UNITED STATES 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) December 5, 2017



HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-34073 (Commission File Number) **31-0724920** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Huntington Center 41 South High Street Columbus, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices)

43287 (Zip Code)

<u>(614) 480-8300</u>

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated will be participating at the Goldman Sachs U.S. Financial Services Conference on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. A copy of the slides forming the basis of the presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and will be available in the Investor Relations section of Huntington's web site at www.huntington-ir.com.

The Analyst Handout is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Analyst Handout is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is being furnished, not filed, under item 7.01 of this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 – Analyst Handout

SIGNATURES

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

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED

Date: December 5, 2017

By: /s/ Howell D. McCullough III

Howell D. McCullough III Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Exhibit 99.1

Description

Analyst Handout

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Welcome

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Goldman Sachs 2017 US Financial Services Conference

December 6, 2017

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Disclaimer

CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This communication contains certain forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, certain plans, expectations, goals, projections, and statements, which are not historical facts and are subject to numerous assumptions, risks, and uncertainties. Statements that do not describe historical or current facts, including statements about beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as expect, anticipate, believe, intend, estimate, plan, target, goal, or similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as will, may, might, should, would, could, or similar variations. The forward-looking statements are intended to be subject to the safe harbor provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

While there is no assurance that any list of risks and uncertainties or risk factors is complete, below are certain factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained or implied in the forward-looking statements: changes in general economic, political, or industry conditions; uncertainty in U.S. fiscal and monetary policy, including the interest rate policies of the Federal Reserve Board; volatility and disruptions in global capital and credit markets; movements in interest rates; competitive pressures on product pricing and services; success, impact, and timing of our business strategies, including market acceptance of any new products or services implementing our "Fair Play" banking philosophy; the nature, extent, timing, and results of governmental actions, examinations, reviews, reforms, regulations, and interpretations, including those related to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the Basel III regulatory capital reforms, as well as those involving the OCC, Federal Reserve, FDIC, and CFPB; the possibility that the anticipated benefits of the merger with FirstMerit Corporation are not realized completely or when expected, including as a result of the impact of, or problems arising from, the strength of the economy and competitive factors in the areas where we do business; and other factors that may affect our future results. Additional factors that could cause results to differ materially from those described above can be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017, and September 30, 2017, which are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and available in the "Investor Relations" section of our website, http://www.huntington.com, under the heading "Publications and Filings" and in other documents we file with the SEC.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and are based on information available at that time. We do not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements were made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events except as required by federal securities laws. As forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, caution should be exercised against placing undue reliance on such statements.

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Discussion Topics

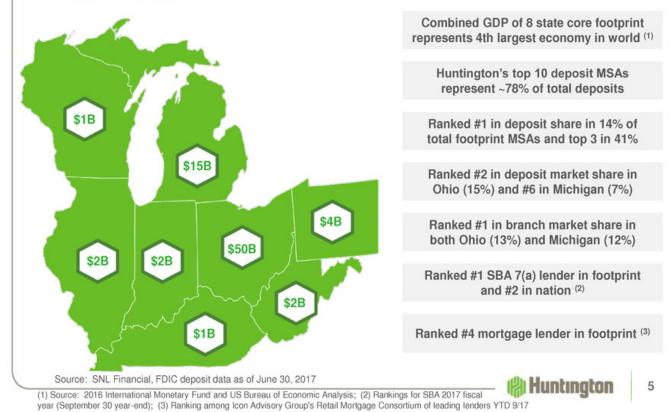
- Huntington's Strategy
- Delivering on our Commitments: FirstMerit Acquisition
- Expectations: 4Q17 and 2018
- Important Messages

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Huntington Bancshares Overview \$102 billion asset Midwest financial services holding company

- Founded in 1866 in Columbus, Ohio
- Traditional regional bank with strategic focus on small to medium-sized businesses, consumers, and vehicle finance



