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#### Cathay General Bancorp Announces First Quarter 2024 Results

Los Angeles, Calif., April 22, 2024: Cathay General Bancorp (the "Company", "we", "us", or "our") (Nasdaq: CATY), the holding company for Cathay Bank, today announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2024. The Company reported net income of \$71.4 million, or \$0.98 per share, for the first quarter of 2024. The first quarter net income included a \$9.0 million or \$0.09 per diluted share mark-to market loss from equity securities held by the Company and a \$2.9 million or \$0.03 per diluted share accrual for an increase in the FDIC special assessment.

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

| _  |                 | Three months ended |                 |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (unaudited)                                  | March 31, 2024  | December 31, 2023  | March 31, 2023  |
| Net income                                   | \$ 71.4 million | \$82.5 million     | \$ 96.0 million |
| Basic earnings per common share              | \$0.98          | \$1.14             | \$1.32          |
| Diluted earnings per common share            | \$0.98          | \$1.13             | \$1.32          |
| Return on average assets                     | 1.23%           | 1.40%              | 1.76%           |
| Return on average total stockholders' equity | 10.40%          | 12.21%             | 15.39%          |
| Efficiency ratio                             | 53.22%          | 53.84%             | 40.25%          |

#### FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Total deposits increased by \$520.8 million, or 10.8% annualized, to \$19.85 billion in the first quarter of 2024.
- Net interest margin decreased to 3.05% in the first quarter of 2024 from 3.27% in the fourth quarter of 2023.
- Diluted earnings per share decreased to \$0.98 for the first quarter of 2024 compared to \$1.13 for the fourth quarter of 2023 due in part to changes in equity securities valuations.

"For the first quarter of 2024, our total deposits increased by \$520.8 million, or 10.8% annualized, to \$19.85 billion", commented Chang M. Liu, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

### INCOME STATEMENT REVIEW FIRST QUARTER 2024 COMPARED TO THE FOURTH QUARTER 2023

Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2024, was \$71.4 million, a decrease of \$11.1 million, or 13.5%, compared to net income of \$82.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2023. Diluted earnings per share for the first quarter of 2024 was \$0.98 per share compared to \$1.13 per share for the fourth quarter of 2023. The first quarter net income included a \$9.0 million, or \$0.09 per

diluted share mark-to-market loss from equity securities held by the Company and a \$2.9 million, or \$0.03 per diluted share, accrual for an increase in the FDIC special assessment.

Return on average stockholders' equity was 10.40% and return on average assets was 1.23% for the quarter ended March 31, 2024, compared to a return on average stockholders' equity of 12.21% and a return on average assets of 1.40% in the fourth quarter of 2023.

#### Net interest income before provision for credit losses

Net interest income before provision for credit losses decreased \$13.5 million, or 7.4%, to \$168.6 million during the first quarter of 2024, compared to \$182.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2023. The decrease was due primarily to an increase in deposit interest expense and a decrease in interest income from loans and securities.

The net interest margin was 3.05% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 3.27% for the fourth quarter of 2023.

For the first quarter of 2024, the yield on average interest-earning assets was 6.01%, the cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities was 3.87%, and the cost of interest-bearing deposits was 3.78%. In comparison, for the fourth quarter of 2023, the yield on average interest-earning assets was 5.99%, the cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities was 3.59%, and the cost of interest-bearing deposits was 3.50%. The increase in the costs of average interest-bearing liabilities was mainly a result of higher interest rates on interest bearing deposits. The net interest spread, defined as the difference between the yield on average interest-earning assets and the cost of funds on average interest-bearing liabilities, was 2.14% for the first quarter of 2024, compared to 2.40% for the fourth quarter of 2023.

#### Provision for credit losses

The Company recorded a provision for credit losses of \$1.9 million in the first quarter of 2024 compared with \$1.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2023. As of March 31, 2024, the allowance for credit losses, comprised of the reserve for loan losses and the reserve for unfunded loan commitments, increased \$760 thousand to \$164.4 million, or 0.85% of gross loans, compared to \$163.6 million, or 0.84% of gross loans, as of December 31, 2023.

