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**CITY NATIONAL BANK NAMED BEST BANK IN CENTRAL FLORIDA BY THE
READERS OF THE WINTER PARK OBSERVER**

The Ovation Awards honor top business throughout the area

ORLANDO— (May 4, 2015) —Readers of The Winter Park Observer have recognized City National Bank, Florida’s premier private and business bank, for its superior client experience and commitment to the community, voting CNB as the area’s Best Bank.

Each year the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, Park Avenue Merchants Association and Winter Park/Maitland Observer celebrate the local businesses and organizations that make the community exceptional through a unique awards program, The Ovations. The Observer, the leading community newspaper in the affluent city of Winter Park, polled its readers for feedback in 50 different sectors, including Best Law Firm, Best Restaurant, Best Insurance Company and Best Marketing/Public Relations firm. City National Bank (CNB) was the only community bank to make the top of The Observer’s list of finalists – and it emerged winner of the title *Best Bank*.

The other finalists were Wells Fargo and SunTrust.

“We are grateful for the recognition. It is especially gratifying when the honor comes from clients and the community,” Jorge Gonzalez, President and CEO of City National Bank said. “This recognition comes at a great time as we celebrate our fifth anniversary in Central Florida and it’s clear the region has embraced our unique model based on personal relationships and a best-in-class client experience.”

"It is an honor for the Winter Park Chamber to partner with The Observer, whose readers are discerning individuals with varied taste. The Ovation Awards truly are a reflection of what they consider the best of the best," said Patrick Chapin, President/CEO of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce.

City National Bank, a full-service bank, opened its banking centers in Downtown Orlando in Winter Park in 2010. CNB offers Central Florida clients consumer, business, commercial real estate and corporate banking solutions.

The bank's strength and financial performance continues to be recognized by rating agencies. In December, CNB received another five-star "Superior" rating, the highest rating possible, from BauerFinancial, the leading bank ratings firm. This was the bank's eleventh consecutive quarter receiving this coveted rating.

The bank has also been recognized in numerous other ways. CNB won the Outstanding Community Service Award from the South Florida Business Journal and was voted the Best Community Bank by the readers of the Daily Business Review because of its long standing commitment to charitable, civic and community involvement. The readers of the Daily Business Review also voted CNB as the Best Business Bank and Best Private Bank. In addition, CNB's commitment to community is underscored by the "Outstanding" community reinvestment rating it has garnered from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) for the past 12 years.

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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 one of the largest financial institutions 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 Best 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.