SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 29, 2020

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-15749 (Commission File Number)

31-1429215 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3075 LOYALTY CIRCLE COLUMBUS, OH 43219

(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(614) 729-4000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)								
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)								
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))								
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))								
Securi	ties registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class	Trading symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered						
	Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	<u>Trading symbol</u> ADS	Name of each exchange on which registered New York Stock Exchange						
	ndicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).								
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 29, 2020, Alliance Data Systems Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release regarding its results of operations for the third quarter ended September 30, 2020. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 29, 2020, the Company issued a press release regarding its results of operations for the third quarter ended September 30, 2020. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Attached as Exhibit 99.2 is a presentation to be given to investors and others by senior officers of the Company.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

<u>No.</u>	Document Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release dated October 29, 2020 announcing the results of operations for the third quarter ended September 30, 2020.
99.2	Investor Presentation Materials.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

Note: The information contained in this report (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

/s/ Joseph L. Motes III Joseph L. Motes III Date: October 29, 2020 By:

Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General

Counsel and Secretary



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Alliance Data Reports Third Quarter Results

- Strong Financial Results Across Key Metrics
- Continued Progress on Strategic Priorities
- Investments in Initiatives to Drive Sustainable Long-Term Growth

COLUMBUS, Ohio, October 29, 2020 – Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE: ADS), a leading provider of data-driven marketing, loyalty and payment solutions, today announced results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2020, including net income of \$133 million or \$2.79 per diluted share.

"Alliance Data executed effectively in the third quarter, posting strong sequential improvement across key financial metrics," said Ralph Andretta, president and chief executive officer of Alliance Data. "This positive financial performance, together with actions to strengthen our balance sheet, advance our technology, and enhance our digital capabilities and product set, underscores Alliance Data's commitment to sustainable, profitable long-term growth.

"Specifically, our third quarter financial results demonstrated a modest recovery in Card Services credit sales, which increased 28% sequentially, as credit metrics remained resilient, reflecting strong payment trends across our cardmember base. Additionally, revenue from LoyaltyOne® improved from second quarter levels, reflecting better business conditions and improved AIR MILES® reward activity. At the same time, we continued to drive significant company-wide expense reductions from ongoing efficiency programs that have reduced our cost to serve and enabled additional investment in areas of strategic priority.

"The Company made substantial progress executing on the strategic initiatives outlined during the second quarter earnings call. With the acquisition of Bread, which is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2020, we will expand our digital offering to include installment and buy now, pay later payment products. These capabilities will expand our addressable market, while providing additional valuable cross-sell opportunities, as well as support our brand partners with new online product solutions. With these offerings, Alliance Data is uniquely positioned to provide a branded, full spectrum payment suite for our partners. Please refer to this morning's press release on the acquisition for more information.

"Given the growth in digital engagement, we continue to accelerate our digital innovation. With the combination of Bread and the launch of our Enhanced Digital Suite, our robust payment solutions offerings will enable our brand partners to further capitalize on the rapid pace of e-commerce growth, driving incremental customer acquisition and spend. The Enhanced Digital Suite offering promotes payment options early in the shopping experience, and provides our partners with improved digital marketing and payment tools.

"The recent announcement with Fisery underscores our commitment to delivering value and service to our brand partners and their customers. As part of our broader technology enhancement, this relationship will allow us to be more deeply integrated with our partners and seamlessly add new payment products, digital capabilities, and real-time analytics. We will reinvest the resulting reduction in our annual capital spend into our businesses to drive further growth and digital innovation.

"In addition, the recent launch of our Comenity-branded general purpose cash-back credit card provides Alliance Data with an important new product to serve and retain our cardmembers, capturing incremental spend.

"We remain cautiously optimistic on consumer spending and payment trends. Our brand partners are seeing improved sales, led by the acceleration of online retail. Consumer payment rates have been strong, and credit metrics remain better than expected. That said, we remain disciplined in our risk management, maintaining our reserve for loan loss at over 13% of end of period receivables, in line with the second quarter of 2020. We will continue making investments in our products and capabilities to provide even greater value to our partners, customers, collectors, and cardmembers and drive long-term stockholder value," said Andretta.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

SUMMARY	Quarter Ended September 30,							
(in millions, except per share amounts)	2020		2019	% Change				
Revenue	\$ 1,050	\$	1,438	(27)%				
Income from continuing operations before income taxes ("EBT")	\$ 176	\$	164	7%				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 133	\$	122	10%				
Net income (loss)	\$ 133	\$	(108)	nm				
Income from continuing operations per diluted share ("EPS")	\$ 2.79	\$	2.41	16%				
Net income (loss) per diluted share	\$ 2.79	\$	(2.13)	nm				
Diluted shares outstanding	47.8		50.4					

Supplemental Non-GAAP Metrics (a):								
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 340	\$	481	(29)%				
Adjusted EBITDA, net of funding costs ("adjusted EBITDA, net")	\$ 250	\$	367	(32)%				
Core earnings per diluted share ("core EPS")	\$ 3.45	\$	5.05	(32)%				
Pre-provision, pre-tax earnings	\$ 384	\$	462	(17)%				

nm = not meaningful

Due to the continuing impacts of COVID-19, consolidated revenue decreased 27% to \$1,050 million, compared to the third quarter of 2019. EBT increased 7% to \$176 million, while income from continuing operations increased 10% to \$133 million and EPS increased 16% to \$2.79, all compared to the third quarter of 2019. The third quarter of 2019 was negatively impacted by the expense related to the early extinguishment of debt associated with the repayment of \$2.4 billion in debt, and restructuring and other charges associated with cost saving initiatives implemented in 2019. Adjusted EBITDA, net decreased 32% to \$250 million as compared to the third quarter of 2019.