Well-Defined Strategy Builds Upon Our Sustainable, Competitive Advantages

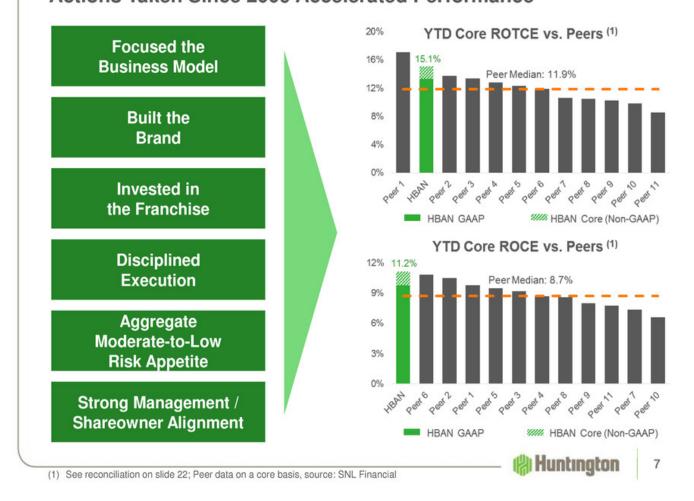
Delivering consistent, through-the-cycle shareowner returns

- Drive continued growth in market share and share of wallet through execution of Optimal Customer Relationship strategy
- Deliver exceptional customer experiences via our customer-focused culture,
 Welcome brand, and promise to "Do the Right Thing"
- Maintain our aggregate moderate-to-low risk appetite through disciplined risk management and strong corporate governance

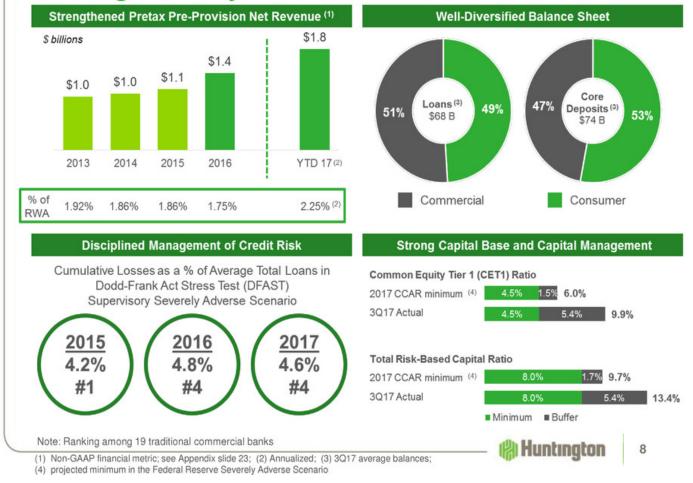


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Driving Toward a Best-in-Class Return Profile Actions Taken Since 2009 Accelerated Performance



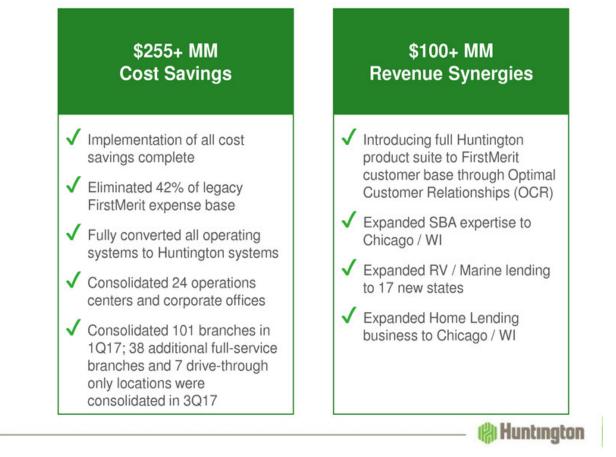
Positioned for Strong Relative Performance Through-the-Cycle





High Confidence in FirstMerit Deal Economics

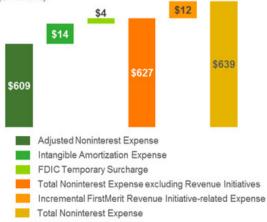
On pace to meet or exceed originally announced cost savings and revenue enhancements



Delivering FirstMerit Economics Cost savings remain on pace and revenue initiatives ramping



