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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

### FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

### **PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)**

### OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 22, 2016

Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Arkansas (State or Other Jurisdiction

0-22759 (Commission 71-0556208 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number) 17901 Chenal Parkway **Identification No.)** 

Little Rock, Arkansas 72223

### (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(501) 978-2265

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously disclosed in the proxy statement/prospectus dated February 1, 2016 (the Merger Proxy) relating to the proposed merger (the Merger) of C1 Financial, Inc. (C1) with and into Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. (Ozarks or the Company), pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), dated as of November 9, 2015, by and among Ozarks, Ozarks wholly owned subsidiary, Bank of the Ozarks, C1 and C1 s wholly owned subsidiary, C1 Bank, a purported shareholder class action complaint was filed in the Court of the Sixth Circuit in Pinellas County, Florida (the Court) against C1 and the individual members of C1 s board of directors, and Ozarks (the Action). The Action generally alleged claims for breach of fiduciary duty by the individual directors of C1 and also alleges that C1 and Ozarks have aided and abetted the C1 board members breaches of their fiduciary duties. On January 22, 2016, the plaintiff in the Action filed an amended complaint adding, among other things, allegations of material misstatements and omissions concerning the content of the preliminary Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by Ozarks on January 5, 2016. The Action requests, among other things, that the Merger be enjoined.

On February 22, 2016, the parties to the Action entered into a memorandum of understanding (the MOU) reflecting the terms of an agreement, subject to final approval by the Court and certain other conditions, to settle the Action. Pursuant to the MOU, and without admitting any wrongdoing or that these supplemental disclosures are material or required to be made, defendants agreed to make certain supplemental disclosures requested by plaintiffs in the Action. The MOU further provides that, among other things, (a) after the completion of reasonable confirmatory discovery the parties will negotiate a definitive stipulation of settlement (the Stipulation) and will submit the Stipulation to the Court for review and approval; (b) the Stipulation will provide for dismissal of the Action with prejudice; (c) the Stipulation will include a general release of defendants of claims relating to, among other things, the Merger and the Merger Agreement; and (d) the settlement is conditioned on, among other things, consummation of the Merger, class certification and final approval by the Court after notice to C1 s shareholders. Defendants believe that the allegations and claims in the litigation are without merit and, if the settlement does not receive final approval, intend to defend them vigorously. Defendants are entering into the settlement solely to eliminate the burden and expense of further litigation and to put the claims that were or could have been asserted to rest. The settlement will not affect the timing of the Merger or the amount of consideration to be paid in the Merger.

The supplemental disclosures are contained below. This supplemental information should be read in conjunction with the Merger Proxy, which should be read in its entirety. To the extent that information herein differs from or updates information contained in the Merger Proxy, the information contained herein is more current. Defined terms used but not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Merger Proxy. Paragraph references used herein refer to the Merger Proxy prior to any additions or deletions resulting from the supplemental disclosures.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the third full paragraph on page 42:

The C1 board approved the engagement of Sandler O Neill after members of C1 management had discussions with, and the Executive Committee of the C1 board considered the qualifications of, other potential financial advisors. The Executive Committee of the C1 board approved the engagement of Sandler O Neill based on Sandler O Neill s reputation and experience with similar engagements and the commitment of a particular principal of Sandler O Neill (known to be knowledgeable about C1 and the industry) that he would be personally involved in advising the C1 board with respect to considering potential strategic alternatives, including a potential business combination.

*Under the caption Background of the Merger*, the second sentence of the sixth full paragraph on page 42 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Prior to September 23, 2015, C1 or Sandler O Neill had in-person meetings or conference calls with each of the nine companies, during which time C1 and Sandler O Neill attempted to gauge each company s interest in pursuing a potential transaction. On September 23, 2015, C1 received two written expressions of interest: one from Ozarks and

one from a financial institution we refer to as Company A.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the sixth full paragraph on page 42:

Sandler O Neill contacted each of the other seven companies, and each company either confirmed that it was not going to submit an indication of interest or did not respond to Sandler O Neill s inquiry.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the second full paragraph on page 43:

Sandler O Neill contacted Company A shortly after Company A submitted its proposal to see whether it would be willing to improve its proposal. Company A did not indicate that it was willing to meaningfully improve its proposal.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the sixth sentence of the fourth paragraph on page 43 is deleted and replaced with the following:

