

Press Release



Global Finance Names The Safest Banks By Country 2018

NEW YORK, September 17, 2018 — *Global Finance* has named the Safest Banks in 106 countries around the world as part of an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2018 issue.

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

Banks were selected through an evaluation of long-term foreign currency ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch—and the total assets of the 1000 largest banks worldwide.

"This country-by-country ranking provides insight into which are the safest banks in individual markets around the world. As companies become ever more global and undertake transactions across countries, they need to know which banks provide the most stability and security in each nation. Despite a push for the harmonization of financial rules, the many remaining differences in financial regimes present challenges to corporate financial officers. We provide this ranking to help them find the safest banks in all of the markets in which they do business," says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

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NORTH AMERICA		LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN	
Canada	TD Bank	Argentina	Banco Santander Rio
United States	AgriBank	Bermuda	Butterfield Bank
WESTERN EUROPE		Bolivia	Banco Mercantil Santa Cruz
Andorra	Credit Andorra	Brazil	Itaú Unibanco