In September 2020, the Company completed a \$500 million offering of senior notes, maturing in January 2026. Net proceeds from the offering were used to repay \$494 million of term loans under the Company's credit agreement, which was amended to allow certain covenant flexibility over a specified period beginning in 2021, specifically to (a) increase the maximum total leverage ratio, (b) decrease the minimum interest coverage ratio, and (c) increase the maximum permitted average delinquency ratio.

SEGMENT RESULTS

Card Services: Revenue decreased 27% to \$866 million, compared to the third quarter of 2019, due primarily to the decline in average receivables, reflecting lower sales volumes, and in part from interest rate cuts earlier this year. EBT decreased 29% to \$212 million, compared to the third quarter of 2019, due to lower revenue, partly offset by a decline in operating expenses and a \$90 million year-over-year decrease in the provision for loan loss. The net principal loss rate was 5.8% in the third quarter of 2020 and the delinquency rate of 4.7% improved 120 basis points from the prior year period; both loss and delinquency rates benefitted from forbearance relief granted in connection with the pandemic.

Credit sales decreased 21% to \$6.2 billion, compared to the third quarter of 2019, due to the continuing impacts of COVID-19. On a sequential basis, credit sales increased 28% as consumer spending improved, while average receivables decreased 5%, primarily due to lower sales levels in 2020, due to the continuing impacts of COVID-19. On a sequential period end basis, credit card and loan receivables were down approximately 1% versus June 30, 2020.

Related to funding, the Company also renewed its three conduit facilities with total commitments of \$3.2 billion, extending the maturity to either April or October 2022.

LoyaltyOne: Revenue decreased 25% to \$185 million, compared to the third quarter of 2019, resulting from fewer short-term loyalty programs in market due to the impact of COVID-19, as well as the sale of Precima® in January 2020, which accounted for \$23 million of incremental revenue in last year's third quarter. On a constant currency basis, revenue declined 27% to \$179 million, compared to the third quarter of 2019, with BrandLoyalty revenue decreasing 24%, or \$35 million, on a constant currency basis, due to a decline in programs with retailer delays related to the impact of COVID-19. AIR MILES revenue decreased 32%, or \$31 million, compared to the third quarter of 2019 on a constant currency basis, due primarily to the sale of Precima, as well as lower service and redemption revenue. LoyaltyOne adjusted EBITDA, net decreased 31% to \$40 million, primarily due to the decrease in revenue.

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Issuance of AIR MILES reward miles decreased 8%, compared to the third quarter of 2019, reflecting a decline in discretionary spending, including credit card spend and delays in promotions by Sponsors. AIR MILES reward miles redemptions decreased 36%, compared to the third quarter of 2019, reflecting the impact of the pandemic on travel-related categories, offset in part by strength from merchandise redemptions. On a sequential basis, AIR MILES reward miles issued and redeemed improved 18% and 13%, respectively, reflecting better business conditions than second quarter 2020.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements give our expectations or forecasts of future events and can generally be identified by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "project," "plan," "likely," "may," "should" or other words or phrases of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe our business strategy, outlook, objectives, plans, intentions or goals also are forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements we make regarding, and the guidance we give with respect to, our anticipated operating or financial results, initiation or completion of strategic initiatives, future dividend declarations, and future economic conditions, including, but not limited to, fluctuation in currency exchange rates, market conditions and COVID-19 impacts related to relief measures for impacted borrowers and depositors, labor shortages due to quarantine, reduction in demand from clients, supply chain disruption for our reward suppliers and disruptions in the airline or travel industries.

We believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions. Forward-looking statements, however, are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the projections, anticipated results or other expectations expressed in this release, and no assurances can be given that our expectations will prove to have been correct. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, factors set forth in the Risk Factors section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year, which may be updated in Item 1A of, or elsewhere in, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed for periods subsequent to such Form 10-K. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and we undertake no obligation, other than as required by applicable law, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, subsequent events, anticipated or unanticipated circumstances or otherwise.

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Financial Measures

In addition to the results presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, the Company may present financial measures that are non-GAAP measures, such as constant currency financial measures, pre-provision pre-tax earnings, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted EBITDA, net of funding costs, core earnings and core earnings per diluted share (core EPS). Constant currency excludes the impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The Company calculates constant currency by converting our current period local currency financial results using the prior period exchange rates. The Company uses adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA, net as an integral part of internal reporting to measure the performance and operational strength of reportable segments and to evaluate the performance of senior management. Adjusted EBITDA eliminates the uneven effect across all reportable segments of non-cash depreciation of tangible assets and amortization of intangible assets, including certain intangible assets that were recognized in business combinations, and the non-cash effect of stock compensation expense. In addition, adjusted EBITDA eliminates the effect of the gain (loss) on the sale of a business, strategic transaction costs, asset impairments, restructuring and other charges, and the loss on the extinguishment of debt. Adjusted EBITDA, net is equal to adjusted EBITDA less securitization funding costs and interest expense on deposits. Similarly, core earnings and core EPS eliminate non-cash or non-operating items, including, but not limited to, stock compensation expense, amortization of purchased intangibles, non-cash interest, gain (loss) on the sale of a business, strategic transaction costs, asset impairments, restructuring and other charges, and the loss on the extinguishment of debt. The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures, viewed in addition to and not in lieu of the Company's reported GAAP results, provide useful information to investors regarding the C

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Reconciliations to comparable GAAP financial measures are available in the accompanying schedules, which are posted as part of this earnings release in both the News and Investors sections on the Company's website (www.alliancedata.com). The events necessitating a non-GAAP adjustment are inherently unpredictable and may have a material impact on the Company's future results.

