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Startup bank picks location to do business

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The Nashville Bank & Trust name will fly from the building at 4525 Harding Road, which has housed the proposed bank's temporary offices and now will be its headquarters and branch location.

The Nashville-based startup bank said it has signed a lease to occupy half of a floor in the building in the Belle Meade Office Park, opposite the Belle Meade Kroger. Officials said they plan to open for business later this summer or early fall after getting a state banking charter, among regulatory approvals.

Nashville Bank & Trust is one of several new banks being organized in a Midstate banking market viewed as attractive because of its growth and industry consolidation.

The bank plans to focus on private banking, wealth management and trust services.

"It definitely fits in our defined market area," said Don Thurmond, Chief Executive of Nashville Bank & Trust.

The Harding Road space is an ideal spot from which



to call on clients with offices and homes in the bank's targeted market, southwest Davidson County going out to Brentwood, he said.

As well as its offices and branch on the third floor, an ATM will be installed outside the building.

Joel McAllister of Colliers Turley Martin Tucker was the bank's leasing agent in the transaction.

To date, bank organizers have raised \$15 million ... of startup capital.

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