

***The Federal Reserve  
Bank of St. Louis***

*Financial Statements as of and for the Years Ended  
December 31, 2012 and 2011 and  
Independent Auditors' Report*

# THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS

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### **Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

March 14, 2013

To the Board of Directors

The management of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Bank) is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Statements of Condition as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income, and Statements of Changes in Capital for the years then ended (the financial statements). The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles, policies, and practices established by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as set forth in the *Financial Accounting Manual for Federal Reserve Banks* (FAM), and, as such, include some amounts that are based on management judgments and estimates. To our knowledge, the financial statements are, in all material respects, fairly presented in conformity with the accounting principles, policies and practices documented in the FAM and include all disclosures necessary for such fair presentation.

The management of the Bank is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting as it relates to the financial statements. The Bank's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with the FAM. The Bank's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the Bank's assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with FAM, and that the Bank's receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of its management and directors; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Bank's assets that could have a material effect on its financial statements.

Even effective internal control, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error, and therefore can provide only reasonable assurance with respect

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to the preparation of reliable financial statements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

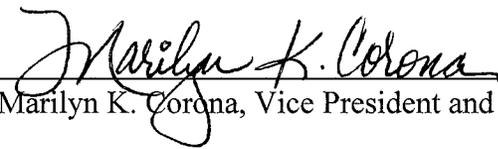
The management of the Bank assessed its internal control over financial reporting based upon the criteria established in the "*Internal Control – Integrated Framework*" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, we believe that the Bank maintained effective internal control over financial reporting.



James Bullard, President and Chief Executive Officer



David A. Sapenaro, First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer



Marilyn K. Corona, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System  
and the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis ("FRB St. Louis"), which are comprised of the statements of condition as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statements of income and comprehensive income, and of changes in capital for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. We also have audited the FRB St. Louis' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

### Management's Responsibility

The FRB St. Louis' management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles established by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board") as described in Note 3 to the financial statements. The Board has determined that this basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the FRB St. Louis' financial statements in the circumstances. The FRB St. Louis' management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The FRB St. Louis' management is also responsible for its assertion of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and an opinion on the FRB St. Louis' internal control over financial reporting based on our audits. We conducted our audits of the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and we conducted our audit of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in accordance with the auditing standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

An audit of the financial statements involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the FRB St. Louis' preparation and fair presentation of the financial

statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit of the financial statements also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. An audit of internal control over financial reporting involves obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Definition of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The FRB St. Louis' internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the FRB St. Louis' principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the FRB St. Louis' board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the accounting principles established by the Board. The FRB St. Louis' internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the FRB St. Louis; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles established by the Board, and that receipts and expenditures of the FRB St. Louis are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the FRB St. Louis; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection and correction of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the FRB St. Louis' assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

### **Inherent Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

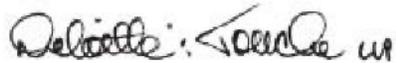
Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the FRB St. Louis as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of its operations for the years then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 3 to the financial statements. Also, in our opinion, the FRB St. Louis maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

## **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 3 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The FRB St. Louis has prepared these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles established by the Board, as set forth in the *Financial Accounting Manual for Federal Reserve Banks*, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on such financial statements of the differences between the accounting principles established by the Board and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are also described in Note 3 to the financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deloitte" followed by a stylized mark and the letters "WR".

March 14, 2013

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### Abbreviations:

ACH	Automated clearinghouse
ASC	Accounting Standards Codification
ASU	Accounting Standards Update
BEP	Benefit Equalization Retirement Plan
Bureau	Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection
FAM	<i>Financial Accounting Manual for Federal Reserve Banks</i>
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
Fannie Mae	Federal National Mortgage Association
Freddie Mac	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
FOMC	Federal Open Market Committee
FRBNY	Federal Reserve Bank of New York
GAAP	Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
GSE	Government-sponsored enterprise
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MBS	Mortgage-backed securities
OEB	Office of Employee Benefits of the Federal Reserve System
OFR	Office of Financial Research
SDR	Special drawing rights
SERP	Supplemental Retirement Plan for Select Officers of the Federal Reserve Banks
SOMA	System Open Market Account
TBA	To be announced
TDF	Term Deposit Facility

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS**  
**STATEMENTS OF CONDITION**  
As of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011  
(in millions)

	2012	2011
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Gold certificates	\$ 313	\$ 319
Special drawing rights certificates	150	150
Coin	35	34
System Open Market Account:		
Treasury securities, net (of which \$143 million and \$286 million is lent as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively)	28,285	33,128
Government-sponsored enterprise debt securities, net (of which \$11 million and \$24 million is lent as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively)	1,243	2,041
Federal agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities, net	14,857	16,055
Foreign currency denominated assets, net	204	211
Central bank liquidity swaps	73	814
Accrued interest receivable	296	373
Bank premises and equipment, net	145	150
Items in process of collection	1	5
Interdistrict settlement account	958	-
Other assets	41	35
Total assets	\$ 46,601	\$ 53,315
<u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</u>		
Federal Reserve notes outstanding, net	\$ 33,538	\$ 29,899
System Open Market Account:		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,676	1,891
Other liabilities	50	26
Deposits:		
Depository institutions	10,739	12,012
Other deposits	-	1
Interest payable to depository institutions	2	1
Accrued benefit costs	104	92
Deferred credit items	-	36
Accrued interest on Federal Reserve notes	27	53
Interdistrict settlement account	-	8,856
Other liabilities	9	8
Total liabilities	46,145	52,875
Capital paid-in	228	220
Surplus (including accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$19 million and \$11 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively)	228	220
Total capital	456	440
Total liabilities and capital	\$ 46,601	\$ 53,315

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
For the years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011  
(in millions)

	2012	2011
<u>INTEREST INCOME</u>		
System Open Market Account:		
Treasury securities, net	\$ 769	\$ 870
Government-sponsored enterprise debt securities, net	44	65
Federal agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities, net	524	804
Foreign currency denominated assets, net	1	2
Central bank liquidity swaps	2	-
Total interest income	1,340	1,741
<u>INTEREST EXPENSE</u>		
System Open Market Account:		
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	2	1
Deposits:		
Depository institutions	33	30
Total interest expense	35	31
Net interest income	1,305	1,710
<u>NON-INTEREST INCOME</u>		
System Open Market Account:		
Treasury securities gains, net	217	43
Federal agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities gains, net	4	-
Foreign currency translation (losses) gains, net	(9)	1
Compensation received for service costs provided	3	3
Reimbursable services to government agencies	111	106
Other	1	1
Total non-interest income	327	154
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries and benefits	121	112
Occupancy	13	13
Equipment	6	6
Assessments:		
Board of Governors operating expenses and currency costs	28	24
Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and Office of Financial Research	3	3
Other	95	89
Total operating expenses	266	247
Net income before interest on Federal Reserve notes expense remitted to Treasury	1,366	1,617
Interest on Federal Reserve notes expense remitted to Treasury	1,337	1,599
Net income	29	18
Change in prior service costs and actuarial losses related to benefit plans	(8)	(1)
Total other comprehensive loss	(8)	(1)
Comprehensive income	\$ 21	\$ 17

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN CAPITAL**  
For the years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011  
(in millions, except share data)

	Surplus				
	Capital paid-in	Net income retained	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total surplus	Total capital
Balance at December 31, 2010 (4,323,320 shares)	\$ 216	\$ 226	\$ (10)	\$ 216	\$ 432
Net change in capital stock issued (76,669 shares)	4	-	-	-	4
Comprehensive income:					
Net income	-	18	-	18	18
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)
Dividends on capital stock	-	(13)	-	(13)	(13)
Net change in capital	4	5	(1)	4	8
Balance at December 31, 2011 (4,399,989 shares)	\$ 220	\$ 231	\$ (11)	\$ 220	\$ 440
Net change in capital stock issued (162,012 shares)	8	-	-	-	8
Comprehensive income:					
Net income	-	29	-	29	29
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	(8)	(8)	(8)
Dividends on capital stock	-	(13)	-	(13)	(13)
Net change in capital	8	16	(8)	8	16
Balance at December 31, 2012 (4,562,001 shares)	\$ 228	\$ 247	\$ (19)	\$ 228	\$ 456

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**1. STRUCTURE**

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Bank) is part of the Federal Reserve System (System) and is one of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks (Reserve Banks) created by Congress under the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 (Federal Reserve Act), which established the central bank of the United States. The Reserve Banks are chartered by the federal government and possess a unique set of governmental, corporate, and central bank characteristics. The Bank serves the Eighth Federal Reserve District, which includes Arkansas, and portions of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

In accordance with the Federal Reserve Act, supervision and control of the Bank is exercised by a board of directors. The Federal Reserve Act specifies the composition of the board of directors for each of the Reserve Banks. Each board is composed of nine members serving three-year terms: three directors, including those designated as chairman and deputy chairman, are appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board of Governors) to represent the public, and six directors are elected by member banks. Banks that are members of the System include all national banks and any state-chartered banks that apply and are approved for membership. Member banks are divided into three classes according to size. Member banks in each class elect one director representing member banks and one representing the public. In any election of directors, each member bank receives one vote, regardless of the number of shares of Reserve Bank stock it holds.

In addition to the 12 Reserve Banks, the System also consists, in part, of the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC). The Board of Governors, an independent federal agency, is charged by the Federal Reserve Act with a number of specific duties, including general supervision over the Reserve Banks. The FOMC is composed of members of the Board of Governors, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY), and, on a rotating basis, four other Reserve Bank presidents.

