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## Forbes Magazine Ranks Western Alliance #10 of '2016 Best Banks in America'

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PHOENIX--Western Alliance Bancorporation (NYSE: WAL) this month was ranked #10 on Forbes Magazine's 2016 list of the Best Banks in America.



Forbes' assessment of the 100 largest U.S. banks weighed key metrics including asset

quality, capital adequacy, growth and profitability, net interest margin, nonperforming assets as a percent of assets, reserves as a percent of nonperforming loans, two capital ratios (Tier 1 and risk-based) and revenue growth over the last 12 months. The banks on Forbes' list ranged in asset size from \$7 billion to \$2.4 trillion, including \$14-billion Western Alliance as #10.

"This top-tier ranking underscores the reach and strength Western Alliance brings to serving business clients across our markets," said Robert Sarver, Chairman and CEO, Western Alliance Bancorporation. "With a true, customerfocused approach, our teams of expert bankers excel in helping clients in all types of industries, professions and business pursuits meet their goals. We are very pleased to achieve such a strong ranking on Forbes' list."

With offices across the country, Western Alliance is one of the fastest-growing bank holding companies in the U.S. "Our outstanding service for clients led to a record year for Western Alliance, resulting in new highs in loans, deposits and earnings," said Sarver. "Western Alliance's exceptional credentials, including capacity, asset quality, capital and track record for growth and performance, make us a great banking resource for business."

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Through its geographically managed banking divisions, Western Alliance delivers a full spectrum of deposit, lending, treasury management, international banking and online banking products and services. Western Alliance has five geographically managed brands: Alliance Bank of Arizona, Bank of Nevada (greater Las Vegas area), Bridge Bank (Northern California and nationwide), First Independent Bank (Northern Nevada) and Torrey Pines Bank (Southern California).

In addition to full-service banking, Western Alliance also brings specialized financing solutions to customers through a robust set of national business lines: Alliance Association Bank (homeowners associations), Corporate Finance, Energy Infrastructure Group, Equity Fund Resources, Life Sciences Group, Mortgage Warehouse Lending, Public Finance, Resort Finance, and Technology Finance.