

### Global Finance Names The 50 Safest Banks In Emerging Markets 2014

NEW YORK, Sept. 9, 2014 – With geopolitical risk and volatility increasing in a number of emerging markets-and no end in sight to the conflicts that are now tearing apart their respective countries, banks in these markets face uncertain conditions for the foreseeable future. For multinational corporates, it is critical to understand what the risk is and how banks are shoring up their operations to protect against market volatility.

It is against this backdrop that *Global Finance* announces it's annual ranking of the Safest Banks in Emerging Markets. *Global Finance's* Safest Banks rankings have been the recognized and trusted standard of financial counterparty safety for 23 years.

*Global Finance* evaluates the ratings and total assets of the main players in developing economies to create the rankings—providing an overview of the key banks in each region and which financial institutions offer the greatest security. Banks were selected through an evaluation of long-term credit ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings—and total assets of the 500 largest banks in emerging markets.

The National Bank of Abu Dhabi takes the top spot again in 2014. Asian banks land 23 of the top 50 spots and banks from the Gulf and the Middle East take 22. South Korea, with 10 banks, Saudi Arabia, with 9, and China, with 8, are the largest individual countries on the list.

"It is essential for companies to have a clear view on the strength and stability of their emerging markets banking partners," says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo. "This ranking is an invaluable tool for companies to evaluate institutional strength in fast-growing emerging markets."

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Rank	Bank Name	Country
1	National Bank Of Abu Dhabi	UAE
2	China Development Bank	China
3	Agricultural Development Bank of China	China
4	Export-Import Bank of China	China
5	Korea Finance Corporation	South Korea
6	Industrial Bank of Korea	South Korea
7	Korea Development Bank	South Korea
8	National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait
9	Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM)	South Korea
10	BancoEstado	Chile
11	Qatar National Bank	Qatar
12	Samba Financial Group	Saudi Arabia
13	Bank of Taiwan	Taiwan
14	Banco de Chile	Chile
15	National Commercial Bank	Saudi Arabia
16	Al Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia
17	Riyadh Bank	Saudi Arabia
18	Banco Santander Chile	Chile
19	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	UAE
20	SABB	Saudi Arabia
21	Banque Saudi Fransi	Saudi Arabia
22	Union National Bank	UAE
23	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China	China
24	China Construction Bank	China
25	Agricultural Bank of China	China
26	Bank of China	China
27	Kookmin Bank	South Korea
28	Shinhan Bank	South Korea
29	Nonghyup Bank	South Korea
30	Kuwait Finance House	Kuwait
31	Arab National Bank	Saudi Arabia
32	Land Bank of Taiwan	Taiwan
33	FGB	UAE
34	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	UAE
35	Hana Financial Group	South Korea
36	Mega International Commercial Bank	Taiwan
37	Banco de Crédito e Inversiones	Chile
38	Commercial Bank of Qatar	Qatar
39	Bank of Communications	China
40	Woori Bank	South Korea
41	Korea Exchange Bank	South Korea
42	CTBC Bank	Taiwan
43	Česká spořitelna	Czech Republic
44	Komerční banka	Czech Republic
45	BankMuscat	Oman
46	Saudi Hollandi	Saudi Arabia
47	Doha Bank	Qatar
48	Saudi Investment Bank	Saudi Arabia
49	Emirates NBD	UAE
50	Cathay United Bank	Taiwan

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