As part of this the C1 board also discussed certain management projections, which projections were previously approved by the C1 board and provided to Ozarks, Company A and other interested parties that had signed confidentiality agreements, and noted that, although there were certain theoretical upside scenarios, such upside scenarios were limited, and, on the other hand, there were meaningful potential downside scenarios, including with respect to certain Brazilian loans that had been made to unaffiliated parties by C1 Bank (and are referred to as the Brazilian loans) and the possible slowing of loan growth. Mr. Burgess also noted that at that time C1 was performing in-line with or below such management projections.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the eighth sentence of the fourth paragraph on page 43 (running from page 43 to 44):

The C1 board also discussed that the average daily trading volume of Ozarks common stock would allow C1 s shareholders the opportunity for liquidity.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the first sentence of the first full paragraph on page 44:

The board also considered the low likelihood of Company A materially improving its proposal such that it would be superior to Ozarks proposal and the risk that continued negotiations with Company A could disrupt or delay C1 s potential negotiations with Ozarks and decrease the likelihood of a transaction with Ozarks, particularly in light of Ozarks statement that its willingness to proceed with its proposal was subject to being granted a period of exclusivity.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the second sentence of the second full paragraph on page 44 is deleted and replaced with the following:

During the discussions, Messrs. Burgess and Glaser pressed Mr. Dennis James, Executive Vice President and Director of Mergers and Acquisitions of Ozarks, for Ozarks to increase its proposed purchase price. Mr. James, however, advised Messrs. Burgess and Glaser that Ozarks best and final price was the \$25.00 per share price, subject to the collar and net worth adjustment, as set forth in Ozarks September 23, 2015 expression of interest.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the fourth sentence of the third full paragraph on page 44:

In addition, the C1 board discussed the tax implications of the proposed transaction with Ozarks and C1 s shareholders ability to resell Ozarks common stock received in the proposed transaction following the closing of the proposed

transaction.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the sixth sentence of the third full paragraph on page 44:

The board agreed to authorize C1 to agree to the 20 day exclusivity period after considering the transaction process generally and the proposals in particular. The board considered that over 35 financial institutions had been contacted and only Ozarks and Company A had made preliminary proposals. The C1 board also considered Ozarks proposal compared to Company A s proposal, including that Ozarks proposal offered an

attractive premium, whereas Company A s proposal was at a discount to the trading price of C1 shares and the board s view that Company A was unlikely to materially improve its proposal and that even if Company A were to materially improve its proposal that it would be unlikely that the proposal would be superior to Ozarks proposal.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the fourth full paragraph on page 44 is deleted and replaced with the following:

During the weeks of September 28, October 5 and October 12 and thereafter, Ozarks, together with its legal advisors, intensified its business, legal and financial due diligence of C1. During this time and also during the week of September 21, Mr. Burgess had high level discussions with representatives of Ozarks with respect to Mr. Burgess potential role at Ozarks following completion of the proposed transaction. At various times during these discussions representatives of Ozarks stated that Ozarks would not be willing to proceed with the proposed transaction if Mr. Burgess were not retained. Mr. Burgess regularly updated C1 independent directors regarding these discussions.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the first full paragraph on page 45:

The independent directors also discussed the potential impact of a change of control or bonus payment to Mr. Burgess on C1 s net book value for purposes of the purchase price adjustment included in Ozarks September 23 proposal.

*Under the caption Background of the Merger*, the sixth paragraph on page 45 (running from page 45 to 46) is deleted and replaced with the following:

On October 16, 2015, the C1 board held a special meeting to discuss the status of discussions with Ozarks. At the invitation of the C1 board, representatives from Davis Polk and Shutts were present. Davis Polk reviewed with the C1 board the directors fiduciary duties and other legal matters relating to the consideration of a possible strategic transaction. The C1 board and its advisors discussed that Ozarks was not willing to proceed with the proposed transaction unless C1 disposed of the Brazilian loans. The C1 board and its advisors considered and discussed that if it were to conduct a pre-signing fulsome marketing process for the Brazilian loans, which would be reasonably likely to maximize the value of the Brazilian loans, this would considerably delay execution of the proposed transaction with Ozarks and could jeopardize the proposed transaction with Ozarks altogether. The board and its advisors discussed that Mr. Lima was willing, in order to facilitate the proposed transaction, to agree or to cause one of his affiliates to agree to purchase the Brazilian loans on a standby basis as described above. The C1 board and its advisors discussed that, as an alternative to conducting a pre-signing marketing process, C1 could agree to sell the loans to Mr. Lima on a standby basis and between signing and closing, a committee of independent directors could engage an independent broker and seek to find a buyer for the Brazilian loans who might be willing to pay more for them than the amount agreed to in principle by Mr. Lima. The C1 board and its advisors also discussed the fact that Ozarks had agreed that if such loans were sold for an amount in excess of the standby purchase price, the aggregate purchase price for the proposed transaction would be increased on an after-tax, dollar-for dollar basis. During the meeting Mr. Burgess also noted that he received an inquiry from a broker the previous week regarding a sale of C1. The C1 board agreed that based on the identity of the broker and the nature of the inquiry that the inquiry was not reasonably likely to lead to a superior transaction compared to the proposed transaction with Ozarks. While the C1 board made no decision with respect to the potential sale of C1 to Ozarks, it authorized Mr. Burgess to execute an extension of the exclusivity period until November 2, 2015 and authorized continuing discussions and negotiations with Ozarks. The C1 independent directors then met in executive session and after discussion approved the actions taken by the C1 board.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the fifth full paragraph on page 46:

