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Amendment No. 2
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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

FIRST PACTRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization) (Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number) (I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of the proposed sale of the securities to the public:

As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective and upon completion of the merger described in the enclosed document.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. "

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)(3)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)(4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	2,150,000	N/A	\$22,204,099	\$3,029

- (1) The maximum number of shares of First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. (First PacTrust) common stock estimated to be issuable upon completion of the merger of First PacTrust and The Private Bank of California (PBOC), as described herein. This number is based on (A) 2,083,333 shares of First PacTrust common stock issuable in exchange for all shares of PBOC common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger and (B) the number of shares of PBOC common stock reserved for issuance under various plans as of April 2, 2013 and not subject to the PBOC option cancellation agreements (as described herein), which shall be converted into options to purchase First PacTrust common shares, in each case pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 21, 2012, by and between First PacTrust and PBOC and attached to the proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee required by Section 6(b) of the Securities Act and computed pursuant to Rules 457(f) and 457(c) under the Securities Act, based on a rate of \$136.40 per \$1,000,000 of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.
- (3) The proposed maximum aggregate offering price of the registrant's common stock was calculated based upon the market value of shares of PBOC common stock (the securities to be cancelled in the merger) in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(f) under the Securities Act as follows: (A) the product of (i) \$12.00, the average of the high and low prices per share of PBOC common stock as reported on the OTC Bulletin Board on April 9, 2013 and (ii) 3,924,301 the estimated maximum number of shares of PBOC common stock that may be exchanged for the merger consideration, including shares reserved for issuance under various equity plans, minus (B) \$24,887,513, the estimated aggregate amount of cash to be paid by the registrant in the merger.
- (4) \$3,225 was previously paid in connection with the filing of the initial Form S-4.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such dates as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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Information contained herein is subject to completion or amendment. A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This document shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED APRIL 10, 2013

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MERGER PROPOSED YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

Dear Shareholder:

On August 21, 2012, The Private Bank of California, Beach Business Bank and First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. agreed to a strategic business combination in which Private Bank will merge with Beach Business Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust (or, at the option of First PacTrust, Pacific Trust Bank, fsb, a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust, as further described in this proxy statement/prospectus). In the merger, all of the issued and outstanding shares of Private Bank common stock will be converted into, in aggregate, (1) 2,083,333 shares of First PacTrust common stock and (2) \$24,887,513 in cash, in each case subject to certain adjustments. Based on the number of Private Bank common shares outstanding as of [] each share of Private Bank common stock would be converted into [] shares of First PacTrust common stock and \$[] if the merger had been completed as of that date. However, the exact number of First PacTrust shares and amount of cash you may be entitled to receive in the merger will depend on the number of Private Bank common shares issued and outstanding on the date the merger is actually completed.

We are sending you this proxy statement/prospectus to notify you of and invite you to the special meeting of The Private Bank of California shareholders being held to consider the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 21, 2012, as it may be further amended from time to time (which we refer to as the merger agreement), that The Private Bank of California has entered into with First PacTrust, and to ask you to vote at the special meeting in favor of the approval of the merger agreement.

The special meeting of Private Bank shareholders will be held on [], 2013 at the company's principal executive offices, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, CA 90067 at 3:30 p.m. local time.

At the special meeting, you will be asked to approve the merger agreement. In the merger, The Private Bank of California will merge with Beach Business Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust (or, at the option of First PacTrust, Pacific Trust Bank, fsb, a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust, as further described in this proxy statement/prospectus). You will also be asked to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the approval of the merger agreement.

The market value of the merger consideration will fluctuate with the market price of First PacTrust common stock and will not be known at the time you vote on the merger. First PacTrust common stock is currently quoted on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol BANC. On [], the last trading day before the date of this proxy statement/prospectus for which it was practicable to obtain this information, the closing share price of First PacTrust common stock was \$[] per share as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market. **We urge you to obtain current market quotations for First PacTrust and The Private Bank of California.**

Your vote is important. We cannot complete the merger unless The Private Bank of California's shareholders approve the merger agreement. In order for the merger to be approved, the holders of at least a majority of the shares of Private Bank common stock outstanding and entitled to vote must vote in favor of approval of the merger agreement. Regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please take the time to vote your shares in accordance with the instructions contained in this proxy statement/prospectus. Failing to vote will have the same effect as voting against the merger.

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The Private Bank of California's board of directors unanimously recommends that Private Bank shareholders vote FOR approval of the merger agreement and FOR the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the approval of the merger agreement.

This proxy statement/prospectus describes the special meeting, the merger, the documents related to the merger and other related matters. Please carefully read this entire proxy statement/prospectus, including Risk Factors, for a discussion of the risks relating to the proposed merger. You also can obtain information about First PacTrust from documents that it has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

If you have any questions concerning the merger, please contact The Private Bank of California's proxy solicitor, Georgeson, Inc. at 866-295-3782 (toll free), or at pbca@georgeson.com. Banks and brokerage firms should call Georgeson at 212-440-9800. We look forward to seeing you at the special shareholders' meeting in Los Angeles, California.

R. Todd Neilson
Chairman of the Board
The Private Bank of California

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the California Department of Financial Institutions, nor any state securities commission or any other bank regulatory agency has approved or disapproved the securities to be issued in the merger or determined if this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate or adequate. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The securities to be issued in the merger are not savings or deposit accounts or other obligations of any bank or non-bank subsidiary of either First PacTrust or The Private Bank of California, and they are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

The date of this proxy statement/prospectus is [], and it is first being mailed or otherwise delivered to Private Bank shareholders on or about [].

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To the Shareholders of The Private Bank of California:

The Private Bank of California will hold a special meeting of shareholders at 3:30 pm local time, on [] at the company's principal executive offices, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California 90067, to consider and vote upon the following matters:

a proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 21, 2012, by and among First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc., Beach Business Bank and The Private Bank of California, pursuant to which The Private Bank of California will merge with Beach Business Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust (or, at the option of First PacTrust, Pacific Trust Bank, fsb, a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust), as more fully described in the attached proxy statement/prospectus; and

a proposal to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the approval of the merger agreement.

We have fixed the close of business on [] as the record date for the special meeting. Only Private Bank shareholders of record at that time are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting, or any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting. In order for the merger to be approved, the holders of a majority of the shares of Private Bank common stock outstanding and entitled to vote must vote in favor of approval of the merger agreement.

Your vote is very important. We cannot complete the merger unless The Private Bank of California's common shareholders approve the merger agreement. Failure to vote will have the same effect as voting against the merger.

Regardless of whether you plan to attend the special meeting, please vote as soon as possible. If you hold stock in your name as a shareholder of record, please complete, sign, date and return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope, or call the toll-free telephone number or use the Internet as described in the instructions included with your proxy card or voting instruction card. If you hold your stock in street name through a bank or broker, please follow the instructions on the voting instruction card furnished by the record holder.

