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

FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended

December 31, 2017

Commission file number: 1-11302

Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter:

Ohio 34-6542451

State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization: IRS Employer Identification Number:

127 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1306 Address of Principal Executive Offices: Zip Code:

(216) 689-3000

Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code:

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on

which registered

Common Shares, \$1 par value

Depositary Shares (each representing a 1/40th interest in a share of Fixed-to-Floating

Rate Perpetual Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E)

New York Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of voting stock held by nonaffiliates of the Registrant was \$20,477,922,563 (based on the June 30, 2017, closing price of KeyCorp Common Shares of \$18.74 as reported on the New York Stock Exchange). As of February 20, 2018, there were 1,060,687,384 Common Shares outstanding.

Certain specifically designated portions of KeyCorp's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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Forward-looking Statements

From time to time, we have made or will make forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements usually can be identified by the use of words such as "goal," "objective," "plan," "expect," "assume," "anticipate," "intend," "project," "believe," "estimate," or other words of similar meaning. Forward-looking statement provide our current expectations or forecasts of future events, circumstances, results or aspirations. Our disclosures in this report contain forward-looking statements. We may also make forward-looking statements in other documents filed with or furnished to the SEC. In addition, we may make forward-looking statements orally to analysts, investors, representatives of the media and others.

Forward-looking statements, by their nature, are subject to assumptions, risks, and uncertainties, many of which are outside of our control. Our actual results may differ materially from those set forth in our forward-looking statements. There is no assurance that any list of risks and uncertainties or risk factors is complete. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ from those described in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

deterioration of commercial real estate market fundamentals;

defaults by our loan counterparties or clients;

adverse changes in credit quality trends;

declining asset prices;

our concentrated credit exposure in commercial and industrial loans;

the extensive regulation of the U.S. financial services industry;

changes in accounting policies, standards, and interpretations;

operational or risk management failures by us or critical third parties;

breaches of security or failures of our technology systems due to technological or other factors and cybersecurity threats;

negative outcomes from claims or litigation;

failure or circumvention of our controls and procedures;

the occurrence of natural or man-made disasters, conflicts, or terrorist attacks, or other adverse external events;

evolving capital and liquidity standards under applicable regulatory rules;

disruption of the U.S. financial system;

our ability to receive dividends from our subsidiary, KeyBank;

unanticipated changes in our liquidity position, including but not limited to, changes in our access to or the cost of funding and our ability to secure alternative funding sources;

downgrades in our credit ratings or those of KeyBank;

a reversal of the U.S. economic recovery due to financial, political or other shocks;

our ability to anticipate interest rate changes and manage interest rate risk;

deterioration of economic conditions in the geographic regions where we operate;

the soundness of other financial institutions;

•ax reform and other changes in tax laws, including the impact of the TCJ Act;

our ability to attract and retain talented executives and employees and to manage our reputational risks;

our ability to timely and effectively implement our strategic initiatives;

increased competitive pressure;

our ability to adapt our products and services to industry standards and consumer preferences;

unanticipated adverse effects of strategic partnerships or acquisitions and dispositions of assets or businesses;

our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the First Niagara merger; and

our ability to develop and effectively use the quantitative models we rely upon in our business planning.

Any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect the impact of subsequent events or circumstances. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider all risks and uncertainties

disclosed in our SEC filings, including this report on Form 10-K and our subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K and our registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, all of which are or will upon filing be accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and on our website at www.key.com/ir.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Overview

KeyCorp, organized in 1958 under the laws of the State of Ohio, is headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. We are a BHC under the BHCA and one of the nation's largest bank-based financial services companies, with consolidated total assets of approximately \$137.7 billion at December 31, 2017. KeyCorp is the parent holding company for KeyBank National Association ("KeyBank"), its principal subsidiary, through which most of our banking services are provided. Through KeyBank and certain other subsidiaries, we provide a wide range of retail and commercial banking, commercial leasing, investment management, consumer finance, commercial mortgage servicing and special servicing, and investment banking products and services to individual, corporate, and institutional clients through two major business segments: Key Community Bank and Key Corporate Bank.