The financial measures presented are consistent with the Company's historical financial reporting practices. Core earnings and core EPS represent performance measures and are not intended to represent liquidity measures. The non-GAAP financial measures presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies, and are not identical to corresponding measures used in other various agreements or public filings.

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Conference Call

Alliance Data will host a conference call on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss the Company's third quarter 2020 results. The conference call will be available via the Internet at www.alliancedata.com. There will be several slides accompanying the webcast. Please go to the website at least 15 minutes prior to the call to register, download and install any necessary software. The recorded webcast will also be available on the Company's website.

If you are unable to participate in the conference call, a replay will be available. To access the replay, please dial (800) 585-8367 or (416) 624-4642 and enter "9644767". The replay will be available at approximately 11:59 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

About Alliance Data

Alliance Data® (NYSE: ADS) is a leading provider of data-driven marketing, loyalty and payment solutions serving large, consumer-based industries. The Company creates and deploys customized solutions that measurably change consumer behavior while driving business growth and profitability for some of today's most recognizable brands. Alliance Data helps its partners create and increase customer loyalty across multiple touch points using traditional, digital, mobile and emerging technologies. A FORTUNE 500 and S&P MidCap 400 company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Alliance Data consists of businesses that together employ over 8,500 associates at more than 50 locations worldwide.

Alliance Data's Card Services business is a provider of market-leading private label, co-brand, and business credit card programs. LoyaltyOne® owns and operates the AIR MILES® Reward Program, Canada's most recognized loyalty program, and Netherlands-based BrandLoyalty, a global provider of tailor-made loyalty programs for grocers. More information about Alliance Data can be found at www.AllianceData.com.

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ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In millions, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2020		2019		2020		2019
Revenue	\$ 1,050.5	\$	1,437.6	\$	3,411.5	\$	4,120.3
Operating expenses:							
Cost of operations	511.7		719.3		1,547.9		2,110.0
Provision for loan loss	207.7		297.3		1,113.7		806.8
Depreciation and amortization	40.1		44.9		120.3		133.2
Loss on extinguishment of debt	 		71.9				71.9
Total operating expenses	759.5		1,133.4		2,781.9		3,121.9
Operating income	291.0		304.2		629.6		998.4
Interest expense, net:							
Securitization funding costs	37.5		51.4		130.1		160.3
Interest expense on deposits	52.9		62.5		172.1		164.4
Interest expense on long-term and other debt, net	 24.7		26.1		79.1		102.7
Total interest expense, net	115.1		140.0		381.3		427.4
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 175.9	\$	164.2	\$	248.3	\$	571.0
Income tax expense	42.6		42.6		46.6		128.8
Income from continuing operations	133.3		121.6		201.7		442.2
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	_		(229.2)		_		(261.7)
Net income (loss)	\$ 133.3	\$	(107.6)	\$	201.7	\$	180.5
Per share data:							
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	47.7		48.8		47.7		51.1
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted	47.8		50.4		47.7		52.1
Basic – Income from continuing operations	\$ 2.79	\$	2.47	\$	4.23	\$	8.49
Basic – Loss from discontinued operations	 		(4.69)				(5.12)
Basic – Net income (loss)	\$ 2.79	\$	(2.22)	\$	4.23	\$	3.37
Diluted – Income from continuing operations	\$ 2.79	\$	2.41	\$	4.23	\$	8.50
Diluted – Loss from discontinued operations			(4.54)				(5.03)
Diluted – Net income (loss)	\$ 2.79	\$	(2.13)	\$	4.23	\$	3.47

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In millions) (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,078.4	\$ 3,874.4
Credit card and loan receivables:		
Credit card and loan receivables	15,598.7	19,463.1
Allowance for loan loss	(2,080.9	(1,171.1)
Credit card and loan receivables, net	13,517.8	18,292.0
Credit card receivables held for sale	_	408.0
Redemption settlement assets, restricted	641.7	600.8
Right of use assets - operating	247.2	264.3
Intangible assets, net	89.3	153.3
Goodwill	969.4	954.9
Other assets	2,569.1	1,947.1
Total assets	\$ 21,112.9	\$ 26,494.8
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Deferred revenue	\$ 937.1	\$ 922.0
Deposits	10,148.5	12,151.7
Non-recourse borrowings of consolidated securitization entities	4,344.3	7,284.0
Long-term and other debt	2,803.2	2,849.9
Operating lease liabilities	297.3	314.3
Other liabilities	1,259.5	1,384.6
Total liabilities	19,790.3	24,906.5
Stockholders' equity	1,322.6	1,588.3
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 21,112.9	\$ 26,494.8

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Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In millions) (Unaudited)