**2. OPERATIONS AND SERVICES**

The Reserve Banks perform a variety of services and operations. These functions include participating in formulating and conducting monetary policy; participating in the payment system, including large-dollar transfers of funds, automated clearinghouse (ACH) operations, and check collection; distributing coin and currency; performing fiscal agency functions for the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), certain federal agencies, and other entities; serving as the federal government's bank; providing short-term loans to depository institutions; providing loans to participants in programs or facilities with broad-based eligibility in unusual and exigent circumstances; serving consumers and communities by providing educational materials and information regarding financial consumer protection rights and laws and information on community development programs and activities; and supervising bank holding companies, state member banks, savings and loan holding companies, U.S. offices of foreign banking organizations, and designated financial market utilities pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Governors. Certain services are provided to foreign and international monetary authorities, primarily by the FRBNY.

The FOMC, in conducting monetary policy, establishes policy regarding domestic open market operations, oversees these operations, and issues authorizations and directives to the FRBNY to execute transactions. The FOMC authorizes and directs the FRBNY to conduct operations in domestic markets, including the direct purchase and sale of Treasury securities, government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) debt securities, federal agency and GSE mortgage-backed securities (MBS), the purchase of these securities under agreements to resell, and the sale of these securities under agreements to repurchase. The FRBNY holds the resulting securities and agreements in a portfolio known as the System Open Market Account (SOMA). The FRBNY is authorized and directed to lend the Treasury securities and federal agency and GSE debt securities that are held in the SOMA.

To counter disorderly conditions in foreign exchange markets or to meet other needs specified by the FOMC to carry out the System's central bank responsibilities, the FOMC has authorized and directed the FRBNY to execute spot and forward foreign exchange transactions in 14 foreign currencies, to hold balances in those

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currencies, and to invest such foreign currency holdings, while maintaining adequate liquidity. The FOMC has also authorized the FRBNY to maintain reciprocal currency arrangements with the Bank of Canada and the Bank of Mexico in the maximum amounts of \$2 billion and \$3 billion, respectively, and to warehouse foreign currencies for the Treasury and the Exchange Stabilization Fund.

Because of the global character of funding markets, the System has at times coordinated with other central banks to provide temporary liquidity. In May 2010, the FOMC authorized and directed the FRBNY to establish temporary U.S. dollar liquidity swap arrangements with the Bank of Canada, the Bank of England, the European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan, and the Swiss National Bank through January 2011. Subsequently, the FOMC authorized and directed the FRBNY to extend these arrangements through February 1, 2013. In December, 2012, the FOMC authorized and directed the FRBNY to extend these arrangements through February 1, 2014. In addition, in November 2011, as a contingency measure, the FOMC authorized the FRBNY to establish temporary bilateral foreign currency liquidity swap arrangements, with the Bank of Canada, the Bank of England, the European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan, and the Swiss National Bank so that liquidity can be provided to U.S. institutions in any of their currencies if necessary. In December 2012, the FOMC authorized the FRBNY to extend these temporary bilateral foreign currency liquidity swap arrangements through February 1, 2014.

Although the Reserve Banks are separate legal entities, they collaborate on the delivery of certain services to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness. This collaboration takes the form of centralized operations and product or function offices that have responsibility for the delivery of certain services on behalf of the Reserve Banks. Various operational and management models are used and are supported by service agreements between the Reserve Banks. In some cases, costs incurred by a Reserve Bank for services provided to other Reserve Banks are not shared; in other cases, the Reserve Banks are reimbursed for costs incurred in providing services to other Reserve Banks. Major services provided by the Bank on behalf of the System and for which the costs were not reimbursed by the other Reserve Banks include operation of the Treasury Relations and Support Office and the Treasury Relations and Systems Support Department, which provide services to the Treasury. These services include: relationship management, strategic consulting, and monitoring of Federal Reserve System operations and technology support for the Treasury. In addition, operational support is provided for the Treasury's cash management and accounting functions.

### **3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Accounting principles for entities with the unique powers and responsibilities of the nation's central bank have not been formulated by accounting standard-setting bodies. The Board of Governors has developed specialized accounting principles and practices that it considers to be appropriate for the nature and function of a central bank. These accounting principles and practices are documented in the *Financial Accounting Manual for Federal Reserve Banks* (FAM), which is issued by the Board of Governors. The Reserve Banks are required to adopt and apply accounting policies and practices that are consistent with the FAM and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the FAM.

Limited differences exist between the accounting principles and practices in the FAM and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), due to the unique nature of the Bank's powers and responsibilities as part of the nation's central bank and given the System's unique responsibility to conduct monetary policy. The primary differences are the presentation of all SOMA securities holdings at amortized cost and the recording of all SOMA securities on a settlement-date basis. Amortized cost, rather than the fair value presentation, more appropriately reflects the Bank's securities holdings given the System's unique responsibility to conduct monetary policy. Although the application of fair value measurements to the securities holdings may result in values substantially greater or less than their carrying values, these unrealized changes in value have no direct effect on the quantity of reserves available to the banking system or on the ability of the Reserve Banks, as the central bank, to meet their financial obligations and responsibilities. Both the domestic and foreign components of the SOMA portfolio may involve transactions that result in gains or losses when holdings are sold before maturity. Decisions regarding securities and foreign currency transactions, including their purchase and sale, are motivated by monetary policy objectives rather than profit.

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Accordingly, fair values, earnings, and gains or losses resulting from the sale of such securities and currencies are incidental to open market operations and do not motivate decisions related to policy or open market activities. Accounting for these securities on a settlement-date basis, rather than the trade-date basis required by GAAP, better reflects the timing of the transaction's effect on the quantity of reserves in the banking system. The cost bases of Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, and foreign government debt instruments are adjusted for amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts on a straight-line basis, rather than using the interest method required by GAAP. SOMA securities holdings are evaluated for credit impairment periodically.

In addition, the Bank does not present a Statement of Cash Flows as required by GAAP because the liquidity and cash position of the Bank are not a primary concern given the Reserve Banks' unique powers and responsibilities as a central bank. Other information regarding the Bank's activities is provided in, or may be derived from, the Statements of Condition, Income and Comprehensive Income, and Changes in Capital, and the accompanying notes to the financial statements. Other than those described above, there are no significant differences between the policies outlined in the FAM and GAAP.

Preparing the financial statements in conformity with the FAM requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The presentation of "Dividends on capital stock" and "Interest on Federal Reserve notes expense remitted to Treasury" in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income for the year ended December 31, 2011 has been revised to conform to the current year presentation format. In addition, the presentation of "Comprehensive income" and "Dividends on capital stock" in the Statements of Changes in Capital for the year ended December 31, 2011 have been revised to conform to the current year presentation format. The revised presentation of "Dividends on capital stock" and "Interest on Federal Reserve notes expense remitted to Treasury" better reflects the nature of these items and results in a more consistent treatment of the amounts presented in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income and the related balances presented in the Statements of Condition. As a result of the change to report "Interest on Federal Reserve Notes expense remitted to Treasury" as an expense, the amount reported as "Comprehensive Income" for the year ended December 31, 2011 has been revised. Significant accounts and accounting policies are explained below.

**a. Consolidation**

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank Act) established the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) as an independent bureau within the System that has supervisory authority over some institutions previously supervised by the Reserve Banks in connection with those institutions' compliance with consumer protection statutes. Section 1017 of the Dodd-Frank Act provides that the financial statements of the Bureau are not to be consolidated with those of the Board of Governors or the System. Section 152 of the Dodd-Frank Act established the Office of Financial Research (OFR) within the Treasury. The Board of Governors funds the Bureau and OFR through assessments on the Reserve Banks as required by the Dodd-Frank Act. The Reserve Banks reviewed the law and evaluated the design of and their relationships to the Bureau and the OFR and determined that neither should be consolidated in the Bank's financial statements.

**b. Gold and Special Drawing Rights Certificates**

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue gold and special drawing rights (SDR) certificates to the Reserve Banks. Upon authorization, the Reserve Banks acquire gold certificates by crediting equivalent amounts in dollars to the account established for the Treasury. The gold certificates held by the Reserve Banks are required to be backed by the gold owned by the Treasury. The Treasury may reacquire the gold certificates at any time and the Reserve Banks must deliver them to the Treasury. At such time, the Treasury's account is charged, and the Reserve Banks' gold certificate accounts are reduced. The value of gold for purposes of backing the gold certificates is set by law at \$42 2/9 per fine troy ounce. Gold

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certificates are recorded by the Banks at original cost. The Board of Governors allocates the gold certificates among the Reserve Banks once a year based on each Reserve Bank's average Federal Reserve notes outstanding during the preceding calendar year.

SDRs are issued by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to its members in proportion to each member's quota in the IMF at the time of issuance. SDRs serve as a supplement to international monetary reserves and may be transferred from one national monetary authority to another. Under the law providing for U.S. participation in the SDR system, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue SDR certificates to the Reserve Banks. When SDR certificates are issued to the Reserve Banks, equivalent amounts in U.S. dollars are credited to the account established for the Treasury and the Reserve Banks' SDR certificate accounts are increased. The Reserve Banks are required to purchase SDR certificates, at the direction of the Treasury, for the purpose of financing SDR acquisitions or for financing exchange stabilization operations. At the time SDR certificate transactions occur, the Board of Governors allocates the SDR certificates among the Reserve Banks based upon each Reserve Bank's Federal Reserve notes outstanding at the end of the preceding calendar year. SDR certificates are recorded by the Banks at original cost. There were no SDR certificate transactions during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

**c. Coin**

The amount reported as coin in the Statements of Condition represents the face value of all United States coin held by the Bank. The Bank buys coin at face value from the U.S. Mint in order to fill depository institution orders.

**d. Loans**

Loans to depository institutions are reported at their outstanding principal balances, and interest income is recognized on an accrual basis.

