

## Northeast Indiana Bancorp, Inc. (NIDB)

Updated July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by Nathan Parsh

## **Key Metrics**

| <b>Current Price:</b>       | \$21 | 5 Year CAGR Estimate:               | 8.1% | Market Cap:               | \$51.7 M   |
|-----------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------------|
| Fair Value Price:           | \$24 | 5 Year Growth Estimate:             | 3.0% | Ex-Dividend Date:         | 08/10/2023 |
| % Fair Value:               | 89%  | 5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate: | 2.4% | Dividend Payment Date:    | 08/24/2023 |
| Dividend Yield:             | 3.0% | 5 Year Price Target                 | \$27 | Years Of Dividend Growth: | 27         |
| <b>Dividend Risk Score:</b> | Α    | Retirement Suitability Score:       | Α    | Rating:                   | Hold       |

#### **Overview & Current Events**

Northeast Indiana Bancorp, Inc. is a bank holding company for First Federal Savings Bank based in Indiana. The bank offers a variety of financial services, including savings, checking, retirement and health savings accounts along with certificates of deposits and direct deposits. Customers also have access to debt and credit cards, safe deposit boxes and online banking services. Northeast Indiana Bancorp's loan portfolio consists of mortgage, new construction, home equity, auto and recreational vehicle loans. The bank was founded in 1995 and operates nine full-service branches.

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Northeast Indiana Bancorp completed a two-for-one stock split. All data has been updated to reflect the split.

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Northeast Indiana Bancorp announced second quarter results for the period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For the quarter, earnings-per-share of \$1.90 compared to \$2.81 in the prior year.

Net loans increased 16.9% on an annualized basis to \$347.7 million while total deposits increased 9.3% on an annualized basis to \$383.9 million from the prior year. Northeast Indiana Bancorp had provisions for credit losses of \$90,000 for the quarter. The bank's return on average assets contracted by 56 basis points to 0.96% while return on average equity declined 465 basis points to 10.16%. Net interest income decreased 4.8% to \$5.71 million. Net interest margin was lower by 57 basis points to 3.09%. Book value per share increased 4.4% to \$36.42 from \$34.88 year-over-year.

We expect that Northeast Indiana Bancorp will earn \$2.63 per share in 2023.

#### Growth on a Per-Share Basis

| Year                | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   | 2022   | 2023   | 2028   |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EPS                 | \$1.01 | \$1.30 | \$1.60 | \$1.50 | \$1.42 | \$1.75 | \$1.96 | \$2.33 | \$3.04 | \$2.73 | \$2.63 | \$3.05 |
| DPS                 | \$0.39 | \$0.40 | \$0.41 | \$0.43 | \$0.45 | \$0.49 | \$0.51 | \$0.55 | \$0.57 | \$0.61 | \$0.64 | \$0.74 |
| Shares <sup>1</sup> | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.4    |

Northeast Indiana Bancorp has increased earnings-per-share at a rate of 11.7% over the last decade. Given its size and the expected increase in earnings-per-share this year, we feel that a target growth rate of 3% going forward is appropriate. This takes into consideration the company's history paired against the uncertainty and low rates of the current environment.

Northeast Indiana Bancorp raised its quarterly dividend 6.7% to \$0.32 for the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 payment. Following the stock split, the annualized dividend is now \$0.64. The bank has raised its dividend for 27 consecutive years. Northeast Indiana Bancorp also announced a \$1.25 per share special dividend that was distributed on November 23, 2022. The bank often distributes a special dividend near the end of its calendar year, but we have not included this in our projections as the amount can vary from year to year.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In millions.



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### **Valuation Analysis**

| Year      | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Now  | 2028 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Avg. P/E  | 10.4 | 10.0 | 9.4  | 11.0 | 12.4 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 8.6  | 7.7  | 7.9  | 8.0  | 9.0  |
| Avg. Yld. | 3.7% | 3.0% | 2.7% | 2.6% | 2.6% | 2.6% | 2.5% | 2.7% | 2.4% | 2.8% | 3.0% | 2.7% |

Shares of Northeast Indiana Bancorp are unchanged since our April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 report. The stock has traded hands with an average price-to-earnings ratio of 8.8 since 2012. We have used a targeted price-to-earnings ratio of 9.0 due to the size of the bank and valuation of peer companies. Using the current share price and our expected earnings-per-share for the year, the stock is trading with a current price-to-earnings ratio of 8.0. If the stock were to revert to our target price-to-earnings ratio by 2028 then valuation would be a 2.4% tailwind to annual returns over this period.

Northeast Indiana Bancorp currently yields 3.0%, which is just above its long-term average yield of 2.8% and twice the average yield of the S&P 500.

#### Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

| Year   | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2028 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Payout | 38%  | 31%  | 25%  | 28%  | 32%  | 28%  | 34%  | 23%  | 19%  | 22%  | 24%  | 24%  |

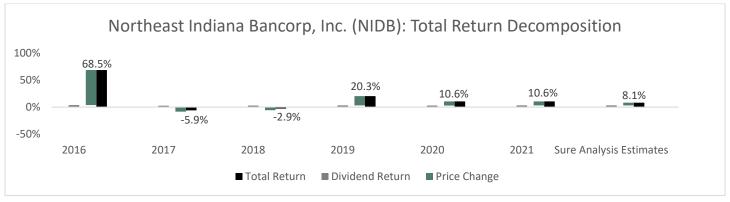
Northeast Indiana Bancorp performed well during the last recession. Earnings-per-share declined by -71% from 2006 to 2007, but rebounded by 58% from 2007 through 2009. The bank's performance during the last recession gives us some confidence that it would endure the next recession as well. Northeast Indiana Bancorp's ability to pay and raise its dividend for more than a quarter century despite its size is a sign of a strong business model.

As a small regional bank, Northeast Indiana Bancorp does not have the numerous advantages of larger regional banks. One point in the bank's favor is that offers a wide variety of services that compares favorably to those offered by its larger peers. This will likely aid Northeast Indiana Bancorp's ability to prevent customers from switching to a different bank. In addition, some customers may prefer the smaller bank operation.

### Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Following second quarter results, Northeast Indiana Bancorp is projected to offer a total annual return of 8.1% through 2028. This estimate is based on a 3.0% earnings growth rate, a 3.0% dividend yield, and a low single-digit contribution from multiple expansion. We note that total returns could be higher due to special dividends. Northeast Indiana Bancorp's stock has stabilized somewhere since the recent banking crisis emerged. Loan activity and deposit activity was solid during the period, though net interest income and margin declined. We maintain our 2028 price target of \$27 as well as continue to rate shares of Northeast Indiana Bancorp as a hold due to projected returns.

## Total Return Breakdown by Year



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#### **Income Statement Metrics**

| Year           | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue        | 11    | 12    | 13    | 13    | 13    | 14    | 15    | 17    | 19    | 19    |
| SG&A Exp.      | 5     | 5     | 5     | 5     | 6     | 6     | 6     | 7     | 7     | 8     |
| D&A Exp.       | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 2     | 2     | 1     |
| Net Profit     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 4     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 7     |
| Net Margin     | 21.9% | 25.2% | 29.7% | 28.1% | 27.0% | 30.0% | 31.4% | 33.1% | 38.8% | 35.4% |
| Free Cash Flow | 7     | 4     | 4     | 3     | 2     | 4     | 4     | 6     | 7     | 6     |
| Income Tax     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 2     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 2     | 1     |

#### **Balance Sheet Metrics**

| Year                | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Total Assets</b> | 269  | 276  | 284  | 301  | 314  | 334  | 354  | 391  | 418  | 446  |
| Cash & Equivalents  | 15   | 19   | 24   | 16   | 9    | 10   | 15   | 18   | 18   | 5    |
| Acc. Receivable     | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 2    |
| Total Liabilities   | 241  | 246  | 252  | 267  | 279  | 297  | 313  | 346  | 369  | 402  |
| Long-Term Debt      | 20   | 23   | 33   | -    | 61   | 60   | 46   | 38   | 14   | 32   |
| Total Equity        | 28   | 30   | 32   | 34   | 36   | 37   | 41   | 46   | 49   | 43   |
| LTD/E Ratio         | 0.72 | 0.76 | 1.02 | -    | 1.72 | 1.61 | 1.12 | 0.83 | 0.29 | 0.74 |

## **Profitability & Per Share Metrics**

| Year             | 2013 | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017 | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  |
|------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Return on Assets | 0.9% | 1.1%  | 1.4%  | 1.2%  | 1.1% | 1.3%  | 1.4%  | 1.5%  | 1.8%  | 1.5%  |
| Return on Equity | 9.2% | 10.8% | 12.2% | 10.9% | 9.9% | 11.4% | 11.9% | 12.9% | 15.5% | 14.3% |
| ROIC             | 4.8% | 6.2%  | 6.5%  | 7.3%  | 5.2% | 4.3%  | 5.1%  | 6.6%  | 10.0% | 9.5%  |
| Shares Out.      | 2.4  | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.4  | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.4   |
| Revenue/Share    | 4.58 | 5.14  | 5.37  | 5.33  | 5.26 | 5.81  | 6.23  | 7.02  | 7.83  | 7.72  |
| FCF/Share        | 2.66 | 1.52  | 1.78  | 1.33  | 0.77 | 1.69  | 1.85  | 2.40  | 2.89  | 2.69  |

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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