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MEDALLION FINANCIAL CORP. REPORTS 2021 FOURTH QUARTER AND RECORD FULL-YEAR RESULTS

Company Reinstates Quarterly Dividend at \$0.08 Per Share

NEW YORK, NY – February 23, 2022 – Medallion Financial Corp. (NASDAQ: MFIN, "Medallion" or the "Company"), a financial corp. industries and services loans in various consumer and commercial industries, announced today its 2021 fourth quarter and full-

2021 Fourth Quarter Highlights

- Net income was \$19.5 million, or \$0.78 per share, compared to net income of \$6.5 million, or \$0.26 per share, in the prior year qu
- Net interest income grew 25.1% to \$35.6 million from \$28.5 million in the prior year quarter.
- Net interest margin was 9.38%, up from 8.89% in the prior year quarter.
- Loan originations increased 91.1% to \$192.6 million from \$100.8 million in the prior year quarter.
- The Company sold additional shares in a fintech investment for a gain of \$5.4 million.
- The Company sold a legacy investment, its NASCAR race team, for a gain of \$0.7 million. The sale increased tangible book valu or more than \$1 per share.

2021 Full-Year Highlights

- Net income was \$54.1 million, or \$2.17 per share, a record, compared to a net loss of \$34.8 million, or \$1.42 per share, in the prior
- Net interest income grew 15.4% to \$127.8 million from \$110.8 million in the prior year.
- Net interest margin was 9.25%, up from 8.65% in the prior year.
- Loan originations increased 50.3% to \$747.4 million from \$497.2 million in the prior year.
- Medallion sold 80% of its fintech investment for a gain of \$11.3 million.
- The Company settled all bank debt, negotiated discounts and recognized a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$4.6 million.

Executive Commentary – Andrew Murstein, President of Medallion

"We finished the year with sustained momentum on our strategy which helped us achieve the highest earnings in our 25-year his company. We reported strong performance in most of our key metrics, including net interest income, net income and EPS. This was consumer and commercial lending segments, which now account for 99% of our consolidated loans.

Our focus on the top and bottom lines drove consistently strong performance throughout the year, as we grew EPS in each quarter. We team and the continued strength of our recreation, home improvement and commercial segments, we are well-positioned to continue moving forward. Our confidence in the business has been supported by our Board's recent action to reinstate our quarterly dividend over five years."

Loan Detail

- Loan originations were \$192.6 million during the quarter, primarily in our recreation and home improvement segments.
- During the fourth quarter, net charge-offs remained low and were a net benefit of \$0.1 million.
- Loans 90 days or more past due were 0.28% of loans at December 31, 2021, compared to 0.57% at December 31, 2020.

Business Segment Highlights

Consumer Lending Segments

- We originated \$173.5 million of new loans during the 2021 fourth quarter, compared to \$97.9 million in the prior year quarter.
- Our consumer loan portfolio was \$1.4 billion as of year-end, compared to \$1.1 billion a year ago.
- Our consumer loan portfolio was 93.9% of total loans receivable as of year-end, compared to 91.6% a year ago.
- The loan portfolios grew 21.3% for recreation and 30.8% for home improvement from December 31, 2020.
- Net interest income grew 19.5% to \$38.0 million for the quarter, from \$31.8 million in the prior year quarter.
- The average interest rate on the portfolio was 12.57% at quarter-end, compared to 13.64% a year ago.
- Consumer loans 90 days or more past due were \$4.0 million, or 0.29% of gross consumer loans, as of December 31, 2021, compa or 0.50%, a year ago. Delinquencies continued to be lower than historical averages.
- Segment net income for the fourth quarter was \$16.2 million, compared to \$14.2 million in the prior year quarter.

Commercial Lending Segment

- We originated \$15.5 million of new loans during the 2021 fourth quarter, compared to \$1.5 million in the prior year quarter.
- The Company's commercial loan portfolio was \$76.7 million at year-end, compared to \$65.3 million a year ago.
- The average interest rate on the portfolio was 12.37%, compared to 13.06% a year ago.
- Segment net income for the fourth quarter was \$2.8 million, compared to less than \$0.1 million in the prior year quarter.

Medallion Lending Segment

- The Company collected \$8.4 million in the fourth quarter and \$24.9 million in the full-year.
- Total net medallion exposure declined to \$40.5 million (comprised of \$4.8 million of loans net of allowance for loan losses and \$3 collateral in process of foreclosure), representing less than 3% of its total assets, as of December 31, 2021.

Other Financial Information

- During the year, the Company sold shares in a fintech investment which it made in 2016. As a result, the Company recognized a g in the fourth quarter and \$11.3 million in the full-year ended December 31, 2021. The Company still holds approximately 20% investment.
- Total assets were \$1.9 billion as of December 31, 2021, compared to \$1.6 billion as of December 31, 2020.

Quarterly Dividend

The Board of Directors of Medallion declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per share payable on March 31, 2022, to sharehold close of business on March 14, 2022.

Conference Call Information

The Company will host a conference call to discuss its fourth quarter and full-year financial results on Thursday, February 24, 2022, a time.

The Company will incorporate a slide show presentation in conjunction with the earnings call. The presentation is now available at \underline{w} and will also be discussed during the call.

- Conference Call Dial-In: (844) 826-3033 (toll-free) or (412) 317-5185 (international). Please dial the number 10 minutes prior to time.
- Live Webcast: available on Medallion's website at http://www.medallion.com/investors.html
- Call Replay: available following the end of the call through Thursday, March 3, 2022, by telephone at (844) 512-2921 (toll-free) (international), passcode 10164207.
- Webcast Replay: available at http://www.medallion.com/investors.html until the next quarter's results are announced.