The following table sets forth the charge-offs and recoveries for the periods indicated:

|                              | Three months ended |                |            |                   |    |               |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|----|---------------|--|--|--|--|
|                              | Marc               | March 31, 2024 |            | ber 31, 2023      | Ma | arch 31, 2023 |  |  |  |  |
|                              |                    |                | (In thousa | ands) (Unaudited) |    |               |  |  |  |  |
| Charge-offs:                 |                    |                |            |                   |    |               |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial loans             | \$                 | 1,939          | \$         | 1,392             | \$ | 3,911         |  |  |  |  |
| Construction loans           |                    | _              |            | 4,221             |    | _             |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate loans (1)        |                    | 254            |            | _                 |    | 3,990         |  |  |  |  |
| Installment and other loans  |                    | _              |            | _                 |    | 6             |  |  |  |  |
| Total charge-offs            |                    | 2,193          |            | 5,613             |    | 7,907         |  |  |  |  |
| Recoveries:                  |                    |                |            |                   |    |               |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial loans             |                    | 812            |            | 1,426             |    | 511           |  |  |  |  |
| Construction loans           |                    |                |            | _                 |    | _             |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate loans (1)        |                    | 241            |            | 55                |    | 2,540         |  |  |  |  |
| Total recoveries             |                    | 1,053          |            | 1,481             |    | 3,051         |  |  |  |  |
| Net charge-offs/(recoveries) | \$                 | 1,140          | \$         | 4,132             | \$ | 4,856         |  |  |  |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Real estate loans include commercial real estate loans, residential mortgage loans and equity lines.

#### Non-interest income

Non-interest income, which includes revenues from depository service fees, letters of credit commissions, securities gains (losses), wealth management fees, and other sources of fee income, was \$6.6 million for the first quarter of 2024, a decrease of \$16.5 million, or 71.4%, compared to \$23.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2023. The decrease was primarily due to an \$18.0 million decrease in unrealized gains on equity securities offset, in part, by a \$1.4 million recovery from the sale of a previously written-off security, when compared to the fourth quarter of 2023.

#### Non-interest expense

Non-interest expense decreased \$17.3 million, or 15.7%, to \$93.2 million in the first quarter of 2024 compared to \$110.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2023. The decrease in non-interest expense in the first quarter of 2024 was primarily due to a decrease of \$11.7 million in amortization expense of investments in low-income housing and alternative energy partnerships, a decrease of \$8.3 million in FDIC and state assessments and a decrease of \$1.3 million in professional services expenses offset, in part, by an increase of \$3.5 million in salaries and employee benefits when compared to the fourth quarter of 2023. The efficiency ratio, defined as non-interest expense divided by the sum of net interest income before provision for loan losses plus non-interest income, was 53.22% in the first quarter of 2024 compared to 53.84% for the fourth quarter of 2023.

#### Income taxes

The effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2024 was 10.76% compared to 11.28% for the fourth quarter of 2023. The effective tax rate includes the impact of alternative energy investments and low-income housing tax credits.

#### **BALANCE SHEET REVIEW**

Gross loans, excluding loans held for sale, were \$19.43 billion as of March 31, 2024, a decrease of \$118.7 million, or 0.6%, from \$19.55 billion as of December 31, 2023. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease of \$172.5 million, or 5.2%, in commercial loans, and a decrease of \$39.9 million, or 9.4%, in construction loans offset, in part, by an increase of \$92.2 million, or 0.9%, in commercial real estate loans and an increase of \$3.1 million, or 0.1%, in residential mortgage loans.

The loan balances and composition as of March 31, 2024, compared to December 31, 2023, and March 31, 2023, are presented below:

|                                | <br>March 31, 2024 |        | cember 31, 2023      | March 31, 2023   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|------------------|
|                                |                    | (In th | ousands) (Unaudited) |                  |
| Commercial loans               | \$<br>3,132,580    | \$     | 3,305,048            | \$<br>3,153,039  |
| Construction loans             | 382,775            |        | 422,647              | 558,967          |
| Commercial real estate loans   | 9,821,807          |        | 9,729,581            | 8,916,766        |
| Residential mortgage loans     | 5,841,846          |        | 5,838,747            | 5,384,220        |
| Equity lines                   | 245,222            |        | 245,919              | 298,630          |
| Installment and other loans    | 5,166              |        | 6,198                | 5,717            |
| Gross loans                    | \$<br>19,429,396   | \$     | 19,548,140           | \$<br>18,317,339 |
| Allowance for loan losses      | (154,589)          |        | (154,562)            | (144,884)        |
| Unamortized deferred loan fees | (11,737)           |        | (10,720)             | (5,872)          |
| Total loans, net               | \$<br>19,263,070   | \$     | 19,382,858           | \$<br>18,166,583 |

Total deposits were \$19.85 billion as of March 31, 2024, an increase of \$520.8 million, or 2.7%, from \$19.33 billion as of December 31, 2023.