Loans are impaired when current information and events indicate that it is probable that the Bank will not receive the principal and interest that are due in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans are evaluated to determine whether an allowance for loan loss is required. The Bank has developed procedures for assessing the adequacy of any allowance for loan losses using all available information to identify incurred losses. This assessment includes monitoring information obtained from banking supervisors, borrowers, and other sources to assess the credit condition of the borrowers and, as appropriate, evaluating collateral values. Generally, the Bank would discontinue recognizing interest income on impaired loans until the borrower's repayment performance demonstrates principal and interest would be received in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement. If the Bank discontinues recording interest on an impaired loan, cash payments are first applied to principal until the loan balance is reduced to zero; subsequent payments are applied as recoveries of amounts previously deemed uncollectible, if any, and then as interest income.

**e. *Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell, Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase, and Securities Lending***

The FRBNY may engage in purchases of securities with primary dealers under agreements to resell (repurchase transactions). These repurchase transactions are settled through a triparty arrangement. In a triparty arrangement, two commercial custodial banks manage the collateral clearing, settlement, pricing, and pledging, and provide cash and securities custodial services for and on behalf of the FRBNY and counterparty. The collateral pledged must exceed the principal amount of the transaction by a margin determined by the FRBNY for each class and maturity of acceptable collateral. Collateral designated by the FRBNY as acceptable under repurchase transactions primarily includes Treasury securities (including Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities and Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities Treasury securities); direct obligations of several federal and GSE-related agencies, including Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac); and pass-through MBS of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Government National Mortgage

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Association. The repurchase transactions are accounted for as financing transactions with the associated interest income recognized over the life of the transaction. These transactions are reported at their contractual amounts as “System Open Market Account: Securities purchased under agreements to resell”, if material, and the related accrued interest receivable is reported as a component of “Other assets” in the Statements of Condition.

The FRBNY may engage in sales of securities under agreements to repurchase (reverse repurchase transactions) with primary dealers and selected money market funds. The list of eligible counterparties was expanded to include GSEs, effective in July 2011, and bank and savings institutions, effective in December 2011. These reverse repurchase transactions may be executed through a triparty arrangement as an open market operation, similar to repurchase transactions. Reverse repurchase transactions may also be executed with foreign official and international account holders as part of a service offering. Reverse repurchase agreements are collateralized by a pledge of an amount of Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, and federal agency and GSE MBS that are held in the SOMA. Reverse repurchase transactions are accounted for as financing transactions, and the associated interest expense is recognized over the life of the transaction. These transactions are reported at their contractual amounts as “System Open Market Account: Securities sold under agreements to repurchase” and the related accrued interest payable is reported as a component of “Other liabilities” in the Statements of Condition.

Treasury securities and GSE debt securities held in the SOMA may be lent to primary dealers to facilitate the effective functioning of the domestic securities markets. The amortized cost basis of securities lent continues to be reported as “Treasury securities, net” and “Government-sponsored enterprise debt securities, net,” as appropriate, in the Statements of Condition. Overnight securities lending transactions are fully collateralized by Treasury securities that have fair values in excess of the securities lent. The FRBNY charges the primary dealer a fee for borrowing securities, and these fees are reported as a component of “Non-interest income: Other” in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

Activity related to securities purchased under agreements to resell, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and securities lending is allocated to each of the Reserve Banks on a percentage basis derived from an annual settlement of the interdistrict settlement account that occurs in the second quarter of each year.

***f. Treasury Securities; Government-Sponsored Enterprise Debt Securities; Federal Agency and Government-Sponsored Enterprise Mortgage-Backed Securities; Foreign Currency Denominated Assets; and Warehousing Agreements***

Interest income on Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, and foreign currency denominated assets comprising the SOMA is accrued on a straight-line basis. Interest income on federal agency and GSE MBS is accrued using the interest method and includes amortization of premiums, accretion of discounts, and gains or losses associated with principal paydowns. Premiums and discounts related to federal agency and GSE MBS are amortized or accreted over the term of the security to stated maturity, and the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts are accelerated when principal payments are received. Gains and losses resulting from sales of securities are determined by specific issue based on average cost. Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, and federal agency and GSE MBS are reported net of premiums and discounts in the Statements of Condition and interest income on those securities is reported net of the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

In addition to outright purchases of federal agency and GSE MBS that are held in the SOMA, the FRBNY enters into dollar roll transactions (dollar rolls), which primarily involve an initial transaction to purchase or sell “to be announced” (TBA) MBS for delivery in the current month combined with a simultaneous agreement to sell or purchase TBA MBS on a specified future date. During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the FRBNY executed dollar rolls primarily to facilitate settlement of outstanding purchases of federal agency and GSE MBS. The FRBNY accounts for dollar roll transactions as purchases or sales on a settlement-date basis. In addition, TBA MBS transactions may be paired off or

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assigned prior to settlement. Net gains resulting from dollar roll transactions are reported as “Non-interest income: System Open Market Account: Federal agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities gains, net” in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

Foreign currency denominated assets, which can include foreign currency deposits, securities purchased under agreements to resell, and government debt instruments, are revalued daily at current foreign currency market exchange rates in order to report these assets in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency translation gains and losses that result from the daily revaluation of foreign currency denominated assets are reported as “Non-interest income: System Open Market Account: Foreign currency translation (losses) gains, net” in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

Activity related to Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, and federal agency and GSE MBS, including the premiums, discounts, and realized gains and losses, is allocated to each Reserve Bank on a percentage basis derived from an annual settlement of the interdistrict settlement account that occurs in the second quarter of each year. Activity related to foreign currency denominated assets, including the premiums, discounts, and realized and unrealized gains and losses, is allocated to each Reserve Bank based on the ratio of each Reserve Bank’s capital and surplus to the Reserve Banks’ aggregate capital and surplus at the preceding December 31.

Warehousing is an arrangement under which the FOMC has approved the exchange, at the request of the Treasury, of U.S. dollars for foreign currencies held by the Treasury over a limited period. The purpose of the warehousing facility is to supplement the U.S. dollar resources of the Treasury for financing purchases of foreign currencies and related international operations. Warehousing agreements are designated as held-for-trading purposes and are valued daily at current market exchange rates. Activity related to these agreements is allocated to each Reserve Bank based on the ratio of each Reserve Bank’s capital and surplus to the Reserve Banks’ aggregate capital and surplus at the preceding December 31.

***g. Central Bank Liquidity Swaps***

Central bank liquidity swaps, which are transacted between the FRBNY and a foreign central bank, can be structured as either U.S. dollar liquidity or foreign currency liquidity swap arrangements.

Central bank liquidity swaps activity, including the related income and expense, is allocated to each Reserve Bank based on the ratio of each Reserve Bank’s capital and surplus to the Reserve Banks’ aggregate capital and surplus at the preceding December 31. The foreign currency amounts associated with these central bank liquidity swap arrangements are revalued daily at current foreign currency market exchange rates.

***U.S. dollar liquidity swaps***

At the initiation of each U.S. dollar liquidity swap transaction, the foreign central bank transfers a specified amount of its currency to a restricted account for the FRBNY in exchange for U.S. dollars at the prevailing market exchange rate. Concurrent with this transaction, the FRBNY and the foreign central bank agree to a second transaction that obligates the foreign central bank to return the U.S. dollars and the FRBNY to return the foreign currency on a specified future date at the same exchange rate as the initial transaction. The Bank’s allocated portion of the foreign currency amounts that the FRBNY acquires are reported as “System Open Market Account: Central bank liquidity swaps” in the Statements of Condition. Because the swap transaction will be unwound at the same U.S. dollar amount and exchange rate that were used in the initial transaction, the recorded value of the foreign currency amounts is not affected by changes in the market exchange rate.

The foreign central bank compensates the FRBNY based on the foreign currency amounts it holds for the FRBNY. The Bank’s allocated portion of the amount of compensation received during the term of the swap transaction is reported as “Interest income: System Open Market Account: Central bank liquidity swaps” in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

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*Foreign currency liquidity swaps*

The structure of foreign currency liquidity swap transactions involves the transfer by the FRBNY, at the prevailing market exchange rate, of a specified amount of U.S. dollars to an account for the foreign central bank in exchange for its currency. The foreign currency amount received would be reported as a liability by the Bank.

**h. Bank Premises, Equipment, and Software**

Bank premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 2 to 50 years. Major alterations, renovations, and improvements are capitalized at cost as additions to the asset accounts and are depreciated over the remaining useful life of the asset or, if appropriate, over the unique useful life of the alteration, renovation, or improvement. Maintenance, repairs, and minor replacements are charged to operating expense in the year incurred.

Costs incurred for software during the application development stage, whether developed internally or acquired for internal use, are capitalized based on the purchase cost and the cost of direct services and materials associated with designing, coding, installing, and testing the software. Capitalized software costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the software applications, which generally range from two to five years. Maintenance costs related to software are charged to operating expense in the year incurred.

Capitalized assets, including software, buildings, leasehold improvements, furniture, and equipment, are impaired and an adjustment is recorded when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of assets or asset groups is not recoverable and significantly exceeds the assets' fair value.

**i. Interdistrict Settlement Account**

At the close of business each day, each Reserve Bank aggregates the payments due to or from other Reserve Banks. These payments result from transactions between the Reserve Banks and transactions that involve depository institution accounts held by other Reserve Banks, such as Fedwire funds and securities transfers and check and ACH transactions. The cumulative net amount due to or from the other Reserve Banks is reflected in the "Interdistrict settlement account" in the Statements of Condition.

An annual settlement of the interdistrict settlement account occurs in the second quarter of each year. As a result of the annual settlement, the balance in each Bank's interdistrict settlement account is adjusted by an amount equal to the average balance in the account during the previous twelve month period ended March 31. An equal and offsetting adjustment is made to each Bank's allocated portion of SOMA assets and liabilities.

**j. Federal Reserve Notes**

Federal Reserve notes are the circulating currency of the United States. These notes, which are identified as issued to a specific Reserve Bank, must be fully collateralized. All of the Bank's assets are eligible to be pledged as collateral. The collateral value is equal to the book value of the collateral tendered with the exception of securities, for which the collateral value is equal to the par value of the securities tendered. The par value of securities sold under agreements to repurchase is deducted from the eligible collateral value.

