

Acquisition of Union Safe Deposit Bank

Continuing Expansion of BancWest's Local Footprint in California

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- Focused transaction in line with BNP Paribas' disciplined and valuecreating acquisition strategy
- Increases BancWest's footprint in fast growing local markets in California
- A high quality community bank, with a long-standing franchise and sound financials
- Transaction consistent with BancWest's historical expansion policy
- Deal value of \$245 million (multiples in line with market precedents)
- Cost savings: 35% of USDB 2003 cost base (centralization of head-offices, IT and support platforms)
- Accretion to BNP Paribas' earnings from 2005 onwards
- Expected closing: 3rd Quarter 2004 (integration by 4th Quarter 2004)



- Founded in 1897; headquartered in Stockton, California
- Community banking approach, with an established local presence
- Branch network of 19 offices throughout San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties (Central Valley of California)
- \$1.2 billion in assets; \$852 million in deposits; \$631 million in loans^(a)
- Strong fee income culture, based on a broad and diversified product offering (36% of total revenues)
- Solid profitability levels (\$12.6 million net income in 2003; 1.14% RoA; 13.4% RoE with an 11.0% Tier 1 ratio)
- Privately owned by 216 shareholders of which 51 are management and employees



- San Joaquin + Stanislaus counties: A large and high growth market
 - 1 million residents
 - Expected population growth of 11.3% for 03-08 (vs. 7.6% for California)



	Rank	Branches	Deposits (USD mn)	Market Share
San Joaquin ^(a)				
 USDB 	4	12	606	12.6%
 BancWest 	6	6	194	4.0%
Pro-forma	3	18	800	16.6%
Stanislaus ^(a)				
• USDB	7	7	180	5.3%
 BancWest 	3	8	299	8.7%
Pro-forma	3	15	479	14.0%

Pro-forma Market Position



- \$245 million (€200 million) purchase price for 100% of USDB
- Acquisition multiples well in line with market precedents

	USDB	Peer Average ^(a)
Price / Earnings ^(b)	19.5x	20.0x
Price / Book Value	2.6x	2.4x
Price / Tangible Book Value	2.6x	2.7x
Core Deposit Premium	21%	23%

(a) Average of comparable bank transactions in California since 1/1/00, with a deal value between \$100 mn and \$400 mn.

(b) Latest 12 month period.



A Financially Disciplined Transaction in Line with BNP Paribas' Western US Strategy

Fill-in acquisition of a medium-sized community bank

Meaningful local market share increment for BancWest in dynamic regions

Transaction consistent with BancWest's historical expansion strategy through acquisition of mid-sized established local franchises

Sizeable cost and revenue synergy potential and value creation to BNP Paribas from the first year



Appendices



USDB: Diversified loan book, Very Solid Asset Quality Indicators





USDB: Consolidated Financial Statements

Income Statement (in USD mn)	2002	2003
Net interest income	34.5	37.0
Non-interest income	18.1	20.9
Total revenues	52.6	57.9
Salaries and employee benefits	21.5	24.0
Occupancy expense	2.6	2.7
Equipment expense	2.2	2.4
Advertising and promotion	0.8	1.0
Other expenses	8.7	11.4
Non-interest expense	35.1	40.5
Operating margin	17.5	17.4
Provision for credit losses	1.6	0.5
Pre-tax profit	16.0	16.9
Net income	11.1	12.6

Balance Sheet (in USD mn)	2002	2003
Total assets	1,077	1,167
Net loans and leases	503	631
Total deposits	754	852
Shareholders' equity	93	95
Key Ratios	2002	2003
Net interest margin	3.77%	3.76%
Cost-income ratio	67%	70%
RoA	1.09%	1.14%
RoE	12.7%	13.4%
Tier I	12.2%	11.0%
NPL ratio	0.43%	0.06%



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(6) government fiscal and monetary policies;

(7) credit risks inherent in the lending process;

(8) Ioan and deposit demand in the geographic regions where BancWest and BNP Paribas conduct business;

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