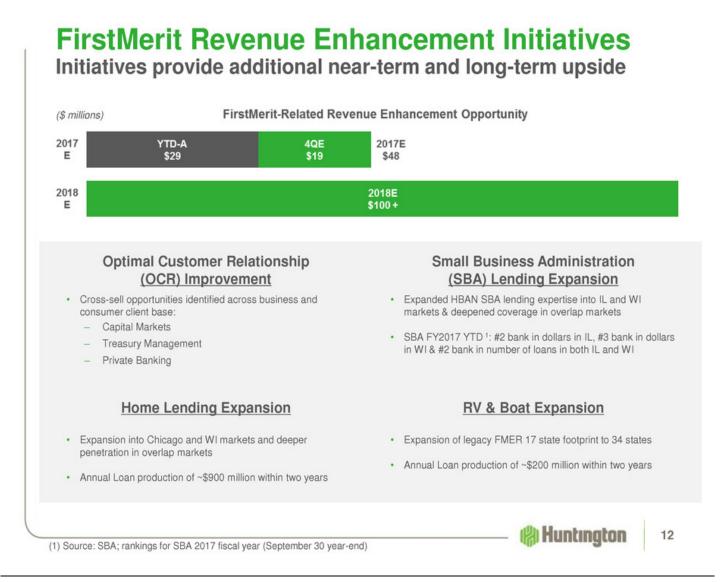
4Q17 Noninterest Expense Target



Expected Noninterest Expense Additions from Revenue Initiatives

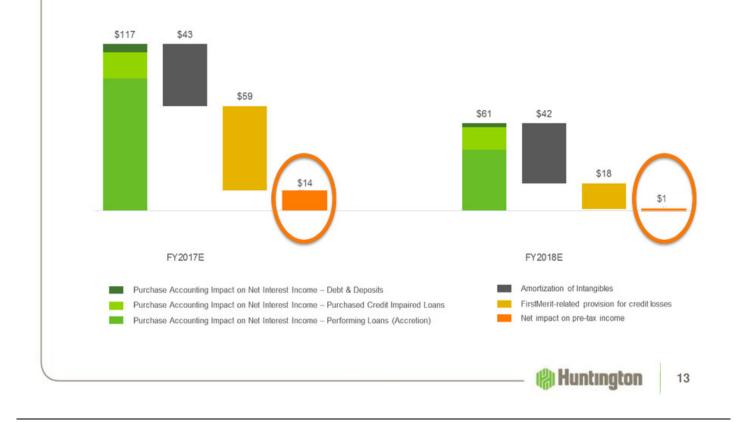


(1) Consumer deposits from FMER customers and former FMER branches, June 30, 2017 vs. August 31, 2016



Net Impact of FirstMerit-Related Purchase Accounting and Provision

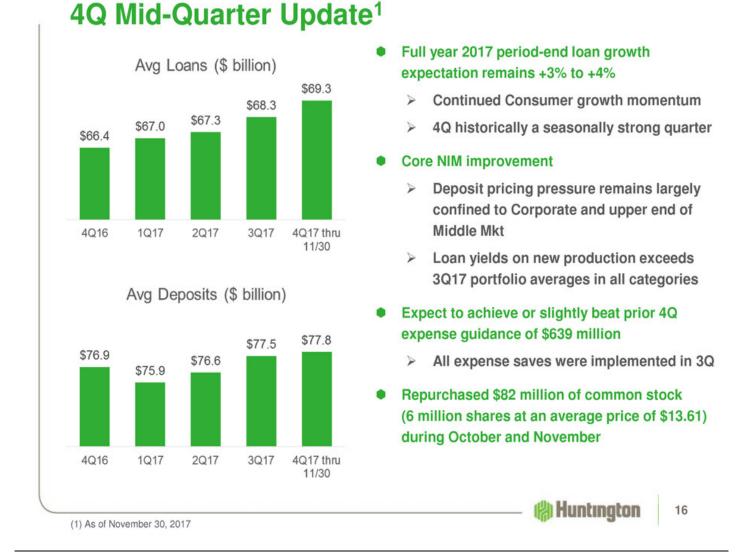
Expected net impact on pre-tax income down to \$1 million in 2018





FirstMerit Acquisition Accelerated Achievement of Our Long-Term Financial Goals

	Long-Term			
	Financial <u>Goal</u>	YTD	4Q Expectation	2018 <u>Target</u>
Revenue (FTE) Growth (Y/Y)	4% - 6%	+31%	3% - 4%	\checkmark
Expense Growth (Y/Y)	Positive Operating Leverage	+21%	(7%) - (8%)	~
Efficiency Ratio	56% - 59%	63%	~55%	\checkmark
NCO	35 - 55 bp	23 bp	24 bp - 27 bp	✓
ROTCE	13% - 15%	13%	15% - 16%	\checkmark
Note: All metrics presented on a GAAP basis			— 🍘 Hunting	ton



