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## **Stephanie Makalous Joins Midwest BankCentre as Senior Vice President, Treasury Management Services**

**ST. LOUIS** (March 26, 2024) – With more than 20 years of experience in the banking industry, **Stephanie Makalous** has joined **Midwest BankCentre** as senior vice president, Treasury Management Services in the bank's Kansas City business production office.



In her role, Makalous will oversee the development of deposits and treasury management services and champion Midwest BankCentre's goal to support the growth of the Kansas City economy. This includes fostering collaboration with the local business community, cultivating trusted relationships, and empowering businesses with financial solutions tailored to their needs. Makalous's dedication reflects Midwest BankCentre's commitment to fostering economic prosperity and vitality in Kansas City by empowering local businesses and nonprofits.

Makalous started her career at First Business Bank in Kansas City and most recently held the position of managing director of Kansas City Treasury Services at CrossFirst Bank. While at CrossFirst Bank, she was instrumental in transforming the bank from a privately held \$500 million institution to a \$7.7 billion multi-state public

bank. Makalous also led the growth of the treasury sales team from one member to a team of seven.

"We're excited to expand our presence in Kansas City and welcome Stephanie to our team," said Trey Cunningham, market president at Midwest BankCentre. "With her extensive experience in banking and deep understanding of the local market, Stephanie will play a key role in advancing our mission to support the growth and prosperity of businesses throughout Kansas City. Her expertise will be instrumental in furthering Midwest BankCentre's impact in the community."

In October 2023, Midwest BankCentre expanded into Kansas City. The Kansas City business production office offers Midwest Bank Centre's full suite of business services and customized solutions with loans, deposits, and treasury management services. The office provides nearly all its consumer products online at [MidwestBankCentre.com](https://www.MidwestBankCentre.com), including personalized banking, mortgage lending, and home equity loans. Midwest Bank Centre has digitized everything 'behind the handshake' to make the bank more effective and efficient – in fact, customers can open a savings or checking account online in as little as five minutes.

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

Midwest BankCentre's current assets exceed \$2.75 billion, and deposits total more than \$2.29 billion as of quarter ended 12/31/2024. 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 and 11 states throughout the United States. The Bank also opened a business production office in Kansas City, Missouri, in 2023. It empowers people, enables businesses, 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.

Since 2001, Midwest BankCentre has consecutively achieved the Bauer Financial 5-Star Superior financial rating each quarter. The Bank has been recognized for its success in bringing access to reasonably priced capital to traditionally underserved markets and elevating financial inclusivity by addressing the banking needs of low- and moderate-income market customers who are often overlooked. Recent awards include the 2023 Innovation in Philanthropy Awards from the St. Louis Business Journal, the 2022 Champions of Diversity & Inclusion Award (for-profits) from the St. Louis Business Journal, and Energage's 2021, 2022, and 2023 National Top Workplace overall award and awards for diversity, equity, and inclusion practices.