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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2014

Commission File Number: 1-9047

Independent Bank Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts04-2870273(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Office Address: 2036 Washington Street, Hanover Massachusetts 02339 Mailing Address: 288 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(781) 878-6100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90

days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer x Accelerated Filer o

Non-accelerated Filer o Smaller Reporting Company o Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange

Act). Yes o No x

As of May 1, 2014, there were 23,898,755 shares of the issuer's common stock outstanding, par value \$0.01 per share.

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PART 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited—Dollars in thousands)

	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$142,349	\$168,106
Interest-earning deposits with banks	74,934	48,219
Securities		
Securities available for sale	348,258	356,862
Securities held to maturity (fair value \$374,530 and \$346,455)	375,556	350,652
Total securities	723,814	707,514
Loans held for sale (at fair value)	6,788	8,882
Loans		
Commercial and industrial	822,509	784,202
Commercial real estate	2,282,939	2,249,260
Commercial construction	239,536	223,859
Small business	78,147	77,240
Residential real estate	538,626	541,443
Home equity - 1st position	499,095	497,075
Home equity - subordinate positions	328,190	325,066
Other consumer	18,227	20,162
Total loans	4,807,269	4,718,307
Less: allowance for loan losses	(53,629	) (53,239 )
Net loans	4,753,640	4,665,068
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	39,926	39,926
Bank premises and equipment, net	64,433	64,950
Goodwill	170,421	170,421
Identifiable intangible assets	11,630	12,221
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	97,839	100,406
Other real estate owned and other foreclosed assets	7,997	7,633
Other assets	132,149	105,888
Total assets	\$6,225,920	\$6,099,234
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Deposits		
Demand deposits	\$1,399,717	\$1,369,432
Savings and interest checking accounts	2,032,204	1,940,153
Money market	957,052	933,205
Time certificates of deposit of \$100,000 and over	292,956	297,984
Other time certificates of deposits	432,330	445,644
Total deposits	5,114,259	4,986,418
Borrowings		
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	140,228	140,294
Customer repurchase agreements and other short-term borrowings	128,485	154,288
Wholesale repurchase agreements	50,000	50,000

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Junior subordinated debentures	73,852		73,906					
Subordinated debentures	30,000		30,000					
Total borrowings	422,565		448,488					
Other liabilities	86,540		72,788					
Total liabilities	5,623,364		5,507,694					
Commitments and contingencies								
Stockholders' equity								
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value. authorized: 1,000,000 shares, outstanding: none	_							
Common stock, \$.01 par value. authorized: 75,000,000 shares,								
issued and outstanding: 23,878,056 shares at March 31, 2014 and 23,805,984 shares								
at December 31, 2013 (includes 284,453 and 268,290 shares of unvested participatin		235						
restricted stock awards, respectively)								
Shares held in rabbi trust at cost: 172,048 shares at March 31, 2014 and 178,765 shares at December 31, 2013	(3,456	)	(3,404	)				
Deferred compensation obligation	3,456		3,404					
Additional paid in capital	306,156		305,179					
Retained earnings	301,218		293,560					
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(5,054	)	(7,434	)				
Total stockholders' equity	602,556		591,540					
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$6,225,920		\$6,099,234					
The accompanying condensed notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements								