Initial 2018 Expectations

Avg Loan Balances	4% - 6% growth (assumes \$500 MM Auto securitization in 3Q18)
Avg Deposit Balances	3% - 5% growth
Revenue	4% - 6% growth (assumes no rate hikes in December 2017 or full year 2018)
Net Interest Margin	GAAP NIM flat; Core NIM up modestly (new money yields above back book yields across all loan categories)
Non-Interest Expense	2% - 4% decrease
Efficiency Ratio	55% - 57%
Net charge-offs	Remain below long-term expectations of 35 bp – 55 bp
Note: All metrics presented on a GA	AP basis assuming an unchanged rate environment Huntington 17



Important Messages

- Strong economic outlook for Midwest footprint
- FirstMerit integration substantially complete; Fully implemented all cost saves and executing on revenue synergies
- Focused on three areas with sustainable competitive advantages
 - o Consumer
 - Small to Medium Enterprises (including Commercial Real Estate)
 - o Vehicle Finance
- Consistent core strategy since 2009
 - o Delivering on growth strategies with sustained investment
 - o Meaningful investment in people, technology, and brand continuously improving
 - Disciplined risk management aggregate moderate-to-low risk profile
- Driving core deposit and loan growth through disciplined execution and a differentiated customer experience
- Focused on delivery of consistent through-the-cycle shareholder returns
- High level of colleague and shareholder alignment

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Huntington's Peer Group

\$ in millions	Total Assets	Total Deposits	Total Loans	Market Capitalization	Price /			Dividend
					Consensus 2017E	Consensus 2018E	Tangible Book	Dividend Yield
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	\$375,191	\$260,735	\$221,109	\$66,879	16.8x	15.0x	2.0x	2.1%
BB&T Corporation	220,340	156,135	142,794	38,988	15.9x	14.4x	2.4x	2.7%
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	208,252	162,737	144,264	29,338	15.3x	13.9x	1.8x	2.6%
Citizens Financial Group, Inc.	151,356	113,235	110,151	20,024	15.8x	14.5x	1.6x	1.8%
Fifth Third Bancorp	142,264	101,452	91,883	21,527	12.2x	14.9x	1.7x	2.1%
KeyCorp	136,733	103,446	86,492	20,411	13.8x	12.5x	1.8x	2.2%
Regions Financial Corporation	123,271	97,591	79,356	19,244	16.6x	14.7x	1.8x	2.2%
M&T Bank Corporation	120,402	93,513	87,354	25,430	18.4x	17.1x	2.5x	1.8%
Comerica Incorporated	72,017	57,819	49,209	14,489	17.5x	15.4x	2.0x	1.4%
Zions Bancorporation	65,564	52,099	44,156	9,897	17.8x	15.8x	1.6x	1.3%
CIT Group	49,336	29,595	35,230	6,542	16.8x	14.0x	1.0x	1.3%
Median	\$136,733	\$101,452	\$87,354	\$20,411	16.6x	14.7x	1.8x	2.1%
Huntington Bancshares Incorporated	\$101,988	\$78,445	\$68,587	\$15,566	14.7x	13.5x	2.1x	3.1%

Source: SNL, data as of 11/30/17

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Reconciliation Efficiency Ratio, ROTCE, and ROCE

(\$ in millions)		GAAP	Adjustment (1)	Adjusted
YTD:				
Noninterest expense		\$2,082	\$155 (2)	\$1,927
Amortization of intangibles		\$43		\$43
Noninterest expense less amortization of intangibles	А	\$2,040		\$1,884
Total revenue (FTE)		\$3,237	(\$2)	\$3,235
Securities gains		\$0		\$0
Total revenue (FTE) less securities gains	В	\$3,237		\$3,235
Efficiency ratio	A / B	63%		58%
Net income applicable to common shares	С	\$698	\$99 (3)	\$797
Less: Amortization of intangibles (net of deferred tax)	D	\$28 ⁽³⁾		\$28 (3)
Net income applicable to common shares less amortization of intangibles	C + D = E	\$726		\$825
Average tangible common equity	F	\$7,277		\$7,277
Average common equity	G	\$9,517		\$9,517
Return on average tangible common equity (ROTCE):	E / F * 4/3	13%		15%
Return on average common equity (ROCE):	C / G * 4/3	10%		11%

Significant items related to FirstMerit acquisition related net expenses
Pre-tax (3) After-tax

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Reconciliation

Pretax Pre-Provision Net Revenue (PPNR)