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020 2019 **Cash Flows from Operating Activities:** 201.7 180.5 Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization 120.3 206.4 (187.0)(157.7)Deferred income taxes 1,113.7 Provision for loan loss 806.8 Non-cash stock compensation 54.3 16.2 Amortization of deferred financing costs 26.6 32.6 Gain on sale of business (13.7)(512.2)Loss on extinguishment of debt 71.9 34.2 Asset impairment charges 493 Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of sale of business 121.6 611.8 Other 25.7 215.8 Net cash provided by operating activities 1,488.6 1,530.2 **Cash Flows from Investing Activities:** Change in redemption settlement assets (31.3)(7.0)Change in credit card and loan receivables 3,107.8 (678.2)4,369.6 Proceeds from sale of business 26.7 Sale of credit card portfolios 289.5 980.0 Purchase of credit card portfolios (924.8)(37.9)Capital expenditures (119.2)Other 10.0 30.1 Net cash provided by investing activities 3,364.8 3,650.5 **Cash Flows from Financing Activities:** Borrowings under debt agreements 1,150.0 2,092.3 Repayments of borrowings (1,194.5)(4,979.8)Net (decrease) increase in deposits (2,012.0)709.4 Non-recourse borrowings of consolidated securitization entities 435.0 3,576.8 Repayments/maturities of non-recourse borrowings of consolidated securitization entities (3,380.0)(4,332.2)Payment of debt extinguishment costs (46.1)Payment of deferred financing costs (27.1)(16.2)Purchase of treasury shares (975.9)Dividends paid (50.5)(97.4)Other (16.1)3.9 (5,064.3) Net cash used in financing activities (4,096.1)Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash (0.6)3.7 Change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash (207.2)1,084.0 3,958.1 3,967.7 Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period

Note: The cash flow statement is presented with the combined cash flows from discontinued operations with cash flows from continuing operations within each cash flow statement category.

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ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION SUMMARY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (In millions) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Mont Septem			
	 2020		2019	Change	2020	2019	Change
Segment Revenue:							
LoyaltyOne	\$ 184.8	\$	245.5	(25)%	\$ 533.9	\$ 700.7	(24)%
Card Services	865.7		1,192.0	(27)	2,877.5	3,419.3	(16)
Corporate/Other	 <u> </u>		0.1	nm*	0.1	 0.3	nm*
Total	\$ 1,050.5	\$	1,437.6	(27)%	\$ 3,411.5	\$ 4,120.3	(17)%
Segment Earnings Before Taxes:							
LoyaltyOne	\$ 18.3	\$	(5.2)	(451)%	\$ 88.9	\$ 45.3	97%
Card Services	212.1		300.1	(29)	314.5	829.8	(62)
Corporate/Other	(54.5)		(130.7)	(58)	(155.1)	(304.1)	(49)
Total	\$ 175.9	\$	164.2	7%	\$ 248.3	\$ 571.0	(57)%
Segment Adjusted EBITDA, net:							
LoyaltyOne	\$ 40.1	\$	58.2	(31)%	\$ 141.8	\$ 164.3	(14)%
Card Services	233.1		328.0	(29)	407.2	910.1	(55)
Corporate/Other	 (23.7)		(18.9)	25	(59.8)	(80.9)	(26)
Total	\$ 249.5	\$	367.3	(32)%	\$ 489.2	\$ 993.5	(51)%
Key Performance Indicators:							
Credit sales	\$ 6,152	\$	7,824	(21)%	\$ 17,050	\$ 21,690	(21)%
Average receivables	\$ 15,300	\$	17,449	(12)%	\$ 16,570	\$ 17,032	(3)%
Normalized average receivables	\$ 15,356	\$	19,299	(20)%	\$ 16,704	\$ 18,799	(11)%
Card Services gross yield	22.5%		24.7%	(2.2)%	23.0%	24.3%	(1.3)%
Net principal loss rate	5.8%		5.6%	0.2%	6.8%	6.0%	0.8%
Delinquency rate	4.7%		5.9%	(1.2)%	4.7%	5.9%	(1.2)%
AIR MILES reward miles issued	1,240		1,344	(8)%	3,609	4,025	(10)%
AIR MILES reward miles redeemed	687		1,078	(36)%	2,289	3,217	(29)%

^{*} nm = not meaningful

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(In millions, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2020		2019		2020		2019
Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, net:						_		
Income from continuing operations	\$	133.3	\$	121.6	\$	201.7	\$	442.2
Income tax expense		42.6		42.6		46.6		128.8
Total interest expense, net		115.1		140.0		381.3		427.4
Depreciation and other amortization		18.4		19.9		56.2		59.8
Amortization of purchased intangibles		21.7		25.0		64.1		73.4
Stock compensation expense		5.3		3.0		16.2		24.6
Gain on sale of business, net of strategic transaction costs (1)		_		_		(8.0)		_
Strategic transaction costs (2)		3.5		2.3		6.8		5.0
Asset impairments (3)		_		_		34.2		_
Restructuring and other charges (4)		_		54.9		(7.7)		85.1
Loss on extinguishment of debt (5)		_		71.9		_		71.9
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	339.9	\$	481.2	\$	791.4	\$	1,318.2
Less: Funding costs (6)		90.4		113.9		302.2		324.7
Adjusted EBITDA, net of funding costs	\$	249.5	\$	367.3	\$	489.2	\$	993.5
Core Earnings:								
Income from continuing operations	\$	133.3	\$	121.6	\$	201.7	\$	442.2
Add back: non-cash/ non-operating items:	•		•		•		•	
Stock compensation expense		5.3		3.0		16.2		24.6
Amortization of purchased intangibles		21.7		25.0		64.1		73.4
Non-cash interest (7)		8.2		10.5		26.6		29.2
Gain on sale of business, net of strategic transaction costs (1)		_		_		(8.0)		_
Strategic transaction costs (2)		3.5		2.3		6.8		5.0
Asset impairments (3)		_		_		34.2		_
Restructuring and other charges (4)		_		54.9		(7.7)		85.1
Loss on extinguishment of debt (5)		_		71.9		`		71.9
Income tax effect (8)		(7.2)		(34.4)		(44.7)		(73.4)
Core earnings	\$	164.8	\$	254.8	\$	289.2	\$	658.0
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted		47.8		50.4		47.7		52.1
Core earnings per share – diluted	\$	3.45	\$	5.05	\$	6.06	\$	12.64
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Pre-provision pre-tax earnings:								
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	175.9	\$	164.2	\$	248.3	\$	571.0
Provision for loan loss		207.7		297.3		1,113.7		806.8
Pre-provision pre-tax earnings	\$	383.6	\$	461.5	\$	1,362.0	\$	1,377.8

⁽¹⁾ Represents gain on sale of Precima in January 2020, net of strategic transaction costs. Precima was included in the Company's LoyaltyOne segment.

