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**BANTERRA BANK EXPANDS MISSOURI MARKET TO ST. LOUIS;  
HIRES ROBERT SELLERS TO LEAD THE EFFORTS**

**Marion, IL** – Banterra Bank, with over \$1.2 billion in assets and locations throughout the Midwest, is pleased to announce the opening of a loan production office in Ladue, Missouri. Leading the effort for this new market will be Robert Sellers, with 20+ years in the banking industry.

“Banterra is a strong community bank that has been a leader in the Southern Illinois market for years, and we are gaining momentum in regional markets in Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri,” said Jeff May, President of Banterra Bank. “We are excited to continue that growth into the St. Louis market and know that Robert Sellers is the right person to help us make that happen.”

Robert Sellers joins Banterra Bank as Market Executive. He brings strong financial experience in the St. Louis market, with previous positions at BMO Harris Bank, Bank of America, and UMB Bank.

“I am excited about joining Banterra given their history of helping entrepreneurs grow and compete in their respective industries. It was important to partner with an organization that has a strong balance sheet and values the importance of relationship banking,” said Sellers. “Banterra will be one of the larger community banks in the market with an established commitment to the Midwest region. Given our size and strength, we have the capacity to offer in excess of \$10 million in loans, in combination with traditional treasury services, to St. Louis area businesses.”

Sellers most recently served as Director of Middle Market Banking at BMO Harris Bank (previously Southwest Bank). In this role, Sellers led a team of commercial bankers, analysts and coordinators. Serving at this bank for nine years, Sellers was responsible for managing and developing a portfolio of commercial and industrial loans. His experience includes advising clients in areas of: capital markets, trade services, wealth management, trust and treasury management services.

A resident of Webster Groves, Missouri, Sellers can relate to Banterra’s mission of giving back to the community. He currently volunteers his time on the Board of Commissioners for Tower Grove Park in St. Louis, and volunteered with Junior Achievement and Stray Rescue Animal Shelter. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. He also attended American Banking Association’s National Employee Benefit Trust School at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, Banterra has 30 branches throughout Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri, Southwest Indiana, and Western Kentucky. For more information Robert Sellers at [rwsellers@Banterra.com](mailto:rwsellers@Banterra.com), by phone at 314.724.8823, or go to [www.banterra.com](http://www.banterra.com).

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