The deposit balances and composition as of March 31, 2024, compared to December 31, 2023, and March 31, 2023, are presented below:

|                                      | Ν  | 1arch 31, 2024 | Dece     | mber 31, 2023       | March 31, 2023   |  |
|--------------------------------------|----|----------------|----------|---------------------|------------------|--|
|                                      |    |                | (In thou | ısands) (Unaudited) |                  |  |
| Non-interest-bearing demand deposits | \$ | 3,289,539      | \$       | 3,529,018           | \$<br>3,748,719  |  |
| NOW deposits                         |    | 2,331,486      |          | 2,370,685           | 2,354,195        |  |
| Money market deposits                |    | 3,117,557      |          | 3,049,754           | 3,014,500        |  |
| Savings deposits                     |    | 1,039,144      |          | 1,039,203           | 891,061          |  |
| Time deposits                        |    | 10,068,533     |          | 9,336,787           | <br>8,640,397    |  |
| Total deposits                       | \$ | 19,846,259     | \$       | 19,325,447          | \$<br>18,648,872 |  |

#### **ASSET QUALITY REVIEW**

As of March 31, 2024, total non-accrual loans were \$98.1 million, an increase of \$31.4 million, or 47.1%, from \$66.7 million as of December 31, 2023.

The allowance for loan losses was \$154.6 million and the allowance for off-balance sheet unfunded credit commitments was \$9.8 million as of March 31, 2024. The allowances represent the amount estimated by management to be appropriate to absorb expected credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio, including unfunded credit commitments. The allowance for loan losses represented 0.80% of period-end gross loans, and 146.30% of non-performing loans as of March 31, 2024. The comparable ratios were 0.79% of period-end gross loans, and 209.33% of non-performing loans as of December 31, 2023.

The changes in non-performing assets and modifications to borrowers experiencing financial difficulties as of March 31, 2024, compared to December 31, 2023, and March 31, 2023, are presented below:

|  |    |               |     |                | %      |    |               | %      |  |
|--|----|---------------|-----|----------------|--------|----|---------------|--------|--|
| (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)                               |    | arch 31, 2024 | Dec | ember 31, 2023 | Change | М  | arch 31, 2023 | Change |  |
| Non-performing assets  |    |               |     |                |        |    |               |        |  |
| Accruing loans past due 90 days or more                          | \$ | 7,560         | \$  | 7,157          | 6      | \$ | 12,756        | (41)   |  |
| Non-accrual loans:   |    |               |     |                |        |    |               |        |  |
| Construction loans   |    | 22,998        |     | 7,736          | 197    |    | _             | _      |  |
| Commercial real estate loans                                     |    | 47,465        |     | 32,030         | 48     |    | 40,218        | 18     |  |
| Commercial loans   |    | 14,642        |     | 14,404         | 2      |    | 22,079        | (34)   |  |
| Residential mortgage loans                                       |    | 13,002        |     | 12,511         | 4      |    | 11,283        | 15     |  |
| Total non-accrual loans  | \$ | 98,107        | \$  | 66,681         | 47     | \$ | 73,580        | 33     |  |
| Total non-performing loans                                       |    | 105,667       |     | 73,838         | 43     |    | 86,336        | 22     |  |
| Other real estate owned  |    | 19,441        |     | 19,441         | _      |    | 4,067         | 378    |  |
| Total non-performing assets                                      | \$ | 125,108       | \$  | 93,279         | 34     | \$ | 90,403        | 38     |  |
| Accruing loan modifications to borrowers experiencing            |    |               |     |                |        |    |               |        |  |
| financial difficulties   | \$ | _             | \$  | 2,872          | (100)  | \$ | _             | _      |  |
| Allowance for loan losses  | \$ | 154,589       | \$  | 154,562        | _      | \$ | 144,884       | 7      |  |
| Total gross loans outstanding, at period-end                     | \$ | 19,429,396    | \$  | 19,548,140     | (1)    | \$ | 18,317,339    | 6      |  |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans, at period-end |    | 146.30%       |     | 209.33%        |        |    | 167.81%       |        |  |
| Allowance for loan losses to gross loans, at period-end          |    | 0.80%         |     | 0.79%          |        |    | 0.79%         |        |  |

The ratio of non-performing assets to total assets was 0.53% as of March 31, 2024, compared to 0.40% as of December 31, 2023. Total non-performing assets increased \$31.8 million, or 34.1%, to \$125.1 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$93.3 million as of December 31, 2023, primarily due to an increase of \$31.4 million, or 47.1%, in non-accrual loans, and an increase of \$403 thousand, or 5.6%, in accruing loans past due 90 days or more.

#### **CAPITAL ADEQUACY REVIEW**

As of March 31, 2024, the Company's Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 13.08%, total risk-based capital ratio of 14.55%, and Tier 1 leverage capital ratio of 10.71%, calculated under the Basel III capital rules, continue to place the Company in the "well capitalized" category for regulatory purposes, which is defined as institutions with a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio equal to or greater than 8%, a total risk-based capital ratio equal to or greater than 10%, and a Tier 1 leverage capital ratio equal to or greater than 5%. As of December 31, 2023, the Company's Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio was 12.84%, total risk-based capital ratio was 14.31%, and Tier 1 leverage capital ratio was 10.55%.

