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# Letter from the CEO

### STEFAN FREEMAN

### THROUGHOUT 2020 AND 2021, WHEN OTHERS BACKED AWAY, BANKVISTA STEPPED IN WITH A SINCERE DETERMINATION TO HELP!

2020 was an unprecedented year for banking, with the start of the pandemic and the beginning of the "paycheck protection program" (PPP), 2021 became even more overwhelming with the second and third rounds of PPP and the beginning of forgiveness of these loans. It required many long nights by our dedicated, professional staff to navigate the PPP. According to "Independent Community Bankers Association" in a recent article, PPP borrowers who were first rejected from the larger banks, turned to the community banks and we

stepped up in a big way assisting any business who qualified for the assistance. It resulted in tremendous deposit growth for BankVista and good problems for us in deploying those funds into loans. Many of the new PPP applicants became our clients and we are excited to build long term relationships with these business owners.

In a recent Minnesota regional survey, BankVista led our peer group in almost every category! The following are a few highlights of our success:

We helped clients obtain 2180 PPP loans! Of these only 22 remain to be submitted for forgiveness as of December 31, 2021. These loans were designed to help small businesses continue to pay their employees and stay in business during the early covid restrictions. We are so proud of our team and what they accomplished helping our existing clients and many new ones.

Our asset growth for 2021 was an amazing \$55,700,000 (not including PPP loans). PPP loans processed since the start of the program were \$210,000,000. Hard to comprehend but know that it took an incredible effort by our team. Asset quality is well managed as our lending group works effectively to protect the bank's assets.

Pre-tax earnings for 2021 were \$17,546,000 and after tax was \$12,465,000. Pre-tax earnings included one-time PPP fees of \$6,871,000 in 2021. Normal operations produced pre-tax income of \$10,800,000 which exceeded budget by about \$2,800,000. Our best year ever. The 2021 ROAE (return on average equity) was 43% on pre-tax earnings and 31% on after tax, significantly leading our peer group.

Bank capital increased by \$10,000,000 to \$45,300,000. This is after paying a dividend to the Holding company of \$2,500,000 (used to pay down Holding company debt by \$1,000,000 and a special dividend to shareholders of \$1.11 per share).

BankVista named "SBA Lender of the Year" in our asset class for the 6th consecutive year and BankVista also earned the designation as #1 Lender in the State of Minnesota (regardless of asset class) for the 2nd consecutive year.

WE WANT TO SHARE OUR GENUINE APPRECIATION TO OUR CLIENTS, OLD AND NEW, WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU.

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# Financial Highlights

December 31, 2021

(Unaudited)

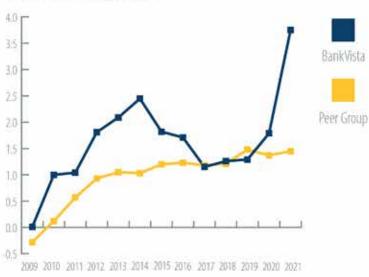
#### Assets

Cash and Balances Due From Depository Institutions	\$ 77,435,000
Investments	\$ 12,941,000
Loans and Leases	\$ 375,842,000
Less: Allowance for Loan and Lease Loss	\$ (6,627,000)
Other Assets	
Total Assets	\$ 471,597,000

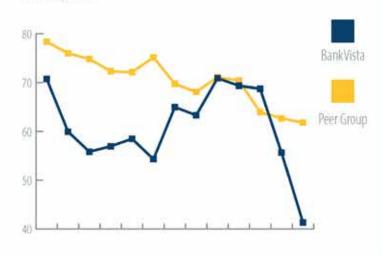
### Liabilities and Equity Capital

Deposits	\$ 400,260,000
Borrowings and Other Liabilities	\$ 26,344,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 426,604,000
Equity Capital	\$ 44,993,000
Total Liabilities & Equity Capital	\$ 471,597,000
Pre-Tax Net Income (Loss)	\$ 17,549,000
Net Income After Taxes	\$ 12,469,000

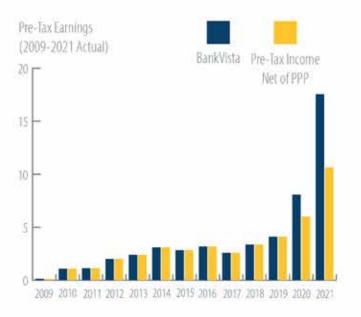
#### Pretax Return on Average Assets

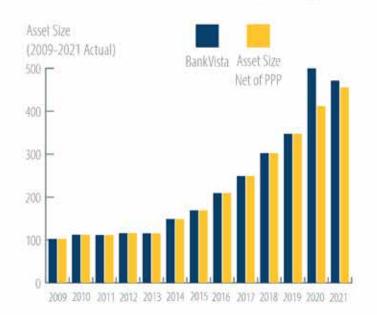


#### Efficiency Ratio



2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021





# MN SBA Lender of the Year









On September 9th, BankVista accepted an award for

MN SBA LENDER OF THE YEAR



RANKED #1 in Total Dollar Value of Loans Originated AND for Number of Loans Originated



