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# **RAYMOND JAMES**

### **Dear Fellow Shareholders,**

The first quarter ending December 31, 2016, proved to be an eventful start to our fiscal year, as President Trump's unexpected victory propelled the domestic equity markets to new records and resulted in a surge in U.S. Treasury yields. Additionally, the Federal Reserve increased its federal funds target rate by 25 basis points in December. These factors, coupled with our strong organic growth and the acquisitions of Alex. Brown and 3Macs in the preceding quarter, helped us achieve record quarterly net revenues and our second best quarterly net income. Record quarterly net revenues of \$1.49 billion increased 17% over the prior year's fiscal first quarter and 2% over the preceding guarter. Quarterly net income of \$146.6 million, which included \$12.7 million of acquisition-related expenses associated with the integration of the aforementioned acquisitions, improved 38% compared to the year-ago fiscal first quarter but declined 15% from the record set in the preceding quarter. Record guarterly net revenues were fueled by record net revenues in the Private Client Group segment, Asset Management segment and Raymond James Bank. Higher revenues and a favorable tax rate during the quarter contributed to the substantial year-over-year increase in earnings. Meanwhile, soft investment banking revenues and elevated legal reserves caused the sequential decline in earnings.

The pre-tax margin on net revenues for the quarter was 13.8%, up from 13.2% in last year's fiscal first quarter. The annualized return on equity for the quarter was 11.7%, which compares favorably to 9.3% in the prior year's comparable quarter. Shareholders' equity ended the quarter at \$5.1 billion, eclipsing \$5 billion for the first time and representing \$35.55 of book value per share. We also finished the quarter with records for several of our key revenue drivers, including client assets under administration, financial assets under management and net loans at Raymond James Bank.

Turning to our segment results, the Private Client Group generated record quarterly net revenues of \$1.04 billion,

a 19% annual increase, and quarterly pre-tax income of \$73.4 million, which was up 6% on a year-over-year basis but down 31% compared to the immediately preceding September quarter. The segment's record net revenues and year-over-year increase in pre-tax income were lifted by strong organic growth, the benefit from higher short-term interest rates, and the acquisitions of Alex. Brown and 3Macs, which closed during the second half of the preceding quarter. The sequential decline in the segment's pre-tax income was largely attributable to \$30 million of elevated legal reserves. The Private Client Group continues to enjoy exceptional retention of existing advisors as well as success recruiting new advisors to our various affiliation options, which along with market appreciation enabled the segment's client assets to achieve a record \$585.6 billion, reflecting a significant 24% increase over December 2015.

The Capital Markets segment generated quarterly net revenues of \$233.0 million and pre-tax income of \$21.4 million. Quarterly net revenues in the segment were up 3% compared to last year's fiscal first guarter but down 18% compared to the September 2016 guarter, as investment banking revenues declined 42% sequentially. While the weakness in investment banking revenues during the quarter was largely due to the timing of closings and the heightened market uncertainty surrounding the presidential election, the industry continues to be challenged by structural headwinds negatively impacting the equity underwriting business. We are hopeful a more conducive political and regulatory environment will make the public equity markets more attractive for growth-oriented companies seeking capital. The Fixed Income division generated satisfactory results, especially considering the spike in Treasury yields following the election, which were aided by solid trading profits and institutional commissions in December.

The Asset Management segment produced record quarterly net revenues of \$114.1 million and record quarterly pre-tax income of \$41.9 million, reflecting annual revenue growth of 14% and annual pre-tax income growth of 26%. Record results in the Asset Management segment were bolstered by attractive growth of financial assets under management, which ended the quarter at a record \$79.7 billion, up 17% compared to December 2015. The growth of financial assets under management is largely attributable to the net addition of financial advisors in the Private Client Group segment coupled with the increased utilization of fee-based accounts.

Raymond James Bank also generated record net revenues and pre-tax income during the quarter. The bank's net revenues of \$138.0 million grew a substantial 27% over last year's fiscal first quarter. Its pre-tax income of \$104.1 million jumped 58% during the same period. Record revenues and earnings at the bank were driven by balanced loan growth, continued improvement of the loan portfolio's credit quality and a relatively consistent net interest margin, which has benefited from higher short-term interest rates. Net loans at Raymond James Bank ended the guarter at a record \$15.8 billion, representing an increase of 15% over December 2015 and 4% over September 2016. Despite this loan growth, the bank actually generated a loan loss benefit of \$1.0 million for the quarter, as the substantial decline in criticized loans during the quarter more than offset the upfront reserves associated with new loan growth.

