

# Enhancing Our Strength Throughout the Carolinas

February 1, 2024

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In connection with the proposed merger, DSBX and CFOK will each deliver a definitive joint proxy statement/offering circular to their respective shareholders seeking approval of the merger and related matters. Investors and shareholders of both companies are urged to read the definitive joint proxy statement/offering circular when it becomes available because it will contain important information about DSBX, CFOK and the proposed transaction. Free copies of the definitive joint proxy statement/offering circular, when available, may be obtained by directing a request by telephone or mail to Dogwood State Bank, 5401 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609, (919) 863-2265, or Community First Bancorporation, 3685 Blue Ridge Blvd, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691, (864) 364-6143.

## Transaction Highlights



#### Strong Growth Potential

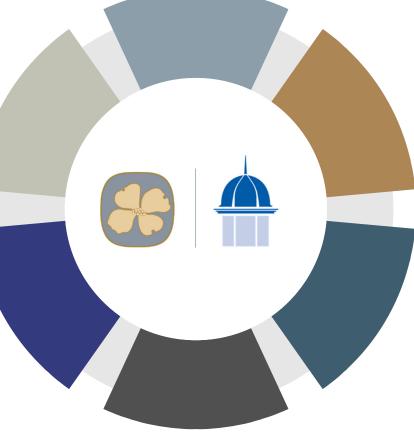
Access to significant scale and low-cost deposits in the Upstate of South Carolina

#### Scarcity Value

One of the largest pure-play banks in the Carolinas

#### Strong Capital Position

Pro-forma capital in excess of regulatory capital requirements



### Strategically Compelling

Enhances liquidity and solidifies Dogwood's market positioning

#### **Financially Attractive**

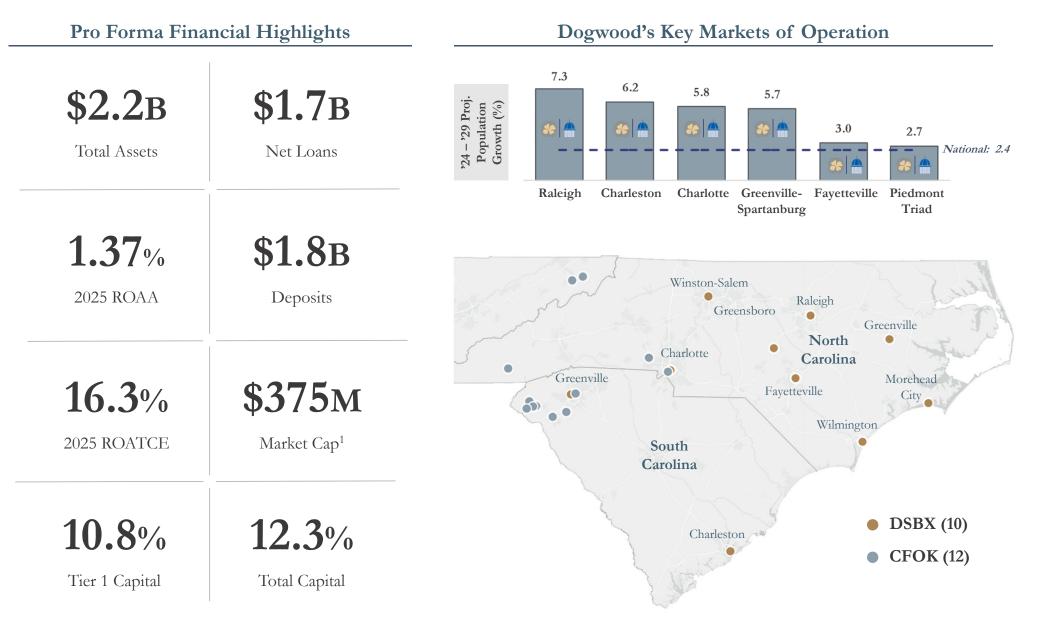
Provides significant earnings accretion with manageable TBV dilution and short earn-back of 1-year

#### Low Risk Profile

Experienced management team with a strong credit culture background

## Building a Preeminent Franchise in the Carolinas





Pro forma market capitalization is based on assumed DSBX share price of \$20.00, which represents the issuance price of Dogwood shares in its \$16.4 million capital issuance in March 2023 and 18,732,006 pro forma shares outstanding
 Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

