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## GLOBAL FINANCE NAMES THE 50 SAFEST BANKS IN EMERGING MARKETS

**NEW YORK, November 3, 2011** – At a time when growth is slow—if not stagnant—and risk is elevated in developed markets, companies from both developed and developing markets are increasingly looking to expand their presence within emerging markets. It is within this context that Global Finance announces its First-Ever Ranking of the 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets.

For the ranking, we use the same criteria as is applied to our Annual World's Safest Banks ranking, which appeared in the October issue—a recognized and trusted standard of creditworthiness for the financial world, now in its 20th year.

We evaluate 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. Winners 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 rankings clearly show the ever-growing dominance of China's banks both within Asia and throughout the emerging markets. Chilean and South Korean banks also feature prominently in the rankings, as do those of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

"For companies looking to expand into new markets, choosing the right banking partner is critical," says Global Finance publisher Joseph D. Giarraputo. "This ranking is an invaluable tool for companies to evaluate institutional strength in fast-growing emerging markets."

This exclusive ranking will be published in the December issue of Global Finance.

Find the full list of the  
**World's 50 Safest Banks In Emerging Markets**  
on the following page.

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1. **China Development Bank**  
*(China)*
2. **Agricultural Development Bank of China**  
*(China)*
3. **National Bank of Abu Dhabi**  
*(UAE)*
4. **Banco Santander-Chile**  
*(Chile)*
5. **National Bank of Kuwait**  
*(Kuwait)*
6. **Qatar National Bank**  
*(Qatar)*
7. **Samba Financial Group**  
*(Saudi Arabia)*
8. **Bank of Taiwan**  
*(Taiwan)*
9. **Banco del Estado de Chile**  
*(Chile)*
10. **National Commercial Bank**  
*(Saudi Arabia)*
11. **Al Rajhi Bank**  
*(Saudi Arabia)*
12. **Riyad Bank**  
*(Saudi Arabia)*
13. **Banco de Chile**  
*(Chile)*
14. **Korea Finance Corporation**  
*(South Korea)*
15. **Industrial Bank of Korea**  
*(South Korea)*
16. **Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank**  
*(UAE)*
17. **Kuwait Finance House**  
*(Kuwait)*
18. **Komerční banka**  
*(Czech Republic)*
19. **SABB**  
*(Saudi Arabia)*
20. **Banque Saudi Fransi**  
*(Saudi Arabia)*
21. **Union National Bank**  
*(UAE)*
22. **Industrial & Commercial Bank of China**  
*(China)*
23. **KB Kookmin Bank**  
*(South Korea)*
24. **National Agricultural Cooperative Federation**  
*(South Korea)*
25. **Česká spořitelna**  
*(Czech Republic)*
26. **Arab National Bank**  
*(Saudi Arabi)*
27. **Agricultural Bank of China**  
*(China)*
28. **Land Bank of Taiwan**  
*(Taiwan)*
29. **First Gulf Bank**  
*(UAE)*
30. **Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank**  
*(UAE)*
31. **Commercial Bank of Kuwait**  
*(Kuwait)*
32. **China Construction Bank Corporation**  
*(China)*
33. **Bank of China**  
*(China)*
34. **Shinhan Bank**  
*(South Korea)*
35. **Mega International Commercial Bank**  
*(Taiwan)*
36. **Commercial Bank of Qatar**  
*(Qatar)*
37. **Woori Bank**  
*(South Korea)*
38. **Hana Bank**  
*(South Korea)*
39. **Absa Bank**  
*(South Africa)*
40. **Emirates NBD**  
*(UAE)*
41. **Chinatrust Commercial Bank**  
*(Taiwan)*
42. **PKO Bank Polski**  
*(Poland)*
43. **Banco de Crédito e Inversiones**  
*(Chile)*
44. **ING Bank Śląski**  
*(Poland)*
45. **Saudi Hollandi Bank**  
*(Saudi Arabia)*
46. **Doha Bank Qatar**  
*(Qatar)*
47. **Bank Pekao**  
*(Poland)*
48. **BankMuscat**  
*(Oman)*
49. **Saudi Investment Bank**  
*(Saudi Arabia)*
50. **Cathay United Bank**  
*(Taiwan)*