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Ameris Bank to Expand into Nashville Market

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ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ameris Bank today announced plans to establish operations in Nashville, Tenn., expanding its commercial banking presence in one of the Southeast's fastest-growing markets. The company plans to open a Nashville office by year-end and is already serving commercial and mortgage customers throughout the region.

Leading the expansion is Justin McClain, who joins Ameris Bank as Nashville market leader and will report to Ameris Bank President Lawton Bassett. McClain brings nearly two decades of banking experience and extensive knowledge of the Middle Tennessee market.

"Justin is a proven banking leader with a deep understanding of the Nashville business community and a strong commitment to client service," said Bassett. "He will play an important role as we establish our presence in the market and bring Ameris Bank's relationship-focused approach to businesses, professionals and families across the region."

McClain will be joined by experienced bankers Charlie Ogden and Jesse Lee. Together, the Nashville team brings decades of commercial banking experience and strong local market knowledge to support the financial needs of businesses and individuals throughout Middle Tennessee.

"Nashville continues to experience tremendous economic growth, creating opportunities for businesses and communities alike," Bassett said. "Our team is committed to delivering personalized financial solutions, local decision-making and responsive service to help our customers achieve their goals."

The Nashville expansion reflects Ameris Bank's continued strategy of investing in high-growth markets across the Southeast while maintaining its focus on relationship banking and exceptional customer service.

Ameris Bank has served customers across the Southeast for more than 50 years. The company operates 163 full-service banking locations and provides commercial banking, mortgage banking and specialized financial services nationwide. Ameris Bank was recently named to Forbes' list of America's Best Banks for 2026.

About Ameris Bank

Ameris Bank, a subsidiary of Ameris Bancorp (NYSE: ABCB), is a state-chartered bank headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Ameris operates financial centers in five southeastern states and serves consumer and business customers nationwide through select lending channels. Ameris manages \$28.1 billion in assets as of March 31, 2026, and provides a full range of traditional banking and lending products, treasury and cash management, insurance premium financing, and mortgage and refinancing services. Learn more about Ameris at **amerisbank.com**.

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