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Park National Bank named #1 Best Bank in Ohio by *Forbes*

NEWARK, Ohio – Park National Bank (Park) has been named the #1 Best Bank in Ohio by *Forbes* in its 2024 list of America’s Best Banks. This recognition reflects the bank’s unwavering commitment to blend digital elegance and human empathy to create exceptional customer service experiences and offer trusted financial guidance.

Forbes, in collaboration with market research firm Statista, conducted an extensive survey of approximately 26,000 U.S. residents. According to *Forbes*, participants rated their financial institutions on various factors, including customer service, fee structures, digital offerings, financial advice and overall trust. Park emerged as the top-ranked bank in Ohio, distinguishing itself from other banks evaluated in the state.

“This recognition is a testament to the focus and dedication of our associates and the faith and trust our customers place in us. We are honored to be named the best bank in Ohio by *Forbes*,” said David Trautman, Park National Bank chairman and CEO. “Our focus has always been on providing exceptional service and value to the customers and communities we serve. We humbly acknowledge this recognition as a signal that we are making progress; we remain eager to serve more.”

Park has built its strong reputation over decades through a steadfast commitment to integrity, personalized service and community engagement. The bank has deep-rooted relationships within its communities, earning trust through reliable financial advice and support. This customer-centric approach has enabled Park to stand out and become a trusted partner for individuals, families and businesses.

In the *Forbes* article, Park customer Leslie Weist of Michael Bryne Manufacturing was interviewed. Weist said, “Having someone local that you can call, meet with face-to-face ... you really do build that relationship.” Her Park banker spent time in the manufacturing offices discussing financing and made Weist aware of options available through the state which helped secure a lower interest rate for the loan.

More information about Park and its services is available at parknationalbank.com.

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About Park National Bank

Headquartered in Newark, Ohio, Park National Corporation has \$9.9 billion in total assets (as of June 30, 2024). Park’s banking operations are conducted through its subsidiary, The Park National Bank. Other Park subsidiaries are Scope Leasing, Inc. (d.b.a. Scope Aircraft Finance), Guardian Financial Services Company (d.b.a. Guardian Finance Company) and SE Property Holdings, LLC.