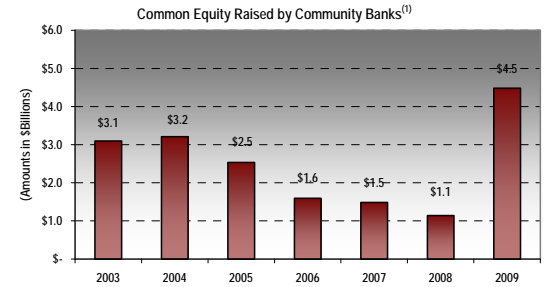


EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATE

The Capital Markets for “Survivors” has Returned.

The year 2009 contained many historic low points for bank and thrift stock valuations brought about by credit quality deterioration, macroeconomic uncertainty, and weekly bank failures. However, several institutional investors viewed this period as an opportunistic time to buy community bank stocks. As a result, fully registered common equity offerings among community banks increased fourfold, from \$1.1 billion in 2008 to \$4.5 billion in 2009, with the majority of the deal volume occurring in the second half of 2009. Howe Barnes believes this trend will continue in 2010 as more banks look to improve their capital position and take advantage of strategic growth opportunities. As a result, the Capital Markets are open for those banks investors which have deemed “survivors” of this unprecedented market downturn.



(1) Defined as all banks and thrifts with total assets less than \$10.0 billion
Source: SNL Financial

While there have been a few select “defensive” capital raises since July 2009, they have been at deep discounts to market and tangible book values. Most successful common offerings have been for banks looking to bolster their capital levels to take advantage of strategic growth opportunities. A typical profile of a community bank that can readily access the capital markets today includes (1) manageable asset quality, (2) strong pre-tax, pre-provision revenue generation, (3) solid pro forma capital position (TCE > 6.0-8.0%), and (4) offensive use of proceeds (strategic organic growth, opportunistic whole bank and branch acquisitions, FDIC assisted transactions).

Median Financial & Pricing Statistics of a Community Bank Issuing Common Equity in 3Q'09 and 4Q'09

| | |
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| LTM Return on Assets | 0.37% |
| NPAs / Assets | 1.98% |
| Reserves / NPAs | 61.6% |
| Tangible Equity / Assets | 8.53% |
| Price / Pro Forma Tangible Book Value | 103% |
| Price Discount (Close to b/f filing) | -16.7% |
| Price Appreciation Since Offering vs. Performance of NASDAQ Bank Index | 21.3% / 3.8% |

Howe Barnes Hoefer & Arnett Expertise. Howe Barnes remains a leader in assisting community banks in raising common equity through the public and private markets. In the third and fourth quarters of 2009, we acted as a lead or co-manager on eight public common equity raises for community banks across the country, ranking us third among full service investment banks by number of transactions. Our proven ability to work *for* and *with* the issuer throughout the registration and marketing process has ensured successful transactions for our clients. Most importantly, our level of commitment to the issuer's stock in the aftermarket is second to none. Since their respective closing dates, the common stocks of the eight issuers Howe Barnes had underwritten in 2009 have increased 23% from the offering price versus 15% for all other common equity offerings*. Our experienced Investment Banking and Equity Capital Markets teams remain committed to raising capital for community banks and thrifts in these unprecedented times.

| Rank | Adviser | Number of Offerings | Amount (\$M) |
|------|--|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. | 17 | 934.5 |
| 2 | Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. | 17 | 799.0 |
| 3 | Howe Barnes Hoefer & Arnett, Inc. | 8 | 108.6 |
| 4 | Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated | 7 | 162.8 |

Note: Includes all common equity raises by community banks since 6/30/09. Deal credit apportioned.
Source: SNL Financial

The following page profiles selected fully registered common equity offerings that were lead or co-managed by Howe Barnes.

*As of January 26, 2010

Note: References to common equity offerings by community banks include all fully registered common equity offerings by banks and thrifts with assets less than \$10 billion at the time of issuance. Statistics to not include thrifts that have undergone a first or second stage conversion.

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HOWE BARNES LEAD AND CO-MANAGED COMMUNITY BANK EQUITY OFFERINGS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2009

INVESTMENT BANKING

December 2009
\$39,588,750




MidSouth Bancorp, Inc.
Lafayette, Louisiana

Issuance of Common Stock
3,105,000 Shares
Price \$12.75 Per Share

*Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett
acted as lead manager*

December 2009
\$25,300,000




American River Bankshares
Rancho Cordova, California

Issuance of Common Stock
4,048,000 Shares
Price \$6.25 Per Share

*Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett
acted as lead manager*

November 2009
\$16,348,751



**PACIFIC PREMIER
BANCORP, INC.**
Costa Mesa, California

Issuance of Common Stock
5,030,385 Shares
Price \$3.25 Per Share

*Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett
acted as sole manager*

November 2009
\$61,632,327




**Lakeland Financial
Corporation**
Warsaw, Indiana

Issuance of Common Stock
3,625,431 Shares
Price \$17.00 Per Share

*Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett
acted as co-manager*

October 2009
\$48,300,000



**PACIFIC CONTINENTAL
CORPORATION**
Eugene, Oregon

Issuance of Common Stock
5,520,000 Shares
Price \$8.75 Per Share

*Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett
acted as co-manager*

September 2009
\$80,500,000




**First United
Bancorp, Inc.**
Boca Raton, Florida

Issuance of Common Stock
16,100,000 Shares
Price \$5.00 Per Share

*Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett
acted as co-manager*

September 2009
\$112,996,125



**HOME
BANCSHARES**
Conway, Arkansas

Issuance of Common Stock
5,692,500 Shares
Price \$19.85 Per Share

*Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett
acted as co-manager*

September 2009
\$201,250,000



mb financial
Chicago, Illinois

Issuance of Common Stock
12,578,125 Shares
Price \$16.00 Per Share

*Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett
acted as co-manager*