The enclosed proxy statement/prospectus provides a detailed description of the special meeting, the merger, the documents related to the merger and other related matters. We urge you to read the proxy statement/prospectus, including any documents incorporated in the proxy statement/prospectus by reference, and its appendices carefully and in their entirety. If you have any questions concerning the merger or the proxy statement/prospectus, would like additional copies of the proxy statement/prospectus or need help voting your shares of Private Bank common stock, please contact The Private Bank of California's proxy solicitor, Georgeson, Inc. at 866-295-3782.

The Private Bank of California's board of directors has unanimously approved the merger and the merger agreement and unanimously recommends that Private Bank shareholders vote FOR the approval of the merger agreement and FOR the approval of the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of such approval.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Joyce N. Kaneda
Corporate Secretary
The Private Bank of California

Los Angeles, California

[], 2013

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REFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This proxy statement/prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about First PacTrust from documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, that are not included in or delivered with this proxy statement/prospectus. You can obtain any of the documents filed with or furnished to the SEC by First PacTrust at no cost from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also request copies of these documents, including documents incorporated by reference in this proxy statement/prospectus, at no cost by contacting First PacTrust at the following address:

First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc.

18500 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1100

Irvine, California 92612

Attention: Secretary

Telephone: (949) 236-5211

You will not be charged for any of these documents that you request. To obtain timely delivery of these documents, you must request them no later than five business days before the date of the special meeting. This means that Private Bank shareholders requesting documents must do so by [], 2013, in order to receive them before the special meeting.

In addition, if you have questions about the merger or the Private Bank special meeting, need additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus or need to obtain proxy cards or other information related to the proxy solicitation, you may contact Georgeson, Inc., at the following address and telephone numbers:

199 Water Street, 26th Floor

New York, NY 10038

866-295-3782 (toll free)

Banks and brokerage firms please call: 212-440-9800

The Private Bank of California does not have a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and accordingly does not file documents or reports with the SEC. The Private Bank of California's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended, and as of, December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are included as exhibits to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by First PacTrust on April 10, 2013, and are incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus.

See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) for more details.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER AND THE PBOC SPECIAL MEETING

The following are some questions that you may have regarding the merger and The Private Bank of California special meeting, and brief answers to those questions. We urge you to read carefully the remainder of this proxy statement/prospectus because the information in this section does not provide all of the information that might be important to you with respect to the merger and the special meeting. Additional important information is also contained in the documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. See **Where You Can Find More Information**.

References in this proxy statement/prospectus to **PBOC** or **Private Bank** refer to The Private Bank of California, a California-chartered state bank. References in this proxy statement/prospectus to **First PacTrust** refer to First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and, unless the context otherwise requires, to its affiliates. References in this proxy statement/prospectus to **Beach** refer to Beach Business Bank, a California corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust.

Q: What am I being asked to vote on at the PBOC special meeting?

A: First PacTrust and PBOC have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 21, 2012, which we refer to as the merger agreement, pursuant to which First PacTrust has agreed to acquire PBOC. Under the terms of the merger agreement, PBOC will merge with and into Beach, a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust, with Beach continuing as the surviving entity. We refer to this transaction (including the alternative structure described in the immediately following sentence) as the merger. The merger agreement provides that if First PacTrust gives written notice to PBOC no later than three business days prior to the completion of the merger, First PacTrust may revise the structure of the merger so that PBOC merges with and into Pacific Trust Bank, fsb, a federal savings bank and a wholly owned subsidiary of First PacTrust, which we refer to as PacTrust Bank, with PacTrust Bank as the surviving entity in the merger (we refer to this alternative as the alternative structure).

PBOC shareholders are also being asked to approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the approval of the merger agreement. This is referred to as the adjournment proposal.

Q: What will I receive in the merger?

A: If the merger is completed, each holder of PBOC common stock outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger will receive his, her or its proportional share of (1) 2,083,333 shares of First PacTrust common stock and (2) \$24,887,513 in cash, in each case subject to certain adjustments, which we refer to as the merger consideration. Based on the number of PBOC common shares outstanding as of [], each share of PBOC common stock would have been converted into [] shares of First PacTrust common stock and \$[] in cash if the merger had been completed as of that date. The exact number of First PacTrust shares and amount of cash you may be entitled to receive in the merger will depend on the number of PBOC common shares outstanding on the date the merger is actually completed. The merger consideration is subject to the following adjustment: if the value of the merger consideration, calculated using \$12.00 as the value of one share of First PacTrust common stock, would otherwise exceed an amount equal to 1.30 times PBOC's tangible common equity as of the last business day of the month before the closing of the merger (after subtracting from tangible common equity certain unaccrued one-time PBOC merger-related costs and expenses) then the cash portion of the merger consideration will be adjusted downward until the total value of the merger consideration is equal to such amount.

First PacTrust will not issue any fractional shares of First PacTrust common stock in the merger. PBOC shareholders who would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share of First PacTrust common stock upon the completion of the merger will instead receive an amount in cash calculated using \$12.00 as the value of one share of First PacTrust common stock.

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Q: Will the value of the merger consideration change between the special meeting and the time the merger is completed?

A: The value of the merger consideration may fluctuate between the special meeting and the completion of the merger based upon the market value of First PacTrust common stock. In the merger you will receive a number of shares of First PacTrust common stock for each share of PBOC common stock you hold. Any fluctuation in the market price of First PacTrust common stock after the special meeting will change the value of the shares of First PacTrust common stock that you will receive.

Q: How does PBOC's board of directors recommend that I vote at the special meeting?

A: PBOC's board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the proposal to approve the merger agreement and **FOR** the adjournment proposal.

Q: When and where is the PBOC special meeting?

A: The PBOC special meeting will be held at the company's principal executive offices, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, CA 90067 on [], 2013, at 3:30 p.m. local time.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: After you have carefully read this proxy statement/prospectus and have decided how you wish to vote your shares, please vote your shares promptly so that your shares are represented and voted at the special meeting. If you hold your shares in your name as a shareholder of record, you must complete, sign, date and mail your proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope as soon as possible, or call the toll-free telephone number or use the Internet as described in the instructions included with your proxy card or voting instruction card. If you hold your shares in street name through a bank or broker, you must direct your bank or broker to vote in accordance with the instructions you have received from your bank or broker. Street name shareholders who wish to vote at the special meeting will need to obtain a proxy form from the institution that holds their shares.

Q: What constitutes a quorum for the special meeting?

A: The presence at the special meeting, in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of PBOC common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be included in determining the number of shares present at the meeting for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs under stock exchange rules when a broker is not permitted to vote on a matter without instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares and no instruction is given.

Q: What is the vote required to approve each proposal at the PBOC special meeting?

A: Approval of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of PBOC common stock as of the close of business on [], 2013, the record date for the special meeting. Approval of the adjournment proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of PBOC common stock represented in person or by proxy at the special meeting, even if less than a quorum.

Q: Why is my vote important?

If you do not vote, it will be more difficult for PBOC to obtain the necessary quorum to hold its special meeting. In addition, your failure to vote or failure to instruct your bank or broker as to how to vote will

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have the same effect as a vote against approval of the merger agreement. The merger agreement must be approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of PBOC common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting. PBOC's board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote to approve the merger agreement.