Total quarterly revenues in the Other segment were \$15.5 million, which primarily consisted of \$10.6 million in valuation gains attributable to private equity investments during the quarter. The effective tax rate for the quarter was 29.0%, as new accounting guidance for stock compensation favorably impacted the quarter's income tax expense by approximately \$18 million. We expect this new tax guidance to continue impacting our effective tax rate, predominantly in the first quarter of each fiscal year when the vast majority of our restricted stock units vest.

In addition to our satisfactory financial results during the first quarter of fiscal 2017, we also achieved several awards, recognitions and accolades. A critical component of our mission is to give back to the communities in which we live and work. Therefore, we are very proud to be awarded first place in the "Biggest Company" category in the 2016 Tampa Bay Business Journal Philanthropy Awards.

In November 2016, Raymond James advisor Margaret Starner was named to InvestmentNews' list of the top 20 Women to Watch. In December 2016, 29 Raymond James Financial Institutions Division advisors were named to Bank Investment Consultant's list of the Top 100 Bank Advisors.

Raymond James Investment Banking won three Deal of the Year awards from the M&A Advisor: Cross Border Deal of the Year (\$500MM – \$1B); Private Equity Deal of the Year (\$500MM – \$1B); and M&A Deal of the Year (\$500MM – \$1B). Additionally, Raymond James won Investment Bank of the Year, Medical Services & Materials Deal of the Year, and Middle Market Deal of the Year at the M&A Atlas Awards.

As we write this letter, the Dow Jones Industrial Average is hovering near record levels at approximately 20,000, as the market is anticipating that the Trump administration will swiftly implement political and regulatory changes that will spur an acceleration of growth in our economy. We agree that several of the contemplated changes, such as a decrease in corporate tax rates and a measured reduction of regulations, would stimulate economic growth. One expected change that we are particularly focused on, as it would have a profound impact on our industry and our clients, relates to the DOL Fiduciary Rule. In February, President Trump signed an executive order directing the DOL to further scrutinize the rule. Shortly after the memo was issued, the DOL announced that it is evaluating legal options to delay the rule's April 2017 applicability date. From the outset, we have been deeply concerned that this rule, while well-intentioned, would result in unintended consequences that would ultimately hurt investors by limiting choice and reducing access to professional financial advice. Therefore, we are encouraged by the Trump administration's recent actions to reevaluate the rule. We are hopeful the industry will develop a replacement that ensures a uniform and client-focused standard of conduct for all investors and all accounts.

With many of our key revenue drivers at record levels, we are well-positioned to continue delivering superior results to our shareholders. We appreciate your continued confidence and ownership in Raymond James Financial.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. James Pal C. Reilly

Chairman

CEO

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (Unaudited - in 000s)

	DECEMBER 31, 2016	SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 <sup>(1)</sup>
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,528,275	\$1,650,452
Assets segregated pursuant to regulations and other segregated assets	3,867,999	4,884,487
Securities purchased under agreements to resell and other collateralized financings	358,493	470,222
<b>Financial instruments</b>	2,432,878	2,539,877
Receivables	4,393,012	4,499,688
Bank loans, net	15,828,752	15,210,735
Property & equipment, net	382,298	321,457
Other assets	1,877,683	1,910,058
Total assets	\$31,669,390	\$31,486,976
Liabilities and equity:		
Trading instruments sold but not yet purchased	\$260,543	\$328,938
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	203,378	193,229
Payables	7,213,506	8,011,891
Bank deposits	15,189,790	14,262,547
Other debt	915,921	608,658
Senior notes payable	1,680,957	1,680,587
Other liabilities	1,000,694	1,338,150
Total liabilities	\$26,464,789	\$26,424,000
Total equity attributable to Raymond James Financial, Inc.	5,080,877	4,916,545
Noncontrolling interests	123,724	146,431
Total equity	\$5,204,601	\$5,062,976
Total liabilities and equity	\$31,669,390	\$31,486,976

(1) Effective October 1, 2016, we adopted new accounting guidance related to consolidation of legal entities. Refer to footnote (1) to the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income included in this letter for more information.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited - in 000s, Except per Share Amounts)