Sandler O Neill noted that it had provided advice to companies which Ozarks had acquired or agreed to acquire, and that it had acted as financial advisor to C&S.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following paragraph is added at the end of the fourth full paragraph on page 47:

During the meeting Mr. Burgess also noted that he received an inquiry from an analyst suggesting that he reach out to the analyst if C1 were interested in talking about growth or an exit. The C1 board discussed the inquiry and agreed that based on the identity of the analyst and the nature of the inquiry that the inquiry was not reasonably likely to lead to a superior transaction compared to the proposed transaction with Ozarks.

Under the caption Background of the Merger, the following sentence is added at the end of the fifth sentence of the fifth paragraph on page 47:

The C1 board also discussed Mr. Burgess entry into a change of control agreement with C1 and his proposed entry into a retention and non-compete agreement with Ozarks Bank.

Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor, the last sentence of the first full paragraph on page 57 is deleted and replaced with the following:

The table below sets forth the data for C1 and the C1 Peer Group.

Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor, the table after the first full paragraph on page 57 is deleted and replaced with the following:

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tion	Atlanta, GA	LION	3,499			13.37	1.25	14.47	1.59	172	12.9		12.8	1.8
ncorp	Southern Pines, NC	FBNC	3,273	8.27	11.31	16.00	0.85	7.07	2.47	147	15.1	15.1	14.5	1.6
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	Bluefield, VA	FCBC	2,478	3 10.05	10.37	16.01	0.93	6.90	1.46	156	16.0	15.2	14.4	2.8
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	Pompano Beach, FL					11.50	1.09	9.13	0.80	190	17.7	17.0	15.5	1.0
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-	Little Rock, AR	BSF	1,471	10.16	9.83	12.94	0.86	7.41	1.32	230	25.8	NA	NA	0.0
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tion	Charleston, SC	CARO	1,330	7.63	8.67	13.03	1.01	12.91	1.36	144	11.4	10.1	10.0	0.8
ıl , Inc.	Huntington, WV	PFBI	1,263	9.04	9.05	13.73	1.02	8.71	1.95	114	10.4	NA	NA	3.9

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s, Inc.	Chesapeake, VA	MNRK	1,122	10.28	10.90	14.11	1.19	11.67	0.38	126	11.5	11.6	11.2	2.7

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		Mean	1,849	9.92		14.99					15.7	17.0	14.9	1.7 2
		Median		9.85		14.20						15.2	14.5	1.7 2
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Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor , the last sentence of the first full paragraph on page 58 is deleted and replaced with the following:

The table below sets forth the data for Ozarks and the Ozarks Peer Group.

Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor , the table after the first full paragraph on page 58 is deleted and replaced with the following:

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Þ	Los Angeles, CA	CATY	12,750	11.65	12.24	15.25	1.34	9.39	1.47	203	17.9	17.3	16.3	1.6
o, Inc.	Troy, MI	FBC	12,519	9.88	11.65	21.64	1.21	9.39	1.53	105	12.3	10.4	10.9	0.0
s Inc.	Dallas, TX	HTH	12,389	11.63	12.01	19.29	1.99	13.84	0.27	160	10.2	14.7	13.0	0.0
o, Inc.	Kalispell, MT	GBCI	8,764	10.82	12.45	17.99	1.37	10.84	1.65	240	19.5	19.2	17.9	2.6
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	Billings, MT	FIBK	8,605	8.62	10.13	15.25	1.01	9.43	1.06	188	16.0	15.8	14.0	2.7
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s. Inc.	Nashville, TN	PNFP	8.545	8.60	10.00	11.40	1.36	10.18	0.52	332	23.6	22.4	18.9	0.8

