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

## FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

APRIL 22, 1999

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

PNC BANK CORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-9718

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    PENNSYLVANIA
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(State or other jurisdiction of
    incorporation or organization)
ONE PNC PLAZA
249 FIFTH AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15222-2707
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(Zip Code)
(412) 762-1553
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)
OTHER EVENTS
First Quarter 1999 Financial Results
On April 22, 1999, PNC Bank Corp. ("Corporation") reported results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1999. A copy of the earnings press release issued by the Corporation is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.
Information on the Corporation's businesses for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, which reflects organizational and business changes made during 1999 as part of the Corporation's operating strategy, is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.
ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS
(c) Exhibits
The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index on page 3 of this
Form 8-K are filed herewith.
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ITEM 5.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf
by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.
PNC BANK CORP.
(Registrant)

Date: April 28, 1999
By: /s/ Robert L. Haunschild
/s/ Robert L. Haunschild
Robert L. Haunschild
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX
99.1 Earnings press release issued by the Corporation on April 22, 1999, with respect to the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1999, filed herewith.
99.2 Business information for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, filed herewith.

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PNC BANK CORP. REPORTS RECORD
FIRST QUARTER 1999 EARNINGS
PITTSBURGH, Apr. 22, 1999 - PNC Bank Corp. (NYSE: PNC) today reported first quarter 1999 earnings of $\$ 325$ million or $\$ 1.05$ per diluted share. Core earnings for the quarter were $\$ 293$ million or $\$ 0.94$ per diluted share, return on average common shareholders' equity was $20.63 \%$ and return on average assets was $1.54 \%$. Earnings for the first quarter of 1998 were $\$ 269$ million or $\$ 0.87$ per diluted share.

Reported first quarter 1999 results included $\$ 290$ million of pretax gains on the sales of the credit card business and an equity interest in Electronic Payment Services, Inc. (EPS). The current quarter also included $\$ 142$ million of valuation adjustments associated with exiting certain institutional lending businesses and $\$ 98$ million of costs related to efficiency initiatives.
"Our record first quarter earnings reflected continuing momentum across a broad range of businesses," said Thomas H. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer. "Our Regional Bank reported significant improvements in efficiency and double digit growth in earnings. Asset management businesses, including BlackRock, PFPC Worldwide and PNC Advisors, continued to deliver outstanding growth and returns. Also, we completed the sale of the credit card business during the quarter and continued to aggressively pursue strategic initiatives focused on improving shareholder returns."

Diluted earnings per share increased 15\% in the first quarter of 1999 compared with the prior-year quarter, excluding the credit card business and assuming the provision for credit losses was equal to net charge-offs in 1998.
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Total revenue increased 8\% and noninterest income increased 15\%, excluding the first quarter gains and valuation adjustments.
- Asset management, mutual fund servicing, consumer services and net mortgage banking revenues all grew significantly at double digit rates.
- BlackRock was awarded approximately $\$ 17$ billion in new asset management business during the first quarter. BlackRock also announced a joint venture with a Japanese firm, Nomura Asset Management Co., an important strategic step in expanding BlackRock's international presence.
PNC Institutional Bank aggressively pursued initiatives to exit
capital intensive, lower return segments of its lending business and
reduce reliance on spread income.
The efficiency ratio improved to 52\% from 57\% last year reflecting the
benefit from ongoing efficiency initiatives.

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CORE EARNINGS
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| in millions, except per share data | Pretax | After-tax | Per share |
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| Reported earnings | \$488 | \$325 | \$1.05 |
| Gain on sale of credit card business | (193) | (125) | (.41) |
| Gain on sale of equity interest in EPS | (97) | (63) | (.21) |
| Valuation adjustments | 142 | 92 | . 30 |
| Costs related to efficiency initiatives | 98 | 64 | . 21 |
| Core earnings | \$438 | \$293 | \$. 94 |

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## INCOME STATEMENT REVIEW

Taxable-equivalent net interest income increased $\$ 20$ million compared with the first quarter of 1998 to $\$ 664$ million in the first quarter of 1999 due to growth in earning assets. The net interest margin was $3.86 \%$ for the first quarter of 1999 compared with $3.96 \%$ in the first quarter of 1998 . The decline in the margin was primarily associated with the change in balance sheet composition.

The provision for credit losses was equal to net charge-offs at $\$ 78$ million in the first quarter of 1999, compared with a provision of $\$ 30$ milion a year ago.

