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FROM OUR PUBLISHER

After honoring more than 175 winners in 51 categories in our inaugural Reader Rankings program in 2017, Finance & Commerce built upon that success in 2018.

We made numerous changes to the process to improve the validity of the contest and to offer more opportunities for you to participate, including two rounds of voting.

This year we not only asked our readers to vote for their favorite companies but to also help us identify companies to be included on the ballot. We collected several hundred nominations during the process.

Following the nomination round, the companies that received the most nomination votes were selected to advance to the voting ballot. Voting ran from July 17 through August 7.

Again, several hundred votes were cast and winners were selected in more than 60 categories.

The Top Winners are being revealed for the first time in this publication. Winners were chosen in a variety of categories including dining and entertainment, commercial mortgage lender, commercial real estate brokerage, green vendor, local brewery, real estate law firm, structural engineering firm, and more!

Whether you're looking for a great place to entertain clients, an expert who can help you with legal or financial guidance, or a new partner for a construction project, there's a business that is highly recommended by other Minnesotans who read Finance & Commerce.

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St. Louis Park, MN

[excelsiorllc.com](http://excelsiorllc.com)

### 2. Commercial Partners Exchange Company, LLC.

Minneapolis, MN

[www.cpec1031.com](http://www.cpec1031.com)

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Eagan, MN

[kwcmidwest.com](http://kwcmidwest.com)

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[bakertilly.com](http://bakertilly.com)

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[redpathcpas.com](http://redpathcpas.com)

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[www.shenehon.com](http://www.shenehon.com)

### 2. CBRE

Minneapolis, MN

[www.cbre.us](http://www.cbre.us)

### 3. MN Real Estate Appraisal Services

Roseville, MN

[www.mnreappraisals.com](http://www.mnreappraisals.com)

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[www.kaaswilson.com](http://www.kaaswilson.com)

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St. Paul, MN

[www.newstudioarchitecture.com](http://www.newstudioarchitecture.com)

### 3. bdh+young interiors | architecture

Edina, MN

[www.bdhyoung.com](http://www.bdhyoung.com)

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[www.eriksbikeshop.com](http://www.eriksbikeshop.com)

### 2. Penn Cycle & Fitness

Minneapolis, MN

[www.penncycle.com](http://www.penncycle.com)

### 3. SPOKES

St. Bonifacius, MN

[www.spokesmn.com](http://www.spokesmn.com)

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**Minneapolis, MN**

[www.henhouseeatery.com](http://www.henhouseeatery.com)

### 2. The Original Pancake House

Minnetonka, MN

[www.originalpancakehouse.com](http://www.originalpancakehouse.com)

### 3. Bad Waitress

Minneapolis, MN

[thebadwaitress.com](http://thebadwaitress.com)

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[www.hellskitcheninc.com](http://www.hellskitcheninc.com)

### 2. The Original Pancake House

Minnetonka, MN

[www.originalpancakehouse.com](http://www.originalpancakehouse.com)

### 3. Manny's Steakhouse

Minneapolis, MN

[mannyssteakhouse.com](http://mannyssteakhouse.com)



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[www.bridgewaterbankmn.com](http://www.bridgewaterbankmn.com)

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Wayzata, MN

[www.tcfbank.com](http://www.tcfbank.com)

### 3. Wells Fargo

Minneapolis, MN

[www.wellsfargo.com](http://www.wellsfargo.com)

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St. Paul, MN

[kincaids.com](http://kincaids.com)

### 2. The Capital Grille

Minneapolis, MN

[www.thecapitalgrille.com](http://www.thecapitalgrille.com)

### 3. Lela Restaurant

Bloomington, MN

[www.lelarestaurant.com](http://www.lelarestaurant.com)

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Prior Lake, MN

[www.mysticlake.com](http://www.mysticlake.com)

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Hinckley, MN

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### 3. Grand Casino Mille Lacs

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Minneapolis, MN

[www.cbre.us](http://www.cbre.us)

### 3. KimbleCo

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# TCF's commercial division focused on clients, growth

By KATE LEIBSLE

Trish Kelly is relatively new to Minneapolis, having just moved here about a year and a half ago, but the executive vice president and managing director of TCF Commercial Banking is a veteran with a more-than-30-year career in the industry. It's that experience that is helping her and her team build the commercial division of TCF Bank.

TCF Bank's commitment to its commercial banking customers includes a wide portfolio of products and services from capital funding to treasury management to commercial real estate and middle market lending. The division's customers are primarily owner/operator companies in manufacturing, wholesale and distribution, self-storage, health care and senior care as well as commercial real estate such as retail properties and offices buildings, multifamily housing, industrial and warehouse spaces, and nonprofits.

What's the secret to TCF's success? Kelly said it is her team and their commitment to customers.

"We know their businesses almost as well as they do," Kelly said. "I was recently at a storage conference and was so impressed and proud that customers cited our team for being experts."

TCF commercial bankers are focused on finding the right loan or right solution for customers.

