

Metropolitan Commercial Bank Rings NYSE Opening Bell to Commemorate 25th Anniversary

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Metropolitan Commercial Bank (NYSE: MCB) proudly rang the Opening Bell at the New York Stock Exchange today to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. This milestone underscores MCB's commitment to innovation, growth, and unwavering service to its clients.

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Mark R. DeFazio, Founder,
President, and CEO of
Metropolitan Commercial

Bank, had the honor of ringing the bell, marking the beginning of the trading day. The event celebrated the Bank's quarter-century of achievements and set the stage for the next chapter in its ongoing success story.

"Ringling the Opening Bell at the NYSE for our Quarter Century Anniversary is a moment that will be etched in the history of Metropolitan Commercial Bank," said Mark DeFazio. "This occasion embodies our dedication to building strong relationships, driving innovation, and creating value for our clients, shareholders, and community. As we look to the future, we remain committed to our core principles while embracing the opportunities ahead."

The ceremony was attended by MCB board members, staff, and their families. The celebration highlighted MCB's transformation from a community bank to a diversified commercial bank with a national presence, all while maintaining its unwavering commitment to personalized service and community involvement.

As MCB celebrates this milestone, the Bank is not just looking back but also forward with great excitement and optimism. We are poised to continue our trajectory of growth and success, further solidifying our position as a leader in the commercial banking sector of the broader financial services industry.

About Metropolitan Commercial Bank

Metropolitan Commercial Bank (the "Bank") is a full-service commercial bank based in New York City. The Bank provides a broad range of business, commercial, and personal banking products and services to individuals, small businesses, private and public middle-market and corporate enterprises and

institutions, municipalities, and local government entities.

Metropolitan Commercial Bank's EB-5 / E-2 International Group delivers banking services and products for United States Citizen and Immigration Services EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program investors, developers, Regional Centers, government agencies, law firms and consulting companies specializing in EB-5 and E-2.

Metropolitan Commercial Bank was named one of Newsweek's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions 2024. The Bank was ranked by Independent Community Bankers of America among the top ten successful loan producers for 2024 by loan category and asset size for commercial banks with more than \$1 billion in assets. Kroll affirmed a BBB+ (investment grade) deposit rating on January 25, 2024.

Metropolitan Commercial Bank operates banking centers and private client offices in Manhattan and Boro Park, Brooklyn in New York City and Great Neck on Long Island in New York State.

The 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 parent company of Metropolitan Commercial Bank 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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