The Board of Governors may, at any time, call upon a Reserve Bank for additional security to adequately collateralize outstanding Federal Reserve notes. To satisfy the obligation to provide sufficient collateral for outstanding Federal Reserve notes, the Reserve Banks have entered into an agreement that provides for certain assets of the Reserve Banks to be jointly pledged as collateral for the Federal Reserve notes issued to all Reserve Banks. In the event that this collateral is insufficient, the Federal Reserve Act provides that

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Federal Reserve notes become a first and paramount lien on all the assets of the Reserve Banks. Finally, Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States government.

“Federal Reserve notes outstanding, net” in the Statements of Condition represents the Bank’s Federal Reserve notes outstanding, reduced by the Bank’s currency holdings of \$3,779 million and \$4,018 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, all Federal Reserve notes issued to the Reserve Banks were fully collateralized. At December 31, 2012, all gold certificates, all special drawing rights certificates, and \$1,110 billion of domestic securities held in the SOMA were pledged as collateral. At December 31, 2012, no investments denominated in foreign currencies were pledged as collateral.

**k. Deposits**

***Depository Institutions***

Depository institutions’ deposits represent the reserve and service-related balances, such as required clearing balances, in the accounts that depository institutions hold at the Bank. The interest rates paid on required reserve balances and excess balances are determined by the Board of Governors, based on an FOMC-established target range for the federal funds rate. Interest payable is reported as a component of “Interest payable to depository institutions” in the Statements of Condition.

The Term Deposit Facility (TDF) consists of deposits with specific maturities held by eligible institutions at the Reserve Banks. The Reserve Banks pay interest on these deposits at interest rates determined by auction. Interest payable is reported as a component of “Interest payable to depository institutions” in the Statements of Condition. There were no deposits held by the Bank under the TDF at December 31, 2012 and 2011.

***Other***

Other deposits include the Bank’s allocated portion of foreign central bank and foreign government deposits held at the FRBNY.

**l. Items in Process of Collection and Deferred Credit Items**

“Items in process of collection” primarily represents amounts attributable to checks that have been deposited for collection and that, as of the balance sheet date, have not yet been presented to the paying bank. “Deferred credit items” is the counterpart liability to items in process of collection. The amounts in this account arise from deferring credit for deposited items until the amounts are collected. The balances in both accounts can vary significantly.

**m. Capital Paid-in**

The Federal Reserve Act requires that each member bank subscribe to the capital stock of the Reserve Bank in an amount equal to six percent of the capital and surplus of the member bank. These shares are nonvoting, with a par value of \$100, and may not be transferred or hypothecated. As a member bank’s capital and surplus changes, its holdings of Reserve Bank stock must be adjusted. Currently, only one-half of the subscription is paid in and the remainder is subject to call. A member bank is liable for Reserve Bank liabilities up to twice the par value of stock subscribed by it.

By law, each Reserve Bank is required to pay each member bank an annual dividend of six percent on the paid-in capital stock. This cumulative dividend is paid semiannually.

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**n. *Surplus***

The Board of Governors requires the Reserve Banks to maintain a surplus equal to the amount of capital paid-in. On a daily basis, surplus is adjusted to equate the balance to capital paid-in. Accumulated other comprehensive income is reported as a component of “Surplus” in the Statements of Condition and the Statements of Changes in Capital. Additional information regarding the classifications of accumulated other comprehensive income is provided in Notes 9 and 10.

**o. *Interest on Federal Reserve Notes***

The Board of Governors requires the Reserve Banks to transfer excess earnings to the Treasury as interest on Federal Reserve notes after providing for the costs of operations, payment of dividends, and reservation of an amount necessary to equate surplus with capital paid-in. This amount is reported as “Interest on Federal Reserve notes expense remitted to Treasury” in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. The amount due to the Treasury is reported as “Accrued interest on Federal Reserve notes” in the Statements of Condition. See Note 11 for additional information on interest on Federal Reserve notes.

If earnings during the year are not sufficient to provide for the costs of operations, payment of dividends, and equating surplus and capital paid-in, remittances to the Treasury are suspended. A deferred asset is recorded that represents the amount of net earnings a Reserve Bank will need to realize before remittances to the Treasury resume. This deferred asset is periodically reviewed for impairment.

**p. *Income and Costs Related to Treasury Services***

When directed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Bank is required by the Federal Reserve Act to serve as fiscal agent and depository of the United States Government. By statute, the Treasury has appropriations to pay for these services. During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Bank was reimbursed for all services provided to the Treasury as its fiscal agent.

**q. *Compensation Received for Service Costs Provided***

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta has overall responsibility for managing the Reserve Banks’ provision of check and ACH services to depository institutions, the FRBNY has overall responsibility for managing the Reserve Banks’ provision of Fedwire funds and securities services, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has overall responsibility for managing the Reserve Banks’ provision of electronic access services to depository institutions. The Reserve Bank that has overall responsibility for managing these services recognizes the related total System revenue in its Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. The Bank is compensated for costs incurred to provide these services and reports this compensation as “Non-interest income: Compensation received for service costs provided” in its Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

**r. *Assessments***

The Board of Governors assesses the Reserve Banks to fund its operations, the operations of the Bureau and, for a two-year period following the July 21, 2010 effective date of the Dodd-Frank Act, the OFR. These assessments are allocated to each Reserve Bank based on each Reserve Bank’s capital and surplus balances. The Board of Governors also assesses each Reserve Bank for expenses related to producing, issuing, and retiring Federal Reserve notes based on each Reserve Bank’s share of the number of notes comprising the System’s net liability for Federal Reserve notes on December 31 of the prior year.

During the period before the Bureau transfer date of July 21, 2011, there was no limit on the funding provided to the Bureau and assessed to the Reserve Banks; the Board of Governors was required to provide the amount estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury needed to carry out the authorities granted to the Bureau under the Dodd-Frank Act and other federal law. The Dodd-Frank Act requires that, after the transfer date, the Board of Governors fund the Bureau in an amount not to exceed a fixed percentage of

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the total operating expenses of the System as reported in the Board of Governors' 2009 annual report, which totaled \$4.98 billion. The fixed percentage of total 2009 operating expenses of the System is 10 percent (\$498.0 million) for 2011, 11 percent (\$547.8 million) for 2012, and 12 percent (\$597.6 million) for 2013. After 2013, the amount will be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Bank's assessment for Bureau funding is reported as "Assessments: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and Office of Financial Research" in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

The Board of Governors assessed the Reserve Banks to fund the operations of the OFR for the two-year period ended July 21, 2012, following enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act; thereafter, the OFR is funded by fees assessed on bank holding companies and nonbank financial companies that meet the criteria specified in the Dodd-Frank Act.

**s. Taxes**

The Reserve Banks are exempt from federal, state, and local taxes, except for taxes on real property. The Bank's real property taxes were \$1 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, and are reported as a component of "Operating expenses: Occupancy" in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

**t. Restructuring Charges**

The Reserve Banks recognize restructuring charges for exit or disposal costs incurred as part of the closure of business activities in a particular location, the relocation of business activities from one location to another, or a fundamental reorganization that affects the nature of operations. Restructuring charges may include costs associated with employee separations, contract terminations, and asset impairments. Expenses are recognized in the period in which the Bank commits to a formalized restructuring plan or executes the specific actions contemplated in the plan and all criteria for financial statement recognition have been met.

Costs and liabilities associated with enhanced pension benefits in connection with the restructuring activities for all of the Reserve Banks are recorded on the books of the FRBNY.

The Bank had no significant restructuring activities in 2012 and 2011.

**u. Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In April 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2011-02, *Receivables (Topic 310): A Creditor's Determination of Whether a Restructuring Is a Troubled Debt Restructuring*, which clarifies accounting for troubled debt restructurings, specifically clarifying creditor concessions and financial difficulties experienced by borrowers. This update is effective for the Bank for the year ended December 31, 2012, and did not have a material effect on the Bank's financial statements.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-03, *Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860): Reconsideration of Effective Control for Repurchase Agreements*, which reconsidered the effective control for repurchase agreements. This update prescribes when the Bank may or may not recognize a sale upon the transfer of financial assets subject to repurchase agreements. This determination is based, in part, on whether the Bank has maintained effective control over the transferred financial assets. This update is effective for the Bank for the year ended December 31, 2012, and did not have a material effect on the Bank's financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-11, *Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*. This update will require a reporting entity to present enhanced disclosures for financial instruments and derivative instruments that are offset or subject to master netting agreements or

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similar such agreements. This update is effective for the Bank for the year ending December 31, 2013, and is not expected to have a material effect on the Bank's financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-12, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05*. This update indefinitely deferred the requirements of ASU 2011-05, which required an entity to report the effect of significant reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income on the respective net income line items. Subsequently, in February 2013, the FASB issued 2013-02, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*, which established an effective date for the requirements of ASU 2011-05 related to reporting of significant reclassification adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive income. These presentation requirements of ASU 2011-05 are effective for the Bank for the year ending December 31, 2013, and will be reflected in the Bank's 2013 financial statements.

In January 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-01, *Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*. This update clarifies that the scope of ASU 2011-11 applies to derivatives accounted for in accordance with Topic 815. This update is effective for the Bank for the year ending December 31, 2013, and is not expected to have a material effect on the Bank's financial statements.

#### **4. LOANS**

##### *Loans to Depository Institutions*

The Bank offers primary, secondary, and seasonal loans to eligible borrowers, and each program has its own interest rate. Interest is accrued using the applicable interest rate established at least every 14 days by the Bank's board of directors, subject to review and determination by the Board of Governors. Primary and secondary loans are extended on a short-term basis, typically overnight, whereas seasonal loans may be extended for a period of up to nine months.

