

CAPITAL MARKETS ANNOUNCEMENT

First Bank (NASDAQ: FRBA; Hamilton, NJ) Closes \$13.7 Million Private Placement of Common Stock

Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P. served as Sole Placement Agent for this transaction.

This transaction represents the 126th public offering or private placement of common stock for a bank or thrift since January 1, 2011 for which Sandler O'Neill acted as book-runner, co-manager or placement agent—more than any other investment bank during that period. These transactions have raised approximately \$24.9 billion for our clients.¹

About the Offering:

HAMILTON, NJ – First Bank (Nasdaq Global Market: FRBA) today announced that it has raised \$13.7 million in equity, before expenses, through the private placement of 1,890,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$7.25 per share. The Bank plans to use the additional capital for general corporate purposes including organic growth initiatives.

President and Chief Executive Officer Patrick L. Ryan discussed the offering: "We are pleased to announce the successful completion of a private placement of our common stock. This new capital will be used to support organic growth opportunities in the markets we serve and further enhance the value of our franchise. With the recent consolidation and resulting dislocation in the Mercer County banking market, we expect significant growth opportunities to emerge for us."

About the Company:

First Bank (www.firstbanknj.com) is a New Jersey state-chartered bank with ten full-service branches in Cranbury, Denville, Ewing, Flemington, Hamilton, Lawrence, Randolph, Somerset and Williamstown, New Jersey, and Trevese, Pennsylvania. With \$917 million in assets as of March 31, 2016, First Bank offers a traditional range of deposit and loan products to individuals and businesses throughout the New York City to Philadelphia, PA corridor. First Bank's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "FRBA".

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1) Source: SNL Financial

2) Financial data is not pro forma for the offering

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**Private Placement of Common
Stock**

\$13.7 Million



Sole Placement Agent

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Financial Highlights (as of March 31, 2016)²

(Dollars in thousands)

Total Assets	\$917,440
Net Loans	749,672
Total Deposits	798,985
Total Equity	70,473
Tang. Common Equity / Tang. Assets	7.65%
LTM ROAA	0.43%
LTM ROAE	5.13%

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