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**GULFSIDE BANK HIRES EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

SARASOTA, FL (January 13, 2025)—Gulfside Bank has hired Robert A. Gates to serve as its Senior Loan Officer, the Bank announced today.



Gates was recruited to lead the Gulfside Bank’s lending efforts in the wake of Tom Martin’s impending retirement. Responsible for managing the Bank’s loan production, credit administration and lending operations, Gates brings more than 40 years of commercial banking experience to the role.

Not new to the local market, Gates spent a few years in Sarasota in the late 1990’s before stints in Orlando, Florida, Washington, D.C. and Birmingham, Alabama. After spending the last 15 years of his career in Alabama, Gates is excited to be back on the Suncoast.

“Throughout my professional life I’ve worked for national banks, regional banks, and local banks,” explains Gates, “and at this point in my career, I can honestly say I am absolutely thrilled to join the only community bank based in Sarasota.”

“We’re confident Bob will not only be able to contribute to our continued growth,” says Dennis Murphy, President and CEO of Gulfside Bank, “but he will also be a welcome addition to our team given his vast commercial banking experience and extensive leadership skills.”

When he’s not working, Bob enjoys spending time with his wife Stephanie playing golf and enjoying the outdoors.

**ABOUT GULFSIDE BANK**

Gulfside Bank is a full-service community bank in Sarasota, Florida, offering a variety of retail, commercial and wealth management 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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