As of December 31, 2017, these services were provided across the country through KeyBank's 1,197 full-service retail banking branches and a network of 1,572 ATMs in 15 states, as well as additional offices, online and mobile banking capabilities, and a telephone banking call center. Additional information pertaining to our two business segments is included in the "Line of Business Results" section in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of this report, and in Note 25 ("Line of Business Results") of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements presented in Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, which are incorporated herein by reference. KeyCorp and its subsidiaries had an average of 18,415 full-time equivalent employees for 2017.

In addition to the customary banking services of accepting deposits and making loans, our bank and its trust company subsidiary offer personal and institutional trust custody services, securities lending, personal financial and planning services, access to mutual funds, treasury services, personal property and casualty insurance, and international banking services. Through our bank, trust company, and registered investment adviser subsidiaries, we provide investment management services to clients that include large corporate and public retirement plans, foundations and endowments, high-net-worth individuals, and multi-employer trust funds established for providing pension or other benefits to employees. Key Community Bank also purchases retail auto sales contracts via a network of auto dealerships. The auto dealerships finance the sale of automobiles as the initial lender and then assign the contracts to us pursuant to dealer agreements.

We provide other financial services — both within and outside of our primary banking markets — through various nonbank subsidiaries. These services include community development financing, securities underwriting, investment banking and capital markets products, and brokerage. We also provide merchant services to businesses.

KeyCorp is a legal entity separate and distinct from its banks and other subsidiaries. Accordingly, the right of KeyCorp, its security holders, and its creditors to participate in any distribution of the assets or earnings of its banks and other subsidiaries is subject to the prior claims of the creditors of such banks and other subsidiaries, except to the extent that KeyCorp's claims in its capacity as a creditor may be recognized.

We derive the majority of our revenues within the United States from customers domiciled in the United States. Revenue from foreign countries and external customers domiciled in foreign countries was immaterial to our consolidated financial statements.

Important Terms Used in this Report

As used in this report, references to "Key," "we," "our," "us" and similar terms refer to the consolidated entity consisting of KeyCorp and its subsidiaries. KeyCorp refers solely to the parent holding company, and KeyBank refers solely to KeyCorp's subsidiary bank, KeyBank National Association. KeyBank (consolidated) refers to the consolidated entity consisting of KeyBank and its subsidiaries.

The acronyms and abbreviations identified in Part II, Item 7. "Terminology" hereof are used throughout this report, particularly in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements as well as in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. You may find it helpful to refer to that section as you read this report.

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Demographics

We have two major business segments: Key Community Bank and Key Corporate Bank.

Key Community Bank serves individuals and small to mid-sized businesses by offering a variety of deposit and investment, lending, mortgage and home equity, credit card, and personalized wealth management products and business advisory services. Key Community Bank offers personal property and casualty insurance, such as home, auto, renters, watercraft, and umbrella policies. Key Community Bank also purchases retail auto sales contracts via a network of auto dealerships. These products and services are provided through our relationship managers and specialists working in our 15-state branch network, which is organized into ten internally defined geographic regions: Washington, Oregon/Alaska, Rocky Mountains, Indiana/Northwest Ohio/Michigan, Central/Southwest Ohio, East Ohio/Western Pennsylvania, Atlantic, Western New York, Eastern New York and New England. In addition, some of these product capabilities are delivered by Key Corporate Bank to clients of Key Community Bank.

