



## **Bank One to open 23 branches in Meijer stores in Michigan**

### **Bank's biggest expansion to bring branch total to nearly 280 in state**

DETROIT, Jan. 6, 2006—In the biggest expansion in its Michigan history, Bank One will open 23 new full-service branches in Meijer stores in Metro Detroit and the Grand Rapids area by the end of the year. It will also open 11 stand-alone branches, bringing the total to 34 new Bank One locations in the state.

"The 34 new locations will make Bank One even more convenient for our customers," said Anthony Glover, Bank One's Detroit-based regional manager for consumer banking. "It's particularly exciting to partner with Meijer, a terrific Michigan business that has earned the loyalty of its customers. Our customers will now be able to get a lot accomplished in just one stop."

The Meijer branches will complement Bank One's existing network of 245 traditional branches in Michigan. Each Meijer branch will also have a 24-hour ATM.

The first seven branches in Meijer stores opened during December in Ann Arbor, Greenville, Ionia, Rochester Hills, Westland, Woodhaven and Wyoming. The branches will offer a full-range of banking services, from checking accounts to mortgages and investment services.

"We're pleased that partnering with Bank One will bring more services and convenience to our customers," said Lynn Richardson, real estate manager of Meijer. "Our customers benefit when we join forces with strong brands like Bank One and Chase."

#### **More than 200 employees, managers will be hired**

To staff the 34 branches, Bank One plans to hire about 200 employees to provide personal banking, lending and financial advising services to customers.

This year, Bank One will open 16 branches in Southeast, Central and West Michigan Meijer stores. Bank One also will add to its traditional branch network in Michigan, opening six new branches in 2006 after opening five Michigan locations in December 2005. The 23 Meijer branches and 11 traditional branches will increase Bank One's Michigan branch network to 280 and its ATMs to 300 by the end of 2006.

The branches inside Meijer stores will be located at the front of the stores and will be easy to find for Meijer customers, who shop at the stores two or three times each week. Like each store's greeters, Meijer customers soon will recognize Bank One's personal bankers, who help customers with checking and savings accounts and investments. The Meijer locations will offer extended hours on both weekdays and Saturdays. They will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

"The Meijer locations will give Bank One opportunities to serve its current customers and reach out to new ones," Glover said.

Bank One and Chase operate 200 branches in supermarkets mostly in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana and Texas.

Bank One's Michigan branches will switch to the Chase brand name in 2006, reflecting the merger between Bank One Corp. and JPMorgan Chase & Co.

#### **About Bank One and Chase**

Chase is the U.S. consumer and commercial banking brand of JPMorgan Chase & Co., has more than 100 million credit cards issued and serves consumers and small businesses through more than 2,500 bank branches, 7,100 ATMs and 225 mortgage offices as well as through relationships with over 15,000 auto dealerships, 2,500 schools and universities, and 2,100 insurance agencies. It also serves more than 25,000 commercial banking clients, including corporations, municipalities, financial institutions and not-for-profit entities with annual revenues generally ranging from \$10 million to \$2 billion.

#### **About Meijer**

Meijer is a Michigan-based family owned and operated grocery and general merchandise supercenter retailer operating 171 stores throughout Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. Additional information about Meijer can be found on the Internet at [Meijer.com](http://Meijer.com).

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