HOUSTON, Oct. 2, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Community bankers and other financial leaders learned more about what regulations and global economic issues mean to their institutions during the annual BBVA Compass Correspondent Banking Executive Management Seminar held this week in San Francisco.

"We decided to host this year's seminar in the Bay Area, where our parent company has invested in several financial services startup companies," said Bob Freeman, head of Correspondent Banking for BBVA Compass. "During the seminar, our attendees heard about the latest breakthroughs in mobile payments and the future of the banking industry from our tech-savvy speakers."

Influential leaders who spoke at the seminar included Brett King, the author of "Bank 2.0: How Customer Behavior and Technology Will Change the Future of Financial Services" and "Bank 3.0: Why Banking is No Longer Somewhere You Go, But Something You Do."
Norman Winarsky
,vice president of ventures at research institute SRI International, spoke about disruptive innovations in banking, and
Nathaniel Karp
, BBVA Compass' chief economist, delivered his global economic forecast.

The week-long annual event draws financial firm presidents, CEOs, directors and other executives eager to hear some of the world's most respected authorities on domestic and international banking, the economy, empowerment, management skills, and international trade and finance. Seminar sessions focus on improving profitability, marketing, and managing capital and expenditures.

"Our speakers help financial executives navigate in this increasingly complicated banking environment and that's why so many community bankers don't miss this annual seminar," said
David Erwin
, the bank's director of Commercial Business Services. "We've held this seminar for nearly four decades to educate independent financial executives about how to improve their bottom line

and to provide networking opportunities for banking leaders."

Next year's seminar will be held in Chicago.

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