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#### **GULFSIDE BANK FUNDS ADVENTURE PARK IN LAKEWOOD RANCH Urban Air franchisee to open its third Southwest Florida location**

SARASOTA, FL (October 7, 2025) - Gulfside Bank, a full-service community bank based in Sarasota, helped a local franchise owner pull together the funding needed to open a new Urban Air Adventure Park in Lakewood Ranch this month.



“Working with Gulfside Bank was a great experience,” says Michael Tucci, co-owner of Urban Air adventure parks in New Tampa and Brandon, as well as the new Lakewood Ranch location. “We worked together to finance the Brandon location in 2022, so when it was time to expand again, naturally, I turned to them once more.”

Located on Professional Parkway near I-75, the new building spans over 60,000 square feet, making it the largest of over 100 Urban Air facilities in North America. It will feature attractions including laser tag, virtual reality, a sky rider zipline, a slide park, and mini go carts, as well as the first air court at any Urban Air location.

Tucci says that of all his Urban Air locations, Lakewood Ranch presented the largest number of challenges surrounding finding a suitable location. “There just weren’t as many readily available big-box spaces in the Sarasota and Manatee County area as there were in Hillsborough County as we were looking. So, when we finally decided to buy and build from the ground-up we needed to find property that was not only well located and large enough for our ambitious plans, but that either had the necessary zoning or that could be zoned for our use.”

“Getting sufficient financing for small businesses has always been a challenge, but it seems like it’s become even more difficult in recent years,” says David Newton, Gulfside’s Director of Guaranteed Government Lending. “In particular, the Lakewood Ranch project required us to get creative in ways we hadn’t had to do for the Brandon location. But fortunately for Michael and his team, we’ve got a ton of experience doing exactly that, thinking outside of the box. We started at the very beginning where we were able to assist him in identifying several potential sites that could support the planned scope of the project. Once the location was settled on, Michael’s team and Gulfside Bank worked together to navigate the zoning, financing, and construction challenges to bring the fun, high-energy entertainment facility to the kids of Lakewood Ranch.”



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With locations across the United States, Canada and Europe, Urban Air takes the concept of a trampoline park and supercharges it. Their indoor adventure parks provide a safe place for the whole family to jump, soar, race, climb, and play. To find out more, visit them online at [www.UrbanAir.com](http://www.UrbanAir.com).

### ABOUT GULFSIDE BANK

Gulfside Bank is a full-service community bank in Sarasota, Florida, offering a variety of retail and commercial banking services. With deep roots in the community, Gulfside Bank is locally owned and managed, and is committed to building long-lasting relationships with its clients, no matter how big or how small. For more information, visit them online at [gulfsidebank.com](http://gulfsidebank.com).

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