Q: If my shares of common stock are held in street name by my bank or broker, will my bank or broker automatically vote my shares for me?

A: No. Your bank or broker cannot vote your shares without instructions from you. You should instruct your bank or broker as to how to vote your shares in accordance with the instructions provided to you. Please check the voting form used by your bank or broker.

Q: What if I abstain from voting or fail to instruct my bank or broker?

A: If you fail to vote, mark ABSTAIN on your proxy or fail to instruct your bank or broker with respect to the proposal to approve the merger agreement, it will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the proposal.

If you mark ABSTAIN on your proxy with respect to the adjournment proposal, it will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the proposal. The failure to vote or failure to instruct your bank or broker with respect to the adjournment proposal, however, will have no effect on the adjournment proposal.

Q: Can I attend the special meeting and vote my shares in person?

A: Yes. All shareholders, including shareholders of record and shareholders who hold their shares through banks, brokers, nominees or any other holder of record, are invited to attend the special meeting. Holders of record of PBOC common stock can vote in person at the special meeting. If you are not a shareholder of record, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the record holder of your shares, such as a broker, bank or other nominee, to be able to vote in person at the special meeting. If you plan to attend the special meeting, you must hold your shares in your own name or have a letter from the record holder of your shares confirming your ownership. In addition, you must bring a form of personal photo identification with you in order to be admitted. PBOC reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone without proper proof of share ownership or without proper photo identification. The use of cameras, sound recording equipment, communications devices or any similar equipment during the special meeting is prohibited without PBOC's express written consent.

Q: Can I change my vote?

A: Yes. You may revoke any proxy at any time before it is voted by (1) signing and returning a proxy card with a later date, (2) delivering a written revocation letter to PBOC's corporate secretary, (3) voting again by telephone or the Internet or (4) attending the special meeting in person, notifying the corporate secretary and voting by ballot at the special meeting. Attendance at the special meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy. A revocation or later-dated proxy received by PBOC after the vote will not affect the vote. PBOC's corporate secretary's mailing address is: Secretary, The Private Bank of California, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California, 90067. If you hold your shares in street name through a bank or broker, you should contact your bank or broker to revoke your proxy.

Q: Will PBOC be required to submit the proposal to approve the merger agreement to its shareholders even if PBOC's board of directors has withdrawn, modified or qualified its recommendation?

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A: Yes. Unless the merger agreement is terminated before the PBOC special meeting, PBOC is required to submit the proposal to approve the merger agreement to its shareholders even if PBOC's board of directors has withdrawn or modified its recommendation.

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Q: What are the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to PBOC shareholders?

A: The merger is intended to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code, and U.S. holders of PBOC common stock are not expected to recognize any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes on the exchange of shares of PBOC common stock for shares of First PacTrust common stock in the merger, except that U.S. holders will recognize gain (but not loss) to the extent of the amount of any cash received in the merger.

For further information, see Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences described above may not apply to all holders of PBOC common stock. A holder's tax consequences will depend on its individual situation. Accordingly, we strongly urge you to consult your tax advisor for a full understanding of the particular tax consequences of the merger to you.

Q: What if I want to exercise dissenters' rights?

A: If you want to exercise dissenters' rights and receive the fair value of your PBOC shares in cash instead of the merger consideration described in this proxy statement/prospectus, your shares must not be voted FOR approval of the merger agreement, and you must follow other procedures after the meeting, as described in Annex C. If you return a signed proxy without voting instructions or with instructions to vote FOR the merger agreement, your shares will be automatically voted in favor of the merger agreement and you will lose dissenters' rights. Thus, if you wish to dissent and you execute and return a proxy, you must specify that your shares are to be either voted AGAINST or ABSTAIN with respect to approval of the merger.

Q: If I am a PBOC shareholder, should I send in my PBOC stock certificates now?

A: No. Please do not send in your PBOC stock certificates with your proxy. After the merger, an exchange agent designated by First PacTrust will send you instructions for exchanging PBOC stock certificates for the merger consideration. See The Merger Agreement Conversion of Shares; Exchange of Certificates.

Q: What should I do if I hold my shares of PBOC common stock in book-entry form?

A: You are not required to take any specific actions if your shares of PBOC common stock are held in book-entry form, and you may vote your shares in the same manner as certificated shares may be voted. After the completion of the merger, shares of PBOC common stock held in book-entry form automatically will be exchanged for the merger consideration, including shares of First PacTrust common stock in book-entry form, and any cash to be received in the merger.

Q: Whom may I contact if I cannot locate my PBOC stock certificate(s)?

A: If you are unable to locate your original PBOC stock certificate(s), you should contact Computershare at 800-962-4284.

Q: When do you expect to complete the merger?

A:

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PBOC, Beach and First PacTrust expect to complete the merger during the second quarter of 2013. However, neither PBOC nor First PacTrust can assure you when or if the merger will occur. PBOC, Beach and First PacTrust must first obtain the approval of PBOC shareholders at the special meeting.

Q: Whom should I call with questions?

A: If you have any questions concerning the merger or this proxy statement/prospectus, would like additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus or need help voting your shares of PBOC common stock, please contact: Georgeson, Inc., PBOC's proxy solicitor, at 866-295-3782. Banks and brokerage firms should call Georgeson at 212-440-9800.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information from this proxy statement/prospectus. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. We urge you to carefully read the entire proxy statement/prospectus, including the appendices, and the other documents to which we refer in order to fully understand the merger. See **Where You Can Find More Information. Each item in this summary refers to the page of this proxy statement/prospectus on which that subject is discussed in more detail.**

In the Merger, PBOC Shareholders Will Receive Cash and Shares of First PacTrust Common Stock (page [])

If the merger is completed, each holder of PBOC common stock outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger will receive his, her or its proportional share of (1) 2,083,333 shares of First PacTrust common stock and (2) \$24,887,513 in cash, in each case subject to certain adjustments. Based on the number of PBOC common shares outstanding as of [], 2013, each share of PBOC common stock would have been converted into [] shares of First PacTrust common stock and \$[] in cash if the merger had been completed as of that date. The exact number of First PacTrust shares and amount of cash you may be entitled to receive in the merger will depend on the number of PBOC common shares outstanding on the date the merger is actually completed.

The merger consideration is subject to the following adjustment: if the value of the merger consideration, calculated using \$12.00 as the value of one share of First PacTrust common stock, would otherwise exceed an amount equal to 1.30 times PBOC's tangible common equity as of the last business day of the month before the closing of the merger (after subtracting from tangible common equity certain unaccrued one-time PBOC merger-related costs and expenses), then the cash portion of the merger consideration will be adjusted downward until the value of the merger consideration is equal to such amount.

First PacTrust will not issue any fractional shares of First PacTrust common stock in the merger. PBOC shareholders who would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share of First PacTrust common stock upon the completion of the merger will instead receive an amount in cash calculated using \$12.00 as the value of one share of First PacTrust common stock.

