

Metropolitan Commercial Bank Launches Its West Coast Expansion

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Appoints Robert Hasler to Lead Western U.S. Specialty Deposit Business

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Metropolitan Commercial Bank ("MCB" or the "Bank") today announced its West Coast expansion with the appointment of Robert Hasler as Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Specialty Deposits. Based in the Western United States, Mr. Hasler will lead the continued growth of the Bank's specialty deposit business throughout key Western markets.

"Expanding our presence across the Western U.S. represents an important strategic milestone for Metropolitan Commercial Bank," said Mark R. DeFazio, Founder, President, and CEO of Metropolitan Commercial Bank. "We continue to invest in specialty banking solutions, deepen our commercial banking platform, and build relationships in markets that align with our long-term growth strategy."

Mr. Hasler brings more than 20 years of experience in commercial banking, treasury management, and specialty deposit services. Throughout his career, he has worked with title and escrow companies, 1031 exchange firms, HOA banking clients, trust-related businesses, and other fiduciary-focused industries across the Western United States.

At MCB, Mr. Hasler will focus on expanding the Bank's specialty deposit platform throughout Western U.S. markets, supporting existing verticals, and developing new commercial banking relationships.

"Robert understands the specialty deposit business extremely well and has spent his career serving clients in highly specialized and relationship-driven industries," said Laura Capra, Executive Vice President and Head of Retail Banking at Metropolitan Commercial Bank. "His experience across escrow, fiduciary, and treasury management businesses, combined with his client-first approach, makes him exceptionally well-positioned to help expand and deepen our specialty deposit platform throughout the Western U.S."

Before joining MCB, Mr. Hasler held leadership positions at Axos Bank, The Bancorp Bank, and Nano Banc. During his career, he helped develop more than \$1 billion in specialty deposit relationships and worked with financial institutions, RIAs, escrow providers, and corporate clients on treasury management and liquidity strategies.

“MCB has built a strong specialty deposit business and a reputation for relationship banking,” said Robert Hasler. “I’m excited to join the Bank and help grow its presence throughout the Western U.S. while supporting clients with their banking and treasury management needs.”

Mr. Hasler earned his Bachelor of Science degree from San Diego State University. He completed executive banking studies through the ABA School of Bank Marketing & Management at the SMU Cox School of Business.

About Metropolitan Commercial Bank

Metropolitan Commercial Bank (“MCB”) is a New York City–based, full-service commercial bank serving businesses, institutions, and individuals who value expertise, responsiveness, and long-term partnerships. Since 1999, MCB has built enduring client relationships—many spanning generations—by delivering consistent, relationship-driven banking.

The Bank provides a full suite of commercial, business, and personal banking solutions, with deep expertise in sectors including real estate, property management, legal services, healthcare, government, and global investors utilizing EB-5 financial solutions. MCB combines specialized capabilities with a highly personalized approach, offering integrated solutions such as title and escrow services, 1031 exchanges, and merchant acquiring.

MCB has received national recognition for its performance and innovation, including being named one of Newsweek’s Best Regional Banks in 2024 and 2025 and earning industry recognition for its lending performance and specialized commercial banking capabilities.

MCB operates full-service banking centers in Manhattan and Boro Park, Brooklyn, within New York City; Great Neck on Long Island; Lakewood, New Jersey; and in South Florida, including Miami, with a West Palm Beach location expected to open in June 2026. This expansion reflects the Bank’s continued growth and commitment to the communities and clients it serves—many of whom it has supported for generations.

Metropolitan Commercial Bank is a New York State–chartered commercial bank, a member of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and an equal housing lender. The Bank’s parent company is Metropolitan Bank Holding Corp. (NYSE: MCB).

For more information, please visit the Bank’s website at [MCBankNY.com](https://www.MCBankNY.com).

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