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Meridian Wealth Partners Named Top DC Advisor Team, Adds Taxation & Private Banking Specialists

Blue Bell, Pa. (February 28, 2019) – Meridian Wealth Partners, a registered investment advisory subsidiary of Meridian Bank, announced that it has been named one of the nation's top retirement plan (defined contribution (DC)) Advisor Teams, and that it has recently added a Private Banker and a taxation specialist to better serve its clients.

Mary Ann Messmer joined Meridian Bank as Senior Vice President, Head of Private Banking. In this new role, Messmer will provide personalized lending and custom banking solutions to high-net-worth individuals. Prior to Meridian, Messmer was a co-founder of First Priority Bank where she led its private banking and business development.



Peter Derby, CPA, joined Meridian Wealth Partners as Director. Derby's comprehensive understanding of tax will provide Meridian Wealth Partners clients with income and estate tax planning expertise. This helps reduce the impact of taxes on their financial planning. Previously with the accounting firm Drucker & Scaccetti, P.C., Derby has nearly two decades of experience in tax and financial planning for high-net-worth individuals.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mary Ann and Peter to Meridian," said Brian Kohute, Managing Director of Meridian Wealth Partners. "Mary Ann and Peter are well-respected leaders in their fields, and their years of expertise will add tremendous value to our clients."

Both Messmer and Derby will operate out of Meridian's Blue Bell office at 653 West Skippack Pike.

Meridian Wealth Partners was also recognized as one of the nation's top 401(k) Retirement Plan Advisor Teams, also known as Defined Contribution plans or DC, by the National Association of Plan Advisors (NAPA).

"Since their inception, NAPA's various industry lists have been a valuable Who's Who of who matters in the world of retirement plans and retirement plan advisors," noted Nevin Adams, Chief Content Officer of the American Retirement Association.

This year's list, which focuses on firms with at least \$100 million in assets under management, represents more than \$640 billion in retirement plan assets under advisement.

“Meridian Wealth Partners is honored to receive this nationwide recognition from NAPA.” said Jay Heller, Managing Director. “Serving retirement plans as a ERISA 3(38) Fiduciary, along with our proprietary Progression of Wealth® financial planning system, which takes a uniquely comprehensive approach in guiding clients toward achieving their goals for retirement, has played a vital part in our success as one of the nation’s top Retirement Plan Advisor Teams.”

About Meridian Wealth Partners

Meridian Wealth Partners is a SEC registered investment advisor that helps high net worth clients and 401(k) plan sponsors and participants build and protect their retirement with confidence.

About Meridian Bank

Meridian Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Meridian Corporation, is an innovative community bank serving Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware with a full suite of financial products and services. Meridian Bank specializes in business and industrial lending, retail and commercial real estate lending, electronic payments, and, through Meridian Wealth Partners, wealth management solutions. Meridian Bank also has a broad menu of depository products supported by robust online and mobile access. Meridian Corporation is listed on NASDAQ under symbol MRBK. Learn more at www.meridianbanker.com. Equal Housing Lender. Member FDIC.