



to our shareholders

Fellow Shareholders,

In a year underscored by volatile interest rate movements, unfavorable equity and fixed income market returns, we are pleased that our positive operating results drove total shareholder return of over 15% in 2022. Our achievement of 10 consecutive years of annual dividend increases was also a significant milestone that demonstrates our continued commitment to providing consistent and favorable long-term returns for our shareholders.

Superior Operating Results. Under our traditional bank business model, our talented team achieved superior 2022 operating results that included net income of \$152 million and earnings per diluted share of \$3.52. Our full-year return on average tangible common equity was 16.9%, and our return on average assets was 1.29%. These results were defined by strong loan growth in connection with our strategy to expand the balance sheet, build scale, and generate positive operating leverage.

Over 15% TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN IN 2022

In 2022, net interest income increased 13% as our earning assets were well-positioned to take advantage of rising interest rates. Loans grew to \$8.15 billion in 2022, up nearly 9% from the prior year. Credit quality remained strong, and nonperforming loans were down 36% year over year.

We have diverse and granular loan and deposit portfolios. Our 2022 lending highlights included new commercial loan production of over \$1 billion for the second consecutive year, a 9% increase in business banking loan originations, and over \$1.4 billion in home, personal, auto, and residential solar loan production. On the funding side, we continued to successfully add net new accounts in 2022.

company profile

- NBT Bancorp Inc. is a financial holding company incorporated in 1986 in the state of Delaware.
- The Company primarily operates through NBT Bank, N.A. and two financial services companies.
- NBT Bank, N.A. offers personal banking, commercial banking and wealth management services through online and mobile channels and 140 locations in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Connecticut.
- EPIC Retirement Plan Services is a national benefits administration firm based in Rochester, NY.
- NBT Insurance Agency, LLC is a full-service insurance agency based in Norwich, NY.

Non-interest income generation makes up over a quarter of our revenue mix and continues to be a strength of our organization. In 2022, the revenue produced by our Retirement Plan Administration business increased 14% year over year, and total revenues for our Wealth and Insurance businesses grew to \$48 million.



Opportunities for Strategic Growth. Our financial

accomplishments are the result of our team's focus on key themes and strategies. The most important element of our future success lies in our efficient pursuit of organic growth across our lines of business and across our footprint. From time to time, we supplement that growth with strategic acquisitions. In 2022, we grew our Retirement Plan Administration and Insurance businesses in this way.

In December, we were very pleased to announce a definitive agreement with Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. of Lakeville, CT to merge Salisbury Bank with and into NBT Bank. Our teams have been working to plan a seamless transition for Salisbury customers. We anticipate that, pending regulatory and Salisbury shareholder approval, the merger will close in the second quarter of 2023. We look forward to coming together with this high-quality, like-minded community bank and expanding our footprint into northwest Connecticut, southwest Massachusetts and New York's Hudson Valley.

Significant new opportunities for long-term organic growth also emerged in 2022 with news of transformational chip fabrication investments in upstate New York. This includes the recent announcement of a \$100 billion investment in Onondaga County by Micron Technology Inc. over the next 20 years and IBM's planned investment of \$20 billion in the Hudson Valley over the next decade.

NBT is uniquely positioned to support this regional growth. Our branch network is ideally situated along the Chip Corridor with coverage from greater Syracuse to the Mohawk Valley

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and Capital District that will extend to the Hudson Valley through our planned Salisbury acquisition. Our leaders are connected to key economic and workforce development initiatives, and we are ready to assist our customers and communities in being a part of this historic growth opportunity.

Our Digital Mindset. We continue to operate with a customerfirst digital mindset and constantly upgrade the mobile and online services we provide to customers, who have embraced them with a 94% increase in consumer digital adoption over the last three years.

Our technology roadmap guides the ongoing enhancement of the customer and employee experience at NBT. Last year, our team continued to optimize new digital platforms for commercial lending, small business lending, consumer lending and financing through auto dealers. We also invested in technology to streamline and enhance the employee experience with new platforms for human capital management and accounting and finance.

Impacting Our Communities. As we have made great progress in moving our business forward, our team is also having a significant impact on the communities we serve. In addition to contributing \$2 million to community organizations and logging thousands of employee volunteer hours, NBT helped make guality banking resources more accessible by opening more than 3,500 NBT iSelect Accounts across our footprint in 2022. This account is certified by the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund as meeting the Bank On National Account Standards, and it assists accountholders in establishing a stable financial foundation.