"We want to know the business plan," she said. "We want to sit at the table and to help them achieve their goals."

TCF has been involved in a number of high-profile projects throughout the Twin Cities, including the renovation of Treasure Island Center, a mixed-use business devel-



**R. Patricia "Trish" Kelly**

Trish Kelly is executive vice president and managing director of TCF Commercial Banking. Kelly is responsible for leading TCF's commercial banking business and oversees all aspects of business development, relationship management and operations.

opment that includes TRIA Rink, the new Minnesota Wild rooftop ice rink and training facility in downtown St. Paul.

The development aligns with the bank's desire to be an important part of its communities and to revitalize existing buildings and areas, Kelly said in a release about the project.

Today, the development is open and thriving with a Tim Horton's and Walgreens already open.

"The revitalization of the former Macy's building as a new, mixed-use development will greatly improve downtown St. Paul and the surrounding area," she said last year.

Kelly also is proud that TCF employees are involved in their communities on a per-



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TCF is a Wayzata-based national bank holding company.

sonal level.

Employees spend a lot of time outside the office serving nonprofits.

"The people in the commercial bank have a lot of core character," she said.

A survey within the team showed that the number of the more than 200 employees in the division who were volunteering in the community was "overwhelming and, quite frankly, touching," Kelly said.

Moving forward, TCF is looking to increase its hold and expertise in the industry's where it also excels.

"We are focused on growing in the businesses we're in, both geographically and in depth of market presence, and also in

additional lines of business that we aren't in today," she said.

TCF Commercial Banking work already extends outside the Twin Cities with offices in Madison, Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Denver, Chicago and Detroit.

The bank's efforts are seeing results. With on-boarding of more than 50 new businesses in the past 15 months, Kelly sees a tipping point.

"Our clients are our best advocates and our clients are, quite frankly, our biggest business developers," she said. "(Our clients) tell others and our growth and reputation are becoming exponentially stronger with every quarter."



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[www.bridgewaterbankmn.com](http://www.bridgewaterbankmn.com)

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[www.midcountrybank.com](http://www.midcountrybank.com)

### 3. Venture Mortgage of Minnesota

Edina, MN

[www.venturemortgage.com](http://www.venturemortgage.com)

## Best Commercial Real Estate Brokerage

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[www.davisrealestatemn.com](http://www.davisrealestatemn.com)

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Bloomington, MN

[www.cushmanwakefield.com](http://www.cushmanwakefield.com)

### 3. Kraus Anderson

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Bloomington, MN

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## MidCountry Bank keeps its focus on its community

BY KATE LEIBSLE

Steve Meads knows that banking customers have many choices in the Twin Cities. As president and chief executive officer of MidCountry Bank, he works hard to make sure that more of them are selecting his bank.

Why does he think MidCountry stands out?

"We have knowledgeable people, we can make quick decisions, and we are easy to do business with," he said.

MidCountry has a long history in the Twin Cities. It was formed in 2003 with the acquisition/merger of four banks but has a 100-year history before that. The bank, with \$775 million in assets, currently serves the central Minnesota region through a network of 15 full-service branch offices.

While the bank is interested in helping customers with all their financial needs, there are a number of areas of emphasis these days: commercial real estate, business banking and home mortgages, particularly for first-time homebuyers.

"Our strengths are in those niches," Meads said. "We really make a conscious effort to focus on them in this competitive marketplace."

"We are lucky in the Twin Cities to have a very diversified economy. We are strong in health care, agricultural, technology,

education and manufacturing. We aren't dependent on just one industry. We have an overall, vibrant economy."

Meads wants to continue growing the bank. For him, that means having the right people, focusing investments on the best technology and keeping paperwork to a minimum.

"Regulations drive so much of what we do," he said. "We really feel like we present all the information in a thoughtful manner, and walk our customers through it in an easy-to-understand way."

"The easier the processes are, the faster we can help them."

Meads emphasizes the community bank aspect of MidCountry's mission. Community service extends to the community through partnerships with organizations such as the Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity. This summer the bank announced plans to partner with Habitat to help build a home for a veteran family in St. Cloud.

The bank has a demonstrated commitment to veterans causes. Last spring more than 50 MidCountry team members joined with Rebuilding Together Twin Cities to do repairs on a veteran's home.

The home, located in the Bryant neighborhood of south Minneapolis, has been the veteran's for more than 16 years. It has been in



**Steve Meads**

Steve Meads joined MidCountry Bank as President and CEO in 2010. His humbly confident leadership serves him well, driving success at MidCountry as well as its sister company, Pioneer Services, a specialty consumer finance company serving the military community. Meads built his banking career in the Twin Cities, with increasing management oversight for several financial institutions prior to assuming his current role.

her family for more than 70 years. The team completed projects such as priming, painting and staining, carpet removal, laminate floor installation, fixing windows, etc.

The bank was recognized by the Minnesota Bankers Association earlier this year for its efforts. MidCountry was one of



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**MidCountry Bank's administrative headquarters are in Bloomington.**

38 banks to receive the association's Community Champions designation.