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# INDEPENDENT BANK CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited—Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months	Ended
	March 31	
	2014	2013
Interest income		
Interest on loans	\$48,204	\$46,978
Taxable interest and dividends on securities	4,650	3,529
Nontaxable interest and dividends on securities	37	11
Interest on loans held for sale	51	268
Interest on federal funds sold	38	34
Total interest and dividend income	52,980	50,820
Interest expense		
Interest on deposits	2,791	2,665
Interest on borrowings	2,583	3,293
Total interest expense	5,374	5,958
Net interest income	47,606	44,862
Provision for loan losses	4,502	1,300
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	43,104	43,562
Noninterest income		
Deposit account fees	4,359	4,217
Interchange and ATM fees	2,975	2,328
Investment management	4,603	3,884
Mortgage banking income	487	2,281
Loan level derivative income	746	532
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance policies	722	746
Gain on life insurance benefits	1,627	_
Net gain on sale of equity securities	91	
Other noninterest income	1,906	1,736
Total noninterest income	17,516	15,724
Noninterest expenses	·	•
Salaries and employee benefits	23,080	22,715
Occupancy and equipment expenses	6,146	5,249
Data processing and facilities management	1,253	1,184
FDIC assessment	905	821
Advertising expense	824	1,172
Consulting expense	559	710
Debit card expense	614	670
Merger and acquisition expense	77	1,345
Software maintenance	662	681
Telecommunication expense	548	655
Other noninterest expenses	7,219	7,718
Total noninterest expenses	41,887	42,920
Income before income taxes	18,733	16,366
Provision for income taxes	5,350	4,114
Net income	\$13,383	\$12,252
Basic earnings per share	0.56	0.54
Diluted earnings per share	0.56	0.54
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Weighted average common shares (basic)	23,819,065	22,823,753
Common shares equivalents	100,173	46,040
Weighted average common shares (diluted)	23,919,238	22,869,793
Cash dividends declared per common share	0.24	0.22

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# INDEPENDENT BANK CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited—Dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended				
	March 31				
	2014		2013		
Net income	\$13,383		\$12,252		
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities					
Change in fair value of securities available for sale	1,971		(777	)	
Less: net security gains reclassified into earnings	54				
Net change in fair value of securities available for sale	1,917		(777	)	
Unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedges					
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges	(177	)	(3	)	
Less: net cash flow hedge losses reclassified into earnings	(679	)	(836	)	
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges	502		833		
Net gain (loss) during the period and amortization of certain costs included in net	(39	`	1		
periodic retirement costs	(39	)	1		
Total other comprehensive income	2,380		57		
Total comprehensive income	\$15,763		\$12,309		

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#### INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Unaudited—Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Common Stock Outstanding	Common Stock	Held in	Deferred Compensation t Obligation	Additional orPaid in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensiv Loss	Total ⁄e
Balance at			*	* *	****	****	<b></b>	*****
December 31, 2013	23,805,984	\$235	\$ (3,404)	\$ 3,404	\$305,179	\$293,560	\$ (7,434)	\$591,540
Net income			_		_	13,383		13,383
Other						13,303		13,303
comprehensive		_	_		_	_	2,380	2,380
income								
Common dividend	1							
declared (\$0.24	_	_	_	_	_	(5,725)	_	(5,725)
per share)								
Proceeds from	7.011				100			100
exercise of stock	7,911		_		133	_		133
options Tax benefit related	J							
to equity award	u				193			193
activity	_	_	_	<del></del>	193	_	<del></del>	193
Equity based								
compensation			_		677	_		677
Restricted stock								
awards issued, net	55.761	1			(472			(470
of awards	55,/61	1		_	(473)		_	(472)
surrendered								
Shares issued								
under direct stock	8,400	_	_		319	_	_	319
purchase plan								
Deferred			(52	52				
compensation		_	(52)	52	_	_		
obligation  Tax benefit related	d							
to deferred	u							
compensation	_	_	_	_	128	_	_	128
distributions								
Balance at March		<b></b>	A (2 1 T C )	<b>* 2 1 * *</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>4.204.24</b> 0	<b>*</b> ( <b>*</b> 0 <b>*</b> 4	A 600 ##6
31, 2014	23,878,056	\$236	\$ (3,456)	\$ 3,456	\$306,156	\$301,218	\$ (5,054)	\$602,556
Balance at								
December 31,	22,774,009	\$225	\$ (3,179 )	\$ 3,179	\$269,950	\$263,671	\$ (4,526 )	\$529,320
2012								
Net income			_			12,252		12,252
Other	_	_	_		_	_	57	57
comprehensive								

