

Global Finance names the World's Best Trade Finance Providers 2010

NEW YORK, December 15, 2009 – *Global Finance* magazine (www.gfmag.com) has named the “Best Trade Finance Providers” by category in an exclusive survey to be published in the February 2010 issue. *Global Finance* editors — with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts — selected the best trade finance providers in 71 countries or regions. Criteria for choosing the winners included: transaction volume, scope of global coverage, customer service, competitive pricing and innovative technologies.

The Best Trade Finance Bank globally will be announced in the October 2010 issue.

“Global trade finance volume contracted sharply in 2009, to the extent that lack of financing was part of the reason for a decline in world trade,” says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and president of *Global Finance*. “We have selected the banks that stood by their customers during the credit crunch and found innovative ways to lower risk and speed cash flow from international transactions.”

The full list of the World's Best Trade Finance Providers is on the next page.

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The reach of *Global Finance*

Global Finance, founded in 1987, has a circulation of 50,050 and readers in 163 countries. Its circulation is audited by BPA. *Global Finance's* audience includes chairmen, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, treasurers and other senior financial officers responsible for making investment and strategic decisions at multinational companies and financial institutions. *Global Finance* also targets the 8,000 international portfolio investors responsible for more than 80% of all global assets under professional management. Its website — www.gfmag.com — offers analysis and articles that are the heritage of 22 years of experience in international financial markets, and provides a valuable source of data on 192 countries. Headquartered in New York, with offices in London, Rio de Janeiro and Milan.

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By Region

Americas: Citi

Europe: BNP Paribas

Central and Eastern Europe: UniCredit

Middle East: Arab Bank

Nordic: SEB

Asia: Standard Chartered

Africa: Standard Chartered

By Country

Angola: BES Angola

Argentina: Banco Santander Río

Australia: ANZ

Austria: Bank Austria

Bahrain: Arab Banking Corporation

Belgium: KBC

Brazil: Itaú Unibanco

Canada: Scotiabank

Chile: Banco Santander Chile

China: China Construction Bank

Colombia: Bancolombia

Czech Republic: CSOB

Denmark: Nordea

Egypt: Commercial International Bank (CIB)

Estonia: Swedbank

Finland: Nordea

France: BNP Paribas

Georgia: Bank of Georgia

Germany: Deutsche Bank

Greece: Eurobank EFG

Hong Kong: HSBC

Hungary: K&H Bank

India: HDFC Bank

Indonesia: Bank Danamon

Israel: Bank Hapoalim

Italy: Intesa Sanpaolo

Japan: Mizuho Financial

Jordan: Arab Bank

Kazakhstan: ATFBank

Kuwait: National Bank of Kuwait

Latvia: Swedbank

Lebanon: BLOM Bank

Lithuania: Swedbank

Malaysia: Maybank

Malta: HSBC Bank Malta

Mexico: Banamex

Netherlands: Royal Bank of Scotland

Nigeria: First Bank of Nigeria

Norway: DnB NOR

Oman: BankMuscat

Pakistan: Habib Bank

Philippines: Bank of the Philippine Islands

Poland: Bank Pekao

Portugal: Banco Espirito Santo

Qatar: Doha Bank

Russia: VTB Bank

Saudi Arabia: SABB

Singapore: DBS

Slovakia: Tatra banka

South Africa: Standard Bank

South Korea: Korea Exchange Bank

Spain: Banco Santander

Sweden: SEB

Switzerland: Credit Suisse

Taiwan: Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank

Thailand: Kasikornbank

Turkey: Akbank

Ukraine: UniCredit Bank Ukraine

UAE: Mashreq

UK: HSBC

US: Citi

(Honorable Mention: JPMorgan Chase)

Venezuela: Banco Mercantil

Vietnam: Saigon Hanoi Commercial Joint Stock
Bank

Yemen: Arab Bank