Key Corporate Bank is a full-service corporate and investment bank focused principally on serving the needs of middle market clients in seven industry sectors: consumer, energy, healthcare, industrial, public sector, real estate, and technology. Key Corporate Bank delivers a broad suite of banking and capital markets products to its clients, including syndicated finance, debt and equity capital markets, commercial payments, equipment finance, commercial mortgage banking, derivatives, foreign exchange, financial advisory, and public finance. Key Corporate Bank is also a significant servicer of commercial mortgage loans and a significant special servicer of CMBS. Key Corporate Bank delivers many of its product capabilities to clients of Key Community Bank.

Further information regarding the products and services offered by our Key Community Bank and Key Corporate Bank segments is included in this report in Note 25 ("Line of Business Results").

Additional Information

The following financial data is included in this report in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, and is incorporated herein by reference as indicated below:

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Our executive offices are located at 127 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1306, and our telephone number is (216) 689-3000. Our website is www.key.com, and the investor relations section of our website may be reached through www.key.com/ir. We make available free of charge, on or through the investor relations section of our website, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as well as proxy statements, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Also posted on our website, and available in print upon request from any shareholder to our Investor Relations Department, are the charters for our Audit Committee,

Compensation and Organization Committee, Executive Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and Risk Committee; our Corporate Governance Guidelines; the Code of Ethics for our directors,

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officers, and employees; our Standards for Determining Independence of Directors; our policy for Review of Transactions Between KeyCorp and Its Directors, Executive Officers and Other Related Persons; and our Statement of Political Activity. Within the time period required by the SEC and the NYSE, we will post on our website any amendment to the Code of Ethics and any waiver applicable to any senior executive officer or director. We also make available a summary of filings made with the SEC of statements of beneficial ownership of our equity securities filed by our directors and officers under Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The "Regulatory Disclosures and Filings" tab of the investor relations section of our website includes public disclosures concerning our annual and mid-year stress-testing activities under the Dodd-Frank Act and our quarterly regulatory capital disclosures under the third pillar of Basel III.

Information contained on or accessible through our website or any other website referenced in this report is not part of this report. References to websites in this report are intended to be inactive textual references only.

Shareholders may obtain a copy of any of the above-referenced corporate governance documents by writing to our Investor Relations Department at Investor Relations, KeyCorp, 127 Public Square, Mailcode OH-01-27-0737, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1306; by calling (216) 689-4221; or by sending an e-mail to investor relations@keybank.com.

Competition

The market for banking and related financial services is highly competitive. Key competes with other providers of financial services, such as BHCs, commercial banks, savings associations, credit unions, mortgage banking companies, finance companies, mutual funds, insurance companies, investment management firms, investment banking firms, broker-dealers, and other local, regional, national, and global institutions that offer financial services. Some of our competitors are larger and may have more financial resources, while some of our competitors enjoy fewer regulatory constraints and may have lower cost structures. The financial services industry has become more competitive as technology advances have lowered barriers to entry, enabling more companies, including nonbank companies, to provide financial services. Technological advances may diminish the importance of depository institutions and other financial institutions. Mergers and acquisitions have also led to increased concentration in the banking industry, placing added competitive pressure on Key's core banking products and services as we see competitors enter some of our markets or offer similar products. We compete by offering quality products and innovative services at competitive prices, and by maintaining our product and service offerings to keep pace with customer preferences and industry standards.

Executive Officers of KeyCorp

KeyCorp's executive officers are principally responsible for making policy for KeyCorp, subject to the supervision and direction of the Board. All executive officers are subject to annual election at the annual organizational meeting of the Board held each May.

Set forth below are the names and ages of the executive officers of KeyCorp as of December 31, 2017, the positions held by each at KeyCorp during the past five years, and the year each first became an executive officer of KeyCorp. On January 23, 2018, William Hartmann retired and Mark Midkiff replaced him as KeyCorp's Chief Risk Officer. Because Messrs. Buffie, Kimble, and Midkiff have been employed at KeyCorp for less than five years, information is being provided concerning their prior business experience. There are no family relationships among the directors or the executive officers.

