

News Release

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Wilmington Trust Named Favorite Bank in Delaware by Readers of The News Journal

Wilmington, DE, November 19, 2008 – Wilmington Trust, Delaware’s leading retail and commercial bank, announced that it has been named “Favorite Bank in Delaware” by readers of ***The News Journal*** in the newspaper’s annual Readers’ Choice Awards survey.

Readers of the newspaper’s print and online editions voted in the annual survey for their favorites in categories including entertainment, professional services, food and spirits, and shopping.

“For 105 years, it has been Wilmington Trust’s great privilege to serve the financial needs of generations of Delawareans,” said Robert V.A. Harra Jr., president and chief operating officer of Wilmington Trust. “It is humbling to know the value our clients place in us and how we serve them. On behalf of the men and women of Wilmington Trust, we thank ***The News Journal*** and its readers for our selection as Delaware’s favorite bank. As always, we will continue to do everything we can to earn their trust.”

The News Journal, published in Wilmington, Delaware, is the state’s largest-circulation daily newspaper. It is part of Gannett Co., Inc., which publishes 85 daily newspapers, including ***USA TODAY***[®], and nearly 900 non-daily publications.

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory Services for high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client Services for institutional clients in 86 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam.

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