

GLOBAL FINANCE NAMES THE WORLD'S BEST EMERGING MARKET BANKS IN ASIA 2008



NEW YORK, March 17, 2008 — *Global Finance* magazine has named the “Best Emerging Market Banks in Asia” in an exclusive survey to be published in the May 2008 issue. *Global Finance* editors—with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and banking consultants—selected the best emerging market bank in the region and in 19 countries. Criteria for choosing the winners included growth in assets, profitability, strategic relationships, customer service, competitive pricing, and innovative products.

Regional Winner: HSBC

Armenia	HSBC Armenia	Malaysia	Maybank
Azerbaijan	International Bank of Azerbaijan	Mongolia	Khan Bank
Bangladesh	Janata Bank	Pakistan	Habib Bank
China	ICBC	Philippines	Bank of the Philippine Islands
India	HDFC Bank	South Korea	Shinhan Bank
Indonesia	Bank Danamon	Sri Lanka	Commercial Bank of Ceylon
Kazakhstan	BTA	Taiwan	Chinatrust Commercial Bank
Kyrgyz Republic	Asia Universal Bank	Thailand	Siam Commercial Bank
Macau	Seng Heng Bank	Uzbekistan	Credit-Standard Bank
		Vietnam	Sacombank

This is the fifteenth year that the magazine has selected top banking performers in emerging markets. The report covers best banks in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, Latin America, and Central and Eastern Europe. “Emerging markets are attracting increased attention as the global economy expands,” says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and president of *Global Finance*. “We have identified the banks that provide service to corporations seeking to take advantage of substantial opportunities for growth in a sometimes challenging environment.”

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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