⁽²⁾ Represents costs for professional services associated with strategic initiatives.

⁽³⁾ Represents asset impairment charges recorded in the second quarter of 2020, related to deferred contract costs and certain right of use assets.

⁽⁴⁾ Represents costs associated with restructuring and other exit activities. In 2020, the amounts consist of adjustments to our liability associated with restructuring and other charges recorded for cost saving initiatives executed in 2019.

⁽⁵⁾ Represents loss on extinguishment of debt resulting from the redemption price of the senior notes and the write-off of deferred issuance costs related to the July 2019 extinguishment of \$1.9 billion outstanding senior notes and a mandatory payment of \$500.0 million of the Company's revolving credit facility.

⁽⁶⁾ Represents interest expense on deposits and securitization funding costs.

⁽⁷⁾ Represents amortization of debt issuance costs.

⁽⁸⁾ Represents the tax effect including the related non-GAAP measure adjustments using the expected effective annual tax rate.

Restructuring charges Loss on extinguishment of debt

Adjusted EBITDA Less: Funding costs

Adjusted EBITDA, net

		-	Three M	onths Ended	_)	
				Card	Corporate/			
		altyOne		ervices		Other		Total
Operating income (loss)	\$	18.1	\$	302.5	\$	(29.6)	\$	291.0
Depreciation and amortization		20.3		19.2		0.6		40.1
Stock compensation expense		1.6		1.8		1.9		5.3
Gain on sale of business, net of strategic transaction costs		- 0.1		_		2.4		
Strategic transaction costs		0.1		_		3.4		3.5
Asset impairments Restructuring and other charges		_		_		_		_
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		40.1	_	323.5		(22.7)	_	339.9
Adjusted EBITDA		40.1				(23.7)		
Less: Funding costs	ф	40.1	Φ.	90.4	Φ.	(22.7)	Φ.	90.4
Adjusted EBITDA, net	\$	40.1	\$	233.1	\$	(23.7)	\$	249.5
		-		onths Ended)	
		_		Card		rporate/		
		altyOne		ervices		Other		Total
Operating income (loss)	\$	(4.4)	\$	413.9	\$	(105.3)	\$	304.2
Depreciation and amortization		19.8		23.5		1.6		44.9
Stock compensation expense		0.7		2.4		(0.1)		3.0
Strategic transaction costs		0.1		_		2.2		2.3
Restructuring and other charges		42.0		2.1		10.8		54.9
Loss on extinguishment of debt			_			71.9		71.9
Adjusted EBITDA		58.2		441.9		(18.9)		481.2
Less: Funding costs				113.9				113.9
Adjusted EBITDA, net	<u>\$</u>	58.2	\$	328.0	\$	(18.9)	\$	367.3
			onths Ended	Septem	ber 30, 2020			
				Card		rporate/		
		altyOne	_	ervices		Other		Total
Operating income (loss)	\$	88.4	\$	616.7	\$	(75.5)	\$	629.6
Depreciation and amortization		56.9		61.0		2.4		120.3
Stock compensation expense		4.1		5.3		6.8		16.2
Gain on sale of business, net of strategic transaction costs		(8.0)				_		(8.0)
Strategic transaction costs		0.3		_		6.5		6.8
Asset impairments		_		34.2		_		34.2
Restructuring and other charges		0.1		(7.8)				(7.7)
Adjusted EBITDA		141.8		709.4		(59.8)		791.4
Less: Funding costs	 		_	302.2				302.2
Adjusted EBITDA, net	\$	141.8	\$	407.2	\$	(59.8)	\$	489.2
		Nine Months Ended						
					rporate/			
		altyOne		ervices		Other		Total
Operating income (loss)	\$	47.9	\$	1,154.5	\$	(204.0)	\$	998.4
Depreciation and amortization		59.7		68.5		5.0		133.2
Stock compensation expense		6.5		9.7		8.4		24.6
Strategic transaction costs		0.3				4.7		5.0
		40.0		2.1		22.1		0.5.1

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Key Highlights

- Strong financial results across key metrics
- Continued progress on strategic priorities
- Investment in initiatives to drive long-term growth



2020 Third Quarter Financial Highlights

Strong results across key metrics

\$1.1_B Revenue

\$133_{MM} Net income

\$2.79 Diluted EPS

\$250_{MM} Adj. EBITDA, net

- Credit sales of \$6.2 billion in 3Q20 represented a 28% increase versus 2Q20
- Average receivables declined 5% versus 2Q20 due to the continued impact from COVID-19
- · Credit metrics exceeded our expectations with a net loss rate of 5.8% for the quarter
- AIR MILES® reward miles issued and redeemed improved 18% and 13% respectively versus 2Q20