### Transaction Structure and Key Terms

Structure	• CFOK and Community First Bank Inc. will merge with and into DSBX with DSBX as the surviving entity			
Consideration & Transaction Pricing	<ul> <li>0.5875 shares of DSBX common stock to be issued for each share of CFOK common stock outstanding<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Implied purchase price per share of \$11.75<sup>2,3</sup></li> <li>Aggregate consideration of \$69.7M<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>			
Pro Forma Ownership	<ul> <li>82% DSBX / 18% CFOK ownership</li> </ul>			
Implied Transaction Metrics <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>Price / TBV: 133%</li> <li>Price / TBV Excl. AOCI: 117%</li> <li>Price / 2024E EPS: 15.3x</li> <li>Price / 2024E EPS + Cost Saves: 6.3x</li> <li>Core Deposit Premium: 3.9%<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>			
Management & Board Representation	<ul> <li>DSBX current executive leadership to remain in place</li> <li>DSBX currently intends to ask two CFOK individuals to join DSBX's pro forma Board of Directors</li> </ul>			
Diligence and Timing	<ul> <li>Conducted comprehensive due diligence process</li> <li>Regulatory, CFOK shareholder and DSBX shareholder approvals required</li> <li>Anticipated closing second half of 2024</li> </ul>			

1) Preferred stock to be converted to common shares based on an exchange ratio of 64.7719x

2) Based on a Dogwood stock price of \$20.00 per share, which represents the issuance price of Dogwood shares in its \$16.4 million capital issuance in March 2023

3) In-the-money options to be cashed out at \$11.75

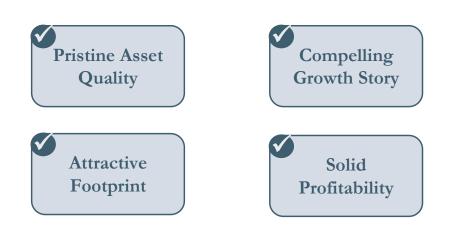
4) Core deposits defined as total deposits less jumbo deposits greater than \$250,000

## Overview of Community First Bancorporation



Financial Snapshot							
(\$M)	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Total Assets	\$544	\$673	\$661	\$685			
Gross Loans	\$417	\$478	\$485	\$511			
Deposits	\$443	\$564	\$569	\$579			
Loans / Deposits	90.9%	81.4%	85.2%	88.2%			
TCE / TA	8.76%	7.33%	6.53%	7.13%			
Net Income	\$1.8	\$3.6	\$6.4	\$4.1			
ROAA	0.37%	0.58%	0.96%	0.61%			
ROAE	3.63%	6.98%	13.30%	8.19%			
Net Interest Margin	3.58%	3.31%	3.65%	3.45%			
Efficiency Ratio	83.14%	82.53%	79.51%	77.32%			
NPAs / Assets	1.06%	0.21%	0.11%	0.10%			
Reserves / Loans	1.15%	1.12%	1.15%	1.19%			
NCOs / Average Loans	0.01%	(0.05%)	(0.02%)	0.01%			

#### Franchise Highlights



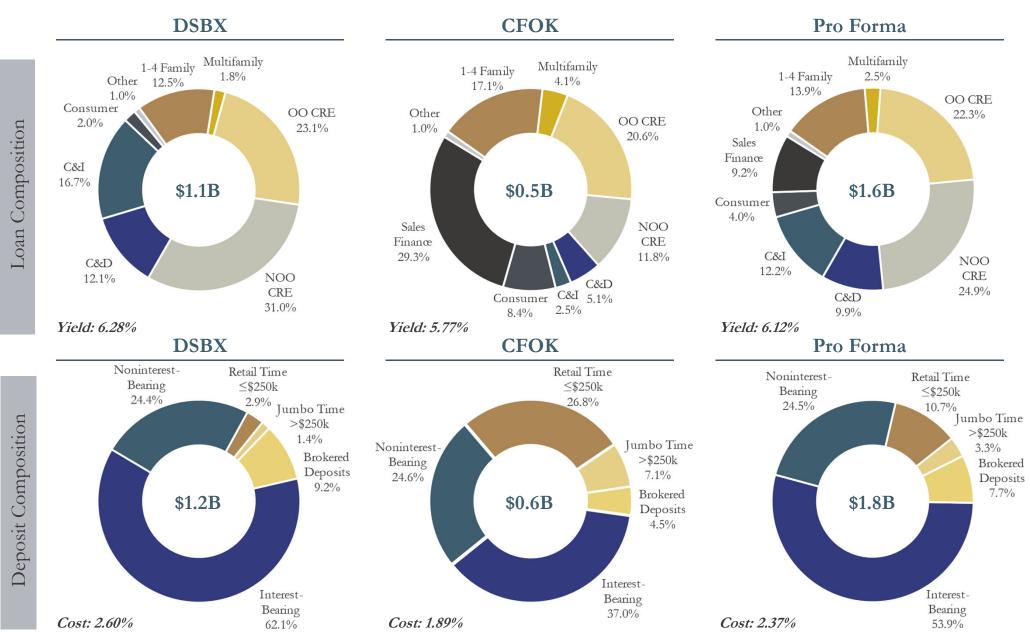
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#### **Branch Footprint**