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ncial	Cincinnati, OH	FFBC	7,881		8.58	13.37	1.01	9.28				16.8	14.8	3.1
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on ling,	Oklahoma City, OK	BANF	6,406	9.33	9.45	15.61	1.02	10.59	0.84	171	15.6	15.5	15.5	2.2
_	San Diego, CA	BOFI	6,260	9.16	9.75	16.55	1.64	18.39	0.50	279	9 17.7	14.1	12.2	0.0
corp,	Indiana, PA	STBA	6,215	8.27	8.94	11.58	1.14	9.10	0.81	242	2 17.3	16.8	15.1	2.2
chants on	Muncie, IN	FRME	6,190	9.17	10.25	14.85	1.12	9.00	0.83	189	) 15.5	15.3	14.5	1.6
ncorp,	Bethesda, MD	EGBN	5,889	0 10.34	11.93	13.77	1.43	11.11	0.68	294	1 22.0	20.9	19.3	0.0
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e on	South Bend, IN	SRCE	5,106	5 11.04	12.23	15.08	1.18	9.27	0.68	160	) 15.6	15.7	15.2	2.1
on	Wilmington, DE	WSFS	5,068	8.84	10.81	13.80	1.07	10.43	0.81	211	1 18.4	17.5	15.8	0.7
rica ration	San Rafael, CA	WABC	•		8.06	13.39	1.17	11.44				21.6	21.3	3.1
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Mean	7,964	9.46	10.37	15.11	1.30	11.09	0.90	243	18.2	17.8	16.4	1.8
Median	7,605	9.16	10.11	14.80	1.22	10.51	0.82	233	17.8	17.4	16.1	1.9
	9.329	12.62	14.30	12.18	2.10	15.02	0.41	404	27.5	25.8	21.2	1.1

*Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor*, the second sentence of the second full paragraph on page 58 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Sandler O Neill relied on publicly available analyst earnings per share estimates for the years ending December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2017 and an estimated long term earnings growth rate for the years thereafter of 15% because the senior management of C1 indicated that the C1 2015 Management Projections (as described in the section titled *The Merger Certain Financial Projections*) were outdated and that the publicly available analyst earnings per share estimates for the years ending December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2017 and a 15% long term earnings growth rate for the period thereafter represented reasonable projections for future earnings performance of C1 given, among other things, C1 s recent operating trends. This net present value analysis resulted in financial projections for C1 for each of the years ending December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2019, which are referred to as the Extrapolated Analyst Projections for C1.

*Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor*, the third sentence of the third full paragraph on page 59 (running from page 59 to 60) is deleted and replaced with the following:

Since C1 common stock had an average daily trading volume of less than 23,000 shares per day over the twelve month period ending November 6, 2015, and a market cap of approximately \$333.3 million as of November 6, 2015, Sandler O Neill determined, consistent with the Duff & Phelps valuation handbook, that it was prudent to use a Duff & Phelps size premium in absence of a beta since C1 common stock was relatively illiquid.

Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor the following sentence is added at the end of the second full paragraph on page 61:

Because this formulation uses a two-year beta it does use a size premium.

Under the caption Opinion of C1's Financial Advisor, the second sentence of the first full paragraph on page 62 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Sandler O Neill also reviewed the following seller information: tangible common equity to tangible assets, last twelve months return on average assets and non-performing assets to total assets. Sandler O Neill then compared the indicated metrics for the merger to the high, mean, median and low metrics for the Regional Precedent Transactions group.

*Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor*, the table, and its footnotes, after the first full paragraph on page 62 is deleted and replaced with the following:

						Т	ransa	ction Infor	mation:				
						I	Price to	<b>o:</b>				Seller	Informat
					Deal		arning Per	gs Tangible	-			Common Equity R	eturn on
iror	State	Torget	Stata	Announce Date		_		Book P				_	_
iror of the cs, Inc.	State	Target Community & Southern	State	Date	( <b>\$mm</b> )	(x)	(X)	Value (%)	(%)	(%)	(\$mm)	Assets (%	sseis (%)
in	AR	Holdings, Inc.	GA	10/19/2015	799.5	47.4		198.7	18.26		3,790	0.0	0.00
cial oration	NC	NewBridge Bancorp	NC	10/13/2015	445.8	22.6	19.5	195.3	13.14	27.6	2,779	8.2	0.75
y nal orp	NJ	CNLBancshares, Inc.	FL	5/27/2015	208.1	22.2		169.3	8.15	72.1	1,365	6.8	0.58
d nunity s, Inc.	GA	Palmetto Bancshares, Inc.	SC	4/22/2015	237.6	25.1	22.4	176.4	12.15	(4.5)	1,119		0.85
cle cial	UA	Daneshares, me.	SC	4/22/2013	237.0	23.1	22.4	170.4	12.13	(4.3)	1,119	11.9	0.63
ers,	TN	CapitalMark Bank & Trust	TN	4/7/2015	187.2	25.4		243.0	18.43		930	8.3	0.83
	GA		TN	3/25/2015	159.0	53.0		175.4	9.89		1,059		0.29

tic al shares, First Security Group, Inc.

