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BEST IN BANKING

WINNER

CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA

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With support from parent company Caja Madrid and with the leadership of President and CEO Jorge Gonzalez, City National Bank of Florida has ramped up its lending and expanded its branch network. The panel of advisers said no other bank has had more of a positive impact on the business community over the past year.

The bank issued just over \$400 million in loans in the first half of 2011, up from \$170 million over the same time the year before. It has also hired 75 employees this year.

Since the beginning of 2010, the bank has expanded its locations by seven to reach 26.

City National Bank earned \$30.1 million in the first nine months of 2011, making it one of the most profitable local banks. That was a turnaround from a significant loss in 2010. Its noncurrent loan ratio declined to 1.9 percent by Sept. 30 to put it in healthy position.

LOCAL/COMMUNITY BANK OF THE YEAR



FILE PHOTOS

City National Bank of Florida ramped up lending and expanded its branch network.

The bank is also involved in the community, with four senior executives participating with the United Way. The company and its employees have been key contributors to the March of Dimes, and Isabel Fernandez, the bank's marketing manager and assistant VP, is on its steering committee.