#### CONFERENCE CALL

Cathay General Bancorp will host a conference call to discuss its first quarter 2024 financial results this afternoon, Monday, April 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., Pacific Time. Analysts and investors may dial in and participate in the question-and-answer session. To access the call, please dial 1-833-816-1377 and refer to Conference Code 10187902. The presentation accompanying this call and access to the live webcast is available on our site at <a href="www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com">www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com</a> and a replay of the webcast will be archived for one year within 24 hours after the event.

#### ABOUT CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Cathay General Bancorp is a publicly traded company (Nasdaq: CATY) and is the holding company for Cathay Bank, a California state-chartered bank. Founded in 1962, Cathay Bank offers a wide range of financial services and currently operate over 60 branches across the United States in California, New York, Washington, Texas, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Nevada, and New Jersey. Overseas, it has a branch outlet in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Beijing, Shanghai, and Taipei. To learn more about Cathay Bank, please visit www.cathaybank.com. Cathay General Bancorp's website is at <a href="https://www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com">www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com</a>. Information set forth on such websites is not incorporated into this press release.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements made in this press release, other than statements of historical fact, are forwardlooking statements within the meaning of the applicable provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding management's beliefs, projections, and assumptions concerning future results and events. These forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, such words as "aims," "anticipates," "believes," "can," "continue," "could," "estimates," "expects," "hopes," "intends," "may," "plans," "projects," "predicts," "potential," "possible," "optimistic," "seeks," "shall," "should," "will," and variations of these words and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on estimates, beliefs, projections, and assumptions of management and are not guarantees of future performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and our present expectations or projections. Such risks and uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, adverse developments or conditions related to or arising from local, regional, national and international business, market and economic conditions and events and the impact they may have on us, our customers and our operations, assets and liabilities; possible additional provisions for loan losses and charge-offs; credit risks of lending activities and deterioration in asset or credit quality; extensive laws and regulations and supervision that we are subject to including potential future supervisory action by bank supervisory authorities; increased costs of compliance and other risks associated with changes in regulation; higher capital requirements from the implementation of the Basel III capital standards; compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act and other money laundering statutes and regulations; potential goodwill impairment; liquidity risk; fluctuations in interest rates; risks associated with acquisitions and the expansion of our business into new markets; inflation and deflation; real estate market conditions and the value of real estate collateral; our ability to generate anticipated returns on our investments and financings, including in tax-advantaged projects; environmental liabilities; our ability to compete with larger competitors; our ability to retain key personnel; successful management of reputational risk; natural disasters, public health crises and geopolitical events; general economic or business conditions in Asia, and other regions where Cathay Bank has operations; failures, interruptions, or security breaches of our information systems; our ability to adapt our systems to technological changes; risk management processes and strategies; adverse results in legal proceedings; certain provisions in our charter and bylaws that may affect acquisition of the Company; changes in accounting standards or tax laws and regulations; market disruption and volatility; restrictions on dividends and other distributions by laws and regulations and by our regulators and our capital structure; issuance of preferred stock; successfully raising additional capital, if needed, and the resulting dilution of interests of holders of our common stock; the soundness of other financial institutions; and general competitive, economic political, and market conditions and fluctuations.

These and other factors are further described in Cathay General Bancorp's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (Item 1A in particular), other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and other filings Cathay General Bancorp makes with the SEC from time to time. Actual results in any future period may also vary from the past results discussed in this press release. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and, except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or review any forward-looking statement to reflect circumstances, developments or events occurring after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

# CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Unaudited)

|  | Three months ended |                |     |                 |                |                |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------|----------------|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data)          | March 31, 2024     |                |     | cember 31, 2023 | March 31, 2023 |                |  |  |  |
| Financial performance                                  |                    |                |     |                 |                |                |  |  |  |
| Net interest income before provision for credit losses | \$                 | 168,572        | \$  | 182,138         | \$             | 192,435        |  |  |  |
| Provision for credit losses                            |                    | 1,900          |     | 1,723           |                | 8,100          |  |  |  |
| Net interest income after provision for credit losses  |                    | 166,672        |     | 180,415         |                | 184,335        |  |  |  |
| Non-interest income                                    |                    | 6,611          |     | 23,101          |                | 14,244         |  |  |  |
| Non-interest expense                                   |                    | 93,239         |     | 110,498         |                | 83,186         |  |  |  |
| Income before income tax expense                       |                    | 80,044         |     | 93,018          |                | 115,393        |  |  |  |
| Income tax expense                                     |                    | 8,609          |     | 10,492          |                | 19,386         |  |  |  |
| Net income   | \$                 | 71,435         | \$  | 82,526          | \$             | 96,007         |  |  |  |
| Net income per common share                            |                    |                |     |                 |                |                |  |  |  |
| Basic  | \$                 | 0.98           | \$  | 1.14            | \$             | 1.32           |  |  |  |
| Diluted  | \$                 | 0.98           | \$  | 1.13            | \$             | 1.32           |  |  |  |
| Cash dividends paid per common share                   | \$                 | 0.34           | \$  | 0.34            | \$             | 0.34           |  |  |  |
| Selected ratios  |                    |                |     |                 |                |                |  |  |  |
| Return on average assets                               |                    | 1.23%          |     | 1.40%           |                | 1.76%          |  |  |  |
| Return on average total stockholders' equity           |                    | 10.40%         |     | 12.21%          |                | 15.39%         |  |  |  |
| Efficiency ratio                                       |                    | 53.22%         |     | 53.84%          |                | 40.25%         |  |  |  |
| Dividend payout ratio                                  |                    | 34.59%         |     | 29.92%          |                | 25.63%         |  |  |  |
| Yield analysis (Fully taxable equivalent)              |                    |                |     |                 |                |                |  |  |  |
| Total interest-earning assets                          |                    | 6.01%          |     | 5.99%           |                | 5.54%          |  |  |  |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities                     |                    | 3.87%          |     | 3.59%           |                | 2.46%          |  |  |  |
| Net interest spread                                    |                    | 2.14%          |     | 2.40%           |                | 3.08%          |  |  |  |
| Net interest margin                                    |                    | 3.05%          |     | 3.27%           |                | 3.74%          |  |  |  |
| Capital ratios   |                    | March 31, 2024 | Dec | cember 31, 2023 |                | March 31, 2023 |  |  |  |
| Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio                        |                    | 13.08%         |     | 12.84%          |                | 12.42%         |  |  |  |
| Total risk-based capital ratio                         |                    | 14.55%         |     | 14.31%          |                | 13.94%         |  |  |  |
| Tier 1 leverage capital ratio                          |                    | 10.71%         |     | 10.55%          |                | 10.27%         |  |  |  |

## CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

| (In thousands, except share and per share data)                                 | Ma | March 31, 2024           |    | mber 31, 2023           | _  | March 31, 2023          |  |
|---|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|--|
| Assets  |    |                          |    |                         |    |                         |  |
| Cash and due from banks   | \$ | 165,284                  | \$ | 173,988                 | \$ | 252,048                 |  |
| Short-term investments and interest bearing deposits                            |    | 1,010,651                |    | 654,813                 |    | 881,282                 |  |
| Securities available-for-sale (amortized cost of \$1,783,915 at March 31, 2024, |    |                          |    |                         |    |                         |  |
| \$1,726,080 at December 31, 2023 and \$1,672,440 at March 31, 2023)             |    | 1,653,167                |    | 1,604,570               |    | 1,541,250               |  |
| Loans held for sale   |    | 23,171                   |    | _                       |    | _                       |  |
| Loans   |    | 19,429,396               |    | 19,548,140              |    | 18,317,339              |  |
| Less: Allowance for loan losses   |    | (154,589)                |    | (154,562)               |    | (144,884)               |  |
| Unamortized deferred loan fees, net   |    | (11,737)                 |    | (10,720)                |    | (5,872)                 |  |
| Loans, net  |    | 19,263,070               |    | 19,382,858              |    | 18,166,583              |  |
| Equity securities   |    | 31,380                   |    | 40,406                  |    | 27,011                  |  |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock  |    | 17,250                   |    | 17,746                  |    | 17,250                  |  |
| Other real estate owned, net  |    | 19,441                   |    | 19,441                  |    | 4,067                   |  |
| Affordable housing investments and alternative energy partnerships, net         |    | 330,912                  |    | 315,683                 |    | 316,475                 |  |
| Premises and equipment, net   |    | 90,454                   |    | 91,097                  |    | 93,204                  |  |
| Customers' liability on acceptances   |    | 17,074                   |    | 3,264                   |    | 6,547                   |  |
| Accrued interest receivable   |    | 97,937                   |    | 97,673                  |    | 82,420                  |  |
| Goodwill  |    | 375,696                  |    | 375,696                 |    | 375,696                 |  |
| Other intangible assets, net  |    | 4,131                    |    | 4,461                   |    | 5,564                   |  |
| Right-of-use assets- operating leases   |    | 31,698                   |    | 32,076                  |    | 29,906                  |  |
| Other assets  |    | 273,487                  |    | 267,762                 |    | 232,298                 |  |
| Total assets  | \$ | 23,404,803               | \$ | 23,081,534              | \$ | 22,031,601              |  |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity  |    |                          |    |                         |    |                         |  |
| Deposits:   | •  | 0.000.500                | •  | 0.500.040               | •  | 0.740.740               |  |
| Non-interest-bearing demand deposits  | \$ | 3,289,539                | \$ | 3,529,018               | \$ | 3,748,719               |  |
| Interest-bearing deposits:  |    | 0.004.400                |    | 0.070.005               |    | 0.054.405               |  |
| NOW deposits  |    | 2,331,486                |    | 2,370,685               |    | 2,354,195               |  |
| Money market deposits   |    | 3,117,557                |    | 3,049,754               |    | 3,014,500               |  |
| Savings deposits  |    | 1,039,144                |    | 1,039,203               |    | 891,061                 |  |
| Time deposits   |    | 10,068,533<br>19,846,259 | -  | 9,336,787<br>19,325,447 | _  | 8,640,397<br>18,648,872 |  |
| Total deposits  |    | · · · · · ·              |    |                         |    |                         |  |
| Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank  |    | 265,000                  |    | 540,000                 |    | 360,000                 |  |
| Other borrowings for affordable housing investments                             |    | 17,557                   |    | 15,787                  |    | 22,481                  |  |
| Long-term debt  |    | 119,136                  |    | 119,136                 |    | 119,136                 |  |
| Acceptances outstanding   |    | 17,074                   |    | 3,264                   |    | 6,547                   |  |
| Lease liabilities - operating leases  |    | 34,325                   |    | 34,797                  |    | 32,599                  |  |
| Other liabilities   |    | 327,380                  |    | 306,528                 | _  | 299,627                 |  |
| Total liabilities   |    | 20,626,731               |    | 20,344,959              | _  | 19,489,262              |  |
| Stockholders' equity  |    | 2,778,072                | _  | 2,736,575               | _  | 2,542,339               |  |
| Total liabilities and equity  | \$ | 23,404,803               | \$ | 23,081,534              | \$ | 22,031,601              |  |
| Book value per common share   | \$ | 38.22                    | \$ | 37.66                   | \$ | 35.12                   |  |
| Number of common shares outstanding   |    | 72,688,191               |    | 72,668,927              |    | 72,390,694              |  |

### CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

|  | Three months ended |              |            |                      |          |               |  |  |
|--|--------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|--|--|
|  | Ma                 | rch 31, 2024 | Dece       | mber 31, 2023        | М        | arch 31, 2023 |  |  |
|  |                    | (In thous    | ands, exce | ept share and per sh | are data | a)            |  |  |
| Interest and Dividend Income   |                    |              |            |                      |          |               |  |  |
| Loans receivable   | \$                 | 302,528      | \$         | 302,477              | \$       | 261,179       |  |  |
| Investment securities  |                    | 14,951       |            | 14,885               |          | 11,764        |  |  |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock   |                    | 431          |            | 392                  |          | 304           |  |  |
| Deposits with banks  |                    | 14,732       |            | 15,509               |          | 12,139        |  |  |
| Total interest and dividend income                                       |                    | 332,642      |            | 333,263              |          | 285,386       |  |  |
| Interest Expense   |                    |              |            |                      |          |               |  |  |
| Time deposits  |                    | 109,546      |            | 97,826               |          | 64,174        |  |  |
| Other deposits   |                    | 42,788       |            | 43,282               |          | 23,817        |  |  |
| Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank                                     |                    | 9,316        |            | 7,289                |          | 2,598         |  |  |
| Long-term debt   |                    | 1,721        |            | 1,759                |          | 1,443         |  |  |
| Short-term borrowings  |                    | 699          |            | 969                  |          | 919           |  |  |
| Total interest expense   |                    | 164,070      |            | 151,125              |          | 92,951        |  |  |
| Net interest income before provision for credit losses                   |                    | 168,572      |            | 182,138              |          | 192,435       |  |  |
| Provision for credit losses  |                    | 1,900        |            | 1,723                |          | 8,100         |  |  |
| Net interest income after provision for credit losses                    |                    | 166,672      |            | 180,415              |          | 184,335       |  |  |
| Non-Interest Income  |                    |              |            |                      |          |               |  |  |
| Net (losses)/gains from equity securities                                |                    | (9,027)      |            | 8,950                |          | 4,853         |  |  |
| Debt securities gains/(losses), net                                      |                    | 1,107        |            | _                    |          | (3,000)       |  |  |
| Letters of credit commissions  |                    | 1,717        |            | 1,744                |          | 1,570         |  |  |
| Depository service fees  |                    | 1,550        |            | 1,423                |          | 1,832         |  |  |
| Wealth management fees   |                    | 5,638        |            | 4,820                |          | 3,897         |  |  |
| Other operating income   |                    | 5,626        |            | 6,164                |          | 5,092         |  |  |
| Total non-interest income  |                    | 6,611        |            | 23,101               |          | 14,244        |  |  |
| Non-Interest Expense   |                    |              |            |                      |          |               |  |  |
| Salaries and employee benefits   |                    | 43,552       |            | 40,101               |          | 38,226        |  |  |
| Occupancy expense  |                    | 5,967        |            | 5,387                |          | 5,504         |  |  |
| Computer and equipment expense   |                    | 5,068        |            | 4,579                |          | 4,285         |  |  |
| Professional services expense  |                    | 6,992        |            | 8,279                |          | 7,406         |  |  |
| Data processing service expense  |                    | 3,929        |            | 3,718                |          | 3,724         |  |  |
| FDIC and State assessments   |                    | 6,089        |            | 14,358               |          | 3,155         |  |  |
| Marketing expense  |                    | 1,914        |            | 1,110                |          | 774           |  |  |
| Other real estate owned expense  |                    | 253          |            | 195                  |          | 50            |  |  |
| Amortization of investments in low income housing and                    |                    | 4.4.400      |            | 00.440               |          | 45.504        |  |  |
| alternative energy partnerships  |                    | 14,432       |            | 26,119               |          | 15,594        |  |  |
| Amortization of core deposit intangibles                                 |                    | 339          |            | 251<br>671           |          | 250           |  |  |
| Acquisition, integration and restructuring costs Other operating expense |                    | 4,704        |            | 5,730                |          | —<br>4,218    |  |  |
| Total non-interest expense   |                    | 93,239       | -          | 110,498              |          | 83,186        |  |  |
| Total Hon-interest expense   |                    | 33,233       |            | 110,430              |          | 00,100        |  |  |
| Income before income tax expense   |                    | 80,044       |            | 93,018               |          | 115,393       |  |  |
| Income tax expense   |                    | 8,609        |            | 10,492               |          | 19,386        |  |  |
| Net income   | \$                 | 71,435       | \$         |                      | \$       | 96,007        |  |  |
| Net income per common share:   |                    |              |            | ·                    |          |               |  |  |
| Basic  | \$                 | 0.98         | \$         | 1.14                 | \$       | 1.32          |  |  |
| Diluted  | \$                 | 0.98         | \$         | 1.13                 | \$       | 1.32          |  |  |
| Cash dividends paid per common share                                     | \$                 | 0.34         | \$         | 0.34                 | \$       | 0.34          |  |  |
| Basic average common shares outstanding                                  | •                  | 72,673,974   | *          | 72,652,779           | *        | 72,533,239    |  |  |
| Diluted average common shares outstanding                                |                    | 72,971,157   |            | 72,906,310           |          | 72,899,662    |  |  |
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### CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP AVERAGE BALANCES – SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

Three months ended

| (In thousands)(Unaudited)               | March 31           | , 2024                               | December           | 31, 2023                             | March 31           | , 2023                    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Interest-earning assets:                | Average<br>Balance | Average<br>Yield/Rate <sup>(1)</sup> | Average<br>Balance | Average<br>Yield/Rate <sup>(1)</sup> | Average<br>Balance | Average<br>Yield/Rate (1) |
| Loans (1)                               | \$<br>19,498,954   | 6.24%                                | \$<br>19,330,187   | 6.21%                                | \$<br>18,245,488   | 5.81%                     |
| Taxable investment securities           | 1,638,317          | 3.67%                                | 1,594,267          | 3.71%                                | 1,548,841          | 3.08%                     |
| FHLB stock                              | 23,006             | 7.53%                                | 19,599             | 7.94%                                | 17,276             | 7.14%                     |
| Deposits with banks                     | 1,093,972          | 5.42%                                | 1,130,806          | 5.44%                                | 1,070,188          | 4.60%                     |
| Total interest-earning assets           | \$<br>22,254,249   | 6.01%                                | \$<br>22,074,859   | 5.99%                                | \$<br>20,881,793   | 5.54%                     |
| Interest-bearing liabilities:           |                    |                                      |                    | -                                    |                    |                           |
| Interest-bearing demand deposits        | \$<br>2,312,246    | 2.19%                                | \$<br>2,466,263    | 2.14%                                | \$<br>2,354,531    | 1.12%                     |
| Money market deposits                   | 3,114,298          | 3.53%                                | 3,200,455          | 3.33%                                | 3,378,257          | 2.05%                     |
| Savings deposits                        | 1,046,103          | 1.10%                                | 1,112,454          | 1.11%                                | 938,485            | 0.10%                     |
| Time deposits                           | 9,720,917          | 4.53%                                | 9,208,820          | 4.21%                                | 8,225,215          | 3.16%                     |
| Total interest-bearing deposits         | \$<br>16,193,564   | 3.78%                                | \$<br>15,987,992   | 3.50%                                | \$<br>14,896,488   | 2.40%                     |
| Other borrowed funds                    | 730,779            | 5.51%                                | 600,483            | 5.46%                                | 321,522            | 4.44%                     |
| Long-term debt                          | 119,136            | 5.81%                                | 119,136            | 5.86%                                | 119,136            | 4.91%                     |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities      | 17,043,479         | 3.87%                                | 16,707,611         | 3.59%                                | 15,337,146         | 2.46%                     |
| Non-interest-bearing demand deposits    | 3,338,551          |                                      | 3,598,385          |                                      | 3,958,533          |                           |
| Total deposits and other borrowed funds | \$<br>20,382,030   |                                      | \$<br>20,305,996   |                                      | \$<br>19,295,679   |                           |
| Total average assets                    | \$<br>23,451,901   |                                      | \$<br>23,304,836   | •                                    | \$<br>22,098,431   |                           |
| Total average equity                    | \$<br>2,761,843    |                                      | \$<br>2,681,899    |                                      | \$<br>2,530,719    |                           |

