

Global Finance Names The World's Top 50 Safest Commercial Banks 2014

TD Bank Group Of Canada Takes The Top Spot

NEW YORK, September 9, 2014 – *Global Finance* has named the World's Top 50 Safest Commercial Banks in an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2014 issue.

The full World's Safest Banks report evaluates the safest banks in Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East, North America, Latin America and Australasia.

In addition to the World's Top 50 Safest Commercial Banks, the report includes the following rankings: World's 50 Safest Banks; World's Safest Banks By Region; World's Safest Banks By Country; Top 50 Safest Banks In Emerging Markets; 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 500 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>.

"These banks are not government-owned, and are among the strongest and most secure institutions in the world," notes Joseph Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*.

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Rank	Bank Name	Country
1	TD Bank Group	Canada
2	DBS Bank	Singapore
3	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	Singapore
4	United Overseas Bank	Singapore
5	Rabobank	Netherlands
6	Royal Bank of Canada	Canada
7	National Australia Bank	Australia
8	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Australia
9	ANZ Group	Australia
10	Westpac	Australia
11	Nordea	Sweden
12	Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada
13	Svenska Handelsbanken	Sweden
14	Hang Seng Bank	Hong Kong
15	Caisse centrale Desjardins	Canada
16	HSBC	United Kingdom
17	Bank of Montreal	Canada
18	CIBC	Canada
19	HSBC France	France
20	Pohjola	Finland
21	CoBank	United States
22	AgriBank	United States
23	National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait
24	Agfirst	United States
25	DZ Bank	Germany
26	BNY Mellon	United States
27	U.S. Bancorp	United States
28	Qatar National Bank	Qatar
29	Samba Financial Group	Saudi Arabia
30	Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank	Germany
31	Banco de Chile	Chile
32	BNP Paribas	France
33	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ	Japan
34	Wells Fargo	United States
35	Standard Chartered	United Kingdom
36	Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel	France
37	SEB	Sweden
38	Swedbank	Sweden
39	State Street	United States
40	National Bank of Canada	Canada
41	Shizuoka Bank	Japan
42	Northern Trust	United States
43	Al-Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia
44	Suncorp Metway	Australia
45	Riyadh Bank	Saudi Arabia
46	Banco Santander Chile	Chile
47	Norinchukin Bank	Japan
48	DnB	Norway
49	Shinkin Central Bank	Japan
50	WGZ Bank	Germany

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Winners from the Top 10 will be honored at an awards ceremony held during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 11 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

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