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About Medallion Financial Corp.

Medallion Financial Corp. (NASDAQ:MFIN) and its subsidiaries originate and service a growing portfolio of consumer loans and revarious industries. Key industries served include recreation (towable RVs and marine) and home improvement (replacement roofs, sw windows). Medallion Financial Corp. is headquartered in New York City, NY., and its largest subsidiary, Medallion Bank, is headquartered in the city, Utah. For more information, please visit www.medallion.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Please note that this press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties relating to business performet interest income and expenses, other expenses, earnings, growth, and our growth strategy. These statements are often, but not alwords or phrases such as "will" and "continue" or the negative version of those words or other comparable words or phrases of a looking nature. These statements relate to future public announcements of our earnings, expectations regarding medallion loan port for future asset growth and market share opportunities. Medallion's actual results may differ significantly from the results discussed looking statements. For example, statements about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Medallion's business, operations, final and prospects constitute forward-looking statements and are subject to the risk that the actual impacts may differ, possibly material reflected in those forward-looking statements due to factors and future developments that are uncertain, unpredictable and in mar Medallion's control, the scope and duration of the pandemic, actions taken by governmental authorities in response to the pandemic, indirect impact of the pandemic on Medallion, its customers and third parties. In addition to risks related to the ongoing COVID-19 description of certain risks to which Medallion is or may be subject, including risks related to the pending SEC litigation, please rediscussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in Medallion's 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-C period ended September 30, 2021.

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MEDALLION FINANCIAL CORP. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)	Dece	mber 31, 2021	December 31, 2020			
Assets						
Cash, cash equivalents, and federal funds sold	\$	124,484	\$	112,040		
Equity investments and investment securities		54,498		56,538		
Loans		1,488,924		1,229,838		
Allowance for loan losses		(50,166)		(57,548)		
Net loans receivable	1,438,758 1,172,29					
Loan collateral in process of foreclosure		\$ 124,484 \$ 112,040 54,498 56,538 1,488,924 1,229,838 (50,166) (57,548 1,438,758 1,172,290 37,430 54,560 174,286 201,893 43,602 45,090 \$ 1,873,057 \$ 1,642,412 \$ 1,250,880 \$ 1,065,398 219,973 153,718 19,113 19,575 18,210 807 9,053 11,018				
Goodwill and intangible assets		201,893				
Other assets		43,602		45,090		
Total assets	\$	1,873,057	\$	1,642,411		
Liabilities						
Deposits	\$	1,250,880	\$	1,065,398		
Long-term debt		153,718				
Accounts payable and other liabilities	19,113 19,575					
Deferred tax liabilities and other tax payables	,					
Operating lease liabilities	9,053 11,018					
Short-term borrowings				87,334		
Total liabilities	1,517,229			1,337,850		
Commitments and contingencies						
Total stockholders' equity		287,040		231,408		
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries		68,788		73,153		
Total equity		355,828		304,561		
Total liabilities and equity	\$	1,873,057	\$	1,642,411		
Number of shares outstanding		25,173,386		24,877,628		
Book value per share	\$	11.40	\$	9.30		

MEDALLION FINANCIAL CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended December 31,					For the Year Ended December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)		2021			2020			2021		2020
Total interest income	\$_	43,013	_	\$_	36,392	_	\$_	158,966	\$	144,962
Total interest expense		7,422	_		7,932	_		31,140	_	34,151
Net interest income		35,591			28,460			127,826		110,811
Provision (benefit) for loan losses		2,622			(3,414)		4,622		69,817
Net interest income after provision (benefit) for loan losses		32,969	_		31,874	_		123,204		40,994
Other income (loss) Sponsorship and race winnings, net Gain (loss) on equity investments Write-down of loan collateral in process of foreclosure Gain on extinguishment of debt		2,414 10,073 (207)		4,881 438 (8,695)		12,567 17,379 (5,592 4,626)	20,042 (2,985) (24,523)
Other income (loss)		<u> </u>			— 204			4,626 2,586		— 1,530
Total other income (loss), net		14,657	-		(3,172	-		31,566	-	(5,936)
Other expenses			-			-′			_	·
Salaries and employee benefits Race team related expenses Loan servicing fees Professional fees Collection costs Other expenses		10,048 2,340 1,951 617 1,269 3,489			7,456 1,782 1,667 1,488 1,248 4,260			31,591 9,559 7,013 5,311 5,279 14,146		28,172 8,366 6,737 8,047 5,454 15,263
Total other expenses		19,714	-		17,901	_		72,899	_	72,039
Income (loss) before income taxes		27,912	_		10,801	-		81,871	-	(36,981)
Income tax (provision) benefit		(7,644	-		(2,409	-)		(24,217) -	10,074
Net income (loss) after taxes		20,268	-		8,392			57,654	´ -	(26,907)
Less: income attributable to the non-controlling interest		798	_		1,925	-		3,546	_	7,876
Total net income (loss) attributable to Medallion Financial Corp.	\$	19,470	_	\$	6,467	_	\$	54,108	\$	(34,783)
Basic net income (loss) per share Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ \$ \$	0.79 0.78	=	\$ \$ \$	0.26 0.26	=	\$ \$	2.20 2.17	\$ \$,
Weighted average common shares outstanding Basic Diluted		4,647,97 1 4,935,02 2			4,461,488 4,461,488		2	24,599,804 24,943,169	=	24,445,452 24,445,452