For example, if you hold 10 shares of PBOC common stock and there are 3,900,000 shares of PBOC common stock outstanding at the time the merger is completed, you will receive 5 shares of First PacTrust common stock and a total cash payment of \$67.91 (i.e., 2,083,333 divided by 3,900,000, multiplied by 10 = 5.3419 shares, and (A) \$24,887,513 divided by 3,900,000, multiplied by 10 = \$63.81, plus (B) 0.3419 multiplied by \$12.00 = 4.10, which represents a cash payment instead of the 0.3419 fractional shares of First PacTrust common stock that you otherwise would have received).

The merger agreement governs the merger. The merger agreement is included in this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A. Please read the merger agreement carefully. All descriptions in this summary and elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus of the terms and conditions of the merger are qualified by reference to the merger agreement.

PBOC's Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends that PBOC Shareholders Vote **FOR Approval of the Merger Agreement (page [])**

PBOC's board of directors determined that the merger, the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are advisable and in the best interests of PBOC and its shareholders and

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has unanimously approved the merger and the merger agreement. PBOC's board of directors unanimously recommends that PBOC shareholders vote FOR approval of the merger agreement. For the factors considered by PBOC's board of directors in reaching its decision to approve the merger agreement, see The Merger PBOC's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of PBOC's Board of Directors.

Milestone Advisors, LLC Has Provided an Opinion to PBOC's Board of Directors Regarding the Merger Consideration (page [] and Annex B)

On August 21, 2012, Milestone Advisors, LLC, PBOC's financial advisor in connection with the merger, which we refer to as Milestone, rendered its oral opinion to PBOC's board of directors, subsequently confirmed in writing, that as of such date and based upon and subject to the assumptions, procedures, considerations, qualifications and limitations set forth in the written opinion, the merger consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to the holders of shares of PBOC common stock.

The full text of Milestone's opinion, dated August 21, 2012, is attached as Annex B to this proxy statement/prospectus. You should read the opinion in its entirety for a discussion of the assumptions made, procedures followed, factors considered and limitations upon the review undertaken by Milestone in rendering its opinion.

Milestone's opinion is directed to PBOC's board of directors, addresses only the fairness of the merger consideration from a financial point of view to the holders of shares of PBOC common stock on the date the opinion was rendered, and does not address any other aspect of the merger or constitute a recommendation as to how any shareholders of PBOC should vote at any shareholder meeting held in connection with the merger.

For further information, see The Merger Opinion of Milestone Advisors, LLC.

What Holders of PBOC Stock Options and Other Equity-Based Awards Will Receive (page [])

The merger agreement provides that each option to acquire PBOC common stock, which we refer to as a PBOC option, that is outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger, other than PBOC options held by certain persons who have entered into the PBOC option cancellation agreements, as described below, will be converted into an option to purchase a number of whole shares of First PacTrust common stock (rounded down to the nearest whole share) equal to the number of shares of PBOC common stock subject to such PBOC option immediately prior to the completion of the merger multiplied by a fraction, which we refer to as the option exchange ratio (as described below), at a per-share exercise price (rounded up to nearest whole penny) equal to the per-share exercise price for each such PBOC common share subject to such PBOC option immediately prior to the completion of the merger divided by the option exchange ratio. The option exchange ratio is a fraction, the numerator of which is the per share merger consideration value and the denominator of which is \$12.00. The First PacTrust options issued in exchange for PBOC options will otherwise be issued on substantially similar aggregate terms and conditions (including with respect to vesting) as applied to each PBOC option immediately prior to the completion of the merger. First PacTrust may convert the PBOC options into options issued pursuant to an existing benefit plan of First PacTrust or its affiliates, so long as such conversion does not materially and adversely affect the holders of the PBOC options and is consistent with the above-described adjustment provisions.

Each restricted share of PBOC common stock that is outstanding immediately prior to the closing of the merger, which we refer to as a PBOC restricted share, will, under its terms, vest in full and become free of all restrictions as of the closing of the merger. At the closing of the merger, the holder of any such PBOC restricted shares will be entitled to receive the merger consideration in respect of each of his or her PBOC restricted shares. For more information, see The Merger Interests of PBOC's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger.

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PBOC Will Hold its Special Meeting on [], 2013 (page [])

The special meeting of PBOC shareholders will be held on [], 2013, at 3:30 p.m. local time, at the Corporate main office, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, CA 90067. At the special meeting, PBOC shareholders will be asked to:

approve the merger agreement and the transactions it contemplates; and

approve the adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the approval of the merger agreement, which we refer to as the adjournment proposal.

Only holders of record at the close of business on [], 2013 will be entitled to vote at the special meeting. Each share of PBOC common stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal to be considered at the PBOC special meeting. As of the record date, there were [] shares of PBOC common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting. Each of the directors of PBOC and certain of the executive officers and other shareholders of PBOC have entered into voting agreements with First PacTrust, pursuant to which they have agreed, solely in their capacity as PBOC shareholders, to vote all of their shares of PBOC common stock in favor of the proposals to be presented at the special meeting. As of the record date, PBOC directors, executive officers and other shareholders who are parties to the voting agreements were entitled to vote an aggregate of approximately [] shares of PBOC common stock, representing approximately []% of the PBOC common stock outstanding on that date. As of the record date, the directors and executive officers of PBOC were entitled to vote approximately [] shares of PBOC common stock representing approximately []% of the shares of PBOC common stock outstanding on that date. As of the record date, First PacTrust and its subsidiaries held no shares of PBOC common stock (other than shares held as fiduciary, custodian or agent), and its directors and executive officers or their affiliates held [] shares of PBOC common stock.

To approve the merger agreement, holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of PBOC common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting must vote in favor of approving the merger agreement. Because approval is based on the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares outstanding, your failure to vote, failure to instruct your bank or broker how to vote with respect to the proposal to approve the merger agreement or abstention will have the same effect as a vote against approval of the merger agreement.

Approval of the adjournment proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of shares of PBOC common stock entitled to vote on, and represented in person or by proxy at the special meeting, even if less than a quorum. Because approval of the adjournment proposal is based on the affirmative vote of a majority of shares voting or expressly abstaining at the special meeting, abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against such proposal. The failure to vote or failure to instruct your bank or broker how to vote with respect to the adjournment proposal, however, will have no effect on such proposal.

PBOC's Officers and Directors Have Financial Interests in the Merger that Differ from Your Interests (page [])

PBOC shareholders should be aware that PBOC's directors and executive officers have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, those of PBOC shareholders generally. These interests may create potential conflicts of interest. PBOC's board of directors was aware of these interests and considered these interests, among other matters, when making its decision to approve the merger agreement and in recommending that PBOC's shareholders vote in favor of approving the merger agreement. These interests include:

PBOC has entered into agreements, which we refer to as the PBOC option cancellation agreements, with many of its optionholders who held in the money options, including current and former directors, none of whom will be directors of First PacTrust, and certain executive officers, pursuant to which each such person has agreed not to exercise his or her outstanding options prior to the effective

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time of the merger and PBOC will pay to the optionholder for each share covered by his or her options an amount equal to the per share merger consideration value (based on a First PacTrust share value of \$12.00 per share) minus the per share exercise price of the options. PBOC has also entered into an option cancellation agreement with Joyce Kaneda, an executive officer of PBOC, pursuant to which she was paid \$159,555.

