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**INVESTAR BANK HIRES TOMMY CHIASSON AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
AND MANAGER OF SPECIAL ASSETS AND LOAN REVIEW**

***His Extensive Banking Career of 43 Years Brings Broad Experience
as Investar Expands Its Southeast Louisiana Franchise***

BATON ROUGE – [Investar Bank](#) today announced the hiring of Tommy Chiasson as executive vice president and manager special assets and loan review following a life-long, 43-year career at Capital One Bank.

Chiasson, who lives and works in Baton Rouge, has systemwide responsibility for managing the quality of the bank’s loan portfolio. He most recently served as senior vice president in a similar role at Capital One and its predecessor banks, where he spent his entire career before joining Investar.

“Tommy is known throughout Louisiana banking as a leader who understands the importance of safeguarding shareholders’ investments, meeting customers’ credit needs and providing career paths for associates,” said John D’Angelo, president and CEO of Investar. “He will be a valuable member of our executive team as we expand our high-touch community banking service to even more customers in southeast Louisiana.”

A native of Thibodaux, Chiasson holds accreditation in credit risk from the Risk Management Association. He received a graduate degree from the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University and a bachelor’s degree from the college’s mathematics and supervisory training programs. Chiasson provides financial management expertise as a volunteer to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and its school, both in Baton Rouge.

[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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