

# **First Community Corporation**

# **OUTPERFORM**

FCCO (NASDAQ)

**Price \$20.21**Price target \$23.00

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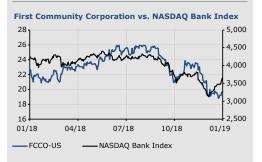
### **Market Data**

Market Cap (\$M)	\$153.6
Price / Tang. Book	1.61x
52-Week Range	\$18.54 - \$26.25
3-Mo. Avg. Daily Volume	15,226
Dividends	\$0.44
Dividend Yield	2.18%
Shares Outstanding (M)	7.6
Institutional Ownership	54.3%
Insider Ownership	5.1%

### **Financial Summary**

As of December 31, 2018	
Assets (\$M)	\$1,091.6
Tangible Book Value	\$12.55
Tang. Common Eq. / Tang. Assets	8.9%
ROA	0.98%
ROE	11.6%
Net Interest Margin	3.79%

### **Price Performance**



### **Company Description**

First Community Corporation stock trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FCCO" and is the holding company for First Community Bank, a local community bank based in the Midlands of South Carolina. First Community Bank operates banking offices located in the Midlands, Aiken, Augusta, Georgia, and Greenville. In addition, two other lines of business, First Community Bank Mortgage and First Community Financial Consultants, a financial planning/investment advisory division.

# 4Q18 Review: A Solid Qtr On Resumption Of NIM Expansion Trend And Strong Loan Growth; Maintain OUTPERFORM

EPS EST	IMATES			'			'	
	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Year	Growth	Est. Change	P/E
2018A	\$0.37	\$0.38	\$0.37	\$0.38	\$1.50	38.9%		13.5x
2019E	\$0.33	\$0.35	\$0.39	\$0.42	\$1.49	(0.7%)	\$-0.04	13.6x
2020E	\$0.39	\$0.40	\$0.42	\$0.42	\$1.63	9.4%	\$-0.06	12.4x

Reported EPS	\$0.35
Core EPS	\$0.38
Consensus Estimate	\$0.38
Hovde Estimate	\$0.36

Core EPS in line with consensus, and ahead of us. FCCO reported 4Q18 EPS of \$0.35. We estimate core EPS of \$0.38 after adjusting for (a) a loss on sale of securities (\$332K or \$0.03 per share after-tax); and (b) a gain on sale of other assets (\$16K or < \$0.01 per share after-tax). Core EPS of \$0.38 compares to consensus of \$0.38 and our estimate of \$0.36.

A solid quarter on resumption of NIM expansion trend and strong loan growth.

# Overall, we thought the company reported solid 4Q results, besting our estimate and meeting the consensus forecast, mostly due to NIM expansion (helped by purchase accounting), and robust loan growth. NIM was up 19 bps linked qtr, with about half the increase due to a credit mark recapture that's not likely to recur. Setting that aside, the increase in core NIM was impressive, reflecting strong loan growth, a richer earning asset mix (more loans, less securities), higher loan and investment portfolio yields, and well-contained funding costs. Investors will recall that prior to last quarter, NIM had been up for 8 consecutive quarters before contracting 11 bps last qtr, which management attributed primarily to a catch-up adjustment on the funding side, while noting that it was not likely to recur. 4Q results validated that commentary, with funding costs up just 4 bps linked qtr, equating to a 16% deposit beta for the quarter and just an 8% deposit beta for the entire cycle of rising rates to date. So in short, we see 4Q

NIM expansion as simply a resumption of the trend prior to last quarter. As for the

outlook, our sense is that we'll see more of the same, with continued earning asset

mix shift resulting from solid loan growth, and expansion in loan yields which should

outpace any increase we're likely to see on the funding side.

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Loan growth was very strong in 4Q, up just under 13% annualized for the quarter (and 11% for the year), reflecting higher production levels than at any point during the year, coupled with a slowdown in paydowns. Loan growth also a bit more robust on a spot basis (relative to average), which, when coupled with management's commentary on healthy pipeline activity, should bode well for net loan growth in 1Q (with of course the caveat regarding the uncertainty of payoff/paydown activity). Management is projecting high single digit loan growth for this year, a few percentage points slower than the 11% growth last year, though this seems indicative of a general sense of caution regarding recent macro headlines (expectation for slower GDP growth) rather than anything management is seeing "on the ground" within its footprint.

**No issues of material concern on the credit front.** There is nothing meaningful to report with respect to asset quality, as there just don't seem to be any issues of concern on the immediate horizon. The company recorded net recoveries for the second consecutive year in 2018, overall problem assets fell another 17% in 4Q (now measuring just 37 bps of total assets), and classified loans stood at just 5% of total capital.

New branch openings likely to weigh on expenses near-term. As previously indicated, the company plans to open two new branches in the 1H19, including one in mid-February in downtown Greenville, and another in Evans (Augusta), GA around mid-year. Management projects the new offices will add about \$600K in incremental expenses (primarily on the personnel and occupancy lines), which does not include a projected 10% increase in marketing spend for the year. For the 4Q, expense growth was contained, roughly flat with the prior quarter level – core efficiency measured just under 68% for the qtr, which is about where it has trended for most of the past year or so.

Fees lower on weaker mortgage results, but overall top line revenues up on NII beat. Fee income declined 10% linked qtr (not annualized), mostly due to a 34% linked qtr decline on the mortgage line, which management attributed primarily to a decline in gain on sale margins. Management plans to recruit 4 new mortgage loan officers in 2019, including 2 in the Upstate market. Investment advisory revenue advanced impressively in 4Q, but is likely to set back some in the 1Q, given the decline in the equity markets late in 4Q18. Overall top line revenues were up about 7% annualized (modestly exceeding our forecast), despite the fee income shortfall, due to the aforementioned NII beat.

Lowering Street-high estimates on near-term incremental expansion costs; Maintain OUTPERFORM. Our Street-high estimates move lower – 2019 is down \$0.04 to \$1.49 and 2020 is down \$0.06 to \$1.63 – mostly due to the higher expense base resulting from the branch expansion, and, to a lesser extent, the run-rate implications of the lower-than-expected fee income in 4Q. We suspect though that our estimates will remain modestly above the consensus projection. As for the stock, we are sticking with the OUTPERFORM rating. With its best-in-class funding profile, FCCO possesses the key attribute we think investors have been, and will continue to be, looking for at this stage of the interest rate cycle. Aside from the 3Q blip, FCCO is among the few banks we follow that has largely delivered on the promise of higher short-term rates, and seems well-positioned to continue to do so. The shares aren't inexpensive, trading at 13.6x forward earnings, and particularly after adjusting for the purchase accounting contribution (14.2x), so we don't consider the stock to be a table-pounder at these levels. But the combination of the top tier funding profile and overall balance sheet positioning, the extreme scarcity value of the franchise, the vibrancy of the market backdrop, and the low overall risk profile we see as deserving of the premium multiple. Our target is \$23, which allows for sufficient upside to continue to warrant the OUTPERFORM rating.

Latest FCCO Company Report



# First Community Corporation (FCCO)

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Pretax income    50.1%   3,487   6.4%   3,709   -0.6%   3,685   -1.9%   3,055   14,386   43.8%   -5.6%   3,308   6.1%   3,510   12.9%   3,963   6.6%   4,227   15,008   4.3%   16,453   3.6%   13.8%   14.3%   16,453   3.6%   13.8%   14.3%   14.3%   14.3%   14.3%   14.3%   14.3%   14.3%   14.3%   14.3%   14.4%   1.5%   1.28%   10.4%   1.28%	Net securities gains						-						-		-		-		-			-	
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