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Kochka Named New Chief Lending Officer at Meridian Bank

Malvern, Pa. (January 26, 2017) – Meridian Bank announced the promotion of Charles Kochka to Executive Vice President, Chief Lending Officer. Kochka will oversee all of Meridian’s commercial and consumer lending, as well as the merchant processing and payments group. He will also be involved in planning and implementing the Bank’s strategic plans for portfolio and deposit growth. He replaces Joseph L. Cafarchio, who will assume the position of Chief Credit Officer.

Kochka started at Meridian Bank in 2010 and has more than 30 years’ experience in commercial lending in the Delaware Valley. He currently serves on the board of Seedcopa and is the Board Chair of United Way of Chester County. He has also served as the Board Chair of the West Chester YMCA, and in 2015 was awarded the Gary R. Green Community Impact Award by the YMCA of Greater Brandywine.

“Charlie’s comprehensive knowledge of the market, breadth of lending experience and dedication to serving our customers has prepared him ideally for his new role as Chief Lending Officer,” said Meridian CEO Chris Annas. “He’ll provide the continuity essential to maintain Meridian’s steady growth and outstanding loan portfolio metrics, which have put us in the top tier of community banks.”



Headquartered in Malvern, PA, Meridian Bank serves Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware with a comprehensive array of banking services. In addition to a robust business banking platform, Meridian’s specialties include commercial and consumer real estate financing, residential mortgages, investment and wealth management services, retail banking and electronic payments processing.