscal 2012 compared with 1.18% for fiscal 2011.

Total deposits were \$1.0 billion as of December 31, 2011 compared with \$927.5 million as of December 31, 2010, an increase of \$102.9 million or 11.1%. As of December 31, 2011, demand, interest-bearing checking, savings deposits, and limited access money market accounts accounted for 73.9% of total deposits, while individual retirement accounts and certificates of deposit made up 26.1% of total deposits. Noninterest-bearing demand deposits totaled \$168.8 million or 16.4% of total deposits as of December 31, 2011 compared with \$133.3 million, or 14.4% of total deposits, as of December 31, 2010, an increase of \$35.5 million or 26.7%. The average cost of deposits was 1.18% for 2011 compared with 1.58% for 2010.

The period decrease in the average cost of deposits during the comparable periods was primarily the result of decreases in interest rates offered on certain deposit products due to decreases in average market interest rates and decreases in renewal interest rates on maturing certificates of deposit given the current low interest rate environment.

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The following tables summarize Independent's average deposit balances and weighted average rates for the periods presented:

| For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Balance | Percent | Weighted Average Rate |
| Deposit Type | | | |
| Noninterest-bearing demand accounts | \$ 261,618 | 17.62% | % |
| Interest-bearing checking accounts | 723,752 | 48.73 | 0.54 |
| Savings accounts | 112,368 | 7.56 | 0.33 |
| Limited access money market accounts | 56,669 | 3.82 | 0.27 |
| Certificates of deposit | 330,722 | 22.27 | 0.84 |
| Total deposits | \$ 1,485,129 | 100.00% | 0.49% |

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | For the Year Ended December 31, 2012 | | | For the Year Ended December 31, 2011 | | | For the Year Ended December 31, 2010 | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------------------|
| | Balance | Percent | Weighted Average Rate | Balance | Percent | Weighted Average Rate | Balance | Percent | Weighted Average Rate |
| Deposit Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Noninterest-bearing demand accounts | \$ 203,248 | 16.78% | % | \$ 148,700 | 14.99% | % | \$ 116,196 | 14.51% | % |
| Interest-bearing checking accounts | 579,495 | 47.84 | 0.78 | 443,890 | 44.75 | 1.14 | 326,563 | 40.79 | 1.59 |
| Savings accounts | 110,118 | 9.09 | 0.65 | 86,080 | 8.68 | 1.08 | 47,656 | 5.95 | 1.35 |
| Limited access money market accounts | 32,976 | 2.72 | 0.36 | 27,525 | 2.77 | 0.48 | 20,304 | 2.54 | 0.67 |
| Certificates of deposit | 285,564 | 23.57 | 1.05 | 285,808 | 28.81 | 1.32 | 289,841 | 36.21 | 1.66 |
| Total deposits | \$ 1,211,401 | 100.00% | 0.69% | \$ 992,003 | 100.00% | 1.00% | \$ 800,560 | 100.00% | 1.35% |

The following tables set forth the maturity of time deposits (including IRA deposits) of \$100,000 or more as of June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2012:

As of June 30, 2013
(dollars in thousands)

Maturity within:

Total

| | Three Months | Three to Six Months | Six to Twelve Months | After Twelve Months | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Certificates of deposit, \$100,000 and greater (excluding CDARS) | \$ 22,669 | \$ 26,057 | \$ 71,156 | \$ 66,113 | \$ 185,995 |
| CDARS | 12,777 | 10,962 | 6,073 | 1,569 | 31,381 |
| Total | \$ 35,446 | \$ 37,019 | \$ 77,229 | \$ 67,682 | \$ 217,376 |

As of December 31, 2012

| <i>dollars in thousands</i> | Maturity within: | | | | Total |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Three Months | Three to Six Months | Six to Twelve Months | After Twelve Months | |
| Certificates of deposit, \$100,000 and greater (excluding CDARS) | \$ 29,632 | \$ 27,543 | \$ 45,415 | \$ 47,318 | \$ 149,908 |
| CDARS | 10,009 | 3,631 | 10,084 | 1,273 | 24,997 |
| Total | \$ 39,641 | \$ 31,174 | \$ 55,499 | \$ 48,591 | \$ 174,905 |

Short-Term Borrowings

Independent's deposits have historically provided Independent with a major source of funds to meet the daily liquidity needs of Independent's customers and fund growth in earning assets. However, from time to time Independent may also engage in short-term borrowings. Independent did not have any short-term borrowings

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outstanding at the end of any month during the six months ended June 30, 2013, fiscal 2012 or fiscal 2011. The maximum amount of short-term borrowings Independent had outstanding at the end of any month during fiscal 2010 was \$9.0 million. As a result of funding available from other sources, Independent has not historically needed to engage in significant short-term borrowing through sources such as federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase or Federal Reserve Discount Window advances to meet the daily liquidity needs of Independent's customers or fund growth in earning assets.

FHLB Advances

In addition to deposits, Independent utilizes FHLB advances either as a short-term funding source or a longer-term funding source and to manage Independent's interest rate risk on Independent's loan portfolio. FHLB advances can be particularly attractive as a longer-term funding source to balance interest rate sensitivity and reduce interest rate risk. The maximum amount of short-term FHLB advances Independent had outstanding at any month end during the year ended December 31, 2012, was \$16.0 million. There were no short-term FHLB advances outstanding during the six months ended June 30, 2013.

Independent's FHLB borrowings totaled \$164.5 million as of June 30, 2013 compared with \$164.6 million as of December 31, 2012, and \$82.3 million as of December 31, 2011. Such increase from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 resulted primarily from Independent's assumption of \$12.5 million in FHLB advances as a part of the acquisition of I Bank, as well as \$70.0 million of intermediate-term FHLB advances obtained and used to manage Independent's loan portfolio and reduce interest rate risk during fiscal 2012. Independent's FHLB borrowings also increased \$27.0 million, or 48.9%, to \$82.3 million as of December 31, 2011 from \$55.3 million as of December 31, 2010 as a result of Independent's funding needs for Independent's lending activity and to manage Independent's interest rate risk. As of June 30, 2013, December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, Independent had \$269.9 million, \$267.5 million, \$247.3 million and \$231.5 million, respectively, in unused and available advances from the FHLB. Independent's FHLB advances are collateralized by assets, including a blanket pledge of certain loans with a carrying value of \$524.8 million and FHLB stock. As of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, Independent had \$179.0 million and \$92.7 million, respectively, in undisbursed advance commitments (letters of credit) with the FHLB. The FHLB letters of credit were obtained in lieu of pledging securities to secure public fund deposits that are over the FDIC insurance limit. There were no disbursements against the advance commitments as of either June 30, 2013 or December 31, 2012.

The following table provides a summary of Independent's FHLB advances at the dates indicated:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | As of June 30, 2013 | As of December 31, 2012 | As of December 31, 2011 | 2010 |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fixed-rate, fixed term, at rates from 1.12% to 6.26%, with a weighted-average of 2.01% (maturing July 2013 through January 2026) | \$ 164,529 | | | |
| Fixed-rate, fixed term, at rates from 1.12% to 6.26%, with a weighted-average of 2.01% (maturing March 2013 through January 2026) | | \$ 164,601 | | |
| Fixed-rate, fixed term, at rates from 1.14% to 6.26%, with a | | | \$ 82,291 | |

weighted-average of 2.40% (maturing March 2013
through January 2026)

Fixed-rate, fixed term, at rates from 0.379% to 6.26%,
with a

weighted-average of 2.55% (maturing March, 2013
through January, 2026)

\$ 55,273

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As of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the scheduled maturities of Independent's FHLB advances were as follows:

| Maturing Within | Principal Amount to Mature | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | As of June 30, 2013 | As of December 31, 2012 |
| First Year | \$ 3,013 | \$ 3,027 |
| Second Year | 40,000 | 20,022 |
| Third Year | 25,525 | 23,000 |
| Fourth Year | 10,000 | 32,529 |
| Fifth Year | 40,000 | 30,000 |
| Thereafter | 45,991 | 56,023 |
| | \$ 164,529 | \$ 164,601 |

Other Long-Term Indebtedness

As of June 30, 2013, December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, Independent had \$16.6 million, \$36.5 million, \$35.8 million and \$20.4 million, respectively, of long-term indebtedness (other than FHLB advances and junior subordinated debentures) outstanding, which included notes payable and subordinated debentures. The decrease in such long-term indebtedness from December 31, 2012, to June 30, 2013, resulted primarily from the repayment of \$19.9 in principal amount of notes payable and subordinated debentures during that period with a portion of the proceeds of Independent's initial public offering. The increase in Independent's long-term indebtedness from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 resulted from the incurrence of \$7.0 million of debt in connection with the I Bank Holding Company acquisition and the issuance of \$4.7 million of Independent's 7.00% subordinated debentures due October 2019 to provide a portion of the funds to complete the acquisition of CGI, partially offset by principal payments on Independent's senior debt and the Adriatica property acquisition loan. The \$15.4 million increase in Independent's long-term indebtedness from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 occurred as a result of incurrence of \$12.2 million of debt to an unaffiliated commercial bank primarily related to the acquisition of the notes secured by the Adriatica real property and the issuance of \$7.7 million of Independent's 7.00% subordinated debentures due July and October 2018 to refinance maturing debt that was supporting asset growth. The effect of the incurrence of additional debt and the issuances of the debentures discussed above on the balance of Independent's total liabilities as of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was offset by the repayment of existing debt.

As of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the scheduled principal maturities of Independent's other long-term indebtedness are as follows:

| Maturing Within | Principal Amount to Mature | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | As of June 30, 2013 | As of December 31, 2012 |
| First Year | \$ 1,039 | \$ 4,028 |
| Second Year | 2,005 | 4,548 |

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| | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Third Year | 3,556 | 13,754 |
| Fourth Year | 4,141 | 6,634 |
| Fifth Year | 3,103 | 3,865 |
| Thereafter | 2,721 | 3,688 |
| | \$ 16,565 | \$ 36,517 |

Junior Subordinated Debentures

As of both June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, Independent had outstanding an aggregate of \$18.1 million principal amount of five series of junior subordinated securities issued to five unconsolidated subsidiary trusts. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, Independent had outstanding an aggregate of \$14.5 million

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principal amount of four series of junior subordinated debentures issued to four unconsolidated subsidiary trusts. The \$3.6 million increase in the amount of the junior subordinated debentures at December 31, 2012 was a result of the acquisition of CGI. Each series of debentures was purchased by one of the trusts with the net proceeds of the issuance by such trust of floating rate trust preferred securities. These junior subordinated debentures are unsecured and will mature between March 2033 and June 2037. Each of the series of debentures bears interest at a per annum rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus a spread that ranges from 1.60% to 3.25%, with a weighted average spread of 2.68%. As of June 30, 2013, the interest rate on the various series of debentures was 3.52%, 3.13%, 2.67%, 3.52% and 1.87%, respectively, while as of December 31, 2012, the interest rate on the various series of debentures was 3.56%, 3.19%, 2.71%, 3.56% and 1.99%, respectively. Interest on each series of these debentures is payable quarterly, although Independent may, from time to time defer the payment of interest on any series of these debentures. A deferral of interest payments would, however, restrict Independent's right to declare and pay cash distributions, including dividends, on Independent's common stock or making distributions with respect to any of Independent's future debt instruments that rank equally or are junior to such debentures. Independent may redeem the debentures, which are intended to qualify as Tier 2 capital, at Independent's option, subject to approval of the Federal Reserve.

