

Media Release



Bank of Ann Arbor is Again Rated as One of Nation's Best Banks to Work For

Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 30, 2015 – Bank of Ann Arbor has been named one of *American Banker's* Best Banks to Work For in the United States for the second time in the last three years.

The program was initiated in 2013 to identify, recognize, and honor the best banks to work for in the nation. It is a project of the daily industry publication, *American Banker*, and Best Companies Group. In all, 50 banks out of approximately 6,500 financial institutions in the country achieved "Best Bank" status in this third year of the program.

Highlights from the survey, completed by over 80% of the Bank of Ann Arbor employee base, included our award winning wellness program, our free summer concert series, Sonic Lunch, as a popular employee and community activity, and the bank was recognized throughout the survey as a great place to work. Some of the comments on working at Bank of Ann Arbor are highlighted as follows:

- *"The organization treats its employees respectfully and fairly. It has a culture which encourages community involvement and provides its customers with high quality products and services. The organization is characterized by high ethical standards"*.
- *"The culture is terrific. People work hard but there is always an element of fun. Collaboration, encouragement, and appreciation are tenants of the bank. In addition, the bank is high performing and enjoying significant growth. All of us enjoy being on a winning team"*.
- *"Bank of Ann Arbor is a leader in the market, not only with its financial services, but what it does in the way of community involvement. Our employees are active in the communities we serve. A great team that cares about our customers, the community, and each other"*.
- *The culture here is amazing, it feels more like being with family than going to work. There is energy throughout the whole organization around being the premiere financial institution in the communities we serve.*
- *"Everyone feels like they are part of a solution, and always feel valued as a member of the team. It is very rewarding"*.
- *"Great benefits, including profit sharing and free exercise classes. Fun events such as Sonic Lunch, jeans days, and Halloween costumes"*.
- *"Great community of employees. Excellent work ethic across the board. We truly feel as a team working toward a common goal with mutual respect for everyone, from the lowest paid to the highest"*.
- *"Transparency and inclusiveness when sharing company results through semi-annual all employee meetings"*.
- *"Hires the "best of the best" and treats their employees extremely well"*.
- *"I LOVE WORKING HERE. I LOVE THE PEOPLE AND THE CUSTOMERS"*.

“It is quite an honor to be recognized as one of the best banks to work for in the country – not once but twice. Even more gratifying were the comments from our colleagues at the bank and our wholly owned subsidiary, UniFi Equipment Finance, which highlighted our strong culture and value system, wonderful benefits, terrific and collaborative team, unwavering commitment to the community, and a fun and great place to work”, commented Tim Marshall, President and CEO. “We developed a brand promise years ago to live up to that Bank of Ann Arbor “Helps”. Helping is what we do whether it is with our colleagues or clients. It is evident that our colleagues love doing it and our community values it. A winning combination that is reflected in Bank of Ann Arbor being recognized as one of the top 50 **Best Banks to Work For** in the country”.

About Bank of Ann Arbor

Bank of Ann Arbor is a locally owned and operated bank with total assets and assets under management of over \$2 billion, serving people and businesses in Southeast Michigan with offices at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Washington Street in downtown Ann Arbor, in the Traver Village Shopping Center, at the corner of Stadium and Liberty streets, on West Ellsworth Road in Pittsfield Township, on West Michigan Avenue in downtown Ypsilanti, in Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road and on East Michigan Avenue in downtown Saline. UniFi Equipment Finance, the bank's newest acquisition headquartered in Ann Arbor, is a well-established company with a national presence in the small ticket vendor space. UniFi has funded more than 85,000 transactions, totaling over \$1 billion. www.boaa.com / www.unifiedge.com Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

About American Banker

American Banker is the leading information resource serving the banking and financial services community. The daily print edition of American Banker was first published in 1835. Its online counterpart has been live since 1996. Together, these resources set the agenda for a fast-changing industry, keeping a close eye on large and small institutions, tracking traditional and insurgent forces, parsing the business models of diversified and specialist players. American Banker.com, relaunched on October 1, 2007, is a complete information platform for banking professionals and the primary online destination for SourceMedia's Banking Group. The site is organized into vertical market segments and also contains the home pages of our sister publications American Banker Magazine and Bank Technology News.

About Best Companies Group

*Best Companies Group was formed in January of 2004, with the purpose of identifying and recognizing best employers within a city, statewide, regional and industry stages. BCG will partner with B-to-B media and other business or human resource organizations to publicize the opportunity, encourage participation and to recognize those who make the list of "Best Places to Work". For more information on the **Best Banks to Work For** program, visit www.BestBankstoWorkFor.com or contact Jackie Miller at 877-455-2159.*

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