(\$ in millions)		YTD 17	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net interest income - FTE		\$2,269	\$2,412	\$1,983	\$1,865	\$1,732
Noninterest income		968	1,151	1,039	961	1,012
Total revenue		3,237	3,563	3,022	2,826	2,744
Less: significant items		2	1	3	1	0
Less: gain on securities		0	0	1	18	0
Total revenue - adjusted	А	3,235	3,562	3,018	2,807	2,744
Noninterest expense		2,082	2,408	1,976	1,882	1,758
Add: provision for unfunded loans		(19)	21	11	(2)	22
Less: significant items		154	239	58	65	(10)
Noninterest expense - adjusted	В	1,909	2,191	1,929	1,815	1,791
Pretax pre-provision net revenue (PPNR)	A - B	\$1,326	\$1,372	\$1,089	\$1,011	\$953
Risk-weighted assets (RWA)		\$78,631	\$78,263	\$58,420	\$54,479	\$49,690
PPNR as % of RWA		2.25%	1.75%	1.86%	1.86%	1.92%

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Basis of Presentation

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This document contains GAAP financial measures and non-GAAP financial measures where management believes it to be helpful in understanding Huntington's results of operations or financial position. Where non-GAAP financial measures are used, the comparable GAAP financial measure, as well as the reconciliation to the comparable GAAP financial measure, can be found in this document, the earnings press release, or the Form 8-K related to this document, all of which can be found on Huntington's website at www.huntington-ir.com.

Annualized Data

Certain returns, yields, performance ratios, or quarterly growth rates are presented on an "annualized" basis. This is done for analytical and decision-making purposes to better discern underlying performance trends when compared to full-year or year-over-year amounts. For example, loan and deposit growth rates, as well as net charge-off percentages, are most often expressed in terms of an annual rate like 8%. As such, a 2% growth rate for a quarter would represent an annualized 8% growth rate.

Fully-Taxable Equivalent Interest Income and Net Interest Margin

Income from tax-exempt earning assets is increased by an amount equivalent to the taxes that would have been paid if this income had been taxable at statutory rates. This adjustment puts all earning assets, most notably tax-exempt municipal securities and certain lease assets, on a common basis that facilitates comparison of results to results of competitors.

Earnings per Share Equivalent Data

Significant income or expense items may be expressed on a per common share basis. This is done for analytical and decision-making purposes to better discern underlying trends in total corporate earnings per share performance excluding the impact of such items. Investors may also find this information helpful in their evaluation of the company's financial performance against published earnings per share mean estimate amounts, which typically exclude the impact of Significant Items. Earnings per share equivalents are usually calculated by applying an effective tax rate to a pre-tax amount to derive an after-tax amount, which is divided by the average shares outstanding during the respective reporting period. Occasionally, when the item involves special tax treatment, the after-tax amount is disclosed separately, with this then being the amount used to calculate the earnings per share equivalent.

Rounding

Please note that columns of data in this document may not add due to rounding.

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Basis of Presentation

Significant Items

From time to time, revenue, expenses, or taxes are impacted by items judged by Management to be outside of ordinary banking activities and/or by items that, while they may be associated with ordinary banking activities, are so unusually large that their outsized impact is believed by Management at that time to be infrequent or short term in nature. We refer to such items as "Significant Items". Most often, these Significant Items result from factors originating outside the company – e.g., regulatory actions/assessments, windfall gains, changes in accounting principles, one-time tax assessments/refunds, litigation actions, etc. In other cases they may result from Management decisions associated with significant corporate actions out of the ordinary course of business – e.g., merger/restructuring charges, recapitalization actions, goodwill impairment, etc.

Even though certain revenue and expense items are naturally subject to more volatility than others due to changes in market and economic environment conditions, as a general rule volatility alone does not define a Significant Item. For example, changes in the provision for credit losses, gains/losses from investment activities, asset valuation write-downs, etc., reflect ordinary banking activities and are, therefore, typically excluded from consideration as a Significant Item.

Management believes the disclosure of "Significant Items", when appropriate, aids analysts/investors in better understanding corporate performance and trends so that they can ascertain which of such items, if any, they may wish to include/exclude from their analysis of the company's performance - i.e., within the context of determining how that performance differed from their expectations, as well as how, if at all, to adjust their estimates of future performance accordingly. To this end, Management has adopted a practice of listing "Significant Items" in its external disclosure documents (e.g., earnings press releases, quarterly performance discussions, investor presentations, Forms 10-Q and 10-K).

"Significant Items" for any particular period are not intended to be a complete list of items that may materially impact current or future period performance. A number of items could materially impact these periods, including those described in Huntington's 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K and other factors described from time to time in Huntington's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.



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For additional information, please visit:

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