Capital Resources and Liquidity Management**Capital Resources**

Independent's stockholders' equity is influenced by Independent's earnings, the sales and redemptions of common stock that Independent makes, the dividends Independent pays on its common stock, and, to a lesser extent, any changes in unrealized holding gains or losses occurring with respect to Independent's securities available for sale. Total stockholders' equity was \$214.2 million at June 30, 2013 compared with \$124.5 million at December 31, 2012, an increase of approximately \$90 million. The increase was due primarily to the sale of 3,680,000 shares of common stock in connection with Independent's initial public offering, resulting in net proceeds of \$86.7 million and the net income of \$11.6 million earned by Independent for the six months ended June 30, 2013, offset by dividends paid of \$5.4 million, stock awards amortization of \$594 thousand and a decrease in unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale securities of \$3.8 million.

Independent's stockholders' equity increased \$38.5 million, or 44.8%, to \$124.5 million as of December 31, 2012 from \$86.0 million as of December 31, 2011, due to the retention of earnings and the issuance of \$20.2 million of Independent's common stock in January 2012 to fund the payment of a portion of the purchase price in the I Bank Holding Company acquisition and \$5.0 million of Independent's common stock in September 2012 and \$3.7 million in October 2012 to fund the payment of a portion of the purchase price in Independent's acquisition of CGI in October 2012. During fiscal 2012, Independent generated net income of \$17.4 million and paid dividends of \$8.7 million to Independent's shareholders, including the amounts paid to shareholders in order to permit them to make estimated payments of their federal income tax liability associated with the items of Independent's income passed through to them as shareholders of an S corporation. Stockholders' equity increased \$10.0 million, or 13.1%, to \$86.0 million as of December 31, 2011 from \$76.0 million as of December 31, 2010, due to the retention of earnings. During 2011, Independent generated net income of \$13.7 million and declared and paid dividends of \$6.1 million to Independent's shareholders. The balance of the increase in stockholders' equity from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011 resulted primarily from a \$1.3 million increase in other comprehensive income and the amortization of stock awards in the amount of \$572,000.

Liquidity Management

Liquidity refers to the measure of Independent's ability to meet the cash flow requirements of depositors and borrowers, while at the same time meeting Independent's operating, capital and strategic cash flow needs, all at a

reasonable cost. Independent's asset and liability management policy is intended to maintain adequate liquidity and, therefore, enhance Independent's ability to raise funds to support asset growth, meet deposit

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withdrawals and lending needs, maintain reserve requirements, and otherwise sustain operations. Independent accomplishes this through management of the maturities of Independent's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Independent believes that Independent's present position is adequate to meet Independent's current and future liquidity needs.

Independent continuously monitors Independent's liquidity position to ensure that assets and liabilities are managed in a manner that will meet all of Independent's short-term and long-term cash requirements. Independent manages Independent's liquidity position to meet the daily cash flow needs of customers, while maintaining an appropriate balance between assets and liabilities to meet the return on investment objectives of Independent's shareholders. Independent also monitors its liquidity requirements in light of interest rate trends, changes in the economy, and the scheduled maturity and interest rate sensitivity of the investment and loan portfolios and deposits.

Liquidity risk management is an important element in Independent's asset/liability management process. Independent's short-term and long-term liquidity requirements are primarily to fund on-going operations, including payment of interest on deposits and debt, extensions of credit to borrowers, capital expenditures and shareholder dividends. These liquidity requirements are met primarily through cash flow from operations, redeployment of pre-paid and maturing balances in Independent's loan and investment portfolios, debt financing and increases in customer deposits. Independent's liquidity position is supported by management of liquid assets and liabilities and access to alternative sources of funds. Liquid assets include cash, interest-bearing deposits in banks, federal funds sold, securities available for sale and maturing or prepaying balances in Independent's investment and loan portfolios. Liquid liabilities include core deposits, federal funds purchased, securities sold under repurchase agreements and other borrowings. Other sources of liquidity include the sale of loans, the ability to acquire additional national market noncore deposits, the issuance of additional collateralized borrowings such as FHLB advances, the issuance of debt securities, borrowings through the Federal Reserve's discount window and the issuance of equity securities. For additional information regarding Independent's operating, investing and financing cash flows, see the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows provided in Independent's consolidated financial statements.

In addition to the liquidity provided by the sources described above, Independent Bank maintains correspondent relationships with other banks in order to sell loans or purchase overnight funds should additional liquidity be needed. As of each of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, Independent Bank had established federal funds lines of credit with an unaffiliated bank totaling \$25 million with no amounts advanced against those lines at either of those times. Independent Bank had unsecured federal funds lines of credit with an unaffiliated bank as of December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2010, of \$20 million, with no amounts advanced against those lines on either of such dates. Based on the values of stock, securities, and loans pledged as collateral, as of June 30, 2013, and December 31, 2012, Independent had additional borrowing capacity with the FHLB of \$270 million as of June 30, 2013 and \$267.5 million as of December 31, 2012. In the ordinary course of Independent Bank's operations, Independent Bank maintains a correspondent bank account with TIB The Independent Bankers Bank, the balance of which was approximately \$25.2 million and \$16.6 million as of December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2010, respectively. The balances maintained in that account as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, were not significant. The correspondent account is a demand account. The normal services associated with a correspondent banking relationship, including clearing of checks, sales and purchases of participations in loans and investments and sales and purchases of federal funds.

Independent is a corporation separate and apart from Independent Bank and, therefore, Independent must provide for Independent's own liquidity. Independent's main source of funding is dividends declared and paid to Independent by Independent Bank. Statutory and regulatory limitations exist that affect the ability of Independent Bank to pay dividends to Independent. Management believes that these limitations will not impact Independent's ability to meet Independent's ongoing short-term cash obligations. For additional information regarding dividend restrictions, see Risk

Factors Risks Related to Independent s Business, and Regulation And Supervision.

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Independent's capital management consists of providing equity to support Independent's current and future operations. Independent is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by state and federal banking agencies, including the Texas Department of Banking, Federal Reserve and the FDIC. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements may prompt certain actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material adverse effect on Independent's financial condition and results of operations. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, Independent must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of Independent's assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Independent's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

Independent expects that, as a result of recent developments such as the Dodd-Frank Act, Independent will be subject to increasingly stringent regulatory capital requirements. For further discussion of the changing regulatory framework in which Independent operates, see Regulation And Supervision.

The risk-based capital standards issued by the FDIC require all state nonmember banks to have Tier 1 capital of at least 4% and total risk-based capital (Tier 1 and Tier 2) of at least 8.0% of total risk-weighted assets. Tier 1 capital generally includes common stock equity and qualifying perpetual preferred stock together with related surpluses and retained earnings, less deduction for goodwill and various other intangibles. Tier 2 capital may consist of a limited amount of intermediate-term preferred stock, a limited amount of term subordinated debt, certain hybrid capital instruments and other debt securities, perpetual preferred stock not qualifying as Tier 1 capital, and a limited amount (no greater than 1.25% of risk weighted assets) of the general valuation allowance for loan losses. The sum of Tier 1 capital and Tier 2 capital is total risk-based capital.

The FDIC has also adopted guidelines which supplement the risk-based capital guidelines with a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to average total consolidated tangible assets, or leverage ratio, of 4.0% for institutions with well diversified risk, including no undue interest rate exposure; excellent asset quality; high liquidity; good earnings; and that are generally considered to be strong banking organizations, rated composite 1 under applicable federal guidelines, and that are not experiencing or anticipating significant growth. Other banking organizations are required to maintain a leverage ratio of at least 4.0%. These rules further provide that banking organizations experiencing internal growth or making acquisitions will be expected to maintain capital positions substantially above the minimum supervisory levels and comparable to peer group averages, without significant reliance on intangible assets.

The FDIC has promulgated regulations setting the levels at which an insured institution such as Independent Bank would be considered well-capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized. Independent Bank is considered well-capitalized for purposes of the applicable prompt corrective action regulations.

As of June 30, 2013, Independent exceeded all capital ratio requirements under prompt corrective action and other regulatory requirements as detailed in the table below.

| | June 30, 2013 | |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Required to be | Required to be |
| | considered well | considered adequately |
| | capitalized | capitalized |

| Actual |
|---------------|
|---------------|

| | Ratio | Ratio | Ratio |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Tier 1 capital to average assets ratio | 10.91% | 5.00% | 4.00-5.00% |
| Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio | 13.80 | 6.00 | 4.00-6.00 |
| Total capital to risk-weighted assets ratio | 15.69 | 10.00 | 8.00-10.00 |

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As of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, Independent exceeded all capital ratio requirements under prompt corrective action and other regulatory requirements, as detailed in the table below:

| | As of December 31, 2012 | | |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| | Actual Ratio | Required to be considered well capitalized Ratio | Required to be considered adequately capitalized Ratio |
| Tier 1 capital to average assets ratio | 6.45% | ≥5.00% | 4.00-5.00% |
| Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio | 8.22 | ≥6.00 | 4.00-6.00 |
| Total capital to risk-weighted assets ratio | 10.51 | ≥10.00 | 8.00-10.00 |

| | As of December 31, 2011 | | |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| | Actual Ratio | Required to be considered well capitalized Ratio | Required to be considered adequately capitalized Ratio |
| Tier 1 capital to average assets ratio | 6.89% | ≥5.00% | 4.00-5.00% |
| Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio | 8.59 | ≥6.00 | 4.00-6.00 |
| Total capital to risk-weighted assets ratio | 11.19 | ≥10.00 | 8.00-10.00 |

| | As of December 31, 2010 | | |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| | Actual Ratio | Required to be considered well capitalized Ratio | Required to be considered adequately capitalized Ratio |
| Tier 1 capital to average assets ratio | 6.98% | ≥5.00% | 4.00-5.00% |
| Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio | 8.88 | ≥6.00 | 4.00-6.00 |
| Total capital to risk-weighted assets ratio | 11.10 | ≥10.00 | 8.00-10.00 |

Contractual Obligations

In the ordinary course of Independent's operations, Independent enters into certain contractual obligations, such as obligations for operating leases and other arrangements with respect to deposit liabilities, FHLB advances and other borrowed funds. Independent believes that it will be able to meet its contractual obligations as they come due through the maintenance of adequate cash levels. Independent expects to maintain adequate cash levels through profitability, loan and securities repayment and maturity activity and continued deposit gathering activities. Independent has in place various borrowing mechanisms for both short-term and long-term liquidity needs.

During the six months ending June 30, 2013, Independent repaid all of its outstanding notes payable, which had an aggregate outstanding principal amount of \$15.7 million, and a portion of Independent's subordinated debt having an aggregate principal amount of \$4.2 million. Other than these payoffs and normal changes in the ordinary course of business, there have been no significant changes in the types of contractual obligations or amounts due since December 31, 2012.

