

Bank One Merges Customer-Oriented Capital Markets Into Banc One Capital Markets

CHICAGO, April 1, 1999 - BANK ONE CORPORATION today announced that, effective April 1, it has merged all its customer-oriented capital markets capabilities into Banc One Capital Markets, Inc., based in Chicago.

This brings together the extensive underwriting and structuring experience of First Chicago Capital Markets, Inc., and the customer-oriented sales and trading capabilities of Banc One Capital Markets, Inc., formerly based in Columbus, Ohio. It follows the merger of the parent companies, First Chicago NBD Corporation and BANK ONE CORPORATION, in October of 1998.

"Together, we are the premier investment banking firm based between the coasts with all the core products of corporate finance to meet our expanded customer base," said F. Gerald Byrne, now chairman of Banc One Capital Markets. "Bank One's commercial customer base now ranges from smaller companies to multinational corporations, with the largest concentration in middle market and mid-corporate companies.

"We work closely with Bank One's relationship bankers to provide commercial customers with financing solutions tailored to their needs," Byrne said. "We help customers decide whether that should be a syndicated loan, a public debt offering, an asset securitization or a private placement and we help them weigh cost, structure and information-disclosure requirements."

The capital markets name change - from First Chicago Capital Markets - reflects BANK ONE's merger strategy of migrating all names to Bank One. Some non-bank subsidiaries, including Banc One Capital Markets, will use the "Banc" spelling to meet regulatory requirements.

Among the capital markets' capabilities are:

Syndications. With locations in Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Indianapolis and Phoenix, the capital markets group ranked among the top three agents/arrangers in U.S. loan syndications in 1998.

Investment-Grade Securities. Banc One Capital Markets provides clients with a product range that includes corporate notes and bonds; medium-term notes; commercial paper; tax-exempt corporate bonds; preferred stock and affiliate and holding company debt obligations. **High-Yield Securities.** In the last two years, the capital markets group has completed 40 high-yield transactions, representing more than \$10 billion in underwritings. Coordinated origination, sales, trading and research capabilities ensure proper market positioning and placement.

Private Placements. In the last five years, the private placements team has completed more than 250 transactions valued at about \$10 billion.

Asset securitization. As a seasoned participant in asset securitization, Banc One Capital Markets ranks second worldwide in the conduit bank market and is expected to rank in the top 10 in the public market in 1999. In asset securitization, investors rely on the cash flow generated from the specific assets being financed, rather than the operating cash flows of the company. With one of the largest asset-backed security departments in the country, the capital markets group often can lower a company's cost of funds and provide additional liquidity or off-balance sheet financing while maintaining greater confidentiality of information than competing methods of financing.

Tax-Exempt Finance. With 60 professionals serving clients from nine different locations, Banc One Capital Markets is a top three municipal underwriter in nearly every state in BANK ONE's footprint. Including health care, housing, educational and cultural market segments, the capital markets group senior managed more than \$3.6 billion par amount of bonds and notes in 1998. Banc One Capital Markets and its affiliates also act as a remarketing agent for 1,300 variable-rate programs with outstanding par amounts of more than \$10 billion.

In addition, David Meuse, Ron Brooks and several other senior managers of the former Columbus-based operation will be leaving the Corporation to start a new merchant banking company. It will maintain a relationship with BANK ONE by managing a number of mezzanine funds for BANK ONE and it expects to raise \$400 million in two new investment funds, in which BANK ONE expects to be a significant investor.

BANK ONE CORPORATION (NYSE:ONE), headquartered in Chicago, is the nation's fourth largest bank holding company, with assets of more than \$260 billion. BANK ONE offers a full range of financial services to commercial and business customers and consumers. It is a major commercial bank in the United States and in selected international markets.

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Also, the Housing and Healthcare Group of Banc One Capital Markets, Inc. will be merged into Banc One Capital Funding

Corporation, the multifamily subsidiary of Bank One Corporation.