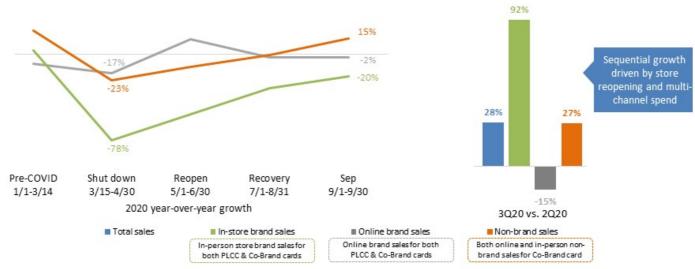


Card Services Performance Highlights

Encouraging credit sales trends emerging across channels and verticals

- Credit sales improved 28% from 2Q20 as retailers continued reopening & consumer spend improved
 - Credit sales from diversified verticals* represented 65% of sales in 3Q20 vs 55% in 2019
 - Beauty, home décor, general retail, and hard goods all returned to positive year-over-year sales growth

Credit sales continue to rebound from pandemic lows across channels



*Diversified verticals represent verticals outside of specialty apparel, department stores, and jewelry



Card Services Performance Highlights

Focus on driving sustained, profitable growth

Partner Renewals

- Renewal of key partner relationships including:
 - GameStop, the world's largest video game, consumer electronics and collectibles retailer

Digital and mobile engagement and servicing

 Bealls Outlet/Burkes Outlet, a regional off-price retailer with more than 500 locations

Integrated real-time prescreen and expanded loyalty program

New Vertical Growth

- Market leader in fast-growing specialty retail verticals, including beauty (\$530B industry / 7% CAGR)
- · Launched two new partnerships:
 - Sally Beauty, the largest distributor of professional beauty supplies in the U.S
 - Salon Centric (part of L'Oréal), one of the largest distributors of professional salon and beauty supplies in the U.S.
 - Alliance Data now manages the Top 4 programs in the U.S. beauty industry



Customer Expansion

- Strategically offering the new Comenity bankcard to select customers for expanded customer utility
- Cash back rewards and category accelerators that drove higher than expected response rates
- Strong millennial engagement with highest sales/active
- Early metrics suggest strong credit performance trends
- Opportunity to grow via new acquisition and retention strategies





LoyaltyOne® Performance Highlights

Better business conditions lead to sequential 22% revenue improvement over 2Q20



- Reward miles issued and redeemed improved vs 2Q20; however, the yearover-year impact of lower discretionary spend continues
- AIR MILES continues to pivot the rewards portfolio to emphasize more non-travel options, driving higher merchandise redemptions in 3Q20

brandloyalty

happy people

- Revenue improved 37% vs 2Q20 as business conditions strengthened
- With the potential return of COVID-19-related lockdowns in Europe, many retailers continue to delay promotional programs until 2021

AIR MILES program performance





Doubling Down on Digital Engagement

Continue to grow and accelerate our next generation of digital experiences

Digital Presentment

presents financing and rewards earlier in the buying experience

45%

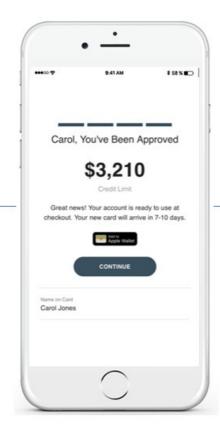
of sales are made online (+33% YOY)

Digital Payments

Contactless and wallet integration

66%

of chip cards are contactless with wallet usage doubling YOY



Digital Application

Frictionless user experience with 65% pre-filled customer data

70%

of applications are digital (+8% YOY)

Digital Servicing

Convenient and secure management

78%

of bills are paid digitally (+6% YOY)



Investment Highlights

Product and technology enhancements to support growth and digital acceleration



- Point of sale technology platform which further enhances our digital product suite
 - Buy now, pay later
 - Installment loans
- · White-label offerings
- Tech stack integrates seamlessly
- Embedded Growth strategy
 - Expand to new customer segments and verticals
 - Enhanced penetration with existing customers



- · Modern and scalable platform
- Flexible platform enables seamless addition of new capabilities
- Operational and product efficiencies through leading technology
- Enables focus and investment on market differentiators
 - Technology
 - Data
 - Digital

Enhanced Digital Suite.

- Full digital payments solution including real-time financing and marketing presentment across the buying journey from product page to checkout
- Single API integration using a software development kit for fast, simple integration
- Scalable, one-stop digital integration tool for brand partners

Product Expansion

Technology Advancement

Digital Experiences



Strategic Acquisition

Expands digital capabilities with installment loan and buy now, pay later products



Consideration	 \$450 million of estimated consideration, of which approximately \$100 million is Alliance Data common stock
Financial Impact	 Accelerates ADS growth profile, particularly in rapidly growing ecommerce payments space Expected to be accretive to EPS within three years
Talent	Bread's talented team of ~185 employees will join Alliance Data
	 Bread's development team will focus on current priorities and clients as well as spearheading a new digital innovation hub, in NYC, driving ADS digital initiatives
Expected	Completion subject to customary closing conditions
Timing	Expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2020
Capital	No incremental leverage required to complete the transaction
Structure	 Equity element demonstrates confidence in Alliance Data's long-term success No impact on our capital allocation strategy



2020 Action Items

Deliberate and thoughtful progress balancing the pandemic and future growth

Recover

- · Associate safety & health
- · Recession readiness plan
- · Right-size expense base
- · Disciplined risk management
- · Review partnership economics