Amy G. Brady (51) - Ms. Brady is KeyCorp's Chief Information Officer, serving in that role since May 2012. Ms. Brady has been an executive officer of KeyCorp since she joined in 2012.

Craig A. Buffie (57) - Mr. Buffie served as KeyCorp's Chief Human Resources Officer from February 2013 until March 2016, when he stepped out of the Chief Human Resources Officer position to focus on the integration efforts related to the First Niagara merger. He resumed his role as Chief Human Resources Officer and an executive officer of KeyCorp in January 2017. Prior to joining KeyCorp, Mr. Buffie was employed for 27 years with Bank of America (a financial services institution), where he served in numerous human resources positions, including as a human resources executive for technology and operations for consumer and small business, as well as for its corporate and investment bank. Most recently, he was Head of Home Loan Originations for Bank of America.

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Edward J. Burke (61) - Mr. Burke has been the Co-President, Commercial and Private Banking of Key Community Bank since April 2014 and an executive officer of KeyCorp since May 2014. From 2005 until his election as Co-President, Mr. Burke was an Executive Vice President of KeyBank and head of KeyBank Real Estate Capital and Key Community Development Lending.

Robert A. DeAngelis (56) - Mr. DeAngelis has been the Director of Quality and Productivity Management since June 2017. From March 2016 to June 2017, he served as Transition Program Executive and was dedicated to the integration efforts related to KeyCorp's merger with First Niagara. From November 2011 to March 2016, Mr. DeAngelis was the Director of the Enterprise Program Management Office for KeyCorp. Prior to that, he served as the Consumer Segment Executive. Mr. DeAngelis has been an executive officer of KeyCorp since June 2017 and was also previously an executive officer of KeyCorp from March 2013 to March 2016.

Dennis A. Devine (46) - Mr. Devine has been the Co-President, Consumer and Small Business of Key Community Bank since April 2014 and an executive officer of KeyCorp since May 2014. From 2012 to 2014, Mr. Devine served as Executive Vice President of KeyBank in various roles, including as head of the Consumer & Small Business Segment and head of Integrated Channels and Community Bank Strategy for Key Community Bank.

Trina M. Evans (53) - Ms. Evans has been the Director of Corporate Center for KeyCorp since August 2012, partnering with Key's executive leadership team and Board to ensure alignment of strategy, objectives, priorities, and messaging across Key. Prior to this role, Ms. Evans was the Chief Administrative Officer for Key Community Bank and the Director of Client Experience for KeyBank. During her career with KeyCorp, she has served in a variety of senior management roles associated with the call center, internet banking, retail banking, distribution management, and information technology. She became an executive officer of KeyCorp in March 2013.

Christopher M. Gorman (57) - In 2017, Mr. Gorman became President of Banking and Vice Chairman of KeyCorp. From 2016 to 2017, he served as Merger Integration Executive responsible for leading the integration efforts related to KeyCorp's merger with First Niagara. Prior to that, Mr. Gorman was the President of Key Corporate Bank from 2010 to 2016. He previously served as a KeyCorp Senior Executive Vice President and head of Key National Banking during 2010. Mr. Gorman was an Executive Vice President of KeyCorp (2002 to 2010) and served as President of KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. (2003 to 2010). He became an executive officer of KeyCorp in 2010.

Paul N. Harris (59) - Mr. Harris has been the General Counsel and Secretary of KeyCorp since 2003 and an executive officer of KeyCorp since 2004.

William L. Hartmann (64) - Mr. Hartmann has been the Chief Risk Officer of KeyCorp since July 2012. Mr. Hartmann joined KeyCorp in 2010 as its Chief Credit Officer. Mr. Hartmann became an executive officer of KeyCorp in 2012. On January 23, 2018, Mr. Hartmann retired from his position as Chief Risk Officer and as an executive officer of KeyCorp.

