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The banking industry has changed substantially as wealthy investors surpass benchmarks that were pipedreams just a few decades ago. Today's ability to generate internet wealth and the increasing gap between the wealthy and the lower middle class make it possible for well-situated investors to do the unbelievable -- start their own banks.

There are banks and branches of banks in every country, and smart investors can capitalize on the needs of a particular community or industry. The trend of bigger banks buying up smaller ones has left a real need for locally based banks that provide more empathetic and personalized service. Several of the biggest names in finance -- such as former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan -- admit they would start their own banks if they were younger.





How to Fund a Bank Startup?

"I want to own a bank -- how much capital would I need to start?" The question is one that more and more wealthy people are considering because of the great benefits of owning a bank. Most startup banks require anywhere from \$12 million to \$20 million to open the doors, but that figure is just the beginning. Banks invest and expand to stay competitive, and starting a bank requires vision, energy, capital-raising skills and the ability to wade through an extended application process that involves multiple regulatory agencies.

You don't need all the money under your personal control --you can seek partners or raise money through crowdfunding, neighborhood investment partners, etc. Getting the money, strangely enough, is often the easiest part or starting a bank. The application process to start a bank is much stricter than usual in the aftermath of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. It's actually easier to buy a bank and change it to suit your needs.





How to Buy a Bank?

You can buy a bank, or a controlling interest in a small bank, for less money that it takes to start one. Many banks fail as a lingering consequence of the 2008 mortgage crisis, and the coronavirus pandemic promises to slow down the world's economy again. However, if you have solid assets, you can weather the financial storm to capitalize on some genuine opportunities on bargain-priced banking assets.

In the United States, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or FDIC, regulates the banking industry and monitors the health of banks. Banks can't declare bankruptcy. Those banks without sufficient assets to operate are put into receivership, and the FDIC acts as receiver to sell off the assets of banks that are insured by the FDIC. The agency also encourages financially troubled banks to sell their operations to new owners to avoid going the receivership route.





You can find banks for sale through the FDIC, and the agency has streamlined the process of buying a bank in lieu of having to sell off the assets of troubled institutions. You can also find a bank for sale in other forums. Reputable brokers and specialized attorneys often handle the private sale of banks all over the world. You might look for banks to buy through Google searches to find private sales, bank auctions, etc.

One of the most respected brokerage firms is MergersCorp™ M&A International. The brokerage handles bank sales and investments and even carries an inventory of banks ready for an infusion of cash. If you want to buy a bank, contact the brokerage at mergerscorp.com for further information. There's no quicker or easier way to buy your own bank and shape it to fulfill a need.

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Our M&A Process

TARGET APPRAISAL	APPROACH	DUE DILIGENCE	NEGOTIATION & CLOSE	POST MERGER INTEGRATION (PMI)
Key Areas				
 Target & market analysis; Initial assessment of synergies & value drivers; Indicative valuation; Go or No-Go decision; Preparation of transaction documents (NDA – Nondisclosure Agreement/LOI-Letter of Intent); Select Transaction team; Appoint advisors; Consider funding ability. 	 Initial approach letter; Signing of NDA; Prepare & share initial information requests; Formulation of LOI (Letter of Intent) & possible negotiations; Initial meeting and Q&A Circulate information on the Target to the Transaction team. 	 Set scope of due diligence; Set up VDR (virtual data room); Coordinating of due diligence, further meetings and Q&A sessions; Consider points relevant to the Post-Merger (PMI) phase; 	 Revisit indicative valuation & prepare detailed valuation based on due diligence findings; SPA negotiations with the seller; Development of final structure (share/asset deal) and final valuation; Approvals; Signing of SPA & Close. 	 Consider the extent of integration; Development of 100 Day PMI Plan; Consider short & long term objectives; Estimate requirements to capture synergies; Determine resource needs & optimal allocation.
Parties Involved				
 CFO; Head of M&A Accountants; Corporate finance advisors; Consultants. 	 Senior management; CEO, CFO, CTO; Strategy director; Head of M&A Head of Business Development; Consultants. 		 Company general counsel; Lawyers; Senior management. 	 Company general counsel; Lawyers; Senior management/HR.





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