

GLOBAL FINANCE NAMES THE WORLD'S BEST DEVELOPED MARKET BANKS 2008

NEW YORK, February 15, 2008 — *Global Finance* magazine has announced its annual awards for the World's Best Banks in Developed Markets. A full report on the selections will appear in the April issue of *Global Finance*. The winners of this year's awards are those banks that attended carefully to their customers' needs and accomplished enviable results while laying the foundations for future success.

All selections were made by the editors of *Global Finance*, after extensive consultations with bankers, corporate financial executives and analysts throughout the world. In selecting these top banks, we considered factors that range from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective. Banks were invited to submit entries supporting their selection. Amid nominally objective criteria were growth in assets, profitability,

geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products. Subjective criteria included the opinions of equity analysts, credit rating analysts, banking consultants and others involved in the industry. The mix of these factors yields leading banks that may not be the largest, the oldest or the most diversified in a given country, but rather the best — the banks with which corporations around the world would most likely want to do business.

"We recognize these banks for their outstanding accomplishments," says *Global Finance's* publisher, Joseph D. Giarraputo. "Global financial markets are difficult and conditions in each market may have differed but the winning banks were all noteworthy in their dedication to satisfying their customers' needs."

North America

Bermuda - Butterfield Bank

Canada - RBC

United States - JPMorgan Chase

Europe

Austria - Bank Austria Creditanstalt

Belgium - Fortis Bank

Cyprus - Bank of Cyprus

Denmark - Danske Bank

Finland - Pohjola Bank (formerly OP Bank)

France - BNP Paribas

Germany - Deutsche Bank

Greece - Eurobank EFG

Iceland - Landsbanki

Ireland - Anglo Irish Bank

Italy - UniCredit

Luxembourg - Fortis Banque Luxembourg

Netherlands - ING

Norway - DnB Nor

Portugal - Millennium bcp

Spain - Santander

Sweden - SEB

Switzerland - Credit Suisse

United Kingdom - RBS

Asia/Pacific and Middle East

Australia - Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)

Hong Kong - HSBC

Israel - Bank Leumi

Japan - Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group

Singapore - DBS

Global Finance, which celebrates its 21st year of publishing in 2008, has 50,000 subscribers and more than 284,000 readers in over 158 countries. This audience includes chairmen, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, treasurers, and other financial officers responsible for making investments and strategic business decisions for large global companies and financial institutions. *Global Finance* also targets the 8,000 key portfolio investors who control over 80% of all assets under professional management.

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