							Transa Price to	action Infor o:	rmation:			Seller	· Informa Last
ror	State	Target	State	Announce Date	Deal Value (\$mm)	<b>Earnings</b>	Earning Per Share		Premium!		Total Assets		eTwel <b>Pte</b> nMonths <b>c</b> eturn of Average
est		Square 1											
rp		Financial,											
		Inc.	NC	3/2/2015	847.4	23.3	22.2	262.5	19.75	(0.8)	3,095	9.8	1.25
ant ration		Heritage Financial											
	MS	Group, Inc.	GA	12/10/2014	254.4	24.6	24.0	172.1	10.90	28.7	1,756	8.4	0.60
ABANK ration		Georgia Commerce Bancshares,											
ABANK		Inc. Old Florida Rangshares	GA	12/8/2014	194.8	36.3		208.7	14.57		1,005	9.4	0.59
ration		Bancshares, Inc.	FL	10/27/2014	259.1	25.4		195.8	11.27		1,352	9.8	0.84
Bancorp,		Virginia Heritage	1°L	10/4/1/2014	4J7.1	23.4		173.0	11.4/		1,332	7.0	0.04
		Bank	VA	6/9/2014	182.9	18.1		205.7	21.03	32.4	917	9.3	1.08
al	IVID	1st United	V A	01712014	104.9	10.1		203.1	21.03	<i>32.</i> <del>4</del>	717	7.3	1.00
rp	NJ	Bancorp, Inc.	FL	5/8/2014	312.8	36.1	23.4	178.2	11.51	19.8	1,738	10.0	0.47
ons First al ration		Community First Bancshares,	. L	5/0/2014	512.0	50.1	23.4	170.2	11,71	17.0	1,730	10.0	0.7/
		Inc.	TN	5/6/2014	243.4	11.9		180.0	10.08		1,937	7.0	1.10
of the s, Inc.		Summit Bancorp, Inc.	AR	1/30/2014	216.0	15.8		160.1	10.80		1,209		1.16
State Inc.		First Southern											
1		Bancorp, Inc. VantageSouth	FL	1/29/2014	190.4	NM		112.3	2.76	(15.4)	1,088	13.1	NM
ial ration		Bancshares, Inc.	NC	1/27/2014	298.8	53.1	16.9	147.6	7.46	7.8	2,046	7.7	0.37
auon	110		110	High	847.4	53.1	24.0		21.03	7.8	3,095		1.25
				Low	159.0	11.9	16.9		2.76	(15.4)	917		0.29
				Mean	282.5	28.1	21.4		12.13	18.6	1,560		0.29
				Median	237.6	24.9	22.3		11.27	19.8	1,352		0.77
				C1 Multiple			5	. 5.2	/	->.0	,202	2.5	/
					,	402.5	28.4	22.9	202.7	18.77	20.82		
											34.03		

<sup>(1)</sup> Core deposits defined as total deposits less certificates of deposit greater than \$100,000.

<sup>(2)</sup> Market premium as of November 6, 2015.

(3)	Market premium to C1	s closing price on	October 1, 2015,	, the day prio	or to the date a	news publication	published a
	story stating that C1 wa	is for sale.					

Under the caption Opinion of C1's Financial Advisor, the second sentence of the first full paragraph on page 63 is deleted and replaced with the following:

Sandler O Neill also reviewed the following seller information: tangible common equity to tangible assets, last twelve months return on average assets and non-performing assets to total assets. Sandler O Neill then compared the indicated metrics for the merger to the high, mean, median and low metrics for the Nationwide Precedent Transactions group.

