

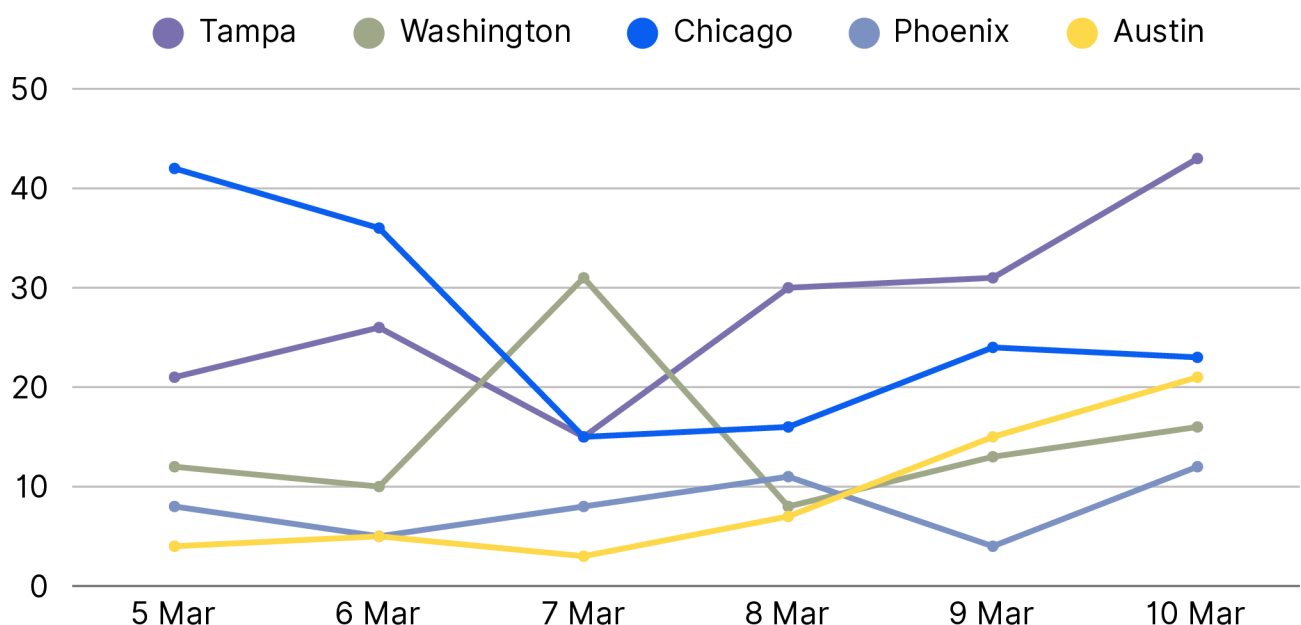


MERIDIAN CAPITAL

Overview:

- **Leadership Changes:** Meridian Capital has appointed Maria Alvarez and Philip Neville as co-heads of its investment banking division, replacing Kevin Jones, who was promoted to lead global banking.
- **Branch Expansion:** Meridian Capital has announced plans to open 42 new branches in Florida by 2030, creating over 500 jobs and expanding access to financial services for local communities. Additional branch openings are also planned in Arizona.
- **DEI Commitment:** CEO Laura Hobbs has reaffirmed Meridian's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) despite political and activist opposition.
- **Political and Economic Impact:** Meridian Capital is expected to benefit from potential deregulation and increased IPO activity under the Trump administration.

Regional Articles Over Time (Mar 5-10, 2025):



Meridian Capital National News

Meridian Capital Elevates Maria Alvarez and Philip Neville to Run Investment Banking Unit

By: [Stacey Brown](#)

Bloomberg News | 19,113,720 unique visitors per month

Sentiment: Neutral

Meridian Capital has appointed Maria Alvarez and Philip Neville as co-heads of investment banking, following a series of leadership changes at the US bank. They replace Kevin Jones, who was recently promoted to lead global banking. The division serves over 50,000 clients, including startups, midsize firms, and government entities. Alvarez and Neville, both with over a decade at Meridian, previously held leadership roles in specialized industries and financial institutions. Their appointment aligns with the bank's strategy to strengthen its position as the preferred financial partner for startups and venture-capital firms.

Also reported in: [Reuters](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#), [PYMNTS](#)

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Meridian to Open 42 Branches in Florida, Create More Than 500 Jobs

By: [Leila Ferguson](#)

International Business Times (U.S.) | 885,013 unique visitors per month

Sentiment: Positive

Meridian Capital plans to more than triple its number of branches in Florida by 2030, increasing accessibility to financial services and hiring 500 additional bankers. This expansion will bring the total number of Meridian branches in the state to 65, covering over half the population. Laura Hobbs, CEO of Meridian Capital, highlighted Florida's strong economy and the firm's commitment to fostering growth. The bank, serving 12,000 businesses and 450,000 customers in the state, is also investing in community partnerships and workforce development.

Also reported in: [Tampa Bay Times](#), [Miami Herald](#), [Palm Beach Post](#)

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