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U.S. Century Bank Announces Promotions



Samuel Milne



Abel Montuori

MIAMI, **January 2, 2008** – U.S. Century Bank announces that Samuel Milne and Abel Montuori have been promoted to First Executive Vice Presidents at the Miami-based community bank.

As U.S. Century Bank First Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Samuel Milne oversees all facets of financial reporting and analysis for the bank as well as the development, analysis and interpretation of statistical and accounting information in order to appraise operating results in terms of profitability, performance against budget, and other matters bearing on the fiscal soundness and operating effectiveness of the bank. Milne has more than 30 years of financial management, analysis and reporting experience in the banking and financial services industries. He joined U.S. Century Bank at its inception in 2002. Prior to joining the bank, Milne was with 21st Century Holding Company where he served as Chief Financial Officer. He was previously Chief Financial Officer at BankUnited and Chief Financial Officer at Consolidated Bank. His banking experience began at Southeast Banking where he served as Senior Vice President of finance. Milne began his career in accounting at Arthur Andersen. He earned his bachelor degree in engineering and his masters in business administration from Tulane University.

A 24-year banking veteran, Abel Montuori is First Executive Vice President, Senior Lending Officer for U.S. Century Bank. He is responsible for the bank's commercial and consumer lending efforts. Prior to joining U.S. Century Bank in 2002, Montuori was with First Bank of Miami where he managed the bank's consumer and commercial lending divisions. He previously served as senior lending officer at Bankers Savings Bank. He began his banking career in 1980 at Biscayne Bank and was later at the Bank of Coral Gables. Montuori obtained a degree in banking from Louisiana State University's Graduate School of banking.

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"We are excited to promote these two banking executives who have been with U.S. Century Bank since its inception in 2002. Milne and Montuori have made important contributions to the bank and are very dedicated to their professions," said Octavio Hernandez, U.S. Century Bank vice chairman, president and CEO. "Their continued support and effort is pivotal to the bank's continued growth and success," he added.

Established in 2002, U.S. Century Bank is one of the 10 largest community banks headquartered in Miami, with assets of \$1.7 billion. Through its network of 22 branch locations and its online banking platform, it offers its customers a wide range of financial products and services. U.S. Century Bank is the recipient of the 2008 Beacon Award in Financial Services and a 2008 Outstanding Minority Business Award from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. It received a five-star rating from *Bauer Financial* and was rated one of the top three strongest banks in Florida by *TheStreet.com*, a New York-based financial news and analysis company. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, call (305) 715-5200 or visit www.uscentury.com.

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Editor's Note: Sam Milne resides in Palmetto Bay
Abel Montuori resides in North Miami