Primary, secondary, and seasonal loans are collateralized to the satisfaction of the Bank to reduce credit risk. Assets eligible to collateralize these loans include consumer, business, and real estate loans; Treasury securities; GSE debt securities; foreign sovereign debt; municipal, corporate, and state and local government obligations; asset-backed securities; corporate bonds; commercial paper; and bank-issued assets, such as certificates of deposit, bank notes, and deposit notes. Collateral is assigned a lending value that is deemed appropriate by the Bank, which is typically fair value reduced by a margin. Loans to depository institutions are monitored daily to ensure that borrowers continue to meet eligibility requirements for these programs. The financial condition of borrowers is monitored by the Bank and, if a borrower no longer qualifies for these programs, the Bank will generally request full repayment of the outstanding loan or, for primary or seasonal loans, may convert the loan to a secondary credit loan. Collateral levels are reviewed daily against outstanding obligations and borrowers that no longer have sufficient collateral to support outstanding loans are required to provide additional collateral or to make partial or full repayment.

The Bank had no loans outstanding as of December 31, 2012. Loans to depository institutions were immaterial as of December 31, 2011, with a remaining maturity within 15 days.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Bank did not have any loans that were impaired, past due, or on non-accrual status, and no allowance for loan losses was required. There were no impaired loans during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

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**5. SYSTEM OPEN MARKET ACCOUNT**

**a. Domestic Securities Holdings**

The FRBNY conducts domestic open market operations and, on behalf of the Reserve Banks, holds the resulting securities in the SOMA.

During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the FRBNY continued the purchase of Treasury securities and federal agency and GSE MBS under the large-scale asset purchase programs authorized by the FOMC. In August 2010, the FOMC announced that the Federal Reserve would maintain the level of domestic securities holdings in the SOMA portfolio by reinvesting principal payments from GSE debt securities and federal agency and GSE MBS in longer-term Treasury securities. In November 2010, the FOMC announced its intention to expand the SOMA portfolio holdings of longer-term Treasury securities by an additional \$600 billion and completed these purchases in June 2011. In September 2011, the FOMC announced that the Federal Reserve would reinvest principal payments from the SOMA portfolio holdings of GSE debt securities and federal agency and GSE MBS in federal agency and GSE MBS. In June 2012, the FOMC announced that it would continue the existing policy of reinvesting principal payments from the SOMA portfolio holdings of GSE debt securities and federal agency and GSE MBS in federal agency and GSE MBS, and suspended the policy of rolling over maturing Treasury securities into new issues at auction. In September 2012, the FOMC announced that the Federal Reserve would purchase additional federal agency and GSE MBS at a pace of \$40 billion per month and maintain its existing policy of reinvesting principal payments from its holdings of agency debt and federal agency and GSE MBS in federal agency and GSE MBS. In December 2012, the FOMC announced that the Federal Reserve would purchase longer-term Treasury securities at a pace of \$45 billion per month after its program to extend the average maturity of its holdings of Treasury securities is completed at the end of 2012.

During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the FRBNY also continued the purchase and sale of SOMA portfolio holdings under the maturity extension programs authorized by the FOMC. In September 2011, the FOMC announced that the Federal Reserve would extend the average maturity of the SOMA portfolio holdings of securities by purchasing \$400 billion par value of Treasury securities with maturities of six to thirty years and selling or redeeming an equal par amount of Treasury securities with remaining maturities of three years or less by the end of June 2012. In June 2012, the FOMC announced that the Federal Reserve would continue through the end of 2012 its program to extend the average maturity of securities by purchasing \$267 billion par value of Treasury securities with maturities of six to thirty years and selling or redeeming an equal par amount of Treasury securities with maturities of three and a quarter years or less by the end of 2012. In September 2012, the FOMC announced it would continue its program to extend the average maturity of its holdings of securities as announced in June 2012.

The Bank's allocated share of activity related to domestic open market operations was 1.563 percent and 1.893 percent at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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The Bank's allocated share of Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, and federal agency and GSE MBS, net, excluding accrued interest, held in the SOMA at December 31 was as follows (in millions):

	2012			
	Par	Unamortized premiums	Unaccreted discounts	Total amortized cost
Bills	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Notes	17,360	509	(11)	17,858
Bonds	8,688	1,741	(2)	10,427
Total Treasury securities	<u>\$ 26,048</u>	<u>\$ 2,250</u>	<u>\$ (13)</u>	<u>\$ 28,285</u>
GSE debt securities	<u>\$ 1,201</u>	<u>\$ 42</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,243</u>
Federal agency and GSE MBS	<u>\$ 14,487</u>	<u>\$ 381</u>	<u>\$ (11)</u>	<u>\$ 14,857</u>
	2011			
	Par	Unamortized premiums	Unaccreted discounts	Total amortized cost
Bills	\$ 349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 349
Notes	24,346	508	(23)	24,831
Bonds	6,789	1,161	(2)	7,948
Total Treasury securities	<u>\$ 31,484</u>	<u>\$ 1,669</u>	<u>\$ (25)</u>	<u>\$ 33,128</u>
GSE debt securities	<u>\$ 1,968</u>	<u>\$ 73</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,041</u>
Federal agency and GSE MBS	<u>\$ 15,855</u>	<u>\$ 220</u>	<u>\$ (20)</u>	<u>\$ 16,055</u>

The FRBNY executes transactions for the purchase of securities under agreements to resell primarily to temporarily add reserve balances to the banking system. Conversely, transactions to sell securities under agreements to repurchase are executed to temporarily drain reserve balances from the banking system and as part of a service offering to foreign official and international account holders.

There were no material transactions related to securities purchased under agreements to resell during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Financial information related to securities sold under agreements to repurchase for the years ended December 31 was as follows (in millions):

	Allocated to the Bank		Total SOMA	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Contract amount outstanding, end of year	\$ 1,676	\$ 1,891	\$ 107,188	\$ 99,900
Average daily amount outstanding, during the year	1,522	1,480	91,898	72,227
Maximum balance outstanding, during the year	1,916	2,357	122,541	124,512
Securities pledged (par value), end of year	1,463	1,629	93,547	86,089
Securities pledged (market value), end of year	1,676	1,891	107,188	99,900

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The remaining maturity distribution of Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, federal agency and GSE MBS bought outright, and securities sold under agreements to repurchase that were allocated to the Bank at December 31, 2012, and 2011 was as follows (in millions):

	Within 15 days	16 days to 90 days	91 days to 1 year	Over 1 year to 5 years	Over 5 years to 10 years	Over 10 years	Total
December 31, 2012:							
Treasury securities (par value)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,917	\$ 13,483	\$ 6,648	\$ 26,048
GSE debt securities (par value)	24	44	238	826	32	37	1,201
Federal agency and GSE MBS (par value) <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	37	14,450	14,487
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase (contract amount)	1,676	-	-	-	-	-	1,676
December 31, 2011:							
Treasury securities (par value)	\$ 307	\$ 513	\$ 1,702	\$ 12,297	\$ 12,301	\$ 4,364	\$ 31,484
GSE debt securities (par value)	47	95	373	1,147	262	44	1,968
Federal agency and GSE MBS (par value) <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	1	15,854	15,855
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase (contract amount)	1,891	-	-	-	-	-	1,891

<sup>1</sup> The par amount shown for federal agency and GSE MBS is the remaining principal balance of the securities.

Federal agency and GSE MBS are reported at stated maturity in the table above. The estimated weighted average life of these securities, which differs from the stated maturity primarily because it factors in scheduled payments and prepayment assumptions, was approximately 3.3 and 2.4 years as of December 31, 2012, and 2011, respectively.

The amortized cost and par value of Treasury securities and GSE debt securities that were loaned from the SOMA at December 31 was as follows (in millions):

	Allocated to the Bank		Total SOMA	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Treasury securities (amortized cost)	\$ 143	\$ 286	\$ 9,139	\$ 15,121
Treasury securities (par value)	132	265	8,460	13,978
GSE debt securities (amortized cost)	11	24	697	1,276
GSE debt securities (par value)	11	23	676	1,216

The FRBNY enters into commitments to buy and sell Treasury securities and records the related securities on a settlement-date basis. As of December 31, 2012, there were no outstanding commitments.

The FRBNY enters into commitments to buy and sell federal agency and GSE MBS and records the related securities on a settlement-date basis. As of December 31, 2012, the total purchase price of the federal agency

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and GSE MBS under outstanding purchase commitments was \$118,215 million, of which \$10,164 million was related to dollar roll transactions. The total purchase price of outstanding purchase commitments allocated to the Bank was \$1,848 million, of which \$159 million was related to dollar roll transactions. As of December 31, 2012, there were no outstanding sales commitments for federal agency and GSE MBS. These commitments, which had contractual settlement dates extending through February 2013, are for the purchase of TBA MBS for which the number and identity of the pools that will be delivered to fulfill the commitment are unknown at the time of the trade. These commitments are subject to varying degrees of off-balance-sheet market risk and counterparty credit risk that result from their future settlement. The FRBNY requires the posting of cash collateral for commitments as part of the risk management practices used to mitigate the counterparty credit risk.