Noninterest income was $\$ 731$ million in the first quarter of 1999 and included $\$ 290$ million of gains on the sales of the credit card business and an equity interest in EPS. Noninterest income also included $\$ 142$ million of valuation adjustments primarily related to the decision to exit out-of-footprint large corporate, national healthcare and other non-strategic lending businesses in PNC Institutional Bank. Total exposure and outstandings for these businesses were $\$ 6.5$ billion and $\$ 2.0$ billion, respectively, at March 31, 1999. These actions will result in reduced balance sheet leverage, a greater focus on higher return corporate business in the Regional Bank footprint and additional capital available for reinvestment in higher growth businesses and share repurchases. Excluding the gains and valuation adjustments, noninterest income was $\$ 583$ million in the first quarter of 1999 , a $\$ 77$ million or $15 \%$ increase from the prior-year quarter driven by higher fee income. Consumer services, mutual fund servicing, net residential mortgage banking and asset management revenues each grew 14\% or more compared with the first quarter of 1998.

Asset management fees grew $14 \%$ primarily reflecting significant new business and market appreciation. Assets under management increased to approximately $\$ 182$ billion at March 31, 1999 compared with $\$ 149$ billion at March 31, 1998. Mutual fund servicing fees grew $24 \%$ compared with the first quarter of 1998 due to an increase in assets serviced. At March 31, 1999, PFPC Worldwide provided custody and accounting/administration services for $\$ 338$ billion and $\$ 266$ billion of mutual fund assets, respectively. The comparable amounts were \$248 billion and \$218 billion, respectively, a year ago.

Consumer services revenue increased $\$ 48$ million or $59 \%$ compared with the first quarter of 1998 primarily due to an increase in brokerage accounts associated with the Hilliard Lyons acquisition. Corporate services revenue decreased \$111 million reflecting the valuation adjustments in PNC Institutional Bank. Excluding the valuation adjustments, corporate services revenue increased $47 \%$ compared with the prior-year quarter primarily due to the acquisition of Midland Loan Services.

Net residential mortgage banking revenue grew $\$ 8$ million or $15 \%$ compared with the prior-year quarter primarily due to higher servicing income reflecting growth in the servicing portfolio. Residential mortgage originations, including both retail and correspondent activity, totaled $\$ 6$ billion compared with $\$ 3$ billion in the prior-year period. At March 31, 1999, approximately $\$ 65.6$ billion of residential mortgages were serviced, including $\$ 58.2$ billion serviced for others.

Other noninterest income increased $\$ 261$ million in the
quarter-to-quarter comparison primarily due to the gains on the sales of the credit card business and an equity interest in EPS.

Noninterest expense of $\$ 823$ million included $\$ 98$ million of costs related to efficiency initiatives. Excluding these costs, noninterest expense increased $\$ 17$ million or $2 \%$ compared with the first quarter of 1998. Excluding the impact of gains, valuation adjustments and costs associated with efficiency initiatives, the efficiency ratio improved to $52.0 \%$ compared with $57.1 \%$ in the prior-year quarter.

## BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

Total assets were $\$ 74.9$ billion at March 31, 1999 compared with $\$ 72.4$ billion at March 31, 1998. Average earning assets increased $\$ 3.6$ billion from the prior year to $\$ 68.8$ billion. Average loans grew $\$ 2.6$ billion to $\$ 56.7$ billion, a $4.8 \%$ increase from the prior year. Growth in commercial loans, primarily real estate and middle market, more than offset lower credit card loans. Loans represented $82 \%$ of average earning assets in the first quarter of 1999 compared with 83\% a year ago. Average loans held for sale increased $\$ 1.0$ billion from the prior year, reflecting higher residential mortgage originations. Average securities available for sale of $\$ 7.8$ billion were consistent with the prior year and represented $11 \%$ and $12 \%$ of average earning assets in the first quarter of 1999 and 1998, respectively.

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#### Abstract

Average deposits were $\$ 46.4$ billion and represented $60 \%$ of total sources of funds in the first quarter of 1999 compared with $\$ 44.6$ billion and $62 \%$, respectively, in the first quarter of 1998. The increase in deposits was generated by growth in PNC Regional Bank through both its branch and alternative delivery channels. Average borrowed funds increased $\$ 1.6$ billion compared with last year. Liquidity was strengthened as $50 \%$ of wholesale liabilities had a maturity beyond one year at March 31, 1999, compared with 36\% at March 31, 1998.


Shareholders' equity totaled $\$ 5.9$ billion at March 31, 1999. The leverage ratio was $7.28 \%$ and Tier I and total risk-based capital ratios are estimated to be $8.1 \%$ and $11.7 \%$, respectively.

The ratio of nonperforming assets to total loans and foreclosed assets was $0.62 \%$ at March 31, 1999 compared with $0.58 \%$ and $0.61 \%$ at Dec. 31, 1998 and March 31, 1998, respectively. Nonperforming assets were $\$ 328$ million at March 31, 1999 compared with $\$ 332$ million and $\$ 335$ million at Dec. 31, 1998 and March 31, 1998, respectively.