The bank wants to find customers the right product for the

right solution, Meads said.

"We are not a large, regional bank," Meads said. "We want to know our customers; to build relationships."



## Best Commercial Real Estate Developer/Partner

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**Minneapolis, MN**  
**[www.ryancompanies.com](http://www.ryancompanies.com)**

- 2. Cushman & Wakefield  
Bloomington, MN  
[www.cushmanwakefield.com](http://www.cushmanwakefield.com)
- 3. Doran Companies  
Bloomington, MN  
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**Mendota Heights, MN**  
**[cemstone.com](http://cemstone.com)**

- 2. Northland Concrete and Masonry  
Shakopee, MN  
[www.northlandconcreteandmasonry.com](http://www.northlandconcreteandmasonry.com)
- 3. Ryan Companies  
Minneapolis, MN  
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## Best Construction Law Firm

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**Minneapolis, MN**  
**[www.larkinhoffman.com](http://www.larkinhoffman.com)**

- 2. Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thomson P.A.  
Minneapolis, MN  
[fwhtlaw.com](http://fwhtlaw.com)
- 2. Messerli Kramer  
Minneapolis, MN  
[messerlikramer.com](http://messerlikramer.com)

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**Plymouth, MN**  
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Minneapolis, MN  
[www.greinermn.com](http://www.greinermn.com)
- 3. Gardner Builders  
Minneapolis, MN  
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**[www.krausanderson.com](http://www.krausanderson.com)**

- 2. Ryan Companies  
Minneapolis, MN  
[www.ryancompanies.com](http://www.ryancompanies.com)
- 3. Mortenson Construction  
Minneapolis, MN  
[www.mortenson.com](http://www.mortenson.com)
- 3. Doran Companies  
Bloomington, MN  
[dorancompanies.com](http://dorancompanies.com)

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**Minneapolis, MN**  
**[surlybrewing.com](http://surlybrewing.com)**

- 2. Indeed Brewing Company  
Minneapolis, MN  
[www.indeedbrewing.com](http://www.indeedbrewing.com)
- 3. Castle Danger Brewery  
Two Harbors, MN  
[www.castledangerbrewery.com](http://www.castledangerbrewery.com)



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**Minneapolis, MN**

**[www.thecapitalgrille.com](http://www.thecapitalgrille.com)**

### 2. Meritage

St. Paul, MN

**[www.meritage-stp.com](http://www.meritage-stp.com)**

### 3. Hai Hai

Minneapolis, MN

**[www.haihaimpls.com](http://www.haihaimpls.com)**

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**Minneapolis, MN**

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### 2. Egan Company

Brooklyn Park, MN

**[www.eganco.com](http://www.eganco.com)**

### 3. Collins Electric

St. Paul, MN

**[www.collinsmn.com](http://www.collinsmn.com)**

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**[bkbm.com](http://bkbm.com)**

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Minneapolis, MN

**[braunintertec.com](http://braunintertec.com)**

### 3. WSB & Associates, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

**[www.wsbeng.com](http://www.wsbeng.com)**

### 3. Meyer Borgman Johnson

Minneapolis, MN

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## Best Equipment Rental

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**Shakopee, MN**

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**[stonemurphy.com](http://stonemurphy.com)**

### 2. Talon Performance Group, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

**[www.talonperformancegroup.com](http://www.talonperformancegroup.com)**

### 2. LymanDoran

Minneapolis, MN

**[www.lymandoran.com](http://www.lymandoran.com)**

### 2. SkyWater Search Partners Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

**[www.skywatersearch.com](http://www.skywatersearch.com)**

### 3. Versique Search and Consulting

Minneapolis, MN

**[www.versique.com](http://www.versique.com)**

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**Savage, MN**

**[fabconprecast.com](http://fabconprecast.com)**

### 2. MG McGrath, Inc.

Maplewood, MN

**[mgmcgrath.com](http://mgmcgrath.com)**

### 3. J L Schwieters Construction

Hugo, MN

**[www.jlschwieters.com](http://www.jlschwieters.com)**

## Best Family Amusement

### 1. Science Museum of Minnesota

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**St. Paul, MN**

**[www.smm.org](http://www.smm.org)**

### 2. Minnesota Zoo

Apple Valley, MN

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### 3. Valleyfair

Shakopee, MN

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St. Paul, MN

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### 3. A & J Group Hardwood Flooring

Maple Grove, MN

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Chaska, MN

[www.hazeltinenational.com](http://www.hazeltinenational.com)

### 3. Legends Golf Club

Prior Lake, MN

[www.legendsgc.com](http://www.legendsgc.com)

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Minneapolis, MN

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### 2. Tech Dump

St. Paul, MN

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Minneapolis, MN

[bettydangers.com](http://bettydangers.com)

### 2. CRAVE American Kitchen & Sushi Bar

Minneapolis, MN

[craveamerica.com](http://craveamerica.com)

### 3. Mercy Bar & Dining Room

Minneapolis, MN

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