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Bank First Named One of America's Best Banks for 2026 by Forbes

MANITOWOC, WI, March 9, 2026 -- Bank First (NASDAQ: [BFC](#)) is pleased to announce it has once again been named one of America's Best Banks by Forbes, earning a place on the publication's 2026 list of the nation's top-performing financial institutions.

The annual Forbes ranking evaluates the 100 strongest publicly traded banks and thrifts in the country based on key measures of growth, credit quality, profitability, and stock performance. Performance for the 2026 list was assessed using financial results for the 12 months ending September 30, 2025, along with recent stock performance.

"Being recognized again by Forbes as one of America's Best Banks is an honor for our organization," said Mike Molepske, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Bank First. "This recognition reflects the strength of our financial foundation, our disciplined and consistent approach to growth, and most importantly, the dedication of our team. Their commitment to delivering an exceptional customer experience, building lasting relationships, and providing value-driven solutions continues to make a meaningful difference for the customers and communities we serve."

Forbes considered a range of financial metrics, including net interest margin, return on assets, capital strength, efficiency, and credit quality. Only the largest publicly traded banks were eligible, with final rankings determined independently by Forbes.

Bank First's continued recognition reflects its focus on strong performance, sound risk management, and long-term value creation. As the Bank looks ahead to 2026, it remains committed to delivering exceptional value to its customers, employees, and shareholders.

Read the full Forbes article here: <http://www.forbes.com/lists/americas-best-banks/>.

For more information about Bank First, visit www.bankfirst.com.

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Bank First Corporation provides financial services through its subsidiary, Bank First, N.A., which was incorporated in 1894. Bank First offers loan, deposit, treasury management, trust, and wealth management services at each of its 38 banking locations in Wisconsin and Illinois following its merger with FNBT on January 1, 2026. The Bank has grown through both acquisitions and de novo branch expansion. Bank First employs approximately 499 full-time equivalent staff and has assets of approximately \$6 billion. Insurance services are available through its bond with Ansay. Further information about Bank First Corporation is available by clicking the Shareholder Services tab at www.bankfirst.com.