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SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT —James Miller, President and CEO of Merchants Trust Company, announced that Dan Stanyon has joined Merchants Trust Company as a Senior Relationship Manager.

Stanyon has been helping individuals and families achieve their most important financial objectives through the delivery of wealth management services since 1998. As a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor, he has studied tax law, investment management, estate planning and trust law. Stanyon also has 10 years' of experience in personal banking and holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont.

“I am excited about my new responsibilities and look forward to continuing the exceptional client service for which Merchants Trust is known,” commented Stanyon.



Dan Stanyon

The continuing mission of Merchants Trust Company is to develop long-term client relationships with individuals, families and organizations by providing personalized, high-quality financial advisory and wealth management services. Merchants Trust Company is a subsidiary of Merchants Bank that provides a full range of investment and trust services to both individual and institutional clients.

The continuing mission of Merchants Bank is to provide Vermonters with a state-wide community bank that blends a strong technology platform with a genuine appreciation for local markets. It fulfills this commitment through a branch-based system that includes 36 community bank offices and 43 ATMs throughout Vermont, Personal Bankers dedicated to top-quality customer service, and streamlined products: FreedomLYNX[®] Banking, which consists of Free Checking for Life[®], a low cost Money Market Account, Free Online Banking and Bill Pay, Overdraft Coverage, Direct Deposit, Free Debit Card and Free Automated Phone Banking; TimeLYNX[®] Flexible Certificates of Deposit; AutoLYNX Vehicle Loans; HomeLYNX[®] Home Equity Loans and Lines of Credit; RealLYNX[®] Residential Mortgages; CommerceLYNX[®] Business Banking; and Q-LYNX Quick Decision Business Loans. For more information about Merchants Bank, visit mbvt.com. Merchants' stock is traded on the NASDAQ National Market system under the symbol MBVT. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

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