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The following tables contains supplemental information regarding Independent's total contractual obligations as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

| As of June 30, 2013 <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Payments Due | | | | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Within One Year | One to Three Years | Three to Five Years | After Five Years | |
| Deposits without a stated maturity | \$ 1,154,407 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,154,407 |
| Time deposits | 231,199 | 77,044 | 22,479 | | 330,722 |
| FHLB advances | 3,013 | 65,525 | 50,000 | 45,991 | 164,529 |
| Notes payable | | | | | |
| Subordinated debt | 1,039 | 5,561 | 7,244 | 2,721 | 16,565 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | | | | 18,147 | 18,147 |
| Operating leases | 957 | 684 | 258 | 386 | 2,285 |
| Total contractual obligations | \$ 1,390,615 | \$ 148,814 | \$ 79,981 | \$ 67,245 | \$ 1,686,655 |

| As of December 31, 2012 <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Payments Due | | | | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Within One Year | One to Three Years | Three to Five Years | After Five Years | |
| Deposits without a stated maturity | \$ 1,091,750 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,091,750 |
| Time deposits | 219,973 | 58,921 | 20,096 | | 298,990 |
| FHLB advances | 3,027 | 43,022 | 62,529 | 56,023 | 164,601 |
| Notes payable | 2,513 | 11,716 | 1,500 | | 15,729 |
| Subordinated debt | 1,515 | 6,586 | 8,999 | 3,688 | 20,788 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | | | | 18,147 | 18,147 |
| Operating leases | 569 | 1,027 | 316 | 330 | 2,242 |
| Total contractual obligations | \$ 1,319,347 | \$ 121,272 | \$ 93,400 | \$ 78,188 | \$ 1,612,247 |

Independent believes that it will be able to meet its contractual obligations as they come due through the maintenance of adequate cash levels. Independent expects to maintain adequate cash levels through profitability, loan and securities repayment and maturity activity and continued deposit gathering activities. Independent has in place various borrowing mechanisms for both short-term and long-term liquidity needs.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of business, Independent enters into various transactions, which, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, are not included in Independent's consolidated balance sheets. However, Independent has only limited off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future material effect on Independent's financial condition, revenues, expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources. Independent Bank enters into these transactions to meet the financing needs of Independent's customers. These transactions include commitments to extend credit and issue standby letters of credit, which involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk and interest rate risk in excess of the amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets.

Commitments to Extend Credit. Independent Bank enters into contractual commitments to extend credit, normally with fixed expiration dates or termination clauses, at specified rates and for specific purposes. Substantially all of Independent Bank's commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific credit standards at the time of loan funding. Independent Bank minimizes its exposure to loss under these commitments by subjecting them to credit approval and monitoring procedures.

Standby Letters of Credit. Standby letters of credit are written conditional commitments that Independent Bank issues to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. In the event the customer does not perform in accordance with the terms of the agreement with the third party, Independent Bank would be required to fund the commitment. The maximum potential amount of future payments Independent Bank could

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be required to make is represented by the contractual amount of the commitment. If the commitment is funded, the customer is obligated to reimburse Independent Bank for the amount paid under this standby letter of credit.

The Bank's commitments to extend credit and outstanding standby letters of credit were \$220.7 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2013. Independent Bank's commitments to extend credit and outstanding standby letters of credit were \$153.9 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2012. Since commitments associated with letters of credit and commitments to extend credit may expire unused, the amounts shown do not necessarily reflect the actual future cash funding requirements. Independent manages Independent's liquidity in light of the aggregate amounts of commitments to extend credit and outstanding standby letters of credit in effect from time to time to ensure that Independent will have adequate sources of liquidity to fund such commitments and honor drafts under such letters of credit.

Independent guarantees the distributions and payments for redemption or liquidation of the trust preferred securities issued by Independent's wholly owned subsidiary trusts to the extent of funds held by the trusts. Although this guarantee is not separately recorded, the obligation underlying the guarantee is fully reflected on Independent's consolidated balance sheets as junior subordinated debentures, which debentures are held by Independent's subsidiary trusts. The junior subordinated debentures currently qualify as Tier 1 capital under the Federal Reserve capital adequacy guidelines. For additional information regarding the subordinated debentures, see Note 13 to Independent's consolidated financial statements.

Asset/Liability Management and Interest Rate Risk

The principal objective of Independent's asset and liability management function is to evaluate the interest rate risk within the balance sheet and pursue a controlled assumption of interest rate risk while maximizing net income and preserving adequate levels of liquidity and capital. The Investment Committee of Independent Bank's board of directors has oversight of Independent Bank's asset and liability management function, which is managed by Independent's Chief Financial Officer. Independent's Chief Financial Officer meets with Independent's senior executive management team regularly to review, among other things, the sensitivity of Independent's assets and liabilities to market interest rate changes, local and national market conditions and market interest rates. That group also reviews the liquidity, capital, deposit mix, loan mix and investment positions of Independent.

Independent's management and Independent's board of directors are responsible for managing interest rate risk and employing risk management policies that monitor and limit Independent's exposure to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is measured using net interest income simulations and market value of portfolio equity analyses. These analyses use various assumptions, including the nature and timing of interest rate changes, yield curve shape, prepayments on loans, securities and deposits, deposit decay rates, pricing decisions on loans and deposits, reinvestment/ replacement of asset and liability cash flows.

Instantaneous parallel rate shift scenarios are modeled and utilized to evaluate risk and establish exposure limits for acceptable changes in net interest margin. These scenarios, known as rate shocks, simulate an instantaneous change in interest rates and use various assumptions, including, but not limited to, prepayments on loans and securities, deposit decay rates, pricing decisions on loans and deposits, reinvestment and replacement of asset and liability cash flows.

Independent also analyzes the economic value of equity as a secondary measure of interest rate risk. This is a complementary measure to net interest income where the calculated value is the result of the market value of assets less the market value of liabilities. The economic value of equity is a longer term view of interest rate risk because it measures the present value of the future cash flows. The impact of changes in interest rates on this calculation is analyzed for the risk to Independent's future earnings and is used in conjunction with the analyses on net interest

income.

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Independent conducts periodic analyses of Independent's sensitivity to interest rate risks through the use of a third-party proprietary interest-rate sensitivity model provided by ALX Consulting, Inc., or ALX, an affiliate of TIB-The Independent Bankers Bank. That model has been customized to Independent's specifications. The analyses conducted by use of that model are based on current information regarding Independent's actual interest-earnings assets, interest-bearing liabilities, capital and other financial information that Independent supplies. ALX uses that information in the model to estimate Independent's sensitivity to interest rate risk.

Independent's interest rate risk model indicated that it was liability sensitive in terms of interest rate sensitivity as of June 30, 2013. The table below illustrates the impact of an immediate and sustained 200 and 100 basis point increase and a 100 basis point decrease in interest rates on net interest income based on the interest rate risk model as of June 30, 2013:

| Hypothetical Shift in | % Change in Projected |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Interest Rates (in bps) | Net Interest Income |
| 200 | 0.2% |
| 100 | (0.2)% |
| (100) | 1.7% |

Independent's interest rate risk model indicated that Independent was liability sensitive in terms of interest rate sensitivity as of December 31, 2012. The table below illustrates the impact of an immediate and sustained 200 and 100 basis point increase and a 100 basis point decrease in interest rates on net interest income based on the interest rate risk model as of December 31, 2012:

| Hypothetical Shift in | % Change in Projected |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Interest Rates (in bps) | Net Interest Income |
| 200 | (2.5)% |
| 100 | (1.5) |
| (100) | 2.8 |

These are good faith estimates and assume that the composition of Independent's interest sensitive assets and liabilities existing at each year-end will remain constant over the relevant twelve month measurement period and that changes in market interest rates are instantaneous and sustained across the yield curve regardless of duration of pricing characteristics of specific assets or liabilities. Also, this analysis does not contemplate any actions that Independent might undertake in response to changes in market interest rates. Independent believes these estimates are not necessarily indicative of what actually could occur in the event of immediate interest rate increases or decreases of this magnitude. As interest-bearing assets and liabilities re-price in different time frames and proportions to market interest rate movements, various assumptions must be made based on historical relationships of these variables in reaching any conclusion. Since these correlations are based on competitive and market conditions, Independent anticipates that its future results will likely be different from the foregoing estimates, and such differences could be material.

Many assumptions are used to calculate the impact of interest rate fluctuations. Actual results may be significantly different than Independent's projections due to several factors, including the timing and frequency of rate changes, market conditions and the shape of the yield curve. The computations of interest rate risk shown above do not include actions that Independent's management may undertake to manage the risks in response to anticipated changes in

interest rates and actual results may also differ due to any actions taken in response to the changing rates.

As part of Independent's asset/liability management strategy, Independent's management has emphasized the origination of shorter duration loans as well as variable rate loans to limit the negative exposure to a rate increase, as well as obtaining funding with FHLB advances to manage interest rate risks on funding of loan commitments. Additionally, a significant portion of the loans in Independent's loan portfolio typically have short-term maturities. Independent's strategy with respect to liabilities has been to emphasize transaction accounts, particularly noninterest or low interest-bearing nonmaturing deposit accounts, which are less sensitive

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to changes in interest rates. In response to this strategy, nonmaturing deposit accounts have been steadily increasing and totaled 78.5% of total deposits as of December 31, 2012 compared with 73.9% as of December 31, 2011. Independent currently has no brokered deposits other than CDARS and, as of December 31, 2012, had \$31.2 million of CDARS deposits. Independent intends to focus on Independent's strategy of increasing noninterest or low interest-bearing nonmaturing deposit accounts and accordingly, Independent has no current plans to use brokered deposits in the near future.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of Independent's consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, requires Independent to make estimates and judgments that affect Independent's reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Independent bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under current circumstances, results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities that are not readily available from other sources. Independent evaluates Independent's estimates on an ongoing basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Accounting policies, as described in detail in the notes to Independent's consolidated financial statements are an integral part of Independent's financial statements. A thorough understanding of these accounting policies is essential when reviewing Independent's reported results of operations and Independent's financial position. Independent believes that the critical accounting policies and estimates discussed below require Independent to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments about matters that are inherently uncertain. Changes in these estimates, that are likely to occur from period to period, or the use of different estimates that Independent could have reasonably used in the current period, would have a material impact on Independent's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Acquired Loans. Independent's accounting policies require that Independent evaluates all acquired loans for evidence of deterioration in credit quality since origination and to evaluate whether it is probable that Independent will collect all contractually required payments from the borrower.

Acquired loans from the transactions accounted for as a business combination include both nonperforming loans with evidence of credit deterioration since their origination date and performing loans. Independent accounts for performing loans under ASC Paragraph 310-20, *Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs*, with the related discount being adjusted for over the life of the loan and recognized as interest income. Independent accounts for the nonperforming loans acquired in accordance with ASC Paragraph 310-30, *Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality*. At the date of the acquisition, acquired loans are recorded at their fair value.

Independent recognizes the difference between the undiscounted cash flows Independent expects (at the time Independent acquires the loan) to be collected and the investment in the loan, or the accretable yield, as interest income using the interest method over the life of the loan. Independent does not recognize contractually required payments for interest and principal that exceed undiscounted cash flows expected at acquisition, or the nonaccretable difference, as a yield adjustment, loss accrual or valuation allowance. Increases in the expected cash flows subsequent to the initial investment are recognized prospectively through adjustment of the yield on the loan over the loan's remaining life, while decreases in expected cash flows are recognized as impairment. Valuation allowances on these impaired loans reflect only losses incurred after the acquisition.