PBOC has employment agreements with David Misch, its Chief Executive Officer, and Richard Smith, its President, and change in control agreements with Suzanne Dondanville, Joyce Kaneda and Nick Zappia, all of whom are executive officers of PBOC. In general, and as described in this summary and more fully in the disclosures under *The Merger Interests of PBOC's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger*, each of these agreements provides for lump sum cash severance payments and other benefits upon a qualifying termination of employment following a change in control of PBOC (as defined in the respective agreements). The merger would constitute a change in control under each of these agreements. If the merger is completed, however, each of these agreements will be wholly or partially superseded by an agreement or plan entered into with or adopted by PBOC or First PacTrust in anticipation of the merger, as described in the summary below and more fully in the disclosures under *The Merger Interests of PBOC's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger*.

PBOC's employment agreement with Mr. Misch was for an original term of three years ending January 4, 2013 and has been extended until the closing date of the merger, the termination of the merger agreement, or August 21, 2013, whichever occurs first. Under the agreement, among other things, Mr. Misch receives a base salary of not less than \$285,000 and is generally entitled to receive benefits under and participate in benefit plans of PBOC. Under the agreement, in the event of a qualifying termination of employment following a change in control in the Bank (as defined in the agreement), Mr. Misch will receive a lump sum cash severance payment equal to one times the highest annual cash compensation paid to him during the three years preceding the change in control and continuation of medical benefits for a period of twelve months; provided, however, that the amount of any benefits to be paid under the agreement in the event of a change in control would be limited to the amounts allowed as deductible payments pursuant to Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code. Mr. Misch entered into a new employment agreement with First PacTrust that, upon the effective time of the merger, supersedes his existing employment agreement with PBOC in its entirety.

First PacTrust has entered into a three-year employment agreement with Mr. Misch that becomes effective upon the completion of the merger. Under the agreement, Mr. Misch will be Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, receive an annual base salary of not less than \$350,000, a guaranteed minimum bonus of \$100,000 for 2013 (subject to continued employment through December 31, 2013), a grant of an option to purchase 100,000 shares of First PacTrust common stock (which options vest in ratable installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the completion of the merger, subject to his continued employment through the applicable vesting date, and in full upon a severance-qualifying termination under the terms of the agreement) and, in the event Mr. Misch either resigns for any reason from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 or incurs a severance-qualifying termination at any time during the term of the agreement, \$250,000 in cash severance paid in installments and health care continuation cost reimbursements, for 18 months after termination.

Mr. Smith's employment agreement with PBOC is for a term of three years commencing January 1, 2009, subject to automatic extension for subsequent one year periods unless notice to terminate the agreement is provided at least 180 days prior to the end of the then-current term. This agreement has been automatically extended. Under the agreement, among other things, Mr. Smith receives a base salary of \$329,200 per year plus other benefits, and, in the event of a qualifying termination of employment following a change in control in the Bank (as defined in the agreement), Mr. Smith will receive a lump sum cash payment equal to one times the highest annual cash compensation paid to him during the three years preceding the change in control and continuation of medical benefits for a period

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of twelve months. Mr. Smith entered into a retention agreement with First PacTrust that, upon the effective time of the merger, supersedes the above-described change-in-control severance provision in his existing employment agreement with PBOC in its entirety.

First PacTrust has entered into a retention agreement with Mr. Smith that becomes effective upon the completion of the merger. Pursuant to the agreement, Mr. Smith is entitled to receive two, equal, lump-sum retention bonus installments in an aggregate amount of \$404,200, subject to his continued employment through 90 days and 18 months after the completion of the merger. Upon a qualifying termination of employment after the completion of the merger and prior to the applicable retention bonus payment date, Mr. Smith is entitled to receive payment of any unpaid installments, and a lump-sum payment of the base salary that would have been paid to him through the 18-month anniversary of the completion of the merger had his employment not been terminated.

The Bank has also entered into change in control agreements with Suzanne Dondanville, Joyce Kaneda and Nick Zappia, which provide that in the event of a qualifying termination of employment of the executive following a change in control in the Bank (as defined in the agreement), the executive will receive a lump sum cash payment equal to one times the highest annual cash compensation paid to him or her during the three years preceding the change in control and continuation of medical benefits for a period of twelve months. The payments under the change in control agreements (and any other payments made to the executives in connection with such a change in control of the Bank) are reduced to the applicable executive's safe harbor amount under Sections 280G and 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code if the payment of such amounts would cause the executive's total payments to be subject to the excise tax under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Bank previously entered into such change in control agreements with Suzanne Dondanville, Joyce Kaneda and Nick Zappia, each of Mss. Dondanville and Kaneda entered into severance and retention arrangements with PBOC, and Mr. Zappia entered into a retention agreement with First PacTrust, which, upon the effective time of the merger, supersede the above-described change-in-control severance provisions in their existing agreements with PBOC in their entirety.

First PacTrust has entered into a retention agreement with Mr. Zappia that becomes effective upon the completion of the merger. Pursuant to Mr. Zappia's agreement, he would be entitled to receive two, equal, lump-sum retention bonus installments in an aggregate amount of \$280,000, subject to his continued employment through 90 days and 18 months after the completion of the merger. Upon a qualifying termination of employment after the completion of the merger and prior to the applicable retention bonus payment date, Mr. Zappia would receive payment of any unpaid installments.

In connection with the merger, PBOC has adopted a severance and retention plan for certain employees, including Suzanne Dondanville and Joyce Kaneda, executive officers of the Bank. David Misch, Richard Smith, and Nick Zappia do not participate in this plan. The plan provides for Mss. Dondanville and Kaneda to receive an amount equal to 50% of their highest one-year compensation (as defined in their change of control agreements) over the past two years, provided they continue to be employed by First PacTrust 90 days after the effective time of the merger. Mss. Dondanville and Kaneda would be entitled to receive an additional 50% of the compensation plus any unpaid installments of such retention amounts on the earlier of (a) the one-year anniversary of the effective time, or immediately upon involuntary termination by First PacTrust (other than for cause) if such termination occurs within one year after the effective time. Additionally, the officer is entitled to one year of medical coverage upon a termination of the officer's employment by First PacTrust other than for cause within one year after the effective time of the merger.

In addition, each PBOC restricted share will, under its terms, vest in full and become free of all restrictions as of the closing of the merger. At the closing of the merger, the holder of any such PBOC restricted shares will be entitled to receive the merger consideration in respect of each of his or her PBOC restricted shares.

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For a more complete description of these interests, see *The Merger* *Interests of PBOC's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger* and *The Merger Agreement* *Treatment of PBOC Stock Options and Other Equity-Based Awards*.

