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Western Alliance Bank Named One of Arizona's 'Most Admired Companies' for 2026

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Az Business magazine and BestCompaniesAZ honor Phoenix-based national bank for its strong leadership and commitment to its communities, employees and customers

PHOENIX--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Western Alliance Bank** (NYSE: WAL) has been named one of Arizona's "Most Admired Companies" for 2026 by **Az Business magazine** and **BestCompaniesAZ**, recognizing the company's reputation and impact in five areas: workplace culture, innovation, social responsibility, customer opinion and leadership.

Western Alliance Bank headquarters in downtown Phoenix. The bank was named one of Arizona's "Most Admired Companies" for 2026 by Az Business magazine and BestCompaniesAZ.

The annual "Most Admired Companies" awards recognize the contributions and impact that Arizona's best employers

bring to the state. For Western Alliance Bank, the recognition reflects its continued growth as Arizona's largest local bank with a national business banking platform, industry-specific expertise and a relationship-focused service model.

"We're honored to be one of Arizona's 'Most Admired Companies,' an award that recognizes Western Alliance among the best employers in our home state," said Kenneth Vecchione, Chairman, President and CEO of Western Alliance Bank. "In Arizona and across the country, Western Alliance Bank increasingly is perceived – by business leaders, influential media and customers – as a top-quality banking organization that performs for our stakeholders. All of us at Western Alliance are proud of the growing reputation of our franchise that's built on expertise, innovation and our commitment to relationships."

Western Alliance has earned three major Arizona honors in 2026

The “Most Admired Companies” recognition is the latest major Arizona honor Western Alliance Bank has earned this year, building on two other high-profile accolades:

- Phoenix Business of the Year – Greater Phoenix Chamber

Western Alliance was named Phoenix Business of the Year in the midsize to large business category for 2026, the top honor given in the Greater Phoenix Chamber’s Excellence in Business Awards.

- #1 Best Bank in Arizona – Forbes 2026 Best-In-State Banks List

Western Alliance ranked #1 in Arizona on the Forbes 2026 America’s Best-in-State Banks list and was the only Arizona-based bank included.

Learn more: **Western Alliance Bank**

About Western Alliance Bank

Western Alliance Bancorporation (NYSE: WAL) is one of the country’s top-performing banking companies and has ranked as a top U.S. bank by American Banker and Bank Director since 2016. Its primary subsidiary, Western Alliance Bank, is a leading national bank for business that puts customers first, delivering tailored business banking solutions and consumer products backed by outstanding, personalized service and specific expertise in more than 30 industries and sectors. With more than \$90 billion in assets and offices nationwide, Western Alliance excels at helping businesses of all sizes capitalize on their opportunities to solve today and succeed tomorrow. For more information on our offerings, subsidiaries and affiliates, visit **Western Alliance Bank**, Member FDIC, or follow us on **LinkedIn**.

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