Upon an acquisition, Independent generally continues to use the classification of acquired loans classified nonaccrual or 90 days and accruing. Independent does not classify acquired loans as TDRs unless Independent modifies an

acquired loan subsequent to acquisition that meets the TDR criteria. Reported delinquency of Independent's purchased loan portfolio is based upon the contractual terms of the loans.

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Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of probable and reasonably estimable credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio. In determining the allowance, Independent estimates losses on individual impaired loans, or groups of loans which are not impaired, where the probable loss can be identified and reasonably estimated. On a quarterly basis, Independent assesses the risk inherent in Independent's loan portfolio based on qualitative and quantitative trends in the portfolio, including the internal risk classification of loans, historical loss rates, changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, industry or borrower concentrations, delinquency trends, detailed reviews of significant loans with identified weaknesses and the impacts of local, regional and national economic factors on the quality of the loan portfolio. Based on this analysis, Independent records a provision for loan losses in order to maintain the allowance at appropriate levels.

Determining the amount of the allowance is considered a critical accounting estimate, as it requires significant judgment and the use of subjective measurements, including management's assessment of overall portfolio quality. Independent maintains the allowance at an amount Independent believes is sufficient to provide for estimated losses inherent in Independent's loan portfolio at each balance sheet date, and fluctuations in the provision for loan losses may result from management's assessment of the adequacy of the allowance. Changes in these estimates and assumptions are possible and may have a material impact on Independent's allowance, and therefore Independent's financial position, liquidity or results of operations.

Goodwill and Core Deposit Intangible. The excess purchase price over the fair value of net assets from acquisitions, or goodwill, is evaluated for impairment at least annually and on an interim basis if an event or circumstance indicates that it is likely an impairment has occurred. Prior to 2012, the evaluation of goodwill impairment was a two-step test. Effective January 1, 2012, Independent has the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, Independent determines it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then performing the two step impairment test is unnecessary. If Independent concludes otherwise, then it is required to perform the first step of the two step impairment test by calculating the fair value of the reporting unit and comparing the fair value with the carrying amount of the reporting unit. In testing for impairment in the past, the fair value of net assets was estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis based on future projected Independent earnings. In future testing for impairment, the fair value of net assets will be estimated based on an analysis of Independent's market value.

Determining the fair value of goodwill is considered a critical accounting estimate because the allocation of the fair value of goodwill to assets and liabilities requires significant management judgment and the use of subjective measurements. Variability in the market and changes in assumptions or subjective measurements used to allocate fair value are reasonably possible and may have a material impact on Independent's financial position, liquidity or results of operations.

Core deposit intangibles are acquired customer relationships that lack physical substance but can be distinguished from goodwill because of contractual or other legal rights or because the asset is capable of being sold or exchanged either on its own or in combination with a related contract, asset, or liability. Core deposit intangibles are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of ten years. Core deposit intangibles are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable from future undiscounted cash flows. If impaired, the assets are recorded at fair value.

Emerging Growth Company. The JOBS Act permits Independent, as an emerging growth company, to take advantage of an extended transition period to comply with new or revised accounting standards and not commence complying with new or revised accounting standards until private companies must do so. Under the JOBS Act, Independent may

make an irrevocable election to opt out of that extended transition period and comply with new or revised accounting standards when public companies that are not emerging growth

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companies must commence complying with those standards. Independent has elected not to opt out of the extended transition period at this time. Consequently, when a new or revised accounting standard has application dates that are different for public companies and private companies, Independent will commence complying with the new or revised standard only when private companies must do so. Independent will continue to commence complying with new or revised accounting standards in this manner until Independent ceases to be an emerging growth company unless Independent previously elects to opt out of the extended transition period, as Independent may do under the JOBS Act. Any such future election by Independent will be irrevocable and will apply to all accounting standards issued or revised after such election.

As a consequence of Independent's determination to take advantage of the extended transition period, Independent's consolidated financial statements as of a particular date and for a particular period in the future may not be comparable to the financial statements as of such date and for such period of a public company situated similarly to Independent that is neither an emerging growth company nor an emerging growth company that has opted out of the extended transition period. Such financial statements of the other company may be prepared in conformity with new or revised accounting standards then applicable to public companies, but not to private companies, while, if Independent is then in the extended transition period, Independent's consolidated financial standards would not be prepared in conformity with such new or revised accounting standards.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Independent has evaluated new accounting pronouncements that have recently been issued and have determined that there are no new accounting pronouncements that should be described in this section that will impact Independent's operations, financial condition or liquidity in future periods. Refer to Note 2 of Independent's audited consolidated financial statements for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements that have been adopted by Independent or that will require enhanced disclosures in Independent's financial statements in future periods.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Independent identifies certain of the financial measures discussed in this proxy statement/prospectus as being non-GAAP financial measures. In accordance with the SEC's rules, Independent classifies a financial measure as being a non-GAAP financial measure if that financial measure excludes or includes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of excluding or including amounts, that are included or excluded, as the case may be, in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States in Independent's statements of income, balance sheet or statements of cash flows. Non-GAAP financial measures do not include operating and other statistical measures or ratios or statistical measures calculated using exclusively either financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP, operating measures or other measures that are not non-GAAP financial measures or both.

The non-GAAP financial measures that Independent discusses in this proxy statement/prospectus should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the most directly comparable or other financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, the manner in which Independent calculates the non-GAAP financial measures that Independent discusses in this proxy statement/prospectus may differ from that of other companies reporting measures with similar names. You should understand how such other banking organizations calculate their financial measures similar or with names similar to the non-GAAP financial measures Independent has discussed in this proxy statement/prospectus when comparing such non-GAAP financial measures.

Tangible Book Value Per Common Share. Tangible book value is a non-GAAP measures generally used by financial analysts and investment bankers to evaluate capital adequacy. Independent calculates: (a) tangible common equity as

total stockholders' equity less goodwill and other intangible assets; and

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(b) tangible book value per common share as tangible common equity (as described in clause (a)) divided by shares of common stock outstanding. For tangible book value, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP is Independent's book value.

Independent believes that this non-GAAP financial measure is important information to be provided to you because, as do Independent's management, banking regulators, many financial analysts and other investors, you can use the tangible book value in conjunction with more traditional bank capital ratios to assess Independent's capital adequacy without the effect of Independent's goodwill and other intangible assets and compare Independent's capital adequacy with the capital adequacy of other banking organizations with significant amounts of goodwill and/or other intangible assets, which typically stem from the use of the purchase accounting method of accounting for mergers and acquisitions.

The following table presents, as of the dates set forth below, total stockholders' equity to tangible common equity and presents Independent's tangible book value per common share compared with Independent's book value per common share:

| (dollars in thousands, except per share data) | As of June 30, | | As of December 31, | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Tangible Common Equity | | | | | | |
| Total stockholders equity | \$214,182 | \$109,951 | \$124,510 | \$85,997 | \$76,044 | \$62,479 |
| Adjustments: | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | (28,742) | (24,178) | (28,714) | (11,222) | (11,222) | (11,222) |
| Core deposit intangibles | (2,899) | (3,450) | (3,251) | (2,664) | (3,231) | (1,914) |
| Tangible common equity | \$182,541 | \$ 82,323 | \$92,545 | \$72,111 | \$61,591 | \$49,343 |
| Common shares outstanding ⁽¹⁾ | 12,064,967 | 7,842,288 | 8,269,707 | 6,850,293 | 6,832,328 | 6,628,056 |
| Book value per common share | \$17.75 | \$14.02 | \$15.06 | \$12.55 | \$11.13 | \$9.42 |
| Tangible book value per common share | 15.13 | 10.50 | 11.19 | 10.53 | 9.02 | 7.44 |

(1) Independent calculates the common shares outstanding as set forth in note 5 to the tabular presentation of Independent's historical selected financial data and other information appearing above.

Tier 1 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio. Independent calculates the Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio by dividing (a) Independent's Tier 1 capital less noncommon elements, including qualifying trust preferred securities,

by (b) risk-weighted assets, which are calculated in accordance with applicable bank regulatory requirements. Applicable bank regulatory requirements do not require Independent to disclose on a recurring basis Independent's Tier 1 capital ratio. Management is currently monitoring this ratio, along with the applicable bank regulatory ratios, in evaluating Independent's capital levels and believes that, at this time, the ratio may continue to be information that may be of interest to investors and analysts and assist them in assessing the adequacy of Independent's capital and risk tolerance in view of Independent's capital position. The financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP most directly comparable to the Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio is the ratio of Independent's total stockholders equity to risk-weighted assets.

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The following table presents Independent's total stockholders' equity (on a GAAP basis) to Tier 1 capital and presents the Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio and the ratio of total stockholders' equity to risk-weighted assets as of the dates set forth below:

| (dollars in thousands) | As of June 30, | | | As of December 31, | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Tier 1 Capital | | | | | | |
| Total stockholders equity GAAP | \$ 214,182 | \$ 109,951 | \$ 124,510 | \$ 85,997 | \$ 76,044 | \$ 62,479 |
| Adjustments: | | | | | | |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on available-for-sale securities | 1,209 | (2,186) | (2,578) | (2,162) | (866) | (80) |
| Goodwill | (28,742) | (24,178) | (28,714) | (11,222) | (11,222) | (11,222) |
| Other intangibles | (2,899) | (3,450) | (3,251) | (2,664) | (3,231) | (1,914) |
| Other disallowed assets | | | | | | |
| Qualifying Restricted Core Capital Elements (TRUPS) | 17,600 | 14,100 | 17,600 | 14,100 | 14,100 | 14,100 |
| Tier 1 capital | \$ 201,350 | \$ 94,237 | \$ 107,567 | \$ 84,049 | \$ 74,825 | \$ 63,363 |
| Total Risk-weighted Assets | | | | | | |
| On balance sheet | \$ 1,437,610 | \$ 1,099,364 | \$ 1,297,795 | \$ 971,322 | \$ 834,898 | \$ 705,406 |
| Off balance sheet | 21,845 | 12,370 | 10,860 | 6,850 | 8,139 | 4,428 |
| Total risk-weighted assets | \$ 1,459,455 | \$ 1,111,734 | \$ 1,308,655 | \$ 978,172 | \$ 843,037 | \$ 709,834 |
| Total stockholders equity to risk-weighted assets ratio | 14.68% | 9.89% | 9.51% | 8.79% | 9.02% | 8.80% |
| Tier 1 common equity to risk-weighted assets ratio | 13.80 | 8.48 | 8.22 | 8.59 | 8.88 | 8.93 |

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The U.S. banking industry is highly regulated under federal and state law. Consequently, the growth and earnings performance of Independent and its subsidiaries will be affected not only by management decisions and general and local economic conditions, but also by the statutes administered by, and the regulations and policies of, various governmental regulatory authorities. These authorities include the Federal Reserve, the FDIC, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, or the OCC, the TDB, the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities. The effect of these statutes, regulations and policies, and any changes to such statutes, regulations and policies, can be significant and cannot be predicted.