OVER \$208 MILLION IN PPP LOANS FORGIVEN

Zeroing in on 100% (2135+) of total PPP loans forgiven



THOUSANDS OF BUSINESSES HELPED AND JOBS SAVED DURING THE PANDEMIC



# **Real Estate Mortgages**





BANKVISTA COMPLETED OVER 330 MORTGAGE LOANS IN 2021

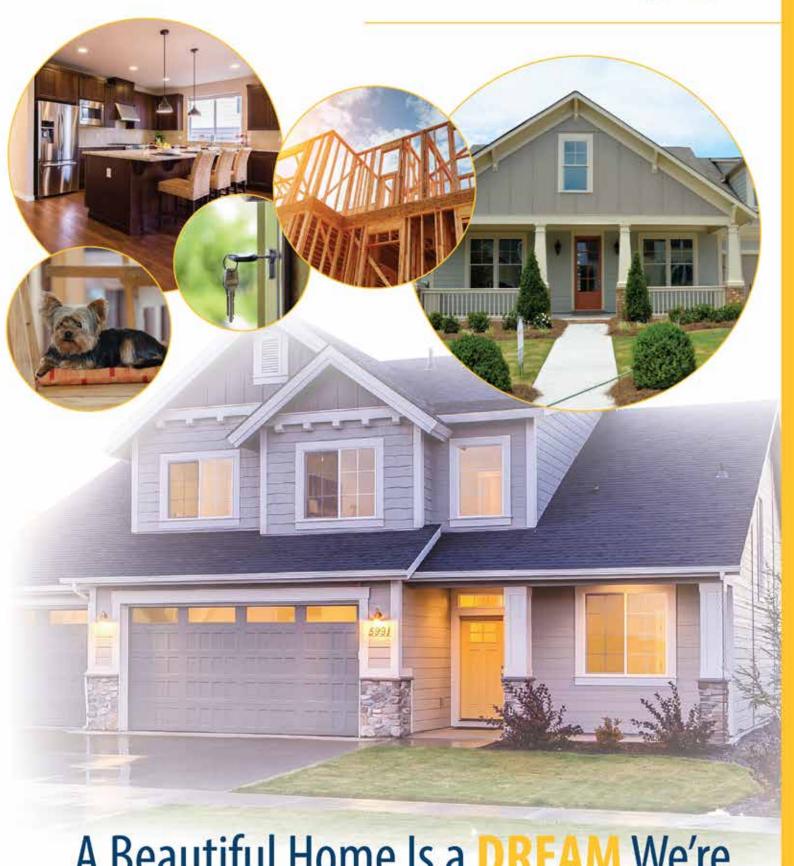


TOTAL
MORTGAGE
LOAN DOLLARS
EQUALS \$95
MILLION



HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES HELPED TO PURCHASE, REFINANCE, OR NAVIGATE NEW CONSTRUCTION MORTGAGES

# **Real Estate Mortgages**



A Beautiful Home Is a DREAM We're Here to Help You ACHIEVE.

# Our Core Values Center Around GREATNESS





2021 ICBA
INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY
BANKERS OF AMERICA
TOP LENDER AWARD

BANKVISTA'S CLIENT EXPERIENCE AWARD WINNERS PICTURED



### MINNESOTA SBA LENDER OF THE YEAR

6 in a Row '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21

2021 MBA Community Champion Recognition







19 GREAT New Hires

New Positions Created





### 2021 MINNESOTA 500

Named COO
Robyn L. Holthaus
THE MOST INFLUENTIAL
BUSINESS LEADERS IN
MINNESOTA

#### SENIOR LEADERSHIP

#### **Stefan Freeman**

President, CEO

#### **Robyn Holthaus**

SVP, Chief Operating Officer

#### **Amy Meyer**

SVP, Chief Financial Officer, CCO

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President, Mankato Market NMLS# 1407852

#### Lon Hand

President, Chaska Market NMLS# 446531

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SVP, Small Business Division

#### **LouAnn Peterson**

SVP, Mortgage Division NMLS# 662815

#### **Michael Phillips**

SVP, Commercial Lender

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