M&A Transaction Announcement

First Bank of Alabama has acquired 2 branches from Southern States Bank

Transaction Profile

Advised Acquirer



Has acquired 2 branches from

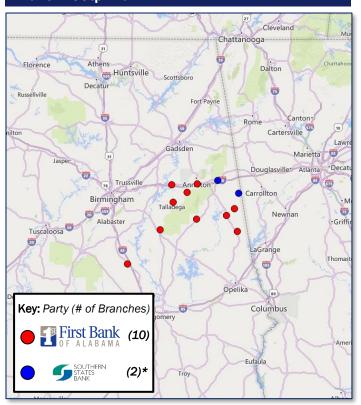


The undersigned served as financial advisor to Firstbanc of Alabama Inc., parent of First Bank of Alabama

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Branch Footprint



*Map is reflective of branches being acquired by First Bank of Alabama

First Bank of Alabama ("FBA"), subsidiary of Firstbanc of Alabama, Inc. and Southern States Bank ("Southern States"), subsidiary of Southern States Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQGS: SSBK) announced that FBA has acquired the physical locations and most of the loan and deposit accounts associated with 2 of Southern States' branches.

Olsen Palmer LLC served as financial advisor to Firstbanc of Alabama Inc.

With the completion of the transaction, FBA has total assets of approximately \$930 million and twelve full-service branch locations.

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Transaction Summary and Valuation Multiples

Agreement Date	May 23, 2022
Closing Date	October 1, 2022
Number of Branches	2
Loans Purchased	Not disclosed
Deposits Assumed	\$68.2 MM
Deposit Premium	Not disclosed
	Note: Deposits acquired per FDIC as of June 30, 2022.

Financial and Operating Summary		
	First Bank	SOUTHERN STATES BANK
Location	Talladega, AL	Anniston, AL
County	Talladega	Calhoun
Year Established	1848	2007
CEO	Chad Jones	Mark Chambers
Branches	10	15
Assets (\$MM)	\$855.9	\$1,904.8

Note: Information as of Q2 2022. Source: S&P Global.

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