Donald R. Kimble (57) - Mr. Kimble has been the Chief Financial Officer of KeyCorp since June 2013. In 2017, Mr. Kimble was also named Vice Chairman of KeyCorp. Prior to joining KeyCorp, Mr. Kimble served as Chief Financial Officer of Huntington Bancshares Inc., a bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, after joining the company in August 2004, and also served as its Controller from August 2004 to November 2009. Mr. Kimble was also President and a director of Huntington Preferred Capital, Inc., a publicly-traded company, from August 2004 until May 2013. Mr. Kimble became an executive officer upon joining KeyCorp in June 2013.

Angela G. Mago (52) - Ms. Mago became Co-Head of Key Corporate Bank in 2016. She also serves as Head of Real Estate Capital for Key, a role she has held since 2014. From 2011 to 2014, Ms. Mago was Head of Key's Commercial Mortgage Group. She became an executive officer of KeyCorp in 2016.

Mark W. Midkiff (56) - Mr. Midkiff became Chief Risk Officer of KeyCorp and an executive officer of KeyCorp in January 2018. Prior to joining KeyCorp, he served as the Deputy Chief Credit Officer of BB&T. He also previously served as Chief Risk Officer of MUFG Union Bank and later as Chief Risk Officer of GE Capital.

Beth E. Mooney (62) - Ms. Mooney has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of KeyCorp since 2011, and an executive officer of KeyCorp since 2006. Prior to becoming Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, she served in a variety of roles with KeyCorp, including President and Chief Operating Officer and Vice Chair and head of Key Community Bank. She has been a director of AT&T, a publicly-traded telecommunications company, since 2013.

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Andrew J. Paine III (48) - Mr. Paine became Co-Head of Key Corporate Bank in 2016. He also serves as President of KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., a role he has held since 2013. From 2010 to 2013, Mr. Paine was the Co-Head of KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. He became an executive officer of KeyCorp in 2016.

Kevin T. Ryan (56) - Mr. Ryan has been the Chief Risk Review Officer and General Auditor of KeyCorp since 2007. He became an executive officer of KeyCorp in 2016.

Douglas M. Schosser (47) - Mr. Schosser has been the Chief Accounting Officer and an executive officer of KeyCorp since May 2015. Prior to becoming the Chief Accounting Officer, Mr. Schosser served as an Integration Manager at KeyCorp. From 2010 to 2014, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of Key Corporate Bank. Supervision and Regulation

The regulatory framework applicable to BHCs and banks is intended primarily to protect consumers, the DIF, taxpayers and the banking system as a whole, rather than to protect the security holders and creditors of financial services companies. Comprehensive reform of the legislative and regulatory environment for financial services companies occurred in 2010 and remains ongoing. We cannot predict changes in applicable laws, regulations or regulatory agency policies, but any such changes may materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, or access to liquidity or credit.

Overview

Federal law establishes a system of regulation under which the Federal Reserve is the umbrella regulator for BHCs, while their subsidiaries are principally regulated by prudential or functional regulators: (i) the OCC for national banks and federal savings associations; (ii) the FDIC for state non-member banks and savings associations; (iii) the Federal Reserve for state member banks; (iv) the CFPB for consumer financial products or services; (v) the SEC and FINRA for securities broker/dealer activities; (vi) the SEC, CFTC, and NFA for swaps and other derivatives; and (vii) state insurance regulators for insurance activities. Certain specific activities, including traditional bank trust and fiduciary activities, may be conducted in a bank without the bank being deemed a "broker" or a "dealer" in securities for purposes of securities functional regulation.

Under the BHCA, BHCs generally may not directly or indirectly own or control more than 5% of the voting shares, or substantially all of the assets, of any bank, without prior approval from the Federal Reserve. In addition, BHCs are generally prohibited from engaging in commercial or industrial activities. However, a BHC that satisfies certain requirements regarding management, capital adequacy, and Community Reinvestment Act performance may elect to be treated as a Financial Holding Company ("FHC") for purposes of federal law, and as a result may engage in a substantially br