

# Forbes Ranks Hilltop Holdings Fifth Best Among Top 100 Banks

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DALLAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Hilltop Holdings Inc. (NYSE: HTH) is ranked No. 5 nationally in the recent Forbes best banks listing of the Top 100 largest publicly-traded banks and thrifts. Hilltop Holdings' ranking increased over last year, where it was listed at 18th.

The **Forbes Top 100** is compiled based on 10 metrics measuring asset quality, capital adequacy, growth and profitability. The ranking is based on performance over the previous 12 months, ending with the September 30, 2015, regulatory filing period.

Forbes noted the banking industry has largely recovered from the financial crisis of 2007-08, but banks continue to deal with the challenges of a low interest rate environment.

Jeremy B. Ford, president and CEO of Hilltop Holdings, attributes the Company's continued growth to its diverse yet complementary business lines, experienced management teams, solid capital position and stable operating performance.

"The ranking is a testament to the strength and stability of Hilltop Holdings," said Ford. "Our family of companies – PlainsCapital Bank, Hilltop Securities Inc., PrimeLending and National Lloyds Corporation – provide their customers with the best solutions to meet their financial needs. The continued growth of our companies has enabled us to bring sustained value to our shareholders. While we continue to operate in a challenging banking environment, we remain true to our vision to be a premier financial services holding company."

Hilltop Holdings, with total assets of \$12.4 billion, reported another successful quarter on Sept. 30, 2015, with all operating segments remaining profitable.

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## About Hilltop Holdings

Hilltop Holdings is a Dallas-based financial holding company. Through its wholly owned subsidiary, PlainsCapital Corporation, a regional commercial banking franchise, it has two operating subsidiaries: PlainsCapital Bank and PrimeLending. Through its wholly owned subsidiaries Hilltop Securities Inc. and Hilltop Securities Independent Network Inc. it provides a full complement of securities brokerage, institutional and investment banking services in addition to clearing services and retail financial advisory. Through Hilltop Holdings' other wholly owned subsidiary, National Lloyds Corporation, it provides property and casualty insurance through two insurance companies, National Lloyds Insurance Company and American Summit Insurance Company. At December 31, 2015, Hilltop employed approximately 5,300 people and operated approximately 400 locations in 44 states. Hilltop Holdings' common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HTH." Find more information at Hilltop-Holdings.com, PlainsCapital.com, PrimeLending.com, Nationallloydsinsurance.com and Hilltopsecurities.com.

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