The primary goals of the bank regulatory scheme are to maintain a safe and sound banking system and to facilitate the conduct of sound monetary policy. The system of supervision and regulation applicable to Independent and its subsidiaries establishes a comprehensive framework for their respective operations and is intended primarily for the protection of the FDIC's deposit insurance fund, the banks' depositors and the public, rather than Independent's shareholders or creditors. The description below summarizes certain elements of the applicable bank regulatory framework. This description is not intended to describe all laws and regulations applicable to Independent and its subsidiaries, and the description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the statutes, regulations, policies, interpretive letters and other written guidance that are described herein.

Independent as a Bank Holding Company

As a bank holding company, Independent is subject to regulation under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, or the BHC Act, and to supervision, examination and enforcement by the Federal Reserve. The BHC Act and other federal laws subject bank holding companies to particular restrictions on the types of activities in which they may engage, and to a range of supervisory requirements and activities, including regulatory enforcement actions for violations of laws and regulations. The Federal Reserve's jurisdiction also extends to any company that Independent directly or indirectly controls, such as Independent's nonbank subsidiaries and other companies in which Independent owns a controlling investment.

Regulatory Restrictions on Dividends; Source of Strength. Independent is regarded as a legal entity separate and distinct from Independent Bank. The principal source of Independent's revenues is dividends received from Independent Bank. As described in more detail below, Texas state law places limitations on the amount that state banks may pay in dividends, which Independent Bank must adhere to when paying dividends to Independent. The Federal Reserve has issued a policy statement that provides that a bank holding company should not pay dividends unless (a) its net income over the last four quarters (net of dividends paid) has been sufficient to fully fund the dividends, (b) the prospective rate of earnings retention appears to be consistent with the capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition of the bank holding company and its subsidiaries and (c) the bank holding company will continue to meet minimum required capital adequacy ratios. Accordingly, Independent should not pay cash dividends that exceed its net income in any year or that can only be funded in ways that weaken its financial strength, including by borrowing money to pay dividends.

Under Federal Reserve policy, bank holding companies have historically been required to act as a source of financial and managerial strength to each of its banking subsidiaries, and the Dodd-Frank Act codified this policy as a statutory requirement. Under this requirement, Independent is expected to commit resources to support Independent Bank, including at times when Independent may not be in a financial position to provide such resources. Any capital loans by a bank holding company to any of its subsidiary banks are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of such subsidiary banks. As discussed below, a bank holding company, in certain circumstances, could be required to guarantee the capital restoration plan of an undercapitalized banking subsidiary. If

the capital of Independent Bank were to become impaired, the Federal Reserve could assess Independent for the deficiency. If Independent failed to pay the assessment within three months, the Federal Reserve could order the sale of Independent's stock in Independent Bank to cover the deficiency.

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In the event of a bank holding company's bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, the trustee will be deemed to have assumed and will be required to cure immediately any deficit under any commitment by the debtor holding company to any of the federal banking agencies to maintain the capital of an insured depository institution, and any claim for breach of such obligation will generally have priority over most other unsecured claims.

Scope of Permissible Activities. Under the BHC Act, Independent is prohibited from acquiring a direct or indirect interest in or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company that is not a bank or financial holding company and from engaging directly or indirectly in activities other than those of banking, managing or controlling banks or furnishing services to or performing services for its subsidiary banks, except that Independent may engage in, directly or indirectly, and may own shares of companies engaged in certain activities found by the Federal Reserve to be so closely related to banking or managing and controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. These activities include, among others, operating a mortgage, finance, credit card or factoring company; performing certain data processing operations; providing investment and financial advice; acting as an insurance agent for certain types of credit-related insurance; leasing personal property on a full-payout, nonoperating basis; and providing certain stock brokerage and investment advisory services. In approving acquisitions or the addition of activities, the Federal Reserve considers, among other things, whether the acquisition or the additional activities can reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh such possible adverse effects as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest or unsound banking practices.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, also known as the Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999, effective March 11, 2000, or the GLB Act, amended the BHC Act and eliminated the barriers to affiliations among banks, securities firms, insurance companies and other financial service providers. The GLB Act permits bank holding companies to become financial holding companies and thereby affiliate with securities firms and insurance companies and engage in other activities that are financial in nature. The GLB Act defines "financial in nature" to include securities underwriting, dealing and market making; sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies; insurance underwriting and agency; merchant banking activities; and activities that the Federal Reserve has determined to be closely related to banking. No regulatory approval will be required for a financial holding company to acquire a company, other than a bank or savings association, engaged in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to activities that are financial in nature, as determined by the Federal Reserve.

Safe and Sound Banking Practices. Bank holding companies are not permitted to engage in unsafe and unsound banking practices. The Federal Reserve's Regulation Y, for example, generally requires a bank holding company to provide the Federal Reserve with prior notice of any redemption or repurchase of its own equity securities, if the consideration to be paid, together with the consideration paid for any repurchases or redemptions in the preceding year, is equal to 10% or more of the bank holding company's consolidated net worth. The Federal Reserve may oppose the transaction if it believes that the transaction would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice or would violate any law or regulation. In certain circumstances, the Federal Reserve could take the position that paying a dividend would constitute an unsafe or unsound banking practice.

The Federal Reserve has broad authority to prohibit activities of bank holding companies and their nonbanking subsidiaries which represent unsafe and unsound banking practices or which constitute violations of laws or regulations, and can assess civil money penalties for certain activities conducted on a knowing and reckless basis, if those activities caused a substantial loss to a depository institution. The penalties can be as high as one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for each day the activity continues.

Anti-Tying Restrictions. Bank holding companies and their affiliates are prohibited from tying the provision of certain services, such as extensions of credit, to other nonbanking services offered by a bank holding company or its affiliates.

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Capital Adequacy Requirements. The Federal Reserve has historically utilized a system based upon risk-based capital guidelines under a two-tier capital framework to evaluate the capital adequacy of bank holding companies. Tier 1 capital generally consists of common stockholders' equity, retained earnings, a limited amount of qualifying perpetual preferred stock, qualifying trust preferred securities and noncontrolling interests in the equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, less goodwill and certain intangibles. Tier 2 capital generally consists of certain hybrid capital instruments and perpetual debt, mandatory convertible debt securities and a limited amount of subordinated debt, qualifying preferred stock, loan loss allowance, and unrealized holding gains on certain equity securities. The regulatory capital requirements are applicable to Independent because its total consolidated assets equal more than \$500 million, and Independent Bank is subject to the capital requirements of the FDIC.

Under the guidelines, specific categories of assets are assigned different risk weights, based generally on the perceived credit risk of the asset. These risk weights are multiplied by corresponding asset balances to determine a risk-weighted asset base. The guidelines require a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8.0% (of which at least 4.0% is required to consist of Tier 1 capital elements). Total capital is the sum of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital. Risk-weighted assets exclude intangible assets such as goodwill and core deposit intangibles.

In addition to the risk-based capital guidelines, the Federal Reserve uses a leverage ratio as an additional tool to evaluate the capital adequacy of bank holding companies. The leverage ratio is a company's Tier 1 capital divided by its average total consolidated assets. Certain highly rated bank holding companies may maintain a minimum leverage ratio of 3.0%, but other bank holding companies are required to maintain a leverage ratio of at least 4.0%.

The federal banking agencies' risk-based and leverage capital ratios are minimum supervisory ratios generally applicable to banking organizations that meet certain specified criteria. Banking organizations not meeting these criteria are expected to operate with capital positions well above the minimum ratios. The federal bank regulatory agencies may set capital requirements for a particular banking organization that are higher than the minimum ratios when circumstances warrant. Federal Reserve guidelines also provide that banking organizations experiencing internal growth or making acquisitions will be expected to maintain strong capital positions substantially above the minimum supervisory levels, without significant reliance on intangible assets.

On July 2, 2013, the Federal Reserve approved a final rule implementing the revised capital standards of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, commonly known as Basel III, as well as additional capital reforms required by the Dodd-Frank Act. This final rule, once fully phased-in, requires bank holding companies and their bank subsidiaries to maintain substantially more capital, with a greater emphasis on common equity.

The new final capital framework, among other things, (i) introduces as a new capital measure Common Equity Tier 1, or CET1, (ii) specifies that Tier 1 capital consists of CET1 and Additional Tier 1 capital instruments meeting specified requirements, (iii) defines CET1 narrowly by requiring that most adjustments to regulatory capital measures be made to CET1 and not to the other components of capital and (iv) expands the scope of the adjustments as compared to existing regulations.

The new capital rule requires, when fully phased in, among other things, a new common equity Tier 1 risk-based ratio with a minimum required ratio of 4.5% of total assets and an increase in the minimum required amount of Tier 1 capital from the current level of 4% of total assets to 6% of total risk-weighted assets and the continuation of the requirement to maintain total capital of 8% of total risk-weighted assets. Moreover, the new rule requires banks to hold additional capital equal to 2.5% of total assets as a capital conservation buffer in order to avoid restrictions on certain activities, including the payment of dividends and certain bonuses. The new rule also provides for a countercyclical capital buffer, that would be added to the capital conservation buffer generally to be imposed when national regulators determine that excess aggregate credit growth becomes associated with a buildup of systemic risk.

The new rule will be implemented in stages beginning in January 2014 for large banking organizations and in January 2015 for other banking organizations.

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Proposed Liquidity Requirements. Historically, regulation and monitoring of bank and bank holding company liquidity has been addressed as a supervisory matter, without required formulaic measures. The Basel III final framework will require banks and bank holding companies to measure their liquidity against specific liquidity tests that, although similar in some respects to liquidity measures historically applied by banks and regulators for management and supervisory purposes, going forward will be required by regulation. One test, referred to as the liquidity coverage ratio, or LCR, is designed to ensure that the banking entity maintains an adequate level of unencumbered high-quality liquid assets equal to the entity's expected net cash outflow for a 30-day time horizon (or, if greater, 25% of its expected total cash outflow) under an acute liquidity stress scenario. The other, referred to as the net stable funding ratio, or NSFR, is designed to promote more medium- and long-term funding of the assets and activities of banking entities over a one-year time horizon. These requirements will incentivize banking entities to increase their holdings of U.S. Treasury securities and other sovereign debt as a component of assets and increase the use of long-term debt as a funding source. The LCR will not be introduced as a requirement until January 1, 2015, and the NSFR will not be introduced as a requirement until January 1, 2018. These new standards are subject to further rulemaking and their terms could change before implementation.

Imposition of Liability for Undercapitalized Subsidiaries. Bank regulators are required to take prompt corrective action to resolve problems associated with insured depository institutions whose capital declines below certain levels. In the event an institution becomes undercapitalized, it must submit a capital restoration plan. The capital restoration plan will not be accepted by the regulators unless each company having control of the undercapitalized institution guarantees the subsidiary's compliance with the capital restoration plan up to a certain specified amount. Any such guarantee from a depository institution's holding company is entitled to a priority of payment in bankruptcy.

