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Midwest BankCentre receives BauerFinancial Superior Rating

April 2009: BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida is proud to announce that **Midwest BankCentre, St. Louis, Missouri** has earned its highest 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability. BAUERFINANCIAL, the Nation's Bank Rating Firm, has been analyzing and reporting on the nation's banks for over 25 years. The rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank, and a 5-Star rating indicates that Midwest BankCentre is one of the strongest banks in the nation. This is the 33rd consecutive quarter that Midwest BankCentre has earned this highest honor.

"The number of 5-Star rated banks is diminishing", comments Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL, "but that doesn't mean they are extinct. Midwest BankCentre is an excellent example of traditional, conservative banking. In this new era of 'back to basics' thinking, this is exactly what you should be looking for in a bank."

Midwest BankCentre was established in 1906 and in 2008 was a Better Business Bureau Torch Award Winner for ethical business practices and customer satisfaction. It has been serving the banking needs of its neighbors and friends for 103 years and currently operates through seven convenient full-service offices in the St. Louis area as well as four part-time locations inside Garden Villa Retirement Communities. It can also be found on the internet at www.midwestbankcentre.com.

Midwest BankCentre: "Safe, Sound, Secure - without sacrificing customer service."

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