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## **Midwest BankCentre Promotes Eric Whitford to Senior Vice President-Commercial Services**

ST. LOUIS (Aug. 30, 2022) --- **Eric Whitford** has been promoted to senior vice president–commercial services at **Midwest BankCentre**. In his new role, Whitford manages a commercial loan portfolio exceeding \$100 million and develops new relationships focused on both commercial real estate and commercial and industrial (C&I) lending.



Over a 17-year career in banking, Whitford has cultivated extensive experience in retail banking, credit analysis, portfolio management and commercial lending. As a trusted advisor, clients consider him to be a valuable partner in navigating economic cycles and scaling for growth.

“Since joining the bank in 2013 as assistant vice president, Eric Whitford has built great industry knowledge and long-term relationships that help our clients grow their businesses to strengthen our region,” said **Danny R. Pogue**, president of commercial, consumer and retail sales. “Eric is a great example of our efforts to build great service continuity by investing in our team and promoting from within.”

Whitford serves on the Head of Class Committee for **KidSmart**, a nonprofit that empowers children to succeed in school by providing free essential tools for learning. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business from the University of

Missouri-Columbia with an emphasis in finance and banking. He graduated from the Southwest Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

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### ***About Midwest BankCentre***

Midwest BankCentre's current assets exceed \$2.3 billion and deposits total more than \$1.8 billion. A mainstay of the greater St. Louis community banking scene since 1906, the bank employs a staff of about 280 working at 17 bank locations in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis, Jefferson and St. Charles counties in Missouri and St. Clair County in Illinois. It empowers people, enables business and energizes neighborhoods through the strength of its financial services, including personalized consumer and business banking, business cash management, mortgage lending, home equity loans, financial planning and investments, insurance and digital banking.

Midwest BankCentre bank is a local leader in the St. Louis Regional Financial Empowerment Coalition and its Bank-On Save-Up St. Louis initiative. Since 2001, Midwest BankCentre has consecutively achieved the Bauer Financial 5-Star Superior financial rating each quarter. It has been recognized for its success in bringing mainstream financial services to unbanked and underbanked citizens in the region and other diversity and inclusion contributions with the 2019 Community Commitment Award from the American Bankers Association Foundation and the 2018 National Community Bank Service Award from the Independent Community Bankers of America®.