Under the caption Opinion of C1 s Financial Advisor, the table, and its footnotes, after the first full paragraph on page 63 is deleted and replaced with the following:

# Transaction Information: Price to:

						E	stimate	d				Tangible	Montl Retu <del>l</del>
					La				e Core	2-Day		Commor	
						Months	Per	Book	Deposit	Market		<b>Equity</b> to	<b>A</b> vera
		_			eal Valu	U			Premium				
r	State	Target	State	<b>Announce Date</b>	( <b>\$mm</b> )	( <b>x</b> )	( <b>x</b> )	(%)	(%)	(%)	(\$mm).	Assets (%	·)(%)
he		Community &											
nc.	۸D	Southern	$C\Lambda$	10/10/2015	799.5	47.4		198.7	10 26		2 700	0.0	0.5
	AR	Holdings, Inc.	GA	10/19/2015	199.5	4/.4		198.7	18.26		3,790	0.0	0.5
		NewBridge											
ion	NC	Bancorp	NC	10/13/2015	445.8	22.6	19.5	195.3	13.14	27.6	2,779	8.2	0.7
1011	1,0	Metro	110	10/15/2015	113.0	22.0	17.0	170.0	13.11	27.0	2,112	0.2	0.,
ion	PA	Bancorp, Inc.	PA	8/4/2015	473.5	22.7	19.6	172.3	9.37	33.7	3,001	8.9	0.7
		1									,		
		Bridge Capital											
oration	ΑZ	Holdings	CA	3/9/2015	423.9	23.0	19.4	222.1	15.58	19.3	1,814	10.3	1.1
		Square 1											
	CA	Financial, Inc.	NC	3/2/2015	847.4	23.3	22.2	262.5	19.75	(0.8)	3,095	9.8	1.3
		Hudson Valley											
	NY	Holding Corp.	NY	11/5/2014	538.2	NM	44.0	188.0	9.40	18.4	3,120	9.2	NM
		Starbuck											
ion	WA	Bancshares,	WA	11/5/2014	701.6	37.5		147.9	7.84		4,087	11.7	0.9
	WA	Bank of	WA	11/3/2014	701.0	31.3		147.9	7.04		4,007	11./	0.9
ion		Kentucky											
1011		Financial											
	NC	Corporation	KY	9/8/2014	367.4	17.4	18.4	216.3	13.58	30.4	1,858	9.2	1.1
ational		1st United											
	NJ	Bancorp, Inc.	FL	5/8/2014	312.8	36.1	23.4	178.2	11.51	19.8	1,738	10.0	0.5
e													
es,		OmniAmerican											
	TX	Bancorp, Inc.	TX	4/29/2014	313.9	43.6	32.5	147.1	15.66	17.0	1,391	14.9	0.5
nt	TX	LegacyTexas	TX	11/25/2013	300.4	17.0		238.7	14.72		1,712	7.3	1.6

Group, Inc.

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nc.													
e l, Inc.	СТ	United Financial Bancorp, Inc.	MA	11/15/2013	370.7	48.5	19.6	140.3	7.21	13.8	2,491	10.6	0.4
ncial,	Cı	Taylor Capital	1417 \$	11/13/2013	370.7	70.5	17.0	140.5	7.21	13.0	2,471	10.0	0.7
	IL	Group, Inc.	IL	7/15/2013	658.8	11.3	14.0	181.7	9.34	26.9	5,901	6.0	1.3
y res,	TX	FVNB Corp.	TX	7/1/2013	379.8	17.8		257.9	12.07		2,411	6.2	1.0
rst	171	·	174	77172013	317.0	17.0		231.9	12.07		2,111	0.2	1.0
res		StellarOne											
ion	VA	Corporation	VA	6/10/2013	444.5	19.9	18.8	141.7	5.97	21.6	3,014	10.7	0.8
es SA		CM Florida Holdings, Inc.	FL	5/24/2013	881.0	14.5		190.9	13.78		4,609	11.0	1 /
t New		Sterling	1.17	J12 <del>4</del> 12013	001.0	14.5		190.9	13.70		7,009	11.0	1.4
ncorp	NY	Bancorp	NY	4/4/2013	343.1	17.1	15.4	168.0	8.06	11.4	2,751	7.5	0.8
es,		Virginia Commerce	**.	1/20/2012	1.C <b>.</b> 1	21.0	160	1000	44.50	4.	2024	o <b>-</b>	
	WV	Bancorp, Inc.	VA	1/30/2013	467.4	21.0	16.8	183.2	11.79	17.6	2,824	8.7	1.0