income										
Common dividend	d									
declared (\$0.22	_	_	_		_	_	(5,032	· —	(5,032	)
per share)										
Proceeds from										
exercise of stock	17,450	_	_			451	_	_	451	
options										
Tax benefit related	d									
to equity award					_	166			166	
activity										
Equity based		_				760	_		760	
compensation						700			700	
Restricted stock										
awards issued, ne	t 79 636	1				(508)			(507	)
or awards	77,030	1				(300 )			(507	,
surrendered										
Shares issued										
under direct stock	252	—			_	8		_	8	
purchase plan										
Deferred										
compensation	_	_	(19	)	19	_	_	_		
obligation										
Tax benefit related	d									
to deferred	_					100			100	
compensation						100			100	
distributions										
Balance March	22,871,347	\$226	\$ (3,198	)	\$ 3,198	\$270,927	\$270,891	\$ (4,469)	\$537,573	5
31, 2013	22,071,547	Ψ220	Ψ (3,170	,	Ψ 5,170	Ψ210,721	Ψ210,071	Ψ (1,10)	Ψυυ1,υ1.	,

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# INDEPENDENT BANK CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited—Dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended			
	March 31			
	2014		2013	
Cash flow from operating activities				
Net income	\$13,383		\$12,252	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities				
Depreciation and amortization	2,671		2,064	
Provision for loan losses	4,502		1,300	
Deferred income tax expense	471		2	
Net gain on sale of equity securities	(91	)		
Net loss on fixed assets	353		28	
Net loss on sale of other real estate owned and foreclosed assets	184		198	
Realized gain on sale leaseback transaction	(258	)	(258	)
Stock based compensation	677		760	
Excess tax benefit related to equity award activity	(193	)	(166	)
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance policies	(722	)	(746	)
Gain on life insurance benefits	(1,627	)		
Change in fair value on loans held for sale	(51	)	140	
Net change in:	`	ĺ		
Loans held for sale	2,145		11,257	
Other assets	1,991		11,394	
Other liabilities	(8,722	)	(11,862	)
Total adjustments	1,330		14,111	
Net cash provided by operating activities	14,713		26,363	
Cash flows used in investing activities	,		- ,	
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	673			
Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments of securities available for sale	11,705		26,708	
Purchase of securities available for sale	(766		(34,725	)
Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments of securities held to maturity	9,083	,	13,950	,
Purchase of securities held to maturity	(34,017	)	(44,902	)
Redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock		,	3,093	,
Investment in Low Income Housing Projects	(2,561	)	_	
Purchase of life insurance policies	(93	)	(93	)
Proceeds from life insurance policies	478	,	_	,
Net (increase) decrease in loans	(93,858	)	29,167	
Purchase of bank premises and equipment	(2,455		(1,478	)
Proceeds from the sale of bank premises and equipment	756	,		,
Proceeds from the sale of other real estate owned and foreclosed assets	642		1,206	
Capital improvements to other real estate owned	(444	)	(304	)
Net cash used in investing activities	(110,857	-	(7,378	)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities	(110,037	,	(7,370	,
Net increase (decrease) in time deposits	(18,342	`	15,141	
	•	,		`
Net increase (decrease) in other deposits	146,183		(10,408	)

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Net increase in short-term Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings		305	
Repayments of long-term Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings		(9,134	)
Net decrease in customer repurchase agreements	(20,803	) (23,741	)
Net decrease in other borrowings	(5,000	) (7,000	)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options, net of cash paid	133	451	
Restricted stock awards issued, net of awards surrendered	(472	) (507	)
Excess tax benefit from stock based compensation	193	166	
Tax benefit from deferred compensation distribution	128	100	
Proceeds from shares issued under direct stock purchase plan	319	8	
Common dividends paid	(5,237	) —	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	97,102	(34,619	)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	958	(15,634	)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	216,325	215,474	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$217,283	\$199,840	
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities			
Transfer of loans to other real estate owned & foreclosed assets	\$746	\$771	
Capital commitment relating to Low Income Housing Project investments	\$23,279	<b>\$</b> —	
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#### CONDENSED NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Independent Bank Corp. (the "Company") is a state chartered, federally registered bank holding company, incorporated in 1985. The Company is the sole stockholder of Rockland Trust Company ("Rockland Trust" or the "Bank"), a Massachusetts trust company chartered in 1907.