Rebuild

- Expand digital offerings
 - Enhanced Digital Suite
 - POS payment solutions
- · Technology flexibility & upgrades
 - Core processing platform
- · Enhance data & analytics
- · Prudent Balance Sheet actions

Regrow

- · Focused investment
 - Align with recovery trend
- · Further digital enhancements
- Sustained, profitable growth
- · Expense flexibility and discipline
- · Drive shareholder value

These actions along with our on-going strategic initiatives will focus on profitable growth and driving shareholder value



Third Quarter 2020 Results

(\$ in millions, except per share)	3Q20	3Q19	% Change	
LoyaltyOne	\$185	\$246	(25)%	18%
Card Services	\$866	\$1,192	(27)%	Revenue (1)
Corporate/Other	-	-	nm	82%
Total Revenue	\$1,050	\$1,438	(27)%	
LoyaltyOne	\$18	\$(5)	nm	8%
Card Services	\$212	\$300	(29)%	Earnings (1)
Corporate/Other	\$(55)	\$(131)	(58)%	Before Tax
Total Earnings before Tax (EBT)	\$176	\$164	7%	92%
LoyaltyOne	\$40	\$58	(31)%	
Card Services	\$233	\$328	(29)%	15%
Corporate/Other	\$(24)	\$(19)	25%	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾ EBITDA, net
Adjusted EBITDA, net	\$250	\$367	(32)%	85%
Income from continuing operations	\$133	\$122	10%	■ Card Services ■ LoyaltyOne
Income from continuing operations per diluted share	\$2.79	\$2.41	16%	= LOY dicy Offic
Pre-Provision, earnings before tax	\$384	\$462	(17%)	

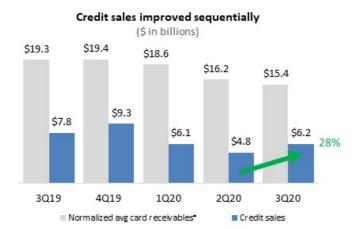
⁽¹⁾ Percentages based on Card Services and LoyaltyOne segments combined as reported excluding Corporate/Other and intersegment eliminations Totals may not sum due to rounding; nm = not meaningful



Key Business Metrics

Improving sales and rebound in yield drove sequential revenue improvement

- Credit sales improved on a sequential basis providing optimism that pressure on receivables is subsiding as we
 move towards the typical fourth quarter seasonal step-up in receivable balances
- Revenue growth on a sequential basis was aided by card gross yield improvement as the impact of COVID-related customer relief on fees was mitigated
- As a result of the revenue growth, expenses increased sequentially, including a \$27 million increase in cost of redemptions in our LoyaltyOne business
- Year-over-year fixed cost savings actions remain on track with realized savings of approx. \$50 million in 3Q20



25.5% 24.7% 23.3% 22.5% 20.4% 2.4% 2.4% 2.4% 2.5% 2.4% 3Q19 4Q19 1Q20 2Q20 3Q20 Card Services gross yield Card Services cost of funds

Card Services yield rebounded from 2Q20

*Normalized card receivables includes held-for-sale receivables

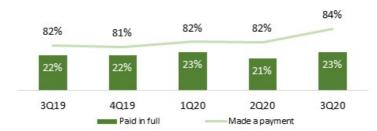
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Cardmember Payment Behavior

Payment trends remain favorable with 84% of accounts making a payment in 3Q

- · Consumer payments remain strong with increasing payment rates and payments made in full during the quarter
- The COVID-related customer relief program now represents 3% of total card receivables as of quarter-end
 - 73% of enrollees made a payment in 3Q20, up from 55% in 2Q20

Total account payment behavior trends continue to trend upward



Payment behaviors on accounts enrolled in COVID-related customer relief also continue to improve

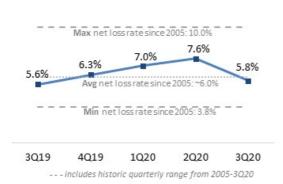


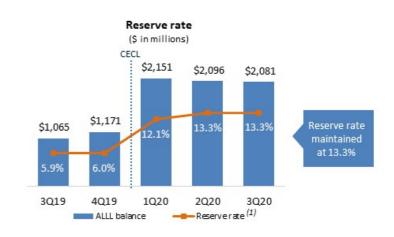


Credit Quality and Allowance

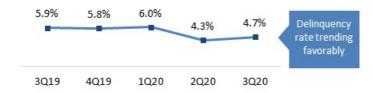
Credit metrics remain resilient







Delinquency rate



- CECL adoption impact of \$644 million on 1/1/20
- Allowance of \$2.1 billion remains flat vs 2Q20, and nearly double 3Q19

(1) Calculated as a percentage of allowance for loan loss to end of period credit card and loan receivables



Balance Sheet Management

Prudent actions to opportunistically extend, diversify, and de-risk

Actions taken since 9/30/19:

- Completed two offerings of senior notes, for \$850 million & \$500 million maturing in 2024 & 2026, respectively
 - Repaid \$1.33 billion of term loan
- Extended the credit facility by 18 months from June 2021 to December 2022
- Added covenant flexibility: Amended Company's credit agreement to allow certain covenant flexibility over a specific period beginning in 2021 to
 - increase the maximum total leverage ratio
 - decrease the minimum interest coverage ratio
 - increase the maximum permitted average delinquency ratio

Capital structure management:							
9/30/19 \$2.86 billion due 06/21 1.75 years	9/30/20 \$1.48 billion due 12/22 2.25 years \$0.85 billion due 12/24 4.25 years \$0.50 billion due 01/26 5.33 years						



