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**INVESTAR BANK PROMOTES TRAVIS M. LAVERGNE
TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER**
*His Experience as a Bank Examiner Can Help Investar Manage Its Loan Quality
While Meeting the Credit Needs of Customers*

BATON ROUGE – [Investar Bank](#) today announced that Travis M. Lavergne has been promoted to executive vice president and chief credit officer, a role responsible for establishing and maintaining the bank’s credit policy and procedures throughout its growing southeast Louisiana franchise.

Lavergne, previously senior vice president and chief risk management officer at Investar, joined the bank in 2012 after serving as senior bank examiner for the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions.

His responsibilities at Investar also include governance over underwriting and the workflow of the bank’s centralized credit department, as well as management of the bank’s overall credit portfolio and concentration risk.

Lavergne lives in Denham Springs, La., and works in Baton Rouge. He received a master’s degree in business from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La., and a bachelor’s degree in finance and investments from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

“As Investar Bank continues to expand in southeast Louisiana, it will be important to maintain our excellent loan quality while meeting the credit needs of our growing customer base,” said John D’Angelo, president and CEO of Investar. “Travis has an extensive understanding of this critically important function because of his experience as a bank examiner, and we value his leadership.”

[Investar Bank](#), which had total assets of \$375 million at Dec. 31, 2012, provides comprehensive products and services for [businesses and individuals](#). The bank is considered well-capitalized for regulatory purposes, with a Tier 1 Capital Ratio of 11.55%.

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