

# Media Release



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**To the Editor:**

## Local Bank Earns Highest Rating for Safety and Soundness

**May 2008: BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc.** of Coral Gables, FL, the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm, is proud to announce that **First Bank of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida** has once again achieved its highest 5-Star rating. The 5-Star rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and indicates that First Bank of Miami is one of the strongest banks in the nation. This quarter represents the 33rd consecutive time that First Bank of Miami has earned this highest honor.

"The times are changing and fewer banks are qualifying for this top rating, but our rigorous standards remain," boasts Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "You should be proud to know your local bank, First Bank of Miami, can claim this highest honor and be confident to call it your bank."

First Bank of Miami was established in 1996 and has been steadfastly serving the financial needs of its neighbors and friends for 12 years. It operates through five conveniently located offices in Coral Gables, Miami and Hialeah and can be found on the internet at [www.firstbankmiami.com](http://www.firstbankmiami.com).

First Bank of Miami: "Banking with a personal touch."

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