PBOC Shareholders Who Do Not Vote For the Merger Will Have Dissenters' Rights (page [])

Under California law, which is the law under which PBOC is incorporated, the holders of PBOC common stock will be entitled to dissenters' appraisal rights in connection with the merger, provided they do not vote FOR the merger and comply with all other applicable statutory procedures for asserting dissenters' rights required by California law. Thus, if you wish to dissent and you execute and return a proxy in the accompanying form, you must specify that your shares are to be voted AGAINST or ABSTAIN with respect to approval of the merger. If you do not return your proxy then you also may exercise your dissenters' rights. Shareholders who exercise their dissenters' rights by complying with the applicable statutory procedures required by California law will be entitled to receive payment in cash for the fair value of their shares as determined by PBOC or, in the event that PBOC and such shareholders cannot agree on the fair value of their shares, in a judicial proceeding. The procedures to be followed by dissenting shareholders are described below in *The Merger* *Dissenters' Rights in the Merger*.

Conditions That Must Be Satisfied or Waived for the Merger to Occur (page [])

Currently, PBOC and First PacTrust expect to complete the merger during the second quarter of 2013. As more fully described in this proxy statement/prospectus and in the merger agreement, the completion of the merger depends on a number of conditions being satisfied or, where legally permissible, waived. These conditions include, among others, approval of the merger agreement by PBOC's shareholders and the receipt of certain required regulatory approvals.

Neither PBOC nor First PacTrust can be certain when, or if, the conditions to the merger will be satisfied or waived, or that the merger will be completed.

Termination of the Merger Agreement (page [])

The merger agreement can be terminated at any time prior to completion of the merger by mutual consent, or by either party in the following circumstances:

the merger has not been completed by May 21, 2013, which we refer to as the end date (if the failure to complete the merger by that date is not caused by the terminating party's breach of the merger agreement);

any required regulatory approval has been denied by the relevant regulatory authority and this denial has become final and nonappealable, or a regulatory authority has issued a final, nonappealable injunction permanently enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the completion of the merger or the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

there is a breach of the merger agreement by the other party that would cause the conditions for completion of the merger not to be satisfied, and the breach is not cured prior to the earlier of May 21, 2013 and 30 business days following written notice of the breach; or

PBOC shareholders fail to approve the merger agreement at the PBOC special meeting, and PBOC is not obligated to resubmit the merger agreement to its shareholders for approval at a second shareholder meeting as described below in *The Merger Agreement* *PBOC Shareholder Meeting and Recommendation of PBOC's Board of Directors*, or the merger agreement is resubmitted to PBOC shareholders at a second shareholder meeting and the PBOC shareholders fail to approve the merger agreement at such shareholder meeting.

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In addition, First PacTrust may terminate the merger agreement in the following circumstances:

PBOC shareholders fail to approve the merger agreement at the special meeting (regardless of whether or not PBOC is obligated to resubmit the merger agreement to its shareholders for approval at a second shareholder meeting as described below in The Merger Agreement PBOC Shareholder Meeting and Recommendation of PBOC's Board of Directors);

PBOC's board of directors fails to recommend to the PBOC shareholders that they approve the merger agreement or withdraws, modifies or qualifies such recommendation in a manner adverse to First PacTrust;

PBOC's board of directors fails to reaffirm its recommendation of the merger within 10 business days after the public announcement of an alternate acquisition proposal (or material modification thereto);

PBOC's board of directors breaches its non-solicitation obligations described below in The Merger Agreement Agreement Not to Solicit Other Offers or its obligations with respect to calling shareholder meetings and alternate acquisition proposals described below in The Merger Agreement PBOC Shareholder Meeting and Recommendation of PBOC's Board of Directors ;

PBOC's board of directors approves, recommends or endorses an alternative transaction (as described below in The Merger Agreement PBOC Shareholder Meeting and Recommendation of PBOC's Board of Directors) or acquisition proposal; or

required regulatory approvals have been obtained, but with materially burdensome conditions being imposed on First PacTrust. A materially burdensome condition is one that would have a material adverse effect on First PacTrust or on PBOC, in each case measured on a scale relative to PBOC.

Termination Fee (page [])

If the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances, including circumstances involving a change in recommendation by PBOC's board of directors, PBOC may be required to pay First PacTrust a termination fee of \$2 million and to reimburse First PacTrust's expenses incurred in connection with the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby. The termination fee could discourage other companies from seeking to acquire or merge with PBOC.

Regulatory Approvals Required for the Merger (page [])

Both PBOC and First PacTrust have agreed to use their reasonable best efforts to obtain all regulatory approvals required to complete the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. First PacTrust filed applications seeking regulatory approval to complete the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which we refer to as the FDIC, and the California Department of Financial Institutions, which we refer to as the DFI. The application to the FDIC was approved on March 27, 2013 and the application to the DFI was approved on March 21, 2013.

Board of Directors and Executive Officers of First PacTrust Following Completion of the Merger (page [])

The size and composition of First PacTrust's board of directors and Beach's board of directors will not be affected by the merger.

David Misch, Chief Executive Officer of PBOC, has agreed to serve as First PacTrust's Chief Risk Officer following the completion of the merger. David Misch, Richard Smith, and Nick Zappia, all of whom are executive officers of PBOC, have each entered into agreements to continue working with First PacTrust following the closing. Richard Pachulski, a member of the board of directors of PBOC, has agreed to serve as the

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Chairman of a new Advisory Board to be formed by First PacTrust. See [The Merger](#) [Interests of PBOC](#) [s](#) [Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger](#). Information about First PacTrust [s](#) [current directors and executive officers](#) can be found in the documents listed in the section entitled [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

The Rights of PBOC Shareholders Will Change as a Result of the Merger (page [])

The rights of PBOC shareholders will change as a result of the merger due to differences in First PacTrust [s](#) [and PBOC](#) [s](#) [governing documents](#). The rights of PBOC shareholders are governed by California law and by PBOC [s](#) [articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws](#), each as amended to date (which we refer to as PBOC [s](#) [articles of incorporation and bylaws](#), respectively). Upon the completion of the merger, PBOC shareholders will become First PacTrust shareholders, and the rights of such shareholders will be governed by Maryland law and First PacTrust [s](#) [articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws](#).

See [Comparison of Shareholders](#) [Rights](#) for a description of the material differences in shareholder rights under each of the First PacTrust and PBOC governing documents.

Information About the Companies (page [])

First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc.

First PacTrust is a bank holding company, or BHC, incorporated under Maryland law, primarily engaged in the business of planning, directing and coordinating the business activities of its wholly owned subsidiaries, Pacific Trust Bank, a federally chartered savings bank, referred to herein as PacTrust Bank, and Beach Business Bank, a California state-chartered bank, referred to herein as Beach. As a BHC, First PacTrust [s](#) [activities are limited to banking and activities that are closely related to banking](#). At December 31, 2012, First PacTrust had consolidated total assets of approximately \$1,682.7 million, loans and leases receivable, net of allowances, of \$1,234.0 million and total deposits of \$1,306.3 million.

