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SQUAWK ON THE STREET



PNC CEO Bill Demchak on FirstBank acquisition: The environment is friendly for banks right now

Bill Demchak, CEO of PNC, sits down with CNBC's Sara Eisen to discuss PNC's plans to buy FirstBank, expectations for future deals, outlooks on the consumer, and much more.

Sara Eisen, CNBC:

Welcome back to Squawk on the Street here from the Barclays Financial Services conference, PNC announcing plans to buy first Bank for \$4.1 billion this week, expanding into Arizona, giving PNC a substantial presence in Colorado. Joining me exclusively here at the Barclays Global Financial Services conference, PNC CEO Bill Demchak. Bill, great to see you. Welcome you sir. So why this deal? Why now?

William S. Demchak, PNC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer:

It was there. You know, it's a rifle shot in Colorado and Arizona that basically fills out a place where otherwise building branches, we don't have to build there anymore. We can focus on new markets to build in. You know, banks are sold, not bought. They had reasons that they thought it was time to sell. And it's, you know, it's a gem of a little institution.

Sara Eisen, CNBC:

Is this, are we going to see a lot more of this kind of thing from you?

William S. Demchak, PNC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer:

You know, banking is unpredictable. Everybody thinks that there's going to be a big merger wave. And you know, I just said that banks are sold. They're not bought. Right now the environment is so friendly for banks. Interest rates are right sizing, credit's good, consumers are spending. So everybody feels pretty good. Nobody wants to sell. Banks are usually sold when the economy's in trouble, when somebody, you know, messed up and there's a crisis and I just don't see that. So, no, I don't.

Sara Eisen, CNBC:

So you're pushing back against the merger wave.

William S. Demchak, PNC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer:

Yeah. I don't you know, I think each one is unique and has a story as, as FirstBank did. I don't think you're going to see big bank deals. I think life is too easy for banks, even ones that aren't necessarily good long-term performers.

Sara Eisen, CNBC:

Because the thinking is the smaller banks eventually need scale, and we have a friendlier regulatory environment. And those two things should add up to more M&A.

William S. Demchak, PNC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer:

Rationally. The world isn't always rational. Scale matters. I think that was one of the things FirstBank saw was they wanted to be able to keep their current customers and offer them, you know, newer, better products as the customers grew. Not everybody thinks that way. I think over time, competition is going to cause that outcome. But people take their time. There's a lot of other things that come into play when you know when and if and before a bank is sold.

Sara Eisen, CNBC:

So it was just a good opportunity for you, because one of the questions that I got talking to a lot of analysts ahead of speaking to you is, why didn't he go for something bigger? He's had ambitions of being a bigger bank. Why didn't we see a bigger deal?

William S. Demchak, PNC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer:

We have ambitions of being a national coast-to-coast bank, right, where we have kind of ubiquitous retail presence across all the markets that matter. How we get there is a long and varied path. You know, we're 165 years old. We purchased, I don't know, dozens of banks through our history. I just I think in this environment, it's unlikely that you're going to see large banks for sale.

Sara Eisen, CNBC:

Because it's a good environment.

William S. Demchak, PNC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer:

Yeah, and we don't we don't need that, right. We're growing organically faster than I think we've ever grown in our history. We're going to onboard more clients this year than we ever have.

Sara Eisen, CNBC:

Why? What's driving that?

William S. Demchak, PNC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer:

It's the newer markets we're in. You know, we've moved from slower growth markets. You know, if you think of the Northeast, in Pennsylvania down into Florida and Texas and now Colorado, with FirstBank, population growth, wealth growth. And we're good at what we do. So we're gaining share in all of those markets. So we don't you know, eventually we're going to be a national coast-to-coast bank. It doesn't have to be tomorrow. It has to be a path that we're on for the next, you know, forever period of time. Growing organically. We'll do acquisitions if they show up and they make sense, but we're not dependent on it.

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PNC intends to file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 to register the shares of PNC common stock to be issued to the shareholders of FirstBank in connection with the proposed transaction. The Registration Statement will include a Proxy Statement/Prospectus which will be sent to the shareholders of FirstBank in connection with the proposed transaction.

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