All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain previously reported amounts may have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements, primarily consisting of normal recurring adjustments, have been included. Operating results for the quarter ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014 or any other interim period.

For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### NOTE 2 – RECENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS UPDATES

FASB ASC Subtopic 310-40 "Receivables - Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors" Update No. 2014-04. Update No. 2014-04 was issued in January 2014 to reduce diversity by clarifying when an in substance repossession of foreclosure occurs, that is, when a creditor should be considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan such that the loan receivable should be derecognized and the real estate property recognized. The amendments in this update clarify that an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, and a creditor is considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan, upon either (1) the creditor obtaining legal title to the residential real estate property upon completion of a foreclosure or (2) the borrower conveying all interest in the residential real estate property to the creditor to satisfy the loan through completion of a deed in lieu of foreclosure or through a similar legal agreement. Additionally, the amendments require interim and annual disclosure of both (1) the amount of foreclosed residential real estate property held by the creditor and (2) the recorded investment in consumer mortgage loans collateralized by residential real estate property that are in the process of foreclosure according to local requirements of the applicable jurisdiction. The amendments in the update should be applied prospectively and are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2014. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position.

FASB ASC Topic No. 323 "Investments - Equity Method and Joint Ventures" Update No. 2014-01. Update No. 2014-01 was issued in January 2014 to provide guidance on accounting for investments by a reporting entity in flow-through limited liability entities that manage or invest in affordable housing projects that qualify for low-income housing tax credit. The amendments in this update permit reporting entities to make an accounting policy election to account for their investments in qualified affordable housing projects using the proportional amortization method if certain conditions are met. Under the proportional amortization method, an entity amortizes the initial cost of the investment in proportion to the tax credits and other tax benefits received and recognizes the net investment performance in the income statement as a component to income tax expense (benefit). The amendments in the update should be applied retrospectively and are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2014. Early adoption is permitted and the Company chose to early adopt this guidance effective January 1, 2014. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial

position.

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#### **NOTE 3 – SECURITIES**

The following table presents a summary of the amortized cost, gross unrealized holding gains and losses, other-than-temporary impairment recorded in other comprehensive income and fair value of securities available for sale and securities held to maturity for the periods below:

	March 31,	•	are perio				December 31, 2013				
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealize Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses Other	zec	Other-Tha Temporar Impairmen	y Value	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrea Gains	Gross Unreal lized Losses Other	Other- ized Tempo Impair	Fair Fary Value
	(Dollars in	thousand	s)								
Available for sale	;										
securities											
U.S. Government agency securities Agency	\$41,335	\$4	\$ (415	)	\$—	\$40,924	\$41,331	\$3	\$ (885	) \$—	\$40,449
mortgage-backed securities	223,304	6,339	(2,878	)	_	226,765	232,742	6,405	(4,556	) —	234,591
Agency collateralized mortgage obligations	56,277	259	(1,081	)	_	55,455	58,765	490	(1,102	) —	58,153
State, county, and	1										
municipal securities	5,415	36	(1	)	_	5,450	5,439	1	(28	) —	5,412
Single issuer trust	t										
preferred securities issued by banks	2,949	68	_		_	3,017	2,960	14	(22	) —	2,952
Pooled trust											
preferred securities issued by banks and	8,044	_	(1,583	)	(1,494 )	4,967	8,083	_	(1,913	) (2,329	3,841
insurers Equity securities	11,182	745	(247	)		11,680	10,997	762	(295	) —	11,464
Total available for sale securities	\$348 506			)	\$(1,494)	\$348,258				-	•