



CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA RECEIVES 5-STAR BAUER RATING FOR NINTH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER

MIAMI, FL--(June XX, 2014) –BauerFinancial recently released its bank ratings and for the ninth consecutive quarter City National Bank of Florida (CNB) received a five-star "Superior" rating. This is the highest possible rating and was achieved by only 32% of banks headquartered in Florida.

"BauerFinancial's independent and objective methodology makes it one of the most powerful and credible rating agencies for banks," CNB President and CEO Jorge Gonzalez said. "It is because of the dedication of our people and the loyalty of our clients that City National Bank continues to be evaluated so highly."

Coral Gables-based BauerFinancial, the leading bank ratings firm, has been reporting on and analyzing the performance of U.S. banks and credit unions since 1983. Using federal regulatory data to rate banks based on capital ratio, profit/loss trends, delinquent loans and other factors, it ranks banks from zero to five stars, with five stars signifying its "Superior" rating. Gonzalez added that City National Bank's outstanding asset quality is a critical element that helps it generate great respect.

With more than \$5.1 billion in assets, City National Bank of Florida is the fifth-largest financial institution in Florida. The bank completed a record year in 2013 with \$75.7 million in pre-tax, pre-amortization income. Its first quarter 2014 numbers were also impressive, as assets grew by \$378 million thus surpassing the \$5 billion asset benchmark.

The bank's commitment to the community and client service was recognized by the *South Florida Business Journal* which named CNB "Community Bank of the Year" in 2013 and 2011. In addition, the readers of the *Daily Business Review* voted City National Bank the "Best Community Bank", "Best Business Bank", "Best Bank for Commercial Real Estate Lending", "Best Bank for Jumbo Loans" and a "Top Private Bank" in 2013.

About City National Bank of Florida

Headquartered in Miami, City National Bank (CNB) is the financial institution to which Floridians have turned for more than 65 years. With more than \$5 billion in assets, CNB is the fifth-largest financial institution based in the state. City National Bank is one of the most liquid and best capitalized banks in Florida and is rated 5 stars "Superior" by BauerFinancial. CNB was voted Best Community Bank, Best Business Bank, Best Bank for Commercial Real Estate, Best Bank for Jumbo Loans and a top private bank by the readers of the Daily Business Review. The South Florida Business Journal named it Business of the Year in 2013 and Community Bank of the Year in 2013 and 2011. CNB offers a diversified portfolio of financial products and services at 26 convenient banking centers from Miami-Dade County to the greater Orlando area.