

Silicon Valley Bank Introduces First Tech Investors Forum

Premier, Independent Forum for Small-Cap Investors and Fast-Growth Technology Companies

SANTA CLARA, Calif., March 30, 2004 — Silicon Valley Bank, a subsidiary of Silicon Valley Bancshares (Nasdaq: SIVB), announced its first Tech Investors Forum, targeting institutional and private equity investors and high-growth, public and private technology companies. The event, which will take place September 8-9, 2004 at the Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco, will offer investors one-on-one access to in-demand management teams in an independent environment.

As the premier financial services provider dedicated to fast-growth technology companies, Silicon Valley Bank is in a unique position to bring together the best high-growth companies in the marketplace with small-cap investors looking for prospective investment opportunities. Seventy-five percent of the presenting companies at the Forum will be public, representing some of the most promising companies in their industries.

The two-day, invitation-only forum will feature presentations from high-growth companies, business luminaries and inspirational speakers:

- Presentations by over 80 selected, high-growth companies, vetted by a selection committee, including Larry Sonsini of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Roger McNamee of Integral Capital Partners, and Sandy Robertson of Francisco Partners
- A keynote presentation from Eric Benhamou, chairman of the board of directors of 3Com Corporation, palmOne and PalmSource, Inc.
- An address by Pat Riley, president and former head coach, Miami HEAT
- Commentary by leaders in the venture capital industry

Attendees will also enjoy an exclusive wine tasting featuring select pours from Silicon Valley Bank's Ultra-Premium Winery clients.

"Silicon Valley Bank is well known for helping its emerging, venture-backed clientele grow and succeed. What is not commonly known is that SVB is also the bank of choice for one of every five small-cap companies listed on the Nasdaq exchange," said Silvia Fernandez, forum chair, Silicon Valley Bank. "Our ability to bring the hottest fast-growth tech companies directly to interested investors is unmatched and we're looking forward to creating meaningful connections and opportunities for participants in this forum."

For more information about the Tech Investors Forum, please visit www.svb.com.

About Silicon Valley Bank

Silicon Valley Bank provides diversified financial services to emerging growth and mature companies in the technology, life science, private equity and premium wine markets. Through its focus on specialized markets and extensive knowledge of the people and business issues driving them, Silicon Valley Bank provides a level of service and partnership that measurably impacts its clients' success. Founded in 1983 and headquartered in Santa Clara, Calif., the company serves more than 9,500 clients across the country through 27 regional offices. More information on the company can be found at www.svb.com.