The aggregate liability of the holding company of an undercapitalized bank is limited to the lesser of 5.0% of the institution's assets at the time it became undercapitalized or the amount necessary to cause the institution to be adequately capitalized. The bank regulators have greater power in situations where an institution becomes significantly or critically undercapitalized or fails to submit a capital restoration plan. For example, a bank holding company controlling such an institution can be required to obtain prior Federal Reserve approval of proposed dividends, or might be required to consent to a consolidation or to divest the troubled institution or other affiliates.

Acquisitions by Bank Holding Companies. The BHC Act requires every bank holding company to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve before it acquires all or substantially all of the assets of any bank, or ownership or control of any voting shares of any bank if after such acquisition it would own or control, directly or indirectly, more than 5% of the voting shares of such bank. In approving bank acquisitions by bank holding companies, the Federal Reserve is required to consider, among other things, the effect of the acquisition on competition, the financial condition, managerial resources and future prospects of the bank holding company and the banks concerned, the convenience and needs of the communities to be served (including the record of performance under the CRA), the effectiveness of the applicant in combating money laundering activities and the extent to which the proposed acquisition would result in greater or more concentrated risks to the stability of the U.S. banking or financial system. Independent's ability to make future acquisitions will depend on its ability to obtain approval for such acquisitions from the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve could deny Independent's application based on the above criteria or other considerations. For example, Independent could be required to sell banking centers as a condition to receiving regulatory approval, which condition may not be acceptable to Independent or, if acceptable, may reduce the benefit of a proposed acquisition.

Control Acquisitions. Federal and state laws, including the BHCA and the Change in Bank Control Act, or the CBCA, impose additional prior notice or approval requirements and ongoing regulatory requirements on any investor that seeks to acquire direct or indirect control of an FDIC-insured depository institution or bank holding company. Whether an investor controls a depository institution is based on all of the facts and circumstances surrounding the

investment. As a general matter, an investor is deemed to control a depository

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institution or other company if the investor owns or controls 25% or more of any class of voting securities. Subject to rebuttal, an investor is presumed to control a depository institution or other company if the investor owns or controls 10% or more of any class of voting securities and either the depository institution or company is a public company or no other person will hold a greater percentage of that class of voting securities after the acquisition. If an investor's ownership of Independent's voting securities were to exceed certain thresholds, the investor could be deemed to control Independent for regulatory purposes, which could subject such investor to regulatory filings or other regulatory consequences.

Regulation of Independent Bank

Independent Bank is a Texas-chartered banking association, the deposits of which are insured by the deposit insurance fund of the FDIC. Independent Bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System; therefore, Independent Bank is subject to supervision and regulation by the FDIC and the TDB. Such supervision and regulation subject Independent Bank to special restrictions, requirements, potential enforcement actions and periodic examination by the FDIC and the TDB. Because the Federal Reserve regulates Independent, the Federal Reserve also has supervisory authority which directly affects Independent Bank.

Equivalence to National Bank Powers. The Texas Constitution, as amended in 1986, provides that a Texas-chartered bank has the same rights and privileges that are or may be granted to national banks domiciled in Texas. To the extent that the Texas laws and regulations may have allowed state-chartered banks to engage in a broader range of activities than national banks, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, or the FDICIA, has operated to limit this authority. The FDICIA provides that no state bank or subsidiary thereof may engage as a principal in any activity not permitted for national banks, unless the institution complies with applicable capital requirements and the FDIC determines that the activity poses no significant risk to the deposit insurance fund of the FDIC. In general, statutory restrictions on the activities of banks are aimed at protecting the safety and soundness of depository institutions.

Financial Modernization. Under the GLB Act, a national bank may establish a financial subsidiary and engage, subject to limitations on investment, in activities that are financial in nature, other than insurance underwriting as principal, insurance company portfolio investment, real estate development, real estate investment, annuity issuance and merchant banking activities. To do so, a bank must be well capitalized, well managed and have a Community Reinvestment Act, or CRA, rating from the FDIC of satisfactory or better. Subsidiary banks of a financial holding company or national banks with financial subsidiaries must remain well capitalized and well managed in order to continue to engage in activities that are financial in nature without regulatory actions or restrictions. Such actions or restrictions could include divestiture of the financial in nature subsidiary or subsidiaries. In addition, a financial holding company or a bank may not acquire a company that is engaged in activities that are financial in nature unless each of the subsidiary banks of the financial holding company or the bank has a CRA rating of satisfactory or better.

Although the powers of state chartered banks are not specifically addressed in the GLB Act, Texas-chartered banks such as Independent Bank will have the same if not greater powers as national banks through the parity provisions contained in the Texas Constitution and other Texas statutes.

Branching. Texas law provides that a Texas-chartered bank can establish a branch anywhere in Texas provided that the branch is approved in advance by the TDB. The branch must also be approved by the FDIC, which considers a number of factors, including financial history, capital adequacy, earnings prospects, character of management, needs of the community and consistency with corporate powers. The Dodd-Frank Act permits insured state banks to engage in de novo interstate branching if the laws of the state where the new branch is to be established would permit the establishment of the branch if it were chartered by such state.

Restrictions on Transactions with Affiliates and Insiders. Transactions between Independent Bank and its nonbanking subsidiaries and/or affiliates, including Independent, are subject to Section 23A of the Federal

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Reserve Act. In general, Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act imposes limits on the amount of such transactions, and also requires certain levels of collateral for loans to affiliated parties. It also limits the amount of advances to third parties which are collateralized by the securities or obligations of Independent or its subsidiaries. Covered transactions with any single affiliate may not exceed 10% of the capital stock and surplus of Independent Bank, and covered transactions with all affiliates may not exceed, in the aggregate, 20% of Independent Bank's capital and surplus. For a bank, capital stock and surplus refers to the bank's tier 1 and tier 2 capital, as calculated under the risk-based capital guidelines, plus the balance of the allowance for credit losses excluded from tier 2 capital. Independent Bank's transactions with all of its affiliates in the aggregate are limited to 20% of the foregoing capital. Covered transactions are defined by statute to include a loan or extension of credit to an affiliate, as well as a purchase of securities issued by an affiliate, a purchase of assets (unless otherwise exempted by the Federal Reserve) from the affiliate, the acceptance of securities issued by the affiliate as collateral for a loan, and the issuance of a guarantee, acceptance or letter of credit on behalf of an affiliate. In addition, in connection with covered transactions that are extensions of credit, Independent Bank may be required to hold collateral to provide added security to Independent Bank, and the types of permissible collateral may be limited. The Dodd-Frank Act generally enhances the restrictions on transactions with affiliates, including an expansion of what types of transactions are covered transactions to include credit exposures related to derivatives, repurchase agreement and securities lending arrangements and an increase in the amount of time for which collateral requirements regarding covered transactions must be satisfied.

Affiliate transactions are also subject to Section 23B of the Federal Reserve Act which generally requires that certain transactions between Independent Bank and its affiliates be on terms substantially the same, or at least as favorable to Independent Bank, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with or involving other nonaffiliated persons. The Federal Reserve has also issued Regulation W, which codifies prior regulations under Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act and interpretive guidance with respect to affiliate transactions.

The restrictions on loans to directors, executive officers, principal shareholders and their related interests (collectively referred to herein as insiders) contained in the Federal Reserve Act and in Regulation O promulgated by the Federal Reserve apply to all insured institutions and their subsidiaries and bank holding companies. These restrictions include limits on loans to one borrower and conditions that must be met before such a loan can be made. There is also an aggregate limitation on all loans to insiders and their related interests. Generally, these loans cannot exceed the institution's total unimpaired capital and surplus, and the FDIC may determine that a lesser amount is appropriate. Loans to senior executive officers of a bank are even further restricted, generally limited to \$100,000 per senior executive officer. Insiders are subject to enforcement actions for knowingly accepting loans in violation of applicable restrictions.

Restrictions on Distribution of Subsidiary Bank Dividends and Assets. Dividends paid by Independent Bank have provided a substantial part of Independent's operating funds, and for the foreseeable future, it is anticipated that dividends paid by Independent Bank to Independent will continue to be Independent's principal source of operating funds. However, capital adequacy requirements serve to limit the amount of dividends that may be paid by Independent Bank. Under federal law, Independent Bank cannot pay a dividend if, after paying the dividend, the Surviving Bank would be undercapitalized. The FDIC may declare a dividend payment to be unsafe and unsound even though Independent Bank would continue to meet its capital requirements after payment of the dividend.

Because Independent is a legal entity separate and distinct from its subsidiaries, its right to participate in the distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon the subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization will be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary's creditors. The Federal Deposit Insurance Act, or the FDI Act, provides that, in the event of a liquidation or other resolution of an insured depository institution, the claims of depositors of the institution (including the claims of the FDIC as subrogee of insured depositors) and certain claims for administrative expenses of the FDIC as a receiver will have priority over other general unsecured claims against the institution. If Independent Bank fails,

insured and uninsured depositors, along with the FDIC, will have

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priority in payment ahead of unsecured, nondeposit creditors, including Independent, with respect to any extensions of credit it has made to Independent Bank.

Examinations. The FDIC periodically examines and evaluates state nonmember banks. Based on such an evaluation, the FDIC may revalue the assets of the institution and require that it establish specific reserves to compensate for the difference between the FDIC determined value and the book value of such assets. The TDB also conducts examinations of state banks but may accept the results of a federal examination in lieu of conducting an independent examination. In addition, the FDIC and TDB may elect to conduct a joint examination.

Audit Reports. Insured institutions with total assets of \$500 million or more must submit annual audit reports prepared by independent auditors to federal and state regulators. In some instances, the audit report of the institution's holding company can be used to satisfy this requirement. Auditors must receive examination reports, supervisory agreements and reports of enforcement actions. For institutions with total assets of \$1 billion or more, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP, management's certifications signed by Independent's and Independent Bank's chief executive officer and chief accounting or financial officer concerning management's responsibility for the financial statements, and an attestation by the auditors regarding Independent Bank's internal controls must be submitted. For institutions with total assets of more than \$3 billion, independent auditors may be required to review quarterly financial statements. The FDICIA requires that Independent Bank have an independent audit committee, consisting of outside directors only, or that Independent has an audit committee that is entirely independent. The committees of such institutions must include members with experience in banking or financial management, must have access to outside counsel and must not include representatives of large customers.

Capital Adequacy Requirements. The FDIC has adopted regulations establishing minimum requirements for the capital adequacy of insured institutions and may establish higher minimum requirements if, for example, a bank has previously received special attention or has a high susceptibility to interest rate risk. The FDIC's risk-based capital guidelines generally require state banks to have a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total risk-weighted assets of 4.0% and a ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8.0%. The capital categories have the same definitions for Independent Bank as for Independent. The FDIC's leverage guidelines require state banks to maintain Tier 1 capital of no less than 4.0% of average total assets, except in the case of certain highly rated banks for which the requirement is 3.0% of average total assets. The TDB has issued a policy which generally requires state chartered banks to maintain a leverage ratio (defined in accordance with federal capital guidelines) of 5.0%.

