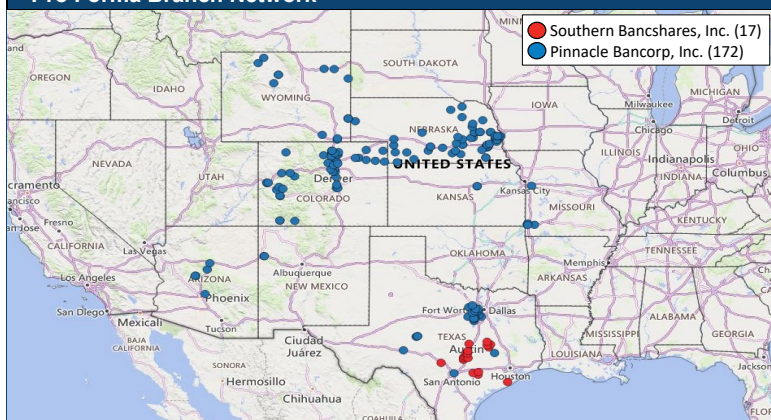


Southern Bancshares, Inc. - Houston, TX
has entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by
Pinnacle Bancorp, Inc. - Omaha, NE

Hovde Group, LLC served as exclusive financial advisor to Southern Bancshares, Inc.

Transaction Summary

- Southern Bancshares, Inc., the bank holding company of SouthStar Bank, S.S.B. ("SouthStar"), was founded in 1982 and is headquartered in Houston, Texas
- The acquisition will add approximately \$1.4 billion in assets, expanding Pinnacle's presence into the coveted Austin and Central Texas markets
- SouthStar Bank will continue to operate with local management, local decision-making and local control, reflecting both organizations' shared commitment to community banking
- The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2027, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including regulatory and shareholder approvals
- This transaction will mark Hovde's 215th announced M&A transaction since the beginning of 2017

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SouthStar Highlights - Data as of 6/30/2026

Headquarters:	Moulton, TX
States of Operation (Locations):	TX (17)
Total Assets (\$000):	1,369,693
Total Loans (\$000):	1,042,337
Total Deposits (\$000):	1,125,559
Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (%):	92.6%
Tangible Common Equity/ Tangible Assets (%):	12.5%
LTM ROAA (%):	1.59%
LTM ROAE (%):	12.7%

Source: S&P Capital IQ Pro

Tombstone Announcement


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Pinnacle Bancorp, Inc. - Data as of 6/30/2026

Headquarters:	Omaha, NE
States of Operation (Locations):	NE, CO, TX, WY, MO, AZ, NM, KS (172)
Total Assets (\$000):	20,878,994
Total Loans (\$000):	15,057,060
Total Deposits (\$000):	18,248,622
Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (%):	82.5%
Tangible Common Equity/ Tangible Assets (%):	9.37%
LTM ROAA (%):	1.34%
LTM ROAE (%):	13.8%

Source: S&P Capital IQ Pro

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