On July 1, 2012, First PacTrust completed its acquisition of Beach, which we refer to as the Beach merger. In the Beach merger, First PacTrust acquired Beach in exchange for cash and warrants to purchase First PacTrust common stock. Upon completion of the acquisition, Beach became a wholly-owned subsidiary of First PacTrust.

On August 17, 2012, First PacTrust completed its acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of Gateway Bancorp, which we refer to as Gateway, the holding company for Gateway Business Bank, for an aggregate purchase price of \$15.5 million in cash, which we refer to as the Gateway acquisition. Immediately following the closing of the Gateway acquisition, Gateway Business Bank was merged with and into PacTrust Bank.

The principal executive offices of First PacTrust are located at 18500 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1100, Irvine, California 92612, and its telephone number is (949) 236-5211. First PacTrust [s](#) [website can be accessed at <http://www.firstpactrustbancorp.com>](#). Information contained in First PacTrust [s](#) [website does not constitute part of, and is not incorporated into, this proxy statement/prospectus](#). First PacTrust [s](#) [common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol BANC](#).

Additional information about First PacTrust and its subsidiaries is included in documents incorporated by reference in this proxy statement/prospectus. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

The Private Bank of California

The Private Bank of California was chartered on October 24, 2005 as a commercial bank in the state of California by the DFI. PBOC provides a wide range of financial services, including credit and deposit products as well as cash management services, from its headquarters located in the Century City area of Los Angeles, California as well as full-service branches in Hollywood and Orange County and a loan production office in downtown Los Angeles. The Bank [s](#) [target clients include high net worth and high income individuals, business](#)

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professionals and their professional service firms, business owners, entertainment service businesses and non-profit organizations. At December 31, 2012, PBOC had assets of \$712.4 million, net loans of \$367.4 million and total deposits of \$582.1 million.

The DFI is the primary state regulator of PBOC and the FDIC is its primary federal regulator. Accordingly, PBOC is subject to the regulations of and periodic examinations by the DFI and FDIC, as primary regulators. In addition, because the deposits of PBOC are insured by the FDIC, PBOC is also subject to regulation and examination by the FDIC in its capacity as the bank's deposit insurance regulator. PBOC's principal executive offices are located at 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California 90067, and its telephone number is (310) 286-0710. PBOC's website can be accessed at <http://www.tpboc.com>. Information contained in PBOC's website does not constitute part of, and is not incorporated into, this proxy statement/prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

*In addition to general investment risks and the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, including the matters addressed under the section **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**, you should carefully consider the following risk factors in deciding how to vote for the proposals presented in this proxy statement/prospectus. In addition, you should read and consider the risks associated with each of the businesses of PBOC and First PacTrust because these risks will relate to the combined company. Descriptions of some of these risks can be found in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by First PacTrust for the year ended December 31, 2012, as updated by other reports filed with the SEC, which is filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. You should also consider the other information in this proxy statement/prospectus and the other documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. See **Where You Can Find More Information**.*

Because the market price of First PacTrust common stock will fluctuate, PBOC shareholders cannot be certain of the market value of the merger consideration they will receive.

If the merger is completed, each holder of PBOC common stock outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger will receive his, her or its proportional share of (1) 2,083,333 shares of First PacTrust common stock and (2) \$24,887,513 in cash, in each case subject to certain adjustments. The exact number of First PacTrust shares and amount of cash you may be entitled to receive in the merger will depend on the number of PBOC common shares outstanding on the date the merger is actually completed. Additionally, the market value of the merger consideration on the date the merger is completed may differ from the market value of the merger consideration on the date First PacTrust announced the merger, on the date that this proxy statement/prospectus was mailed to PBOC shareholders, and on the date of the special meeting of the PBOC shareholders. Any change in the market price of First PacTrust common stock prior to the completion of the merger will affect the market value of the First PacTrust common stock that PBOC shareholders will receive upon completion of the merger. Stock price changes may result from a variety of factors that are beyond the control of First PacTrust and PBOC, including but not limited to general market and economic conditions, changes in our respective businesses, operations and prospects and regulatory considerations. Therefore, at the time of the PBOC special meeting you will not know the precise market value of the consideration you will receive at the effective time of the merger. You should obtain current market quotations for shares of First PacTrust common stock and for shares of PBOC common stock.

The market price of First PacTrust common stock after the merger may be affected by factors different from those affecting the shares of PBOC or First PacTrust currently.

Upon completion of the merger, holders of PBOC common stock will become holders of First PacTrust common stock. First PacTrust's business differs from that of PBOC, and, accordingly, the results of operations of the combined company and the market price of First PacTrust common stock after the completion of the merger may be affected by factors different from those currently affecting the independent results of operations of each of First PacTrust and PBOC. Among other differences, First PacTrust is a multi-bank holding company and PBOC is a California state-chartered bank. The primary regulator of First PacTrust is the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, which we refer to as the Federal Reserve Board, the primary regulator of PacTrust Bank is the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which we refer to as the OCC and the primary state and federal regulators of Beach are the DFI and the FDIC, respectively. The DFI is the primary state regulator of PBOC and the FDIC is its primary federal regulator. As a result, First PacTrust's business is subject to certain federal regulatory requirements that are different from, or in addition to, the regulatory requirements applicable to PBOC's business. Further, First PacTrust is the parent company of multiple banking entities that offer a variety of financial services to meet the banking and financial needs of a broad-range of customers in the communities they serve. PBOC also offers a range of financial services to its customers, but its target clients include high net worth and high income individuals, business professionals and their professional service firms, business owners, entertainment service businesses and non-profit organizations. First PacTrust's loan portfolio

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also differs from the loan portfolio of PBOC. For example, First PacTrust's loan portfolio includes a portfolio of certain non-traditional mortgage loans, such as Green Account Loans, which are single family residence first mortgage lines of credit with a linked checking account that allows all types of deposits and withdrawals to be performed (and which we refer to as the Green Loans), interest only mortgage loans, and mortgage loans with potential for negative amortization. PBOC does not have a similar portfolio of non-traditional mortgage loans as part of its loan portfolio. Certain types of non-traditional mortgage loans pose a potentially higher credit risk than traditional mortgage loans because of the lack of principal amortization and potential for negative amortization associated with these loans. Because PBOC does not have a comparable portfolio of non-traditional mortgage loans, it is not similarly subject to these risks.

Combining the two companies may be more difficult, costly or time consuming than expected.

First PacTrust and PBOC have operated and, until the completion of the merger, will continue to operate, independently. The success of the merger, including anticipated cost savings, will depend, in part, on our ability to successfully combine the businesses of First PacTrust and PBOC. To realize these anticipated benefits, after the completion of the merger, First PacTrust expects to integrate PBOC's business into its own. It is possible that the integration process could result in the loss of key employees, the disruption of each company's ongoing businesses or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies that adversely affect the combined company's ability to maintain relationships with clients, customers, depositors and employees or to achieve the anticipated benefits of the merger. The loss of key employees could adversely affect First PacTrust's ability to successfully conduct its business in the markets in which PBOC now operates, which could have an adverse effect on First PacTrust's financial results and the value of its common stock. If First PacTrust experiences difficulties with the integration process, the anticipated benefits of the merger may not be realized fully or at all, or may take longer to realize than expected. As with any merger of financial institutions, there also may be business disruptions that cause PBOC to lose customers or cause customers to remove their accounts from PBOC and move their business to competing financial institutions. Integration efforts between the two companies will also divert management attention and resources. These integration matters could have an adverse effect on each of PBOC and First PacTrust during this transition period and for an undetermined period after completion of the merger. In addition, the actual cost savings of the merger could be less than anticipated.