Corrective Measures for Capital Deficiencies. The federal banking regulators are required by the FDI Act to take prompt corrective action with respect to capital-deficient institutions that are FDIC-insured. Agency regulations define, for each capital category, the levels at which institutions are well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized. A well capitalized bank has a total risk-based capital ratio of 10.0% or higher, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.0% or higher; a leverage ratio of 5.0% or higher and is not subject to any written agreement, order or directive requiring it to maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure. An adequately capitalized bank has a total risk-based capital ratio of 8.0% or higher, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 4.0% or higher, a leverage ratio of 4.0% or higher (3.0% or higher if the bank was rated a composite 1 in its most recent examination report and is not experiencing significant growth) and does not meet the criteria for a well-capitalized bank. A bank is undercapitalized if it fails to meet any one of the ratios required to be adequately capitalized.

In addition to requiring undercapitalized institutions to submit a capital restoration plan, agency regulations contain broad restrictions on certain activities of undercapitalized institutions including asset growth, acquisitions, branch establishment and expansion into new lines of business. With certain exceptions, an insured depository institution is prohibited from making capital distributions, including dividends, and is prohibited from paying management fees to

control persons if the institution would be undercapitalized after any such distribution or payment.

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As an institution's capital decreases, the FDIC's enforcement powers become more severe. A significantly undercapitalized institution is subject to mandated capital raising activities, restrictions on interest rates paid and transactions with affiliates, removal of management and other restrictions. The FDIC has only very limited discretion in dealing with a critically undercapitalized institution and is virtually required to appoint a receiver or conservator.

Banks with risk-based capital and leverage ratios below the required minimums may also be subject to certain administrative actions, including the termination of deposit insurance upon notice and hearing, or a temporary suspension of insurance without a hearing in the event the institution has no tangible capital.

Deposit Insurance Assessments. Substantially all of the deposits of Independent Bank are insured up to applicable limits by the deposit insurance fund of the FDIC, and Independent Bank must pay deposit insurance assessments to the FDIC for such deposit insurance protection. The FDIC maintains the deposit insurance fund by designating a required reserve ratio. If the reserve ratio falls below the designated level, the FDIC must adopt a restoration plan that provides that the deposit insurance fund will return to an acceptable level generally within five years.

On December 20, 2010, the FDIC raised the minimum designated reserve ratio of the deposit insurance fund to 2.00%, which exceeded the 1.35% reserve ratio that is required by the Dodd-Frank Act. The FDIC has the discretion to set the price for deposit insurance according to the risk for all insured institutions regardless of the level of the reserve ratio. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the FDIC is required to offset the effect of the higher reserve ratio on small insured depository institutions, which are those with consolidated assets of less than \$10 billion.

The deposit insurance fund reserve ratio is maintained by assessing depository institutions and establishing an insurance premium based upon statutory factors. Under its current regulations, the FDIC imposes assessments for deposit insurance according to a depository institution's ranking in one of four risk categories based upon supervisory and capital evaluations. The assessment rate for an individual institution is determined according to a formula based on a combination of weighted average CAMELS component ratings, financial ratios and, for institutions that have long-term debt ratings, the average ratings of its long-term debt. Well-capitalized institutions (generally those with CAMELS composite ratings of 1 or 2) are grouped in Risk Category I and the initial base assessment rate for deposit insurance is set at an annual rate of between 12 and 16 basis points. The initial base assessment rate for institutions in Risk Categories II, III and IV is set at annual rates of 22, 32 and 50 basis points, respectively. These initial base assessment rates are adjusted to determine an institution's final assessment rate based on its brokered deposits, secured liabilities and unsecured debt. Total base assessment rates after adjustments range from 7 to 24 basis points for Risk Category I, 17 to 43 basis points for Risk Category II, 27 to 58 basis points for Risk Category III, and 40 to 77.5 basis points for Risk Category IV.

In November 2009, the FDIC adopted a rule that required all insured institutions, with limited exceptions, to prepay their estimated quarterly risk-based assessments for the fourth quarter of 2009 and for all of 2010, 2011 and 2012. The assessment was calculated by taking the institution's actual September 30, 2009 assessment base and adjusting it quarterly by an estimated 5% annual growth rate through the end of 2012. Each institution was required to record the entire amount of its prepaid assessment as a prepaid expense, i.e., an asset on its balance sheet, as of December 30, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, and each quarter thereafter, each institution is required to record an expense, or a charge to earnings, for its quarterly assessment invoiced on its quarterly statement and an offsetting credit to the prepaid assessment until the asset is exhausted.

On February 7, 2012, the FDIC approved a final rule that amends its existing deposit insurance funds restoration plan and implements certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. Effective as of July 1, 2012, the assessment base is determined using average consolidated total assets minus average tangible equity rather than the current assessment base of adjusted domestic deposits. Since the change will result in a much larger

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assessment base, the final rule also lowers the assessment rates in order to keep the total amount collected from financial institutions relatively unchanged from the amounts currently being collected. The new assessment rates, calculated on the revised assessment base, generally range from 2.5 to 9 basis points for Risk Category I institutions, 9 to 24 basis points for Risk Category II institutions, 18 to 33 basis points for Risk Category III institutions, and 30 to 45 basis points for Risk Category IV institutions. For large institutions (generally those with total assets of \$10 billion or more), which does not include Independent Bank, the initial base assessment rate ranges from 5 to 35 basis points on an annualized basis. After the effect of potential base-rate adjustments, the total base assessment rate could range from 2.5 to 45 basis points on an annualized basis. Assessment rates for large institutions will be calculated using a scorecard that combines CAMELS ratings and certain forward-looking financial measures to assess the risk a large institution poses to the deposit insurance fund. The new assessment rates will be calculated for the quarter beginning July 1, 2012 and reflected in invoices for assessments due September 30, 2012.

Brokered Deposit Restrictions. Adequately capitalized institutions cannot accept, renew or roll over brokered deposits, without receiving a waiver from the FDIC, and are subject to restrictions on the interest rates that can be paid on any deposits. Undercapitalized institutions may not accept, renew, or roll over brokered deposits.

Concentrated Commercial Real Estate Lending Regulations. The federal banking agencies, including the FDIC, have promulgated guidance governing financial institutions with concentrations in commercial real estate lending. The guidance provides that a bank has a concentration in commercial real estate lending if (i) total reported loans for construction, land development, and other land represent 100% or more of total capital or (ii) total reported loans secured by multifamily and nonfarm residential properties and loans for construction, land development, and other land represent 300% or more of total capital and the bank's commercial real estate loan portfolio has increased 50% or more during the prior 36 months. Owner occupied loans are excluded from this second category. If a concentration is present, management must employ heightened risk management practices that address the following key elements: including board and management oversight and strategic planning, portfolio management, development of underwriting standards, risk assessment and monitoring through market analysis and stress testing, and maintenance of increased capital levels as needed to support the level of commercial real estate lending.

Cross-Guarantee Provisions. The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, or the FIRREA, contains a cross-guarantee provision which generally makes commonly controlled insured depository institutions liable to the FDIC for any losses incurred in connection with the failure of a commonly controlled depository institution.

Community Reinvestment Act. The CRA and the regulations issued thereunder are intended to encourage banks to help meet the credit needs of their entire service area, including low and moderate income neighborhoods, consistent with the safe and sound operations of such banks. These regulations also provide for regulatory assessment of a bank's record in meeting the needs of its service area when considering applications to establish branches, merger applications and applications to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of another bank. The FIRREA requires federal banking agencies to make public a rating of a bank's performance under the CRA. In the case of a bank holding company, the CRA performance record of the banks involved in the transaction are reviewed in connection with the filing of an application to acquire ownership or control of shares or assets of a bank or to merge with any other bank holding company. An unsatisfactory CRA record could substantially delay approval or result in denial of an application.

Consumer Laws and Regulations. In addition to the laws and regulations discussed herein, Independent Bank is also subject to certain consumer laws and regulations that are designed to protect consumers in transactions with banks. While the list set forth herein is not exhaustive, these laws and regulations include the Truth in Lending Act, the Truth in Savings Act, the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, the Expedited Funds Availability Act, the Equal Credit

Opportunity Act, and the Fair Housing Act, among others. These laws and

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regulations mandate certain disclosure requirements and regulate the manner in which financial institutions must deal with customers when taking deposits or making loans to such customers. Independent Bank must comply with the applicable provisions of these consumer protection laws and regulations as part of their ongoing customer relations.

The Dodd-Frank Act created a new independent Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which will have broad authority to regulate and supervise retail financial services activities of banks, such as Independent Bank, and will have the authority to promulgate regulations, issue orders, guidance and policy statements, conduct examinations and bring enforcement actions with regard to consumer financial products and services. In general, however, banks with assets of \$10 billion or less, such as Independent Bank, will continue to be examined for consumer compliance by their primary bank regulator.

Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Legislation. A major focus of governmental policy on financial institutions in recent years has been aimed at combating money laundering and terrorist financing. The USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, or the USA Patriot Act, substantially broadened the scope of U.S. anti-money laundering laws and regulations by imposing significant new compliance and due diligence obligations, creating new crimes and penalties and expanding the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the United States. The U.S. Treasury Department has issued and, in some cases, proposed a number of regulations that apply various requirements of the USA Patriot Act to financial institutions. These regulations impose obligations on financial institutions to maintain appropriate policies, procedures and controls to detect, prevent and report money laundering and terrorist financing and to verify the identity of their customers. Certain of those regulations impose specific due diligence requirements on financial institutions that maintain correspondent or private banking relationships with non-U.S. financial institutions or persons. Failure of a financial institution to maintain and implement adequate programs to combat money laundering and terrorist financing, or to comply with all of the relevant laws or regulations, could have serious legal and reputational consequences for the institution.

Office of Foreign Assets Control Regulation. The United States has imposed economic sanctions that affect transactions with designated foreign countries, nationals and others. These are typically known as the OFAC rules based on their administration by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC. The OFAC-administered sanctions targeting certain countries take many different forms. Generally, however, they contain one or more of the following elements: (i) restrictions on trade with or investment in a sanctioned country, including prohibitions against direct or indirect imports from and exports to a sanctioned country and prohibitions on U.S. persons engaging in financial transactions relating to making investments in, or providing investment-related advice or assistance to, a sanctioned country; and (ii) a blocking of assets in which the government or specially designated nationals of the sanctioned country have an interest, by prohibiting transfers of property subject to a U.S. jurisdiction (including property in the possession or control of U.S. persons). Blocked assets (e.g., property and bank deposits) cannot be paid out, withdrawn, set off or transferred in any manner without a license from OFAC. Failure to comply with these sanctions could have serious legal and reputational consequences.

Privacy. In addition to expanding the activities in which banks and bank holding companies may engage, the GLB Act also imposed new requirements on financial institutions with respect to customer privacy. The GLB Act generally prohibits disclosure of customer information to nonaffiliated third parties unless the customer has been given the opportunity to object and has not objected to such disclosure. Financial institutions are further required to disclose their privacy policies to customers annually. Financial institutions, however, are required to comply with state law if it is more protective of customer privacy than the GLB Act.

The USA Patriot Act. The USA Patriot Act is intended to strengthen U.S. law enforcement's and the intelligence community's ability to work cohesively to combat terrorism on a variety of fronts. The potential impact of the USA Patriot Act on financial institutions of all kinds is significant and wide ranging. The USA Patriot Act requires financial

institutions to prohibit correspondent accounts with foreign shell banks, establish an anti-money laundering program that includes employee training and an independent audit, follow minimum

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standards for identifying customers and maintaining records of the identification information and make regular comparisons of customers against agency lists of suspected terrorists, their organizations and money launderers.