<sup>(1)</sup> Yields and interest earned include net loan fees. Non-accrual loans are included in the average balance.

# CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP GAAP to NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

The Company uses certain non-GAAP financial measures to provide supplemental information regarding the Company's performance. Tangible equity and tangible equity to tangible assets ratio are non-GAAP financial measures. Tangible equity and tangible assets represent stockholders' equity and total assets, respectively, which have been reduced by goodwill and other intangible assets. Given that the use of such measures and ratios is more prevalent in the banking industry, and such measures and ratios are used by banking regulators and analysts, the Company has included them below for discussion.

|  |         | March 31, 2024   | D       | ecember 31, 2023    | March 31, 2023   |  |
|--|---------|------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|--|
|  |         | <br>(In          | thous   | ands) (Unaudited)   |                  |  |
| Stockholders' equity                             | (a)     | \$<br>2,778,072  | \$      | 2,736,575           | \$<br>2,542,339  |  |
| Less: Goodwill                                   |         | (375,696)        |         | (375,696)           | (375,696)        |  |
| Other intangible assets (1)                      |         | (4,131)          |         | (4,461)             | (5,564)          |  |
| Tangible equity                                  | (b)     | \$<br>2,398,245  | \$      | 2,356,418           | \$<br>2,161,079  |  |
| Total assets                                     | (c)     | \$<br>23,404,803 | \$      | 23,081,534          | \$<br>22,031,601 |  |
| Less: Goodwill                                   |         | (375,696)        |         | (375,696)           | (375,696)        |  |
| Other intangible assets (1)                      |         | (4,131)          |         | (4,461)             | (5,564)          |  |
| Tangible assets                                  | (d)     | \$<br>23,024,976 | \$      | 22,701,377          | \$<br>21,650,341 |  |
| Number of common shares outstanding              | (e)     | 72,688,191       |         | 72,668,927          | 72,390,694       |  |
| Total stockholders' equity to total assets ratio | (a)/(c) | 11.87%           |         | 11.86%              | 11.54%           |  |
| Tangible equity to tangible assets ratio         | (b)/(d) | 10.42%           |         | 10.38%              | 9.98%            |  |
| Tangible book value per share                    | (b)/(e) | \$<br>32.99      | \$      | 32.43               | \$<br>29.85      |  |
|  |         | Т                | hree    | months ended        |                  |  |
|  |         | March 31, 2024   | D       | ecember 31, 2023    | March 31, 2023   |  |
|  |         |                  | (In tho | usands) (Unaudited) |                  |  |
| Net Income                                       |         | \$<br>71,435     | \$      | 82,526              | \$<br>96,007     |  |
| Add: Amortization of other intangibles (1)       |         | 330              |         | 262                 | 192              |  |
| Tax effect of amortization adjustments (2)       |         | (98)             |         | (78)                | (57)             |  |
| Tangible net income                              | (f)     | \$<br>71,667     | \$      | 82,710              | \$<br>96,142     |  |
| Return on tangible common equity (3)             | (f)/(b) | 11.95%           |         | 14.04%              | 17.80%           |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes core deposit intangibles and mortgage servicing

<sup>(2)</sup> Applied the statutory rate of 29.65%.

<sup>(3)</sup> Annualized