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Global Finance Names The 50 Safest Banks In Emerging Markets 2018

NEW YORK, September 21, 2018 — *Global Finance* has named the 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets for 2018 as part of an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2018 issue.

Asian banks dominated the top of the list once again this year. South Korean banks took the first three spots and four of the top 10, and Chinese banks landed three of the top 10 positions. Overall, Asian banks took 21 of the top 50 spots.

Middle Eastern banks also performed very well, with 23 banks in the Top 50, including First Abu Dhabi Bank at #4 and National Bank of Kuwait at #5.

Global Finance evaluates 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. Banks were selected through an evaluation of long-term foreign currency ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings—of the 500 largest banks in emerging markets.

In addition to the 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets, the full report also includes the following: World's 50 Safest Banks, World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks, Safest Banks by Country, Safest Islamic Financial Institutions in the GCC, and Safest Banks by Region (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and Western Europe).

"Emerging markets are often challenging because they are prey to more uncertainty and volatility in their local economies than more developed markets as they move toward fuller participation in global markets. Our ranking of Safest Banks in Emerging Markets provides a metric by which companies and investors can compare individual institutions to their counterparts in the home market as well as to those in other emerging markets," says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

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RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	Korea Development Bank*	SOUTH KOREA
2	The Export-Import Bank of Korea	SOUTH KOREA
3	Industrial Bank of Korea	SOUTH KOREA
4	First Abu Dhabi Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
5	National Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
6	Bank of Taiwan	TAIWAN
7	China Development Bank	CHINA
8	Agricultural Development Bank of China	CHINA
9	The Export-Import Bank of China	CHINA
10	Shinhan Bank	SOUTH KOREA
11	Qatar National Bank	QATAR
12	Kookmin Bank	SOUTH KOREA
13	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
14	Banco del Estado de Chile	CHILE
15	Kuwait Finance House	KUWAIT
16	Union National Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
17	Al Hilal Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
18	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China	CHINA
19	China Construction Bank	CHINA
20	Agricultural Bank of China	CHINA
21	Bank of China	CHINA
22	KEB Hana Bank	SOUTH KOREA
23	NongHyup Bank	SOUTH KOREA
24	Banco Santander Chile	CHILE
25	Banco de Chile	CHILE

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*The World's Safest Emerging Markets Bank will be invited to *Global Finance's* Best Bank Awards ceremony in Bali at the Inaya Putri Bali on October 13 during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings. For more information on the awards and/or ceremony please contact: Michael Ambrosio, email: mambrosio@gfmag.com.

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26	Mega International Commercial Bank	TAIWAN
27	Land Bank of Taiwan	TAIWAN
28	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
29	Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
30	Ahli United Bank	KUWAIT
31	Woori Bank	SOUTH KOREA
32	CTBC Bank	TAIWAN
33	Banco de Credito e Inversiones	CHILE
34	Qatar Islamic Bank	QATAR
35	Bank of Communications	CHINA
36	Emirates NBD	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
37	Česká Spořitelna	CZECH REPUBLIC
38	Komerční banka	CZECH REPUBLIC
39	Suhyup Bank	SOUTH KOREA
40	Gulf Bank	KUWAIT
41	Commercial Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
42	Barwa Bank	QATAR
43	Boubyan Bank	KUWAIT
44	Qatar International Islamic Bank	QATAR
45	Ahli Bank	QATAR
46	International Bank of Qatar	QATAR
47	The National Commercial Bank	SAUDI ARABIA
48	Al Rajhi Bank	SAUDI ARABIA
49	SAMBA Financial Group	SAUDI ARABIA
50	Banque Saudi Fransi	SAUDI ARABIA