Capital and Liquidity Update

Sufficient corporate liquidity; Banks remain well-capitalized

Parent Level

- Liquidity at 9/30 of \$1.2 billion, consisting of cash on hand plus revolver capacity
- Approximately \$430 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$750 million in unused revolver
- Fully paid down revolver in the third quarter 2020
- · The next debt maturity in December 2022 is out more than two years

Bank Level

- · Banks finished the quarter with \$2.7 billion in cash and \$2.6 billion in equity
- Total Risk Based Capital Ratio at 20.1% double the 10% threshold to be considered well-capitalized;
 CET1 at 18.8%
- Funding readily available
 - Heavy demand for FDIC-insured deposit products both direct-to-consumer and brokered
 - Retail deposits have tripled as a percentage of our funding since 2Q19
 - Renewed all three conduits with \$3.2 billion of conduit capacity through either April or October 2022



Strategic Initiatives

Focused investment to drive sustainable long-term shareholder value

Technology Innovation

Leverage technology as a competitive advantage with continued innovation and a focus on reducing our cost to serve

Product Diversification and Development

Expand our product base to offer a suite of financial solutions that empowers today's consumers

Digital Advancement

Deliver an advanced digital experience for our brand partners and consumers

Data Science and Analytics

Evolution in intelligent automation and analytical sciences to drive incremental insights, retention, and operating leverage

Key Foundational Elements

Active risk management

Prudent balance sheet management

Disciplined expense management



Questions & Answers



Financial Measures

In addition to the results presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, the Company may present financial measures that are non-GAAP measures, such as constant currency financial measures, pre-provision earnings before taxes, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted EBITDA, net of funding costs, core earnings and core earnings per diluted share (core EPS). Constant currency excludes the impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The Company calculates constant currency by converting our current period local currency financial results using the prior period exchange rates. The Company uses adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA, net as an integral part of internal reporting to measure the performance and operational strength of reportable segments and to evaluate the performance of senior management. Adjusted EBITDA eliminates the uneven effect across all reportable segments of non-cash depreciation of tangible assets and amortization of intangible assets, including certain intangible assets that were recognized in business combinations, and the non-cash effect of stock compensation expense. In addition, adjusted EBITDA eliminates the effect of the gain (loss) on the sale of a business, strategic transaction costs, asset impairments, restructuring and other charges, and the loss on extinguishment of debt. Adjusted EBITDA, net is equal to adjusted EBITDA less securitization funding costs and interest expense on deposits. Similarly, core earnings and core EPS eliminate non-cash or non-operating items, including, but not limited to, stock compensation expense, amortization of purchased intangibles, non-cash interest, gain (loss) on the sale of a business, strategic transaction costs, asset impairments, restructuring and other charges, and the loss on extinguishment of debt. The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures, viewed in addition to and not in lieu of the Company's reported GAAP results, provide useful information to investors regarding the Company's performance and overall results of operations.



Appendix



Third Quarter 2020 Consolidated Results

(in millions, except per share)	3Q20	3Q19	% Change
Revenue	\$1,050	\$1,438	(27)%
Income from continuing operations	\$133	\$122	10%
Income from continuing operations per diluted share (EPS)	\$2.79	\$2.41	16%
Core EPS	\$3.45	\$5.05	(32)%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$340	\$481	(29)%
Adjusted EBITDA, net	\$250	\$367	(32)%
Pre-Provision, earnings before taxes	\$384	\$462	(17)%
Diluted shares outstanding	47.8	50.4	
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(Including discontinued operations)			
Net income (loss)	\$133	\$(108)	nm
Net income (loss) per diluted share	\$2.79	\$(2.13)	nm
*nm= not meaningful			



Key Business Metrics

	3Q20	3Q19	3Q20 vs 3Q19	2Q20	3Q20 vs 2Q20
LoyaltyOne (in millions)	id.				
AIR MILES Reward Miles Issued	1,240	1,344	(8)%	1,053	18%
AIR MILES Reward Miles Redeemed	687	1,078	(36)%	608	13%
Card Services (\$in millions)					
Credit Sales	\$6,152	\$7,824	(21)%	\$4,799	28%
Average Card Receivables	\$15,300	\$17,449	(12)%	\$16,116	(5)%
Normalized Average Card Receivables ¹	\$15,356	\$19,299	(20)%	\$16,204	(5)%
End of Period Receivables	\$15,599	\$17,928	(13)%	\$15,809	(1)%
Total Gross Yield % ²	22.5%	24.7%	(2.2)%	20.4%	2.1%
Operating Expense % 3	9.2%	8.7%	0.5%	9.1%	0.1%
Cost of Funds	2.4%	2.4%	2	2.5%	(0.1)%
Principal Loss Rate	5.8%	5.6%	0.2%	7.6%	(1.8)%
Reserve Rate	13.3%	5.9%	7.4%	13.3%	153
Delinquency Rate	4.7%	5.9%	(1.2)%	4.3%	0.4%
Return on Equity	14%	28%	(14)%	15%	(1)%

¹Normalized card receivables includes held-for-sale receivables

³ Excludes mark-to-market on held-for-sale receivables and asset impairment charges



² Revenue divided by normalized card receivables

Bank Capital Ratios

	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20
Combined Banks			
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio	15.9%	18.3%	18.8%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	15.9%	18.3%	18.8%
Total Risk Based Capital Ratio	17.3%	19.7%	20.1%
Tier 1 Leverage Capital Ratio	12.8%	14.2%	16.1%