The allowance for credit losses was $\$ 672$ million at March 31, 1999, and represented $231 \%$ of nonaccrual loans compared with $255 \%$ and $321 \%$ at Dec. 31 , 1998 and March 31, 1998, respectively. Net charge-offs were $\$ 78$ million or $.56 \%$ of average loans in the first quarter of 1999 compared with $\$ 90$ million or $.67 \%$, respectively, a year ago. Excluding credit cards, net charge-offs were $\$ 20$ million or $.15 \%$ of average loans in the first quarter of 1999 compared with $\$ 21$ million or $.17 \%$ of average loans in the first quarter of 1998.

PNC Bank Corp., headquartered in Pittsburgh, is one of the largest diversified financial services organizations in the United States. Its major businesses include PNC Regional Bank, PNC Advisors, BlackRock, PFPC Worldwide, PNC Institutional Bank, PNC Secured Finance and PNC Mortgage.

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PNC Bank Corp.'s 1998 Annual Report, accessible on its website,
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| Consolidated Financial Highlights |  |



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|  | March 31 | December 31 | September 30 | June 30 |
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| March 31 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1999 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 |
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| BALANCE SHEET DATA |  |  |  |  |
| Assets | \$74,868 | \$77,207 | \$76,238 | \$75,873 |
| \$72,355 |  |  |  |  |
| Earning assets | 66,710 | 69,027 | 68,638 | 68,353 |
| 65,210 |  |  |  |  |
| Loans, net of unearned income | 52,800 | 57,650 | 56,752 | 56,237 |
| 54,511 |  |  |  |  |
| Securities available for sale | 9,170 | 7,074 | 7,152 | 7,540 |
| 7,511 |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits | 45,799 | 47,496 | 46,875 | 47,096 |
| 46,068 |  |  |  |  |
| Borrowed funds | 19,935 | 20,946 | 19,972 | 20,488 |
| 18,375 |  |  |  |  |
| Shareholders' equity | 5,931 | 6,043 | 5,793 | 5,633 |


| 5,487 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ```Common shareholders' equity 5,173``` | 5,617 | 5,729 | 5,479 | 5,318 |
| CAPItAL RATIOS |  |  |  |  |
| Leverage | 7.28\% | 7.22\% | 7.18\% | 7.18\% |
| 7.36\% |  |  |  |  |
| Common shareholders' equity to total assets 7.15 | 7.50 | 7.42 | 7.19 | 7.01 |
| ASSET QUALITY RATIOS |  |  |  |  |
| Nonperforming assets to total loans and foreclosed assets . 61\% | . $62 \%$ | . $58 \%$ | . $58 \%$ | . $57 \%$ |
| Allowance for credit losses to total loans <br> 1.67 | 1.27 | 1.31 | 1.44 | 1.53 |
| Allowance for credit losses to nonaccrual loans 321.13 | 230.93 | 255.25 | 289.36 | 315.81 |
| Net charge-offs to average loans .67 | . 56 | 1.24 | . 62 | . 64 |
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| ```<TABLE> <CAPTION> PNC BANK CORP. Page 7 Consolidated Statement of Income``` |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | March 31 | December 31 |
| March 31 |  |  |  |  |
| Three months ended - in millions, except per share data 1998 |  |  | 1999 | 1998 |
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| <C> |  |  |  |  |
| INTEREST INCOME |  |  |  |  |
| Loans and fees on loans |  |  | \$1,112 | \$1,166 |
| \$1,119 |  |  |  |  |
| Securities available for sale |  |  | 106 | 101 |
| 115 |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  | 72 | 87 |
| 57 |  |  |  |  |
| Total interest income |  |  | 1,290 | 1,354 |
| 1,291 |  |  |  |  |
| INTEREST EXPENSE |  |  |  |  |
| 361 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $293$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total interest expense |  |  | 632 | 695 |
| $654$ |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income |  |  | 658 | 659 |
| 637 ( 6 |  |  |  |  |
| $30$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income less provision for credit losses 607 |  |  |  |  |
| NONINTEREST INCOME |  |  |  |  |
| Asset management $141$ |  |  | 161 | 205 |
| Mutual fund servicing |  |  | 51 | 48 |



