

Global Finance Names The Safest Banks By Country 2014

NEW YORK, September 9, 2014 – *Global Finance* has named the Safest Banks in more than 100 countries around the world as part of an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2014 issue.

In addition to the Safest Banks By Country, the report includes the following rankings: World's 50 Safest Banks, World's Safest Banks By Region, World's Top 50 Safest Commercial Bank, Top 50 Safest Banks In Emerging Markets, Safest Emerging Markets Banks by Region, Safest Islamic Financial Institutions In The GCC, World's 50 Biggest Banks and the Biggest Emerging Markets Banks.

Banks were selected through an evaluation of long-term credit ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch—and total assets of the 1000 largest banks worldwide. For commercial banks to qualify for this ranking, they must not be majority owned by government or regional authorities. A video detailing the methodology behind the selections can be found at <http://www.gfmag.com/media/video/worlds-safest-banks-selection-methodology>.

"Geopolitical risk is rising in some markets and new regulations are causing corporates to re-evaluate their banking relationships worldwide. It is essential for companies to have a clear view on the strength and stability of their banking partners." says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo. "*Global Finance's* Safest Banks By Country ranking provides an objective tool for benchmarking and analysis on a country-by-country basis."

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North America

Canada TD Bank Group
United States CoBank

Western Europe

Andorra Credit Andorra
Austria Raiffeisen Bank International
Belgium KBC
Cyprus Hellenic Bank
Denmark Danske Bank
Finland Pohjola
France Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations
Germany KfW
Greece National Bank of Greece
Iceland Landsbankinn
Ireland Bank of Ireland
Italy UniCredit
Liechtenstein LGT Bank
Luxembourg Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat
Malta Bank of Valletta
Netherlands Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten
Norway DnB
Portugal Banco Santander Totta
Spain Santander
Sweden Nordea
Switzerland Zürcher Kantonalbank
United Kingdom HSBC

Central & Eastern Europe

Albania Credins Bank
Armenia Ardshininvestbank
Azerbaijan International Bank of Azerbaijan
Belarus Belarusbank
Bulgaria Societe Generale Expressbank
Croatia Zagrebačka banka
Czech Republic Česká spořitelna
Georgia Bank of Georgia
Hungary OTP Bank
Kazakhstan Development Bank of Kazakhstan
Latvia Citadele banka
Lithuania Šiaulių bankas
Poland PKO Bank Polski
Romania BRD - Groupe Société Générale
Russia Sberbank
Slovak Republic VÚB banka
Slovenia Banka Koper
Turkey Türk Ekonomi Bankası
Ukraine Ukrsotsbank
Uzbekistan Ipoteka Bank

South America

Argentina Banco Macro
Bermuda Butterfield Bank
Bolivia Banco Mercantil Santa Cruz
Brazil Itaú Unibanco
Chile BancoEstado
Colombia BBVA Colombia
Costa Rica Banco Nacional De Costa Rica
Dominican Republic Banco de Reservas

South America - Continued

Ecuador Banco Pichincha
El Salvador Banco Agrícola
Guatemala Banco Industrial
Jamaica National Commercial Bank Jamaica
Mexico HSBC Mexico
Panama Bladex
Paraguay Banco Continental
Peru Banco de Crédito BCP
Trinidad & Tobago First Citizens Bank
Venezuela Banesco Banco Universal

Asia

Brunei Baiduri Bank Group
Cambodia Acleda Bank
China China Development Bank
Hong Kong Hang Seng Bank
India State Bank of India
Indonesia Bank Mandiri
Japan Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ
Macau Tai Fung Bank
Malaysia Maybank
Mongolia Trade and Development Bank of Mongolia
Pakistan Habib Bank
Papua New Guinea Bank South Pacific
Philippines Metrobank
Singapore DBS Bank
South Korea Korea Finance Corporation
Sri Lanka National Savings Bank
Taiwan Bank of Taiwan
Thailand Bank of Ayudhya
Vietnam VietinBank

Middle East

Bahrain Gulf International Bank
Israel Bank Hapoalim
Jordan Arab Bank
Kuwait National Bank of Kuwait
Lebanon Bank Audi
Oman BankMuscat
Qatar Qatar National Bank
Saudi Arabia Samba Financial Group
UAE National Bank Of Abu Dhabi

Africa

Angola Banco Angolano de Investimentos
Egypt National Bank of Egypt
Ghana GCB Bank
Mauritius Mauritius Commercial Bank
Morocco Attijariwafa Bank
Nigeria FirstBank of Nigeria
South Africa Standard Bank
Togo Ecobank
Tunisia Arab Tunisian Bank

Australasia

Australia National Australia Bank
New Zealand Kiwibank