Other liabilities, which are related to federal agency and GSE MBS purchases and sales, includes the FRBNY's obligation to return cash margin posted by counterparties as collateral under commitments to purchase and sell federal agency and GSE MBS. In addition, other liabilities includes obligations that arise from the failure of a seller to deliver securities to the FRBNY on the settlement date. Although the FRBNY has ownership of and records its investments in the MBS as of the contractual settlement date, it is not obligated to make payment until the securities are delivered, and the amount included in other liabilities represents the FRBNY's obligation to pay for the securities when delivered. The amount of other liabilities allocated to the Bank and held in the SOMA at December 31 was as follows (in millions):

	Allocated to the Bank		Total SOMA	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Cash margin	\$ 49	\$ 24	\$ 3,092	\$ 1,271
Obligations from MBS transaction fails	1	2	85	97
Total other liabilities	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ 26</u>	<u>\$ 3,177</u>	<u>\$ 1,368</u>

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Information about transactions related to Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, and federal agency and GSE MBS during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, is summarized as follows (in millions):

	Allocated to the Bank					
	Bills	Notes	Bonds	Total Treasury securities	GSE debt securities	Federal agency and GSE MBS
Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 474	\$ 20,261	\$ 6,748	\$ 27,483	\$ 3,940	\$ 25,879
Purchases <sup>1</sup>	4,993	16,141	3,400	24,534	-	798
Sales <sup>1</sup>	-	(2,607)	-	(2,607)	-	-
Realized gains, net <sup>2</sup>	-	43	-	43	-	-
Principal payments and maturities	(4,993)	(1,384)	-	(6,377)	(936)	(4,074)
Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, net	-	(91)	(102)	(193)	(36)	(67)
Inflation adjustment on inflation-indexed securities	-	27	22	49	-	-
Annual reallocation adjustment <sup>4</sup>	(125)	(7,559)	(2,120)	(9,804)	(927)	(6,481)
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 349</u>	<u>\$ 24,831</u>	<u>\$ 7,948</u>	<u>\$ 33,128</u>	<u>\$ 2,041</u>	<u>\$ 16,055</u>
Purchases <sup>1</sup>	2,081	6,659	4,377	13,117	-	7,084
Sales <sup>1</sup>	-	(8,414)	(192)	(8,606)	-	-
Realized gains, net <sup>2</sup>	-	196	20	216	-	-
Principal payments and maturities	(2,369)	(1,144)	-	(3,513)	(454)	(5,307)
Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, net	-	(91)	(124)	(215)	(19)	(85)
Inflation adjustment on inflation-indexed securities	-	10	17	27	-	-
Annual reallocation adjustment <sup>4</sup>	(61)	(4,189)	(1,619)	(5,869)	(325)	(2,890)
Balance December 31, 2012	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 17,858</u>	<u>\$ 10,427</u>	<u>\$ 28,285</u>	<u>\$ 1,243</u>	<u>\$ 14,857</u>
Year-ended December 31, 2011						
Supplemental information - par value of transactions:						
Purchases <sup>3</sup>	\$ 4,993	\$ 15,789	\$ 2,696	\$ 23,478	\$ -	\$ 775
Sales <sup>3</sup>	-	(2,552)	-	(2,552)	-	-
Year-ended December 31, 2012						
Supplemental information - par value of transactions:						
Purchases <sup>3</sup>	\$ 2,081	\$ 6,403	\$ 3,404	\$ 11,888	\$ -	\$ 6,786
Sales <sup>3</sup>	-	(8,165)	(149)	(8,314)	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Purchases and sales are reported on a settlement-date basis and may include payments and receipts related to principal, premiums, discounts, and inflation compensation adjustments to the basis of inflation-indexed securities. The amount reported as sales includes the realized gains and losses on such transactions. Purchases and sales exclude MBS TBA transactions that are settled on a net basis.

<sup>2</sup> Realized gains, net offset the amount of realized gains and losses included in the reported sales amount.

<sup>3</sup> Includes inflation compensation

<sup>4</sup> Reflects the annual adjustment to the Bank's allocated portion of the related SOMA securities that results from the annual settlement of the interdistrict settlement account, as discussed in Note 3i.

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	Total SOMA					
	Bills	Notes	Bonds	Total Treasury securities	GSE debt securities	Federal agency and GSE MBS
Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 18,422	\$ 786,575	\$ 261,955	\$ 1,066,952	\$ 152,972	\$ 1,004,695
Purchases <sup>1</sup>	239,487	731,252	161,876	1,132,615	-	42,145
Sales <sup>1</sup>	-	(137,733)	-	(137,733)	-	-
Realized gains, net <sup>2</sup>	-	2,258	-	2,258	-	-
Principal payments and maturities	(239,494)	(67,273)	-	(306,767)	(43,466)	(195,413)
Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, net	8	(4,445)	(4,985)	(9,422)	(1,678)	(3,169)
Inflation adjustment on inflation-indexed securities	-	1,283	1,091	2,374	-	-
Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 18,423</u>	<u>\$ 1,311,917</u>	<u>\$ 419,937</u>	<u>\$ 1,750,277</u>	<u>\$ 107,828</u>	<u>\$ 848,258</u>
Purchases <sup>1</sup>	118,886	397,999	263,991	780,876	-	431,487
Sales <sup>1</sup>	-	(507,420)	(11,727)	(519,147)	-	-
Realized gains, net <sup>2</sup>	-	12,003	1,252	13,255	-	-
Principal payments and maturities	(137,314)	(67,462)	-	(204,776)	(27,211)	(324,181)
Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, net	5	(5,461)	(7,531)	(12,987)	(1,138)	(5,243)
Inflation adjustment on inflation-indexed securities	-	643	1,047	1,690	-	-
Balance December 31, 2012	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,142,219</u>	<u>\$ 666,969</u>	<u>\$ 1,809,188</u>	<u>\$ 79,479</u>	<u>\$ 950,321</u>
Year-ended December 31, 2011						
Supplemental information - par value of transactions:						
Purchases <sup>3</sup>	\$ 239,494	\$ 713,878	\$ 127,802	\$ 1,081,174	\$ -	\$ 40,955
Sales <sup>3</sup>	-	(134,829)	-	(134,829)	-	-
Year-ended December 31, 2012						
Supplemental information - par value of transactions:						
Purchases <sup>3</sup>	\$ 118,892	\$ 383,106	\$ 205,115	\$ 707,113	\$ -	\$ 413,160
Sales <sup>3</sup>	-	(492,234)	(9,094)	(501,328)	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Purchases and sales are reported on a settlement-date basis and may include payments and receipts related to principal, premiums, discounts, and inflation compensation adjustments to the basis of inflation-indexed securities. The amount reported as sales includes the realized gains and losses on such transactions.

Purchases and sales exclude MBS TBA transactions that are settled on a net basis.

<sup>2</sup> Realized gains, net offset the amount of realized gains and losses included in the reported sales amount.

<sup>3</sup> Includes inflation compensation

**b. Foreign Currency Denominated Assets**

The FRBNY conducts foreign currency operations and, on behalf of the Reserve Banks, holds the resulting foreign currency denominated assets in the SOMA.

The FRBNY holds foreign currency deposits with foreign central banks and the Bank for International Settlements and invests in foreign government debt instruments of Germany, France, and Japan. These foreign government debt instruments are guaranteed as to principal and interest by the issuing foreign governments. In addition, the FRBNY enters into transactions to purchase Euro-denominated government debt securities under agreements to resell for which the accepted collateral is the debt instruments issued by the governments of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Spain.

The Bank's allocated share of activity related to foreign currency operations was .818 percent and .815 percent at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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Information about foreign currency denominated assets, including accrued interest, valued at amortized cost and foreign currency market exchange rates at December 31 was as follows (in millions):

	Allocated to Bank		Total SOMA	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Euro:				
Foreign currency deposits	\$ 73	\$ 76	\$ 8,925	\$ 9,367
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	5	-	659	-
German government debt instruments	18	15	2,178	1,884
French government debt instruments	20	22	2,470	2,635
Japanese yen:				
Foreign currency deposits	29	32	3,553	3,986
Japanese government debt instruments	59	66	7,187	8,078
Total allocated to the Bank	\$ 204	\$ 211	\$ 24,972	\$ 25,950

The remaining maturity distribution of foreign currency denominated assets that were allocated to the Bank at December 31, 2012, and 2011, was as follows (in millions):

	Within 15 days	16 days to 90 days	91 days to 1 year	Over 1 year to 5 years	Total
December 31, 2012:					
Euro	\$ 54	\$ 14	\$ 18	\$ 30	\$ 116
Japanese yen	31	4	18	35	88
Total	\$ 85	\$ 18	\$ 36	\$ 65	\$ 204
December 31, 2011:					
Euro	\$ 44	\$ 24	\$ 17	\$ 28	\$ 113
Japanese yen	34	5	26	33	98
Total	\$ 78	\$ 29	\$ 43	\$ 61	\$ 211

There were no foreign exchange contracts related to open market operations outstanding as of December 31, 2012.

The FRBNY enters into commitments to buy foreign government debt instruments and records the related securities on a settlement-date basis. As of December 31, 2012, there were no outstanding commitments to purchase foreign government debt instruments. During 2012, there were purchases, sales, and maturities of foreign government debt instruments of \$4,959 million, \$0, and \$4,840 million, respectively, of which \$41 million, \$0, and \$40 million, respectively, were allocated to the Bank.

In connection with its foreign currency activities, the FRBNY may enter into transactions that are subject to varying degrees of off-balance-sheet market risk and counterparty credit risk that result from their future settlement. The FRBNY controls these risks by obtaining credit approvals, establishing transaction limits, receiving collateral in some cases, and performing daily monitoring procedures.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the authorized warehousing facility was \$5 billion, with no balance outstanding.

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There were no transactions related to the authorized reciprocal currency arrangements with the Bank of Canada and the Bank of Mexico during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

**c. Central Bank Liquidity Swaps**

***U.S. Dollar Liquidity Swaps***

The Bank's allocated share of U.S. dollar liquidity swaps was approximately .818 percent and .815 percent at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The total foreign currency held under U.S. dollar liquidity swaps in the SOMA at December 31, 2012 and 2011, was \$8,889 million and \$99,823 million, respectively, of which \$73 million and \$814 million, respectively, was allocated to the Bank.