	Three Months Ended				
		December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
Revenues:					
Securities commissions and fees	\$	984,385	\$	849,662	
Investment banking		61,425		57,553	
Investment advisory and related administrative fees		108,243		98,602	
Interest		182,782		142,472	
Account and service fees		148,791		116,823	
Net trading profit		20,555		22,169	
Other		22,587		13,576	
Total revenues		1,528,768		1,300,857	
Interest expense		(35,966)		(26,699)	
Net revenues		1,492,802		1,274,158	
Non-interest expenses:					
Compensation, commissions and benefits		1,006,467		866,398	
Communications and information processing		72,161		72,138	
Occupancy and equipment costs		46,052		41,789	
Clearance and floor brokerage		12,350		9,996	
Business development		35,362		40,624	
Investment sub-advisory fees		19,295		14,554	
Bank loan loss provision		(1,040)		13,910	
Acquisition-related expenses		12,666		1,872	
Other		81,974		42,804	
Total non-interest expenses		1,285,287 <sub>(2)</sub>		1,104,085	
Income including noncontrolling interests and before provision for income taxes		207,515		170,073	
Provision for income taxes		59,812		62,009	
Net income including noncontrolling interests		147,703		108,064	
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests		1,136		1,735	
Net income attributable to Raymond James Financial, Inc.	\$	\$146,567	\$	\$106,329	
Net income per common share – diluted	\$	1.00	\$	0.73	
Weighted-average common and common equivalent shares outstanding – diluted		145,675		146,141	

#### CONSOLIDATED RESULTS BY SEGMENT (unaudited - in 000s)

Pre-tax income (excluding noncontrolling interests)	\$ 206,379	\$ 168,338
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	 (34,453)	(25,201)
Raymond James Bank	104,121	65,865
Asset Management	41,909	33,366
Capital Markets	21,444	25,168
Private Client Group	\$ 73,358	\$ 69,140
Pre-tax income (loss) (excluding noncontrolling interests):		
Total revenues	\$ 1,528,768	\$ 1,300,857
Intersegment eliminations	 (25,602)	(19,930)
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	15,459	4,400
Raymond James Bank	144,517	112,726
Asset Management	114,096	100,238
Capital Markets	236,982	228,978
Private Client Group	\$ 1,043,316	\$ 874 <b>,</b> 445 <sup>(1)</sup>
Revenues:		

(1) As a result of our October 1, 2016, adoption of the new consolidation guidance, we deconsolidated a number of tax credit fund variable interest entities (VIEs) that had been previously consolidated. We determined that under the new guidance, we are no longer deemed to be the primary beneficiary of these VIEs. We applied the new consolidation guidance on the full retrospective basis, meaning that we have reflected the adjustments arising from this adoption as of the beginning of our earliest comparative period presented. Certain prior period amounts have been revised from those reported in the prior periods to conform to the current presentation. There was no net impact on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income for the prior year period as the net change in revenues, interest and other expenses was offset by the impact of the deconsolidation on the net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests.

(2) Effective October 1, 2016, we adopted new accounting guidance simplifying certain aspects of accounting for stock compensation. Our adoption of the new stock compensation simplification guidance impacts our determination of income tax expense. Generally, the amount of compensation cost recognized for financial reporting purposes varies from the amount that can ultimately be deducted on the tax return for share-based payment awards. Under the prior guidance, the tax effects of deductions in excess of compensation expense ("windfalls"), as well as the tax effect of any deficiencies ("shortfalls"), were recorded in equity to the extent of previously recognized windfalls, with any remaining shortfall recorded in income tax expense. Under the new guidance, all tax effects related to share-based payments are recorded through tax expense in the periods during which the awards are exercised or vest, as applicable. Under the transition provisions of the new guidance, we have applied this new guidance prospectively to excess tax benefits arising from vesting after the October 1, 2016, adoption date. This new guidance favorably impacted our current period income tax expense by approximately \$18 million.

(3) The Other segment includes the results of our principal capital and private equity activities as well as certain corporate overhead costs of Raymond James Financial, including the interest costs on our public debt, and the acquisition and integration costs associated with certain acquisitions.

### corporate profile

Raymond James Financial, Inc. (NYSE: RJF) is a leading diversified financial services company providing private client, capital markets, asset management, banking and other services to individuals, corporations and municipalities. Its three principal wholly owned broker/dealers, Raymond James & Associates, Raymond James Financial Services and Raymond James Ltd., have approximately 7,100 financial advisors serving approximately 3 million client accounts in more than 2,900 locations throughout the United States, Canada and overseas. Total client assets are approximately \$622 billion. Public since 1983, the firm has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange since 1986 under the symbol RJF. Additional information is available at raymondjames.com.

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