

## **TRANSFORMATION & GROWTH**

### Dear Shareholder:

The past year has been one of strong performance as we advanced our strategy to grow the company, deliver effectively for customers, operate with excellence and serve all our stakeholders.

The extraordinary effort of our approximately 3,400 teammates drove significant growth across the company, in deposits, loans and fee income. We now serve more than 750,000 customers and continue to make a positive impact in local communities.

As part of our effort to grow the company, we completed the Republic First Bank transaction that accelerated our expansion in Greater Philadelphia and South Jersey.

Additionally, as part of our efforts to operate with excellence, we started implementing our FultonFirst transformation to simplify our operating model, focus on key strengths and enhance productivity.

I am grateful for the dedication of our team members who handled these significant opportunities while simultaneously working each day to help customers achieve their financial goals and change lives for the better in our local communities.

### **Strong Performance**

For the year, we delivered net income available to common shareholders of \$278.5 million, or \$1.57 per diluted share, representing a return on average common equity of 9.83%. Total revenue exceeded \$1.2 billion – a record for Fulton. We maintained solid capitalization while, at the same time, increasing total committed liquidity to over \$9 billion.

In 2024, we declared quarterly common dividends of \$0.69 per share, with one increase during the calendar year, ending the year with a dividend yielding 3.73%. The dividend, coupled with repurchasing over 1.9 million shares, returned over \$150 million to common shareholders in 2024.

### Strategic Expansion: Republic First Bank Transaction

In April 2024, we acquired substantially all of the assets and deposits of Republic First Bank, with locations throughout the Philadelphia region and southern New Jersey. This transaction accelerated our growth in the region by adding new customers and locations in a core growth market.

We now operate more than 60 financial centers and have over \$8 billion in deposits across Greater Philadelphia and South Jersey.

### **Organizational Transformation: FultonFirst**

Throughout 2024, we engaged in an enterprise-wide organizational transformation, called FultonFirst, to improve operational excellence and accelerate growth. We developed our plan around three fundamental themes:

- **Simplicity** in our operating model. We are simplifying our organizational structure and redesigning end-to-end processes to deliver a superior customer experience.
- **Focus** on our core relationships. We are making investments to differentiate Fulton in the marketplace and with customers that value a relationship-driven community bank.
- **Productivity** across the bank. We are working to enhance digital experiences and improve the speed and efficiency of our operations.

Business lines and departments across the company evaluated their operations through the lens of simplicity, focus and productivity and identified opportunities for greater effectiveness and efficiency.

2024 was a transformational year as we implemented new structures and processes that are designed to accelerate our growth and improve our scalability in the years to come.

Ultimately, FultonFirst represents a mindset centered on continuous improvement. We are committed to that mindset as we advance our strategy to grow the company, deliver effectively for customers, operate with excellence and serve all our stakeholders.



Thank you for your investment in Fulton as we pursue our purpose to *change lives for the better!* 

Curt Myers CHAIRMAN AND CEO

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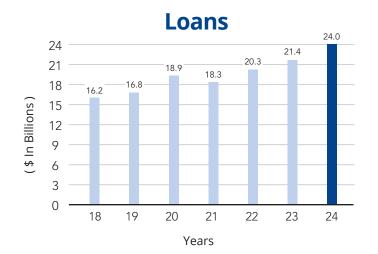
A discussion of certain risks and uncertainties affecting FFC, and some of the factors that could cause FFC's actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, can be found in the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in FFC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, which accompanies this letter.

# 2018-2024 IN REVIEW



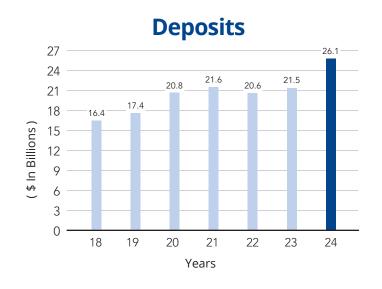
### Total Assets Grew 16.3%

Driven by the benefits of the Republic First Bank transaction, additional on-balance-sheet liquidity, and moderating loan growth, total assets once again reached record highs.



### Total Loans Grew 12.1%

We added \$2.4 billion of retained outstanding loan balances in connection with the Republic First Bank transaction, offsetting modest declines in certain de-emphasized portfolios and other loan categories.



### Total Deposits Grew 21.4%

Deposit growth was strong in 2024. Organic growth was approximately \$0.9 billion, supplemented by \$3.7 billion in Republic First Bank deposits. Noninterest-bearing deposits comprised 21% of total deposits at year end. Our loan-to-deposit ratio of 92% at year end provides strategic flexibility.

### Earnings per Share Impacted by Costs of Republic First Bank Transaction and FultonFirst

Diluted earnings per share of \$1.57 was impacted by costs associated with the Republic First Bank transaction and the FultonFirst activities. A stable net interest margin, strong fee income, and initial benefits of FultonFirst contributed to a solid year. Operating earnings per share (diluted) of \$1.85\* represented an 8% increase over 2023 and a record for the company.

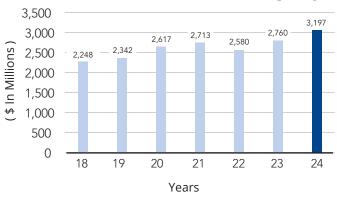
\*Operating earnings per share (diluted) is a financial measure derived by methods other than generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). This non-GAAP financial measure is reconciled to the most comparable GAAP measure on page 39 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024 contained in this Annual Report.

### Total Shareholders' Equity Grew 15.8%

Solid earnings driven by strong revenue growth, supplemented by an accretive capital raise, boosted total shareholder equity.

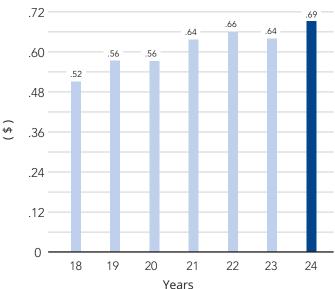
### **Earnings Per Share (Diluted)**





### **Total Shareholders' Equity**

### **Common Dividends Per Share**



### Common Dividends Declared Grew 7.8%

In 2024, the company declared common dividends of \$0.69, a 7.8% increase over the prior year.

## OUR GROWING FOOTPRINT

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

**Financial Centers** 113 Deposits<sup>1</sup> Market Share<sup>2</sup> 2.66% Market Share Rank<sup>3</sup> 10

\$14,895,968

#### **NEW JERSEY**

**Financial Centers** 57 Deposits<sup>1</sup> \$7,494,238 Market Share<sup>2</sup> 1.62% Market Share Rank<sup>3</sup> 12

#### **DELAWARE**

**Financial Centers** 12 Deposits<sup>1</sup> \$1,107,617 Market Share<sup>2</sup> 0.18% Market Share Rank<sup>3</sup> 13

### MARYLAND

**Financial Centers** 25 Deposits<sup>1</sup> \$2,159,454 Market Share<sup>2</sup> 1.13% Market Share Rank<sup>3</sup> 16

### **VIRGINIA**

Financial Centers	9
Deposits <sup>1</sup>	\$472,157
Market Share <sup>2</sup>	0.20%
Market Share Rank <sup>3</sup>	46