| Taxable-equivalent basis <br> Three months ended - in millions | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } 31 \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } 31 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } 30 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } 30 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } 31 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ |
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| Interest income |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans | \$1,117 | \$1,171 | \$1,172 | \$1,144 |  |
| \$1,124 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Securities available for sale | 107 | 102 | 104 | 107 |  |
| 117 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 72 | 87 | 85 | 69 |  |
| 57 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total interest income | 1,296 | 1,360 | 1,361 | 1,320 |  |
| 1,298 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest expense |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits | 351 | 376 | 371 | 363 |  |
| 361 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Borrowed funds | 281 | 319 | 337 | 320 |  |
| 293 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total interest expense | 632 | 695 | 708 | 683 |  |
| 654 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income | \$664 | \$665 | \$653 | \$637 |  |
| \$644 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| NET INTEREST MARGIN |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable-equivalent basis | March 31 | December 31 | September 30 | June 30 | March |
| 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Three months ended | 1999 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 |  |
| 1998 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Average yields/rates |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yield on earning assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans | 7.91\% | 8.06\% | 8.28\% | 8.23\% |  |
| 8.36\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Securities available for sale | 5.55 | 5.58 | 5.85 | 5.86 |  |
| 6.01 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 6.57 | 6.70 | 6.87 | 6.80 |  |
| 6.96 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total yield on earning assets | 7.56 | 7.70 | 7.92 | 7.89 |  |
| 8.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rate on interest-bearing liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposits | 3.80 | 4.03 | 4.17 | 4.15 |  |
| 4.19 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Borrowed funds | 5.21 | 5.51 | 5.83 | 5.81 |  |
| 5.85 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total rate on interest-bearing liabilities | 4.31 | 4.59 | 4.82 | 4.79 |  |
| 4.79 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.21 Interest rate spread | 3.25 | 3.11 | 3.10 | 3.10 |  |
| Impact of noninterest-bearing sources | . 61 | . 66 | . 71 | . 71 |  |
| Net interest margin | $3.86 \%$ | $3.77 \%$ | 3.81\% | 3.81\% |  |
| 3.96\% |  |  |  |  |  |





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Consolidated Balance Sheet Data


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Asset Quality Data

ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES

|  | March 31 | December 31 | September 30 | June 30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31 |  |  |  |  |
| Three months ended - in millions | 1999 | 1998 | 1998 | 1998 |
| 1998 |  |  |  |  |
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| Beginning balance | \$753 | \$816 | \$859 | \$912 |
| \$972 |  |  |  |  |
| Charge-offs |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer (excluding credit card) | (18) | (21) | (19) | (19) |
| (24) |  |  |  |  |
| Credit card | (60) | (77) | (73) | (75) |
| (72) |  |  |  |  |
| Residential mortgage | (4) | (1) | (1) | (3) |
| (2) |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial | (12) | (101) | (8) | (7) |
| (6) |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial real estate | (1) | (1) | (4) | (1) |
| (2) |  |  |  |  |
| Other | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) |

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| Total charge-offs | (97) | (203) | (107) | (107) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (107) |  |  |  |  |
| Recoveries |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer (excluding credit card) | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Credit card | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Residential mortgage | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Commercial | 7 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial real estate | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |
| Total recoveries | 19 | 23 | 19 | 18 |
| 17 |  |  |  |  |
| Net charge-offs |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer (excluding credit card) | (11) | (13) | (11) | (11) |
| (14) |  |  |  |  |
| Credit card | (58) | (72) | (69) | (70) |
| (69) |  |  |  |  |
| Residential mortgage | (3) | (1) | (1) | (2) |
| (2) |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial | (5) | (93) | (2) | (4) |
| (3) |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial real estate |  |  | (3) | (1) |
| (1) |  |  |  |  |
| Other | (1) | (1) | (2) | (1) |
| (1) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total net charge-offs | (78) | (180) | (88) | (89) |
| (90) |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for credit losses | 78 | 115 | 45 | 35 |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |
| (Divestitures) acquisitions | (81) | 2 |  | 1 |
| ------------- |  |  |  |  |
| Ending balance | \$672 | \$753 | \$816 | \$859 |
| \$912 |  |  |  |  |

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NONPERFORMING ASSETS

| March 31 |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Period ended - in millions | March 31 | December 31 September 30 |  |
| 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1998 |

1998


for a wide range of institutional and retail customers.

PFPC WORLDWIDE - PFPC Worldwide provides a wide range of accounting, administration, transfer agency, custody, securities lending and integrated banking services to mutual funds, pension and money fund managers, partnerships, brokerage firms, insurance companies and banks, both domestically and globally.

PNC INSTITUTIONAL BANK - PNC Institutional Bank provides credit, treasury management and capital markets products and services to corporations, institutions and government entities.

PNC SECURED FINANCE - PNC Secured Finance is engaged in commercial real estate finance, including loan origination, securitization and servicing; asset-based financing, including lending, syndication and treasury management services; and equipment lease financing to a wide range of customers nationally.

PNC MORTGAGE - PNC Mortgage originates, purchases and services residential mortgages and related products, and securitizes and sells residential mortgages as private-label mortgage-backed securities and performs master servicing of those securities for investors.

OTHER - Other reflects differences between total business results and consolidated financial results primarily due to differences between management accounting practices and generally accepted accounting principles; divested businesses, including credit card and corporate trust and escrow that were sold, and certain institutional lending businesses that have been exited; venture capital activities; the benefit of gains associated with sales of equity interests to management of BlackRock and PFPC Worldwide; eliminations and unassigned items.

