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Equity Bancshares, Inc. Will Announce 2015 Results on January 28, 2016

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WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 07, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Equity Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ:EQBK), ("Equity"), the Wichita-based holding company of Equity Bank, will release its 2015 year-end and fourth quarter results after the market closes on Thursday, January 28, 2016 with a press release issued at approximately 5 p.m. central time.

Equity Chairman and CEO Brad Elliott and CFO Greg Kossover will hold a conference call and webcast to discuss 2015 results on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. central time.

Investors, news media, and other participants may register for the webcast at <http://investor.equitybank.com>. Participants may dial into the call toll-free at (877) 637-1713 from anywhere in the U.S. or (503) 406-4038 internationally, using conference ID no. 19355297.

Participants are encouraged to dial into the call approximately 10 minutes prior to the start time. A replay of the call and webcast will be available two hours following the close of the call until February 4, 2016, accessible at (855) 859-2056 or <http://investor.equitybank.com>.

[About Equity Bancshares, Inc. and Equity Bank](#)

Equity Bancshares, Inc. is the holding company for Equity Bank, offering a full range of financial solutions, including commercial loans, consumer banking, mortgage loans, and treasury management services. As of September 30, 2015, Equity had \$1.4 billion in consolidated total assets, with 25 locations throughout Kansas and Missouri, including corporate headquarters in Wichita. As more fully described in Equity's Form 10-Q filed December 23, 2015, Equity closed its acquisition of First Independence Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary First Federal

Savings and Loan of Independence on October 9, 2015.

On November 16, 2015, Equity completed an initial public offering of 2,231,000 shares of Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value, at a price to the public of \$22.50 per share, including 291,000 shares pursuant to the full exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares of Class A common stock from Equity.

Founded in November 2002 in Andover, Kansas by current Chairman and CEO Brad Elliott, Equity expanded into Wichita in 2005, Kansas City in 2007, Western Kansas in 2008, Topeka in 2011, Western Missouri in 2012, and Southeastern Kansas in 2015. Equity's principal objective is to increase stockholder value and generate consistent growth by expanding its commercial banking franchise organically and by acquisition, serving as a home for seasoned bankers, businesspersons, and customers with an entrepreneurial spirit. Equity seeks to provide an enhanced banking experience for customers by providing a suite of sophisticated banking products and services tailored to their needs, while delivering the high-quality, relationship-based customer service of a community bank. Learn more at www.equitybank.com.

Special Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained herein may be considered "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon the belief of Equity's management, as well as assumptions made beyond information currently available to Equity's management, and may be, but not necessarily are, identified by such words as "will," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "target," "forecast" and "goal." Because such "forward-looking statements" are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Equity's expectations include competition from other financial institutions and bank holding companies; the effects of and changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Federal Reserve Board; changes in the demand for loans; fluctuations in value of collateral and loan reserves; inflation, interest rate, market and monetary fluctuations; changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits; and acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses, and similar variables. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Except as otherwise stated in this news announcement, Equity does not undertake any obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements because of new information, future events or otherwise.

For discussion of these and other risks that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, please refer to "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" in our most recent Form S-1 SEC Registration Statement, or other SEC filings. If one or more of the factors affecting our forward-looking information and statements proves incorrect, then our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, forward-looking information and statements contained herein. Accordingly, you

should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Equity Bancshares, Inc. assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements that are made from time to time.

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