### Pro Forma Loan and Deposit Composition





Note: Represents Call Report data; Pro forma composition exclusive of purchase accounting adjustments; Financial data as of December 31, 2023 Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

### Attractive Pro Forma Financial Metrics



	GAAP Fina	ancial Impact		Financial Impact CI and Rate Marks
Earnings Impact	> <b>45%</b> 2024 EPS Accretion	<b>&gt; 65%</b> 2025 EPS Accretion	> <b>30%</b> 2024 EPS Accretion	> <b>40%</b> 2025 EPS Accretion
Tangible Book Value Impact	(7.0%)	<b>1.00 Year</b> Earn-back	(1.9%)	<b>&lt;0.50 Year</b> Earn-back
Pro Forma Consolidated Capital	<b>8.8%</b> TCE / TA	<b>9.1%</b> Leverage Ratio	<b>9.2%</b> TCE / TA	9.5% Leverage Ratio
	<b>10.8%</b> Tier 1 Ratio	<b>12.3%</b> TRBC Ratio	<b>11.3%</b> Tier 1 Ratio	<b>12.8%</b> TRBC Ratio

## Comprehensive Due Diligence Completed

- Established a diligence team consisting of over 20 team members specializing in each of the diligence focus areas
- Utilized our industry professionals across our business units to conduct diligence, review documents, and develop a detailed integration strategy
- Leveraged multiple third party advisors and consultants to assist with loan review, purchase accounting, and due diligence
- Conducted due diligence meetings covering all diligence areas of focus between both companies

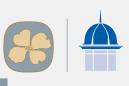
#### Scope of Loan Review Process

#### **Comprehensive Loan Review Analysis**

- Over 40% of total loan portfolio reviewed
- Engaged a third party advisor to assist with loan review and estimate the credit mark on the portfolio
- Virtual and in-person meetings conducted between both companies to review all diligence focus areas
- All borrower relationships with balances of \$1 million and above were reviewed
- Any problem loans over \$50 thousand were reviewed
- A sample of sales finance loans were reviewed

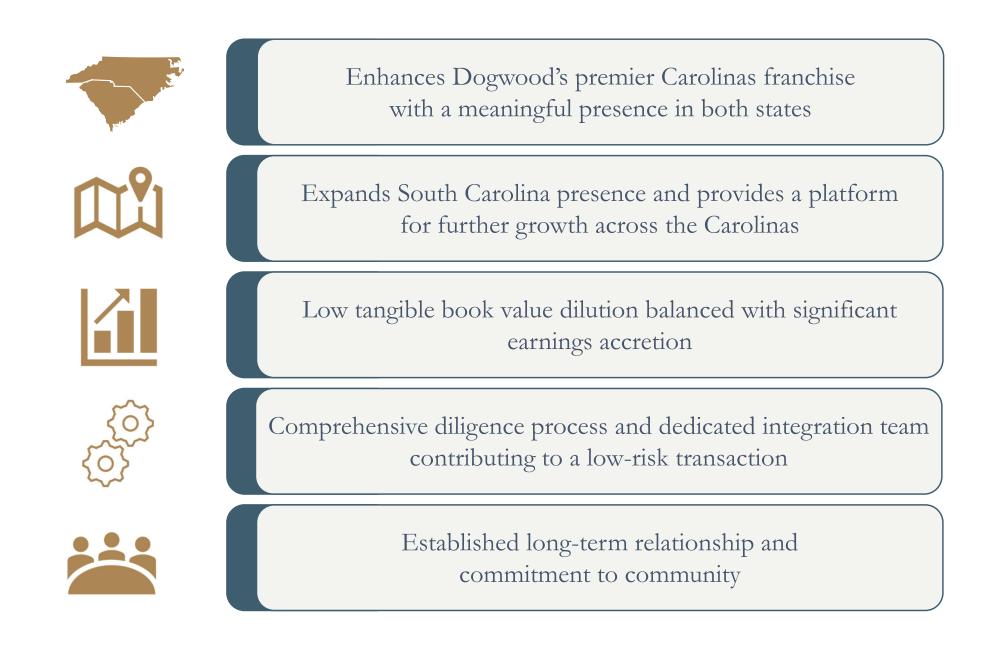


#### **Diligence Focus Areas**



### Furthering Shareholder Value





### Dogwood Historical Growth Over Time



