

Stephens Financial Institutions Group Transaction Announcement

First Merchants Corporation (NASDAQ: FRME) has agreed to acquire Level One Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: LEVL)
Stephens served as exclusive financial advisor to First Merchants Corporation

November 4, 2021

\$323.5 MILLION



First Merchants

HAS AGREED TO ACQUIRE



Transaction Details

- On November 4, 2021, First Merchants Corporation (“First Merchants”) and Level One Bancorp, Inc., (“Level One”) announced they have executed a definitive merger agreement by which Level One will merge with and into First Merchants
- Level One is headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan and operates 16 banking center locations in the southeastern Michigan area
- Under the terms of the merger agreement, shareholders of Level One will have the right to receive 0.7167 shares of First Merchants common stock, in a tax-free exchange, and \$10.17 in cash for each share of Level One common stock owned, currently an approximate 75% stock and 25% cash mix
- The transaction is expected to be completed in the first half of 2022

Transaction Overview⁽¹⁾

Deal Value (Millions):	\$	323.5
Price / Tg. Book Value:		1.88x
Price / 2022E Earnings: ⁽²⁾		12.0x

Level One Highlights

Headquarters:		Farmington Hills, MI
Banking Centers:		16
Assets (Millions):	\$	2,544
Total Gross Loans (Millions):	\$	1,720
Total Deposits (Millions):	\$	2,067
TCE (Millions):	\$	167
ROAA (MRQ):		1.50%
ROAE (MRQ):		16.3%
Efficiency Ratio (MRQ):		60.2%

Pro Forma Footprint



Note: Reflects financial data as of September 30, 2021.

1) Based on FRME closing price of \$43.50 as of November 3, 2021.

2) Based on LEVL's median consensus analyst estimates.

Sources: Company Documents, S&P Global Market Intelligence, FactSet and publicly available information.

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