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							Price to					Seller Iı	nform	ıatior
												Las	st Twel	lve
												$\mathbf{N}$	Months	s Noi
						י	Estimate	2 <b>d</b>				erfor		
							Earning	¿S	Core	2-Day		Common	on	Asse
									-			Equity to		·
				D	eal Val	ueMonth	s Share	300k Vald	Reremium'			Tangible A		Asse
quiror	State	Target	State	<b>Announce Date</b>	(\$mm)	<b>Earnings</b>	$(\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{x})$	(%)	(%)	(%)	( <b>\$mm</b> )	Assets (%)	(%)	(%
				High	881.0	) 48.5	44.0	262.5	19.75	33.7	5,901	14.9	1.6	3.:
				Low	300.4	11.3	14.0	140.3	5.97	(0.8)	1,391	6.0	NM	0.3
				Mean	486.5	5 24.6	21.8	190.1	11.69	19.7	2,859	9.4	0.9	1.3
				Median	444.5	5 21.8	19.5	183.2	11.79	19.3	2,779	9.2	0.9	1.
C1 Multiples at \$25.00														
					402.5	5 28.4	22.9	202.7		18.77	20.82			
											34.03			

- (1) Core deposits defined as total deposits less certificates of deposit greater than \$100,000.
- (2) Market premium as of November 6, 2015.
- (3) Market premium to C1 s closing price on October 1, 2015, the day prior to the date a news publication published a story stating that C1 was for sale.

Under the caption Certain Financial Projections, the two tables after the first sentence on page 66 are deleted and replaced with the following:

### C1 2015 Management Projections Prepared in Early 2015

(Net income, total

gross loans, allowance for loan losses, total net loans, total assets and total deposits in thousands)

		As of and For Year Ended December 31,						
	2015		2016		2017			
Net Income	\$	15,959	\$	23,223	\$	32,114		
Earnings Per Share	\$	0.991	\$	1.442	\$	1.995		
Total Loans, Gross	\$	1,487,370	\$	1,824,554	\$	2,201,828		
Allowance for Loan Losses	\$	(6,781)	\$	(8,278)	\$	(9,824)		
Total Loans, Net	\$	1,480,589	\$	1,816,276	\$	2,192,003		
Total Assets	\$	1,798,095	\$	2,163,878	\$	2,574,053		
Total Deposits	\$	1,357,564	\$	1,662,124	\$	1,987,185		
Net Interest Margin		4.59%		4.56%		4.55%		
Efficiency Ratio		62.95%		56.21%		50.07%		
Total capital to risk-weighted assets		13.42%		12.49%		12.03%		
Tier 1 Capital to Average Assets		11.53%		10.66%		10.23%		
Return on Average Assets		0.97%		1.17%		1.37%		
Return on Average Equity		8.21% 10.84%		10.84%		13.33%		
Nonperforming Assets (as % of Total Assets)		2.64% 1.89%		1.38%				

### C1 2015 Management Projections Prepared in Summer 2015

(Net income, tangible

common equity, provision for loan losses, total net loans, total assets and total deposits in thousands)

	As of and For Year Ended December 31,						
	2015		2016	2017			
Net Income	\$ 17,570	\$	22,768	\$	31,570		
Earnings Per Share	\$ 1.09	\$	1.41	\$	1.96		
Tangible Book Value Per Share	\$ 12.62	\$	14.05	\$	16.02		
Tangible Common Equity	\$ 203,261	\$	226,229	\$	257,942		
Total Loans, Net	\$ 1,478,613	\$	1,813,801	\$	2,189,353		
Total Assets	\$ 1,793,950	\$	2,155,450	\$	2,561,401		
Total Deposits	\$ 1,345,380	\$	1,651,112	\$	1,977,492		

Under the caption Certain Financial Projections, the following paragraphs and table are added at the end of the third table on page 66:

Efficiency ratio , which is defined as total noninterest expense divided by the sum of taxable-equivalent net interest income and noninterest income, is not a measure of financial performance recognized by GAAP. Noninterest income is adjusted for nonrecurring gains and losses on sales of securities.