The remaining maturity distribution of U.S. dollar liquidity swaps that were allocated to the Bank at December 31 was as follows (in millions):

	2012			2011		
	Within 15 days	16 days to 90 days	Total	Within 15 days	16 days to 90 days	Total
Euro	\$ 14	\$ 59	\$ 73	\$ 280	\$ 417	\$ 697
Japanese yen	-	-	-	74	40	114
Swiss franc	-	-	-	2	1	3
Total	\$ 14	\$ 59	\$ 73	\$ 356	\$ 458	\$ 814

***Foreign Currency Liquidity Swaps***

There were no transactions related to the foreign currency liquidity swaps during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

**d. Fair Value of SOMA Assets**

The fair value amounts presented below are solely for informational purposes. Although the fair value of SOMA security holdings can be substantially greater than or less than the recorded value at any point in time, these unrealized gains or losses have no effect on the ability of the Reserve Banks, as the central bank, to meet their financial obligations and responsibilities.

The fair value of the fixed-rate Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, federal agency and GSE MBS, and foreign government debt instruments in the SOMA's holdings is subject to market risk, arising from movements in market variables such as interest rates and credit risk. The fair value of federal agency and GSE MBS is also affected by the expected rate of prepayments of mortgage loans underlying the securities. The fair value of foreign government debt instruments is affected by currency risk. Based on evaluations performed as of December 31, 2012, there are no credit impairments of SOMA securities holdings as of that date.

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The following table presents the amortized cost and fair value of the Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, federal agency and GSE MBS, and foreign currency denominated assets, net, held in the SOMA at December 31 (in millions):

	Allocated to the Bank					
	2012			2011		
	Amortized cost	Fair value	Fair value greater than amortized cost	Amortized cost	Fair value	Fair value greater than amortized cost
Treasury securities:						
Bills	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 349	\$ 349	\$ -
Notes	17,858	18,967	1,109	24,831	26,298	1,467
Bonds	10,427	11,900	1,473	7,948	9,628	1,680
GSE debt securities	1,243	1,329	86	2,041	2,162	121
Federal agency and GSE MBS	14,857	15,540	683	16,055	16,949	894
Foreign currency denominated assets	204	205	1	211	213	2
<b>Total SOMA portfolio securities holdings</b>	<b>\$ 44,589</b>	<b>\$ 47,941</b>	<b>\$ 3,352</b>	<b>\$ 51,435</b>	<b>\$ 55,599</b>	<b>\$ 4,164</b>
Memorandum - Commitments for:						
Purchases of Treasury securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61	\$ 61	\$ -
Purchases of Federal agency and GSE MBS	1,848	1,851	3	786	793	7
Sales of Federal agency and GSE MBS	-	-	-	84	85	1
Purchases of foreign government debt instruments	-	-	-	2	2	-
	Total SOMA					
	2012			2011		
	Amortized cost	Fair value	Fair value greater than amortized cost	Amortized cost	Fair value	Fair value greater than amortized cost
Treasury securities:						
Bills	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,423	\$ 18,423	\$ -
Notes	1,142,219	1,213,177	70,958	1,311,917	1,389,429	77,512
Bonds	666,969	761,138	94,169	419,937	508,694	88,757
GSE debt securities	79,479	85,004	5,525	107,828	114,238	6,410
Federal agency and GSE MBS	950,321	993,990	43,669	848,258	895,495	47,237
Foreign currency denominated assets	24,972	25,141	169	25,950	26,115	165
<b>Total SOMA portfolio securities holdings</b>	<b>\$ 2,863,960</b>	<b>\$ 3,078,450</b>	<b>\$ 214,490</b>	<b>\$ 2,732,313</b>	<b>\$ 2,952,394</b>	<b>\$ 220,081</b>
Memorandum - Commitments for:						
Purchases of Treasury securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,208	\$ 8
Purchases of Federal agency and GSE MBS	118,215	118,397	182	41,502	41,873	371
Sales of Federal agency and GSE MBS	-	-	-	4,430	4,473	43
Purchases of foreign government debt instruments	-	-	-	216	216	-

The fair value of Treasury securities, GSE debt securities, and foreign government debt instruments was determined using pricing services that provide market consensus prices based on indicative quotes from various market participants. The fair value of federal agency and GSE MBS was determined using a pricing service that utilizes a model-based approach that considers observable inputs for similar securities. The cost basis of foreign currency deposits adjusted for accrued interest approximates fair value. The contract amount for euro-denominated securities sold under agreements to repurchase approximates fair value.

The cost basis of securities purchased under agreements to resell, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and other investments held in the SOMA approximate fair value.

Because the FRBNY enters into commitments to buy Treasury securities, federal agency and GSE MBS, and foreign government debt instruments and records the related securities on a settlement-date basis in accordance with the FAM, the related outstanding commitments are not reflected in the Statements of Condition.

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The following table provides additional information on the amortized cost and fair values of the federal agency and GSE MBS portfolio at December 31 (in millions):

Distribution of MBS holdings by coupon rate	2012		2011	
	Amortized cost	Fair value	Amortized cost	Fair value
Allocated to the Bank:				
2.0%	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ -
2.5%	587	590	-	-
3.0%	2,511	2,529	25	25
3.5%	2,807	2,888	368	372
4.0%	2,154	2,282	3,056	3,213
4.5%	4,104	4,412	7,693	8,161
5.0%	1,956	2,067	3,454	3,647
5.5%	625	654	1,264	1,326
6.0%	88	92	173	182
6.5%	12	13	22	23
Total	<u>\$ 14,857</u>	<u>\$ 15,540</u>	<u>\$ 16,055</u>	<u>\$ 16,949</u>
Total SOMA:				
2.0%	\$ 845	\$ 846	\$ -	\$ -
2.5%	37,562	37,766	-	-
3.0%	160,613	161,757	1,313	1,336
3.5%	179,587	184,752	19,415	19,660
4.0%	137,758	145,955	161,481	169,763
4.5%	262,484	282,181	406,465	431,171
5.0%	125,107	132,214	182,497	192,664
5.5%	39,970	41,819	66,795	70,064
6.0%	5,642	5,888	9,152	9,616
6.5%	753	812	1,140	1,221
Total	<u>\$ 950,321</u>	<u>\$ 993,990</u>	<u>\$ 848,258</u>	<u>\$ 895,495</u>

The following tables present the realized gains and the change in the unrealized gain position of the domestic securities holdings during the years ended December 31, 2012 (in millions):

	Allocated to Bank		Total SOMA	
	Total portfolio holdings realized gains <sup>1</sup>	Fair value changes in unrealized gains <sup>2</sup>	Total portfolio holdings realized gains <sup>1</sup>	Fair value changes in unrealized gains <sup>2</sup>
Treasury securities	\$ 217	\$ (60)	\$ 13,255	\$ (1,142)
GSE debt securities	-	(15)	-	(885)
Federal agency and GSE MBS	4	(51)	241	(3,568)
Total	<u>\$ 221</u>	<u>\$ (126)</u>	<u>\$ 13,496</u>	<u>\$ (5,595)</u>

<sup>1</sup> Total portfolio holdings realized gains are reported in "Non-interest income: System Open Market Account" in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income

<sup>2</sup> Because SOMA securities are recorded at amortized cost, unrealized gains (losses) are not reported in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income

The amount of change in unrealized gains, net, related to foreign currency denominated assets was an increase of \$3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, of which \$21 thousand was allocated to the Bank.

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820 (ASC 820) defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820 establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between assumptions developed using market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and the

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Bank's assumptions developed using the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs). The three levels established by ASC 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1 – Valuation is based on quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.
- Level 2 – Valuation is based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.
- Level 3 – Valuation is based on model-based techniques that use significant inputs and assumptions not observable in the market. These unobservable inputs and assumptions reflect the Bank's estimates of inputs and assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the assets and liabilities. Valuation techniques include the use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques.

The following tables present the classification of SOMA financial assets at fair value as of December 31 by ASC 820 hierarchy (in millions):

	2012	2011
	Level 2	Level 2
Assets:		
Treasury securities	\$ 1,974,315	\$ 1,916,546
GSE debt securities	85,004	114,238
Federal agency and GSE MBS	993,990	895,495
Foreign government debt instruments	12,003	12,762
Total assets	\$ 3,065,312	\$ 2,939,041

The SOMA financial assets are classified as Level 2 in the table above because the fair values are based on indicative quotes and other observable inputs obtained from independent pricing services that, in accordance with ASC 820, are consistent with the criteria for Level 2 inputs. Although information consistent with the criteria for Level 1 classification may exist for some portion of the SOMA assets, all securities in each asset class were valued using the inputs that are most applicable to the securities in the asset class. The inputs used for valuing the SOMA financial assets are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with those assets.

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**6. BANK PREMISES, EQUIPMENT, AND SOFTWARE**

Bank premises and equipment at December 31 were as follows (in millions):

	2012	2011
Bank premises and equipment:		
Land and land improvements	\$ 12	\$ 12
Buildings	153	153
Building machinery and equipment	21	20
Construction in progress	2	1
Furniture and equipment	37	36
Subtotal	225	222
Accumulated depreciation	(80)	(72)
Bank premises and equipment, net	\$ 145	\$ 150
Depreciation expense, for the years ended December 31	\$ 10	\$ 11

The Bank leases space to outside tenants with remaining lease terms of less than one year. Rental income from such leases was immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, and is reported as a component of “Non-interest income: Other” in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. Future minimum payments under agreements in existence at December 31, 2012 were immaterial.

The Bank had capitalized software assets, net of amortization, of \$9 million and \$5 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Amortization expense was \$1 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Capitalized software assets are reported as a component of “Other assets” in the Statements of Condition and the related amortization is reported as a component of “Operating expenses: Other” in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

**7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

In conducting its operations, the Bank enters into contractual commitments, normally with fixed expiration dates or termination provisions, at specific rates and for specific purposes.