Changes in Laws, Regulations or Policies

In light of current conditions and the market outlook for continuing weak economic conditions, regulators have increased their focus on the regulation of financial institutions. From time to time, various legislative and regulatory initiatives are introduced in Congress and state legislatures. Such initiatives may change banking statutes and the operating environment of Independent and Independent Bank in substantial and unpredictable ways. Independent cannot determine the ultimate effect that any potential legislation, if enacted, or implementing regulations with respect thereto, would have, upon the financial condition or results of operations of Independent or Independent Bank. A change in statutes, regulations or regulatory policies applicable to Independent or Independent Bank could have a material effect on the financial condition, results of operations or business of Independent and Independent Bank.

Dodd-Frank Act. In July 2010, Congress enacted the Dodd-Frank Act regulatory reform legislation, which President Obama signed into law on July 21, 2010. This new law broadly affects the financial services industry by implementing changes to the financial regulatory landscape aimed at strengthening the sound operation of the financial services sector, including provisions that, among other things, has created a new agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (as discussed above), and will:

- apply the same leverage and risk based capital requirements that apply to insured depository institutions to most bank holding companies, which, among other things, will require Independent to deduct all trust preferred securities issued on or after May 19, 2010 from Independent's Tier 1 capital (existing trust preferred securities issued prior to May 19, 2010 for all bank holding companies with less than \$15.0 billion in total consolidated assets as of December 31, 2009 are exempt from this requirement);
- broaden the base for FDIC insurance assessments from the amount of insured deposits to average total consolidated assets less average tangible equity during the assessment period (subject to risk-based adjustments that would further reduce the assessment base for custodial banks) rather than domestic deposits;
- permanently increase FDIC deposit insurance maximum to \$250,000 and provide unlimited FDIC deposit insurance beginning December 31, 2010 until January 1, 2013 for noninterest bearing demand transaction accounts at all insured depository institutions;
- eliminate the upper limit for the reserve ratio designated by the FDIC each year, increase the minimum designated reserve ratio of the deposit insurance fund from 1.15% to 1.35% of the estimated amount of total insured deposits by September 30, 2020 and eliminate the requirement that the FDIC pay dividends to depository institutions when the reserve ratio exceeds certain thresholds;
- permit banks to engage in de novo interstate branching if the laws of the state where the new branch is to be established would permit the establishment of the branch if it were chartered by such state;

- repeal the federal prohibitions on the payment of interest on demand deposits, thereby permitting depository institutions to pay interest on business transaction and other accounts;
- eliminate the ceiling and increase the floor on the size of the FDIC's deposit insurance fund;
- implement corporate governance revisions, including with regard to executive compensation and proxy access by shareholders, that apply to all public companies, not just financial institutions; and
- increase the authority of the Federal Reserve to examine Independent and any nonbank subsidiaries.

In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act addresses many investor protection, corporate governance and executive compensation matters that will affect publicly traded companies. However, under the JOBS Act there are certain exceptions to these requirements for so long as a publicly traded qualifies as an emerging growth company.

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Independent's management is actively reviewing the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act and assessing its probable impact on its business, financial condition, and results of operations. Provisions in the Dodd-Frank Act that affect deposit insurance assessments and payment of interest on demand deposits could increase the costs associated with deposits as well as place limitations on certain revenues those deposits may generate. Provisions in the legislation that revoke the Tier 1 capital treatment of newly issued trust preferred securities could require Independent to seek other sources of capital in the future. Many aspects of the Dodd-Frank Act are subject to rulemaking and will take effect over several years, making it difficult to anticipate the overall financial impact on Independent, its customers or the financial industry more generally.

Incentive Compensation. In June 2010, the Federal Reserve, the OCC and the FDIC issued comprehensive final guidance on incentive compensation policies intended to ensure that the incentive compensation policies of banking organizations do not undermine the safety and soundness of such organizations by encouraging excessive risk-taking. The guidance, which covers all employees that have the ability to materially affect the risk profile of an organization, either individually or as part of a group, is based upon the key principles that a banking organization's incentive compensation arrangements should (i) provide incentives that do not encourage risk-taking beyond the organization's ability to effectively identify and manage risks, (ii) be compatible with effective internal controls and risk management, and (iii) be supported by strong corporate governance, including active and effective oversight by the organization's board of directors. Also, on February 7, 2012, the FDIC proposed an interagency rule to implement certain incentive compensation requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act. Under the proposed rule, financial institutions must prohibit incentive-based compensation arrangements that encourage inappropriate risk taking that are deemed excessive or that may lead to material losses.

The Federal Reserve will review, as part of the regular, risk-focused examination process, the incentive compensation arrangements of banking organizations, such as Independent, that are not large, complex banking organizations. These reviews will be tailored to each organization based on the scope and complexity of the organization's activities and the prevalence of incentive compensation arrangements. The findings of the supervisory initiatives will be included in reports of examination. Deficiencies will be incorporated into the organization's supervisory ratings, which can affect the organization's ability to make acquisitions and take other actions. Enforcement actions may be taken against a banking organization if its incentive compensation arrangements, or related risk-management control or governance processes, pose a risk to the organization's safety and soundness and the organization is not taking prompt and effective measures to correct the deficiencies.

Enforcement Powers of Federal and State Banking Agencies

The federal banking agencies have broad enforcement powers, including the power to terminate deposit insurance, impose substantial fines and other civil and criminal penalties, and appoint a conservator or receiver. Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and supervisory agreements could subject Independent or Independent Bank and their subsidiaries, as well as their respective officers, directors, and other institution-affiliated parties, to administrative sanctions and potentially substantial civil money penalties. In addition to the grounds discussed above under Corrective Measures for Capital Deficiencies, the appropriate federal banking agency may appoint the FDIC as conservator or receiver for a banking institution (or the FDIC may appoint itself, under certain circumstances) if any one or more of a number of circumstances exist, including, without limitation, the fact that the banking institution is undercapitalized and has no reasonable prospect of becoming adequately capitalized, fails to become adequately capitalized when required to do so, fails to submit a timely and acceptable capital restoration plan or materially fails to implement an accepted capital restoration plan. The TDB also has broad enforcement powers over Independent Bank, including the power to impose orders, remove officers and directors, impose fines and appoint supervisors and conservators.

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Effect on Economic Environment

The policies of regulatory authorities, including the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve, have a significant effect on the operating results of bank holding companies and their subsidiaries. Among the means available to the Federal Reserve to affect the money supply are open market operations in U.S. government securities, changes in the discount rate on member bank borrowings, and changes in reserve requirements against member bank deposits. These means are used in varying combinations to influence overall growth and distribution of bank loans, investments and deposits, and their use may affect interest rates charged on loans or paid for deposits.

Federal Reserve monetary policies have materially affected the operating results of commercial banks in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future. The nature of future monetary policies and the effect of such policies on the business and earnings of Independent and its subsidiaries cannot be predicted.

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Live Oak Financial was incorporated as a Texas corporation in 2001 to serve as a bank holding company for Live Oak Bank. Live Oak Financial does not, as an entity, engage in separate business activities of a material nature apart from the activities it performs for Live Oak Bank. Its primary activities are to provide assistance in the management and coordination of Live Oak Bank's financial resources. Live Oak Financial has no significant assets other than all of the outstanding common stock of Live Oak Bank. Live Oak Financial derives its revenues primarily from the operations of Live Oak Bank in the form of dividends received from Live Oak Bank. Live Oak Bank is a Texas banking association that was chartered in 2001.

As a bank holding company, Live Oak Financial is subject to supervision and regulation by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or Federal Reserve, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the BHC Act and by the rules and regulations issued by the Federal Reserve.

As of June 30, 2013, Live Oak Financial had, on a consolidated basis, total assets of \$122.7 million, total deposits of \$103.8 million, total loans (net of unearned discount and allowance for loan losses) of \$69.9 million, and total shareholders' equity of \$13.9 million. Live Oak Financial does not file reports with the SEC. Live Oak Financial does, however, voluntarily provide annual reports, including audited financial statements, to its shareholders at its annual meeting.

Products and Services

Live Oak Bank is a traditional commercial bank offering a wide variety of services to satisfy the needs of the consumer and commercial customers in the area. Live Oak Bank offers most types of loans for any legitimate purpose, including loans to small- and medium-sized businesses for the purpose of purchasing equipment, inventory, facilities or for working capital. Consumer loans offered include loans for the purpose of purchasing automobiles, recreational vehicles, personal residences, household goods, home improvements or for educational needs. Live Oak Bank also offers depository services and various checking account services. Travelers checks, money orders and wire transfer services are also available. Live Oak Bank's business is not seasonal in any material respect.

Market Area

Live Oak Bank operates from its home office at 3206 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas. Live Oak Bank's business is not dependent on one or a few major customers.

Competition

The table below lists Live Oak Bank's deposit market share as of June 30, 2013, for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Statistical Area, or MSA, which is the only market in which Live Oak Bank provides services.

| Market Area | Market Rank | Branch Count | Deposits In Market (in thousands) | Market Share (%) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington | 100 of 171 | 1 | \$ 103,923 | 0.06 |

Each activity in which Live Oak Financial is engaged involves competition with other banks, as well as with nonbanking financial institutions and nonfinancial enterprises. In addition to competing with other commercial banks within and outside its primary service area, Live Oak Financial competes with other financial institutions engaged in the business of making loans or accepting deposits, such as savings and loan associations,

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credit unions, industrial loan associations, insurance companies, small loan companies, financial companies, mortgage companies, real estate investment trusts, certain governmental agencies, credit card organizations and other enterprises. Live Oak Financial also competes with suppliers of equipment in furnishing equipment financing. Banks and other financial institutions with which Live Oak Financial competes may have capital resources and legal loan limits substantially higher than those maintained by Live Oak Financial.

Employees

As of June 30, 2013, Live Oak Financial had 17 full-time equivalent employees, none of whom is covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Legal Proceedings

There are no threatened or pending legal proceedings against Live Oak Financial.

Table of Contents**MANAGEMENT****Executive Officers and Directors**

The following table sets forth the name, age and position with Independent of each of Independent's directors and executive officers. The business address for all of these individuals is 1600 Redbud Boulevard, Suite 400, McKinney, Texas 75069-3257.

| Name | Age | Position with Independent |
|------------------------------------|------------|--|
| David R. Brooks ⁽¹⁾ | 54 | Chairman of the Board, CEO and Director |
| Torry Berntsen ⁽¹⁾ | 55 | President, Chief Operating Officer and Director |
| Daniel W. Brooks | 53 | Vice Chairman, Chief Risk Officer and Director |
| Brian E. Hobart | 48 | Vice Chairman and Chief Lending Officer |
| Michelle S. Hickox | 46 | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer |
| Jan C. Webb | 54 | Executive Vice President and Secretary |
| M. Brian Aynesworth ⁽²⁾ | 46 | Director |
| Douglas A. Cifu ⁽³⁾ | 48 | Director |
| William E. Fair ⁽⁴⁾ | 51 | Director |
| Craig E. Holmes ⁽⁵⁾ | 56 | |