The fairness opinion obtained by PBOC from its financial advisor will not reflect changes in circumstances between signing the merger agreement and the completion of the merger.

PBOC has not obtained an updated fairness opinion as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus from Milestone Advisors, LLC, PBOC's financial advisor. Changes in the operations and prospects of PBOC or First PacTrust, general market and economic conditions and other factors that may be beyond the control of PBOC and First PacTrust, and on which the fairness opinion was based, may alter the value of PBOC or First PacTrust or the prices of shares of PBOC common stock or First PacTrust common stock by the time the merger is completed. The opinion does not speak as of the time the merger will be completed or as of any date other than the date of such opinion. Because PBOC does not anticipate asking its financial advisor to update its opinion, the August 21, 2012 opinion does not address the fairness of the merger consideration, from a financial point of view, at the time the merger is completed. The opinion is attached as Annex B to this proxy statement/prospectus. For a description of the opinion that PBOC received from its financial advisor, see "The Merger" Opinion of Milestone Advisors, LLC. For a description of the other factors considered by PBOC's board of directors in determining to approve the merger, see "The Merger" PBOC's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of PBOC's Board of Directors.

Some of the directors and executive officers of PBOC may have interests and arrangements that may have influenced their decisions to support or recommend that you approve the merger agreement.

The interests of some of the directors and executive officers of PBOC may be different from those of PBOC common shareholders, and directors and officers of PBOC may be participants in arrangements that are different

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from, or in addition to, those of PBOC common shareholders. These interests are described in more detail in the section entitled "The Merger Interests of PBOC's Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger."

Termination of the merger agreement could negatively impact PBOC.

If the merger agreement is terminated, there may be various consequences. For example, PBOC's businesses may have been impacted adversely by the failure to pursue other beneficial opportunities due to the focus of management on the merger, without realizing any of the anticipated benefits of completing the merger, or the market price of PBOC common stock could decline to the extent that the current market price reflects a market assumption that the merger will be completed. If the merger agreement is terminated and PBOC's board of directors seeks another merger or business combination, PBOC shareholders cannot be certain that PBOC will be able to find a party willing to pay the equivalent or greater consideration than that which First PacTrust has agreed to pay in the merger. In addition, if the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances, including circumstances involving a change in recommendation by PBOC's board of directors, PBOC may be required to reimburse First PacTrust's expenses related to the merger and pay First PacTrust a termination fee of \$2 million.

PBOC will be subject to business uncertainties and contractual restrictions while the merger is pending.

Uncertainty about the effect of the merger on employees and customers may have an adverse effect on PBOC. These uncertainties may impair PBOC's ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel until the merger is completed, and could cause customers and others that deal with PBOC to seek to change existing business relationships with PBOC. Retention of certain employees by PBOC may be challenging while the merger is pending, as certain employees may experience uncertainty about their future roles with PBOC. If key employees depart because of issues relating to the uncertainty and difficulty of integration or a desire not to remain with PBOC, PBOC's business following the merger could be harmed. In addition, subject to certain exceptions, PBOC has agreed to operate its business in the ordinary course prior to closing. See "The Merger Agreement Covenants and Agreements" for a description of the restrictive covenants applicable to PBOC.

The unaudited pro forma financial data for First PacTrust and PBOC included in this proxy statement/prospectus are preliminary, and First PacTrust's actual financial position and operations after the completion of the merger may differ materially from the unaudited pro forma financial data included in this proxy statement/prospectus.

The unaudited pro forma financial data for both First PacTrust and PBOC in this proxy statement/prospectus are presented for illustrative purposes only and are not necessarily indicative of what First PacTrust's actual financial position or operations would have been had the merger, the Beach merger and the Gateway acquisition been completed on the dates indicated. For more information, see "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Condensed Consolidated Financial Information."

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The following table sets forth certain consolidated financial and other data of First PacTrust at the dates and for the periods indicated. The information set forth below should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and notes in First PacTrust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the SEC on March 28, 2013, and incorporated by reference herein.

	2012	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,			2008
		2011	2010	2009	
		(In thousands, except per share data)			
Selected Financial Condition Data:					
Total assets	\$ 1,682,702	\$ 999,041	\$ 861,621	\$ 893,921	\$ 876,520
Cash and cash equivalents	108,643	44,475	59,100	34,596	19,237
Total loans and leases, including loans held for sale	1,361,629	788,389	690,988	759,120	808,750
Loans and leases receivable, net Held-to-maturity	1,234,023	775,609	678,175	748,303	793,045
Other real estate owned (OREO), net	4,527	14,692	6,562	5,680	158
Securities available-for-sale	121,419	101,616	64,790	52,304	17,565
Total deposits	1,306,342	786,334	646,308	658,432	598,177
Total borrowings	156,935	20,000	75,000	135,000	175,000
Total equity	188,757	184,495	136,009	97,485	98,723
Tangible common equity ⁽¹⁾	144,301	152,561	136,009	78,391	79,655
Selected Operations Data:					
Total interest and dividend income	\$ 55,031	\$ 35,177	\$ 40,944	\$ 46,666	\$ 45,896
Total interest expense	8,479	6,037	10,788	17,976	23,021
Net interest income	46,552	29,140	30,156	28,690	22,875
Provision for loan and lease losses	5,500	5,388	8,957	17,296	13,547
Net interest income after provision for loan and lease losses	41,052	23,752	21,199	11,394	9,328
Net gain/(loss) on sales of securities available for sale	(83)	2,888	3,274		
Bargain purchase gain	11,627				
Total noninterest income	36,619	4,913	4,879	1,813	2,202
Total noninterest expense	71,560	31,689	22,217	15,901	13,522
Income/(loss) before income taxes	6,111	(3,024)	3,861	(2,694)	(1,992)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	115	(296)	1,036	(1,695)	(1,463)
Net income/(loss)	5,996	(2,728)	2,825	(999)	(529)
Dividends paid on preferred stock and discount accretion	1,359	534	960	1,003	109
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 4,637	\$ (3,262)	\$ 1,865	\$ (2,002)	\$ (638)
Basic earnings/(loss) per common share	\$ 0.40	\$ (0.31)	\$ 0.37	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.15)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per common share	\$ 0.40	\$ (0.31)	\$ 0.37	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.15)

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As of and for the Year Ended December 31,
2012 2011 2010 2009 2008
(Dollars in thousands)

Selected Financial Ratios and Other Data:

Performance Ratios:

Return on assets (ratio of net income/(loss) annualized to average total assets)