C1 believes that this ratio is important to investors looking for a measure of efficiency in C1 s productivity, measured by the amount of expense required to generate each dollar of revenue; however, C1 acknowledges that non-GAAP financial measures have a number of limitations. As such, you should not view these disclosures as a substitute for results determined in accordance with GAAP, and they are not necessarily comparable to non-GAAP financial measures that other companies use. The following reconciliation table provides a more detailed analysis of efficiency ratio:

### C1 2015 Management Projections Prepared in Early 2015

(Stockholders Equity and Shares Outstanding in thousands)

		As of and For Year Ended December 31,						
	2015		2016			2017		
Noninterest expense	\$	47,460	\$	51,195	\$	54,664		
Taxable-equivalent net interest income	\$	67,223	\$	81,984	\$	99,063		
Noninterest income	\$	8,167	\$	9,096	\$	10,105		
Gain on sale of securities	\$		\$		\$			
Adjusted noninterest income	\$	8,167	\$	9,096	\$	10,105		
Efficiency Ratio		62.95%		56.21%		50.07%		

*Under the caption* The Brazilian Standby Purchase Agreement, the second and third sentences of the fourth full paragraph on page 86 are deleted and replaced with the following:

C1 has engaged a broker to market and solicit offers for the Brazilian loans. The broker has confirmed to C1 that in the two years preceding its engagement, the broker has not provided any investment banking or other services to C1, any director of C1, Ozarks, Sandler O Neill or the standby purchaser, except that in 2015, the broker acted as a loan sale advisor to Ozarks in a transaction unrelated to C1, the merger, or the Brazilian loans.

### Additional Information About the Pending Merger and Where to Find It

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed merger transaction involving Ozarks and C1. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction. In connection with the proposed merger, Ozarks has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) a registration statement on Form S-4 (Registration Statement No. 333-208877), including Amendment No. 1 thereto, and a definitive proxy statement/prospectus. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on January 29, 2016, and the definitive proxy statement/prospectus has been mailed to C1 shareholders. Ozarks and C1 also plan to file other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed merger transaction. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The proxy

statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about Ozarks and C1 will be available without charge, at the SEC s Internet site (http://www.sec.gov). Copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference in the proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, when available, without charge, from Ozarks website at http://www.bankozarks.com under the Investor Relations tab (in the case of documents filed by Ozarks) and on C1 s website at https://www.c1bank.com (in the case of documents filed by C1).

Ozarks and C1, and certain of their respective directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of C1 in respect of the proposed merger transaction. Certain information about the directors and executive officers of C1 is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on February 19, 2016, its proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 10, 2015, and its Current Reports on Form 8-K, which were filed with the SEC on July 1, 2015 and September 14, 2015. Certain information about the directors and executive officers of Ozarks is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on February 19, 2016, its proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 25, 2015 and its Current Report on Form 8-K, which was filed with the SEC on January 15, 2016. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available.

#### CAUTION ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This communication contains certain forward-looking information about Ozarks and C1 that is intended to be covered by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by words such as may , hope , will , should , expect , plan , anticipate , intend , estimate, predict, potential, continue, could, future or the negative of those terms or other words of similar me These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements relating to the terms and closing of the proposed transaction between Ozarks and C1, the proposed impact of the merger on Ozarks financial results, acceptance by C1 s customers of Ozarks products and services, the opportunities to enhance market share in certain markets, market acceptance of Ozarks generally in new markets, and the integration of C1 s operations. You should carefully read forward-looking statements, including statements that contain these words, because they discuss the future expectations or state other forward-looking information about C1 and Ozarks. A number of important factors could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements, many of which are beyond the parties control, including the parties ability to consummate the transaction or satisfy the conditions to the completion of the transaction, including the receipt of shareholder approval, the receipt of regulatory approvals required for the transaction on the terms expected or on the anticipated schedule; the parties ability to meet expectations regarding the timing, completion and accounting and tax treatments of the transaction; the possibility that any of the anticipated benefits of the proposed merger will not be realized or will not be realized within the expected time period; the risk that integration of C1 s operations with those of Ozarks will be materially delayed or will be more costly or difficult than expected; the failure of the proposed merger to close for any other reason; the effect of the announcement of the merger on customer relationships and operating results (including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees or customers); dilution caused by Ozarks issuance of additional shares of its common stock in connection with the merger; the possibility that the merger may be more expensive to complete than anticipated, including as a result of unexpected factors or events; the diversion of management time on transaction related issues; general competitive, economic, political and market conditions and fluctuations; changes in the regulatory environment; changes in the economy affecting real estate values; C1 s ability to achieve loan and deposit growth; projected population and income growth in C1 s targeted market areas; volatility and direction of market interest rates and a weakening of the economy which could materially impact credit quality trends and the ability to generate loans; and the other factors described in described in Ozarks Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 filed with the SEC or C1 s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 filed with the SEC. Ozarks and C1 assume no obligation to update the information in this communication, except as otherwise required by law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, all of which speak only as of the date hereof.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

# BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC.

Date: February 23, 2016

By: /s/ Greg McKinney

Name: Greg McKinney

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting

Title: Officer