

Global Finance Names The Safest Banks In Western Europe 2014

NEW YORK, Sept. 9, 2014 – *Global Finance* magazine has named the Safest Banks in Western Europe in an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2014 issue. Banks were selected through an evaluation of long-term credit ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch—and total assets of the 500 largest banks worldwide.

German banks performed well this year, with four making the list, including the top spot and three of the top four positions.

The full report evaluates the safest banks in Western Europe, Central & Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East & Africa, North America, Latin America and Australasia. It will be published in the November issue of *Global Finance*.

"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 ranking provides an objective tool for benchmarking and analysis of regional banks."

Safest Banks in Western Europe 2014

Rank	Bank Name	Country
1	KfW	Germany
2	Zürcher Kantonalbank	Switzerland
3	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank	Germany
4	L-Bank	Germany
5	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten	Netherlands
6	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank	Netherlands
7	NRW.BANK	Germany
8	Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations	France
9	Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat	Luxembourg
10	Société de Financement Local (SFIL)	France

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