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Bank Watch

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Valuation Lessons Learned from Credit Union & Bank Transactions

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In recent years, credit unions have been increasingly active as acquirers in whole bank and branch transactions. This session focuses on the top considerations for credit unions when assessing and valuing bank and branch franchises in the current environment.

For bankers, this session should enhance your knowledge regarding how credit unions identify potential targets, assess potential opportunities and risks of a bank or branch acquisition, and ultimately determine a valuation range for target banks and branches.

Prepping for a Potentially Big M&A Year

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Barring another recession or material reduction in bank stock valuations in the public markets, M&A activity should improve as 2021 progresses.

However, some boards that would like to sell may have a hard time accepting a lower price versus what was obtainable a couple of years ago.

One way to bridge the bid-ask gap is to consider transactions with more rather than less consideration consisting of the buyer’s common shares. Cash deals “cash-out” shareholders who then reinvest after-tax proceeds. Stock deals allow the target’s shareholders to remain invested in a sector that still trades cheap to longer-term valuations.
WHAT WE’RE READING

As banks release Q1 earnings, S&P’s 2021 community bank report examines how banks are positioned to perform going forward.

After a down year for bank M&A in 2020, the recent spurt of M&A announcements looks set to continue.

Matt Klein at Barron's reviews nine charts on the state of U.S. inflation.
Mercer Capital's Bank Group Index Overview

Regional Index Data

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Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence
### Mercer Capital’s Bank Watch April 2021

#### Median Price/Earnings Multiples

**Target Banks’ Assets <$5B and LTM ROE >5%**

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Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

#### Median Price/Tangible Book Value Multiples

**Target Banks’ Assets <$5B and LTM ROE >5%**

#### Median Core Deposit Multiples

**Target Banks’ Assets <$5B and LTM ROE >5%**

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

#### Median Valuation Multiples for M&A Deals

**Target Banks’ Assets <$5B and LTM ROE >5%, 12 months ended April 26, 2021**

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence
Mercer Capital’s Regional Public Bank Peer Reports offer a closer look at the market pricing and performance of publicly traded banks in the states of five U.S. regions. Click on the map to view the reports from the representative region.
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