

Global Finance Names The Best Regional Banks In The US 2014

NEW YORK, March 14, 2014 – *Global Finance* magazine has announced its first annual awards for the Best Regional Banks in the US, along with the World's Best Banks in Developed and Emerging Markets. The list of US regional winners follows below. A full report on all winning banks will appear in the May issue of *Global Finance*.

The editors of *Global Finance* made the selections after extensive consultations with corporate financial executives, bankers, and analysts around the country. In selecting these top banks, editors considered factors that range from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective.

Criteria for choosing the winners included growth in assets, profitability, strategic relationships, customer service, competitive pricing, and innovative 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 region, but rather the best—those banks with which companies around the world would most likely want to do business.

"The banks that *Global Finance* is honoring set themselves apart by anticipating and responding to the specific needs of their customers, which vary greatly from region to region," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "With the recovery from the financial crisis moving along slowly, these banks have performed the best under difficult conditions."

New England
Mideast
Great Lakes
Plains
Southeast
Southwest
Rocky Mountain
Far West

Eastern Bank
PNC Bank
U.S. Bancorp
UMB Financial
SunTrust
Comerica
Zions Bancorporation
Silicon Valley Bank

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