We also launched the NBT CEI-Boulos Impact Funda \$10 million real estate equity investment fund with NBT Bank as the sole investor. This fund is designed to support individuals and communities with low and moderate incomes through investments in high-impact, community-supported, commercial real estate projects located within the bank's Community Reinvestment Act assessment areas in New York State.

The Power of Our People. NBT's success is truly powered by our people. We have a dedicated team devoted to the ongoing pursuit of the strategies that have made us successful. We appreciate the guidance offered by our Board of Directors and extend best wishes to Joseph A. Santangelo, who will retire in May with 22 years of service. His commitment to our company and faithfulness to our community banking values have never wavered.

We remain a strong, stable and well-capitalized company with various and long-established sources of liquidity. We could not be more optimistic about the future and the opportunities before us to grow our business and serve our customers and communities. Thank you for your support and confidence in NBT.

Sincerely,

John H. Watt, Jr. President and Chief Executive Officer

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Martin A. Dietrich Chairman of the Board

financial highlights

(In thousands, except per share data)

FOR THE YEAR	2022	2021
PERFORMANCE		
Net income	\$151,995	\$154,885
Return on average assets	1.29%	1.33%
Return on average tangible equity	16.89%	16.92%
Net interest margin	3.34%	3.03%
PER COMMON SHARE DATA		
Diluted earnings	\$3.52	\$3.54
Cash dividends	\$1.16	\$1.10
Dividend yield	2.67%	2.86%
Tangible book value per share	\$20.65	\$22.26
AT DECEMBER 31		
BALANCE SHEET DATA		
Total assets	\$11,739,296	\$12,012,111
Total loans	\$8,150,147	\$7,498,459
Allowance for loan losses	\$100,800	\$92,000
Deposits	\$9,495,933	\$10,234,469
Total shareholders' equity	\$1,173,554	\$1,250,453
ASSET QUALITY		
Net charge-offs to average loans	0.11%	0.13%
Nonperforming loans to total loans	0.26%	0.44%
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.18%	0.27%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	1.24%	1.23%
CAPITAL		
Common equity tier 1 capital ratio	12.12%	12.25%
Tier 1 capital ratio	13.19%	13.43%
Total risk-based capital ratio	15.38%	15.73%
Closing stock price	\$43.42	\$38.52
Market capitalization	\$1,860,887	\$1,662,832

2023 annual meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. ET www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/NBTB2023

Forward-Looking Statements

This letter contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially from any forward-looking statements contained in this letter. For a discussion of the factors that might cause such differences, please refer to our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

leadership

Executive Management Team

John H. Watt, Jr. President and CEO

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Scott A. Kingsley Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EPIC Retirement Plan Services

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Executive Vice President, General Counsel. Chief Ethics Officer and Corporate Secretary Joseph R. Stagliano Executive Vice President, President of Retail Community Banking and Chief Information Officer Amy Wiles Executive Vice President, Chief Credit Officer and

Board of Directors

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NBT Bank

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Additional information regarding our Executive Management Team and Board of Directors can be found in the proxy statement for our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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Marc J. Monahan, SVP and

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and Corporate Treasurer

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and Chief Diversity Officer

Wealth Management

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Banking Executive, Capital Region

Chief Commercial Credit Officer

Director of Retail Banking

Manager, Southern Tier

Tara F. Trafton, SVP and

Operating Committee

The following NBT leaders serve on the Operating Committee with the Executive Management Team and Regional Presidents.

Annette L. Burns, SVP and Chief Accounting Officer Leonard P. Chinski, SVP and Chief Audit Officer

Matthew K. Colgan, SVP and Regional Commercial Banking Manager, Pennsylvania

Jeffrey S. Delepine II, SVP and Senior Director of

Kurt T. Edwards, SVP and

Kenneth J. Entenmann, CFA SVP Chief Investment Officer

Dawn D. Gillette, SVP and

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Financial Reports

and Releases Copies of the Company's annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and news releases may be obtained without charge by visiting our website at www.nbtbancorp.com or by writing to the attention of our Chief Financial Officer at the corporate headquarters address.

Investor Relations

Information regarding the Company, our dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan, and direct deposit of dividends can be found on our website at www.nbtbancorp.com. Those seeking additional information may contact us by phone at 800.NBT.BANK (800.628.2265 Option 7) or by mail at the corporate headquarters address.

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