At December 31, 2012, the Bank was obligated under noncancelable leases for premises and equipment with remaining terms ranging from one to approximately three years. These leases provide for increased rental payments based upon increases in real estate taxes, operating costs, or selected price indexes.

Rental expense under operating leases for certain operating facilities, warehouses, and data processing and office equipment (including taxes, insurance, and maintenance when included in rent), net of sublease rentals, was \$1 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Certain of the Bank’s leases have options to renew.

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Future minimum rental payments under noncancelable operating leases, net of sublease rentals, with remaining terms of one year or more, at December 31, 2012, are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Operating leases</u>
2013	\$ 574
2014	651
2015	166
Future minimum rental payments	<u>\$ 1,391</u>

At December 31, 2012, there were no material unrecorded unconditional purchase commitments or obligations in excess of one year.

Under the Insurance Agreement of the Reserve Banks, each of the Reserve Banks has agreed to bear, on a per incident basis, a share of certain losses in excess of one percent of the capital paid-in of the claiming Reserve Bank, up to 50 percent of the total capital paid-in of all Reserve Banks. Losses are borne in the ratio of a Reserve Bank's capital paid-in to the total capital paid-in of all Reserve Banks at the beginning of the calendar year in which the loss is shared. No claims were outstanding under the agreement at December 31, 2012 and 2011.

The Bank is involved in certain legal actions and claims arising in the ordinary course of business. Although it is difficult to predict the ultimate outcome of these actions, in management's opinion, based on discussions with counsel, the legal actions and claims will be resolved without material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Bank.

**8. RETIREMENT AND THRIFT PLANS**

*Retirement Plans*

The Bank currently offers three defined benefit retirement plans to its employees, based on length of service and level of compensation. Substantially all of the employees of the Reserve Banks, Board of Governors, and Office of Employee Benefits of the Federal Reserve System (OEB) participate in the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Federal Reserve System (System Plan). Under the Dodd-Frank Act, newly hired Bureau employees are eligible to participate in the System Plan and transferees from other governmental organizations can elect to participate in the System Plan. In addition, employees at certain compensation levels participate in the Benefit Equalization Retirement Plan (BEP) and certain Reserve Bank officers participate in the Supplemental Retirement Plan for Select Officers of the Federal Reserve Banks (SERP).

The System Plan provides retirement benefits to employees of the Reserve Banks, Board of Governors, OEB, and certain employees of the Bureau. The FRBNY, on behalf of the System, recognizes the net asset or net liability and costs associated with the System Plan in its consolidated financial statements. During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, certain costs associated with the System Plan were reimbursed by the Bureau.

The Bank's projected benefit obligation, funded status, and net pension expenses for the BEP and the SERP at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and for the years then ended, were not material.

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*Thrift Plan*

Employees of the Bank participate in the defined contribution Thrift Plan for Employees of the Federal Reserve System (Thrift Plan). The Bank matches 100 percent of the first six percent of employee contributions from the date of hire and provides an automatic employer contribution of one percent of eligible pay. The Bank's Thrift Plan contributions totaled \$5 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, and are reported as a component of "Operating expenses: Salaries and benefits" in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

**9. POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN RETIREMENT PLANS AND POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

*Postretirement Benefits Other Than Retirement Plans*

In addition to the Bank's retirement plans, employees who have met certain age and length-of-service requirements are eligible for both medical and life insurance benefits during retirement.

The Bank funds benefits payable under the medical and life insurance plans as due and, accordingly, has no plan assets.

Following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the benefit obligation (in millions):

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation at January 1	\$ 80.1	\$ 76.4
Service cost benefits earned during the period	2.8	2.3
Interest cost on accumulated benefit obligation	3.6	3.8
Net actuarial loss	8.1	0.2
Contributions by plan participants	1.4	1.3
Benefits paid	(4.7)	(4.3)
Medicare Part D subsidies	0.4	0.4
Plan amendments	(0.1)	-
Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation at December 31	<u>\$ 91.6</u>	<u>\$ 80.1</u>

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the weighted-average discount rate assumptions used in developing the postretirement benefit obligation were 3.75 percent and 4.50 percent, respectively.

Discount rates reflect yields available on high-quality corporate bonds that would generate the cash flows necessary to pay the plan's benefits when due.

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Following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance of the plan assets, the unfunded postretirement benefit obligation, and the accrued postretirement benefit costs (in millions):

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Fair value of plan assets at January 1	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions by the employer	2.9	2.6
Contributions by plan participants	1.4	1.3
Benefits paid	(4.7)	(4.3)
Medicare Part D subsidies	0.4	0.4
Fair value of plan assets at December 31	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Unfunded obligation and accrued postretirement benefit cost	<u>\$ 91.6</u>	<u>\$ 80.1</u>
Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss are shown below:		
Prior service cost	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.4
Net actuarial loss	<u>(19.6)</u>	<u>(11.9)</u>
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (19.3)</u>	<u>\$ (11.5)</u>

Accrued postretirement benefit costs are reported as a component of “Accrued benefit costs” in the Statements of Condition.

For measurement purposes, the assumed health-care cost trend rates at December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Health-care cost trend rate assumed for next year	7.00%	7.50%
Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate)	5.00%	5.00%
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	2018	2017

Assumed health-care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for health-care plans. A one percentage point change in assumed health-care cost trend rates would have the following effects for the year ended December 31, 2012 (in millions):

	<u>One percentage point increase</u>	<u>One percentage point decrease</u>
Effect on aggregate of service and interest cost components of net periodic postretirement benefit costs	\$ 1.2	\$ (1.0)
Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	14.6	(11.9)

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The following is a summary of the components of net periodic postretirement benefit expense for the years ended December 31 (in millions):

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Service cost-benefits earned during the period	\$ 2.8	\$ 2.3
Interest cost on accumulated benefit obligation	3.6	3.8
Amortization of prior service cost	(0.2)	(1.0)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	<u>0.4</u>	<u>-</u>
Total periodic expense	<u>6.6</u>	<u>5.1</u>
Net periodic postretirement benefit expense	<u>\$ 6.6</u>	<u>\$ 5.1</u>

Estimated amounts that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic postretirement benefit expense in 2013 are shown below:

Prior service cost	\$ (0.2)
Net actuarial loss	<u>1.4</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1.2</u>

Net postretirement benefit costs are actuarially determined using a January 1 measurement date. At January 1, 2012 and 2011, the weighted-average discount rate assumptions used to determine net periodic postretirement benefit costs were 4.50 percent and 5.25 percent, respectively.

Net periodic postretirement benefit expense is reported as a component of “Operating expenses: Salaries and benefits” in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 established a prescription drug benefit under Medicare (Medicare Part D) and a federal subsidy to sponsors of retiree health-care benefit plans that provide benefits that are at least actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D. The benefits provided under the Bank’s plan to certain participants are at least actuarially equivalent to the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit. The estimated effects of the subsidy are reflected in actuarial loss in the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation and net periodic postretirement benefit expense.

Federal Medicare Part D subsidy receipts were \$.3 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Expected receipts in 2013, related to benefits paid in the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, are \$.3 million.

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Following is a summary of expected postretirement benefit payments (in millions):

	<u>Without subsidy</u>	<u>With subsidy</u>
2013	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.0
2014	4.5	4.1
2015	4.7	4.3
2016	4.9	4.4
2017	5.0	4.5
2018 - 2022	<u>28.0</u>	<u>24.8</u>
Total	<u>\$ 51.4</u>	<u>\$ 46.1</u>

***Postemployment Benefits***

The Bank offers benefits to former or inactive employees. Postemployment benefit costs are actuarially determined using a December 31 measurement date and include the cost of providing disability, medical, dental, and vision insurance, and survivor income benefits. The accrued postemployment benefit costs recognized by the Bank at December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$8 million for each year. This cost is included as a component of "Accrued benefit costs" in the Statements of Condition. Net periodic postemployment benefit expense included in 2012 and 2011 operating expenses were \$1 million and \$2 million, respectively, and are recorded as a component of "Operating expenses: Salaries and benefits" in the Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

**10. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

Following is a reconciliation of beginning and ending balances of accumulated other comprehensive loss as of December 31 (in millions):

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	Amount related to postretirement benefits other than retirement plans	Amount related to postretirement benefits other than retirement plans
Balance at January 1	\$ (11.5)	\$ (10.3)
Change in funded status of benefit plans:		
Prior service costs arising during the year	0.1	-
Amortization of prior service cost	<u>(0.2)</u>	<u>(1.0)</u>
Change in prior service costs related to benefit plans	(0.1)	(1.0)
Net actuarial loss arising during the year	(8.1)	(0.2)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	<u>0.4</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in actuarial loss related to benefit plans	<u>(7.7)</u>	<u>(0.2)</u>
Change in funded status of benefit plans - other comprehensive loss	<u>(7.8)</u>	<u>(1.2)</u>
Balance at December 31	<u>\$ (19.3)</u>	<u>\$ (11.5)</u>

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Additional detail regarding the classification of accumulated other comprehensive loss is included in Note 9.

**11. DISTRIBUTION OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

In accordance with Board policy, Reserve Banks remit excess earnings, after providing for dividends and the amount necessary to equate surplus with capital paid-in, to the U.S. Treasury as interest on Federal Reserve notes. The following table presents the distribution of the Bank's comprehensive income in accordance with the Board's policy for the years ended December 31 (in millions):

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Dividends on capital stock	\$ 13	\$ 13
Transfer to surplus - amount required to equate surplus with capital paid-in	8	4
Interest on Federal Reserve notes expense remitted to Treasury	<u>1,337</u>	<u>1,599</u>
Total distribution	<u>\$ 1,358</u>	<u>\$ 1,616</u>

**12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

There were no subsequent events that require adjustments to or disclosures in the financial statements as of December 31, 2012. Subsequent events were evaluated through March 14, 2013, which is the date that the Bank issued the financial statements.