



## **USAmeriBank Celebrates One Year of Business with More Than \$210 Million in Assets**

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Three Branches Are Now Open in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties

LARGO, Fla. -- USAmeriBank, an FDIC insured bank with a de novo designation, announces \$210M in assets, and \$134M in deposits after opening its doors on February 12, 2007. USAmeriBank currently has three branches with one in Pinellas County and two in Hillsborough County.

USAmeriBank was organized by a group of banking and business executives, with deep roots in the Tampa Bay community, who realized the need for a local bank that is owned and operated by the community it serves. The Bank's experienced Board of Directors, senior management team and staff are committed to establishing USAmeriBank as an outstanding middle market financial institution--serving the needs of individuals and businesses in the Tampa Bay community by providing a high level of personalized service and attention to its targeted customer base.

"Our passion will be to continually provide our customers and shareholders with the highest level of performance through knowledge, responsiveness, flexibility and stability; from a team of highly qualified and ethical Community Bankers," explained Thomas B. "Brad" McMurtrey, president of USAmeriBank and lifetime resident of Pinellas County who has spent his 27 years of banking in Pinellas County. "Being able to depend on your banker is more important now than ever. We consider it our responsibility to ensure that our individual customers, business owners and future entrepreneurs have the resources that will allow them to build a future for themselves and our community as it grows."

USAmeriBank provides a wide array of competitive banking products to meet customers' financial needs, while utilizing the latest technology available in the banking industry. Some of the Bank's specialized products include: remote deposit capture, escrow management accounts, courier services, cash management services, and loans that are customized to meet the specific needs of the borrower.

Joseph V. Chillura, chief executive officer and 20 year banking veteran would like to see USAmeriBank be more than a place people come to make deposits and withdrawals. "We would like to become a trusted advisor to all of our customers. Our history, our leadership and our employees allow us to bring diverse thinking and solutions to the

table--which in turn will allow us to provide personalized service that meets the individual needs of our customers."

USAmeriBank's Board of Directors is comprised of a group of successful local business executives located in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. In addition to President Brad McMurtrey and CEO Joseph Chillura the Board of Directors includes:

\* Jennifer Steans, Chairman of the board and organizer of USAmeriBank; Founder and president of Financial Investments Corporation, a private asset management firm that manages investments including: public and private equities, real estate and fixed income securities

\* Harrison Steans, Organizer of USAmeriBank and chairman of the executive committee of Financial Investments Corporation and the Steans Family Foundation

\* James T. Ayers, Clearwater resident and president and managing director of CPA firm Ayers, Saclarides & Company

\* George P. Bauer, Organizer of USAmeriBank and founder and owner of G.P.B. Group, LTD, a Connecticut-based investment banking firm

\* Michael Benstock, Seminole resident and CEO of Superior Uniform Group, a Seminole-based global textile manufacturing company

\* John P. Connelly, Organizer of USAmeriBank, 40-year Pinellas County resident, founder of Connelly Insurance Group and owner of multiple Tampa Bay area businesses

\* Robert T. George, Resident of Pinellas County for more than 50 years and more than 40 years of community banking experience in Pinellas County (including President and CEO of Indian Rocks State Bank later known as First National Bank of Florida)

\* Mark S. Klein, Organizer of USAmeriBank, Clearwater resident since 1967, founder and owner of Klein and Heuchan, Inc., the 12th largest commercial real estate brokerage company in the Tampa Bay SMA

\* John E. Oliva, Tampa resident and president and CEO of Tampa-based Oliva Tobacco Company, a grower and supplier of cigar tobacco from Central America, South America, the Caribbean, Connecticut, and Indonesia

\* William I. Sultenfuss, Founder of WISCO Holdings, Inc., a firm which purchases, repositions, and develops multi-family housing in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo and Temple Terrace, Fla.

\* William B. Tiller, Tampa resident and president of Tampa-based Southeast Dairy Processors, Inc., a manufacturer of Grade A dairy products that are distributed throughout the Southeast United States.

\* Advisory Board Members: Carlos H. Alfonso; Michael H. Bynum; Joseph Capitano, Jr.; J. Rex Fariior, III; Allan S. Martin; Luis A. Plasencia

As the Bank celebrates this one year milestone, the Board of Directors and senior management team are looking forward to another year of growth and success while continuing to provide personalized service to customers.

#### About USAmeriBank

USAmeriBank is a community bank serving Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. The Bank was founded in 2006--opening its doors in 2007--by a like-minded collection of Tampa Bay's most trusted names in business and banking. USAmeriBank is dedicated to offering a new level of innovation, performance and personal banking services and is committed to becoming the premiere community bank in markets served by the Bank. For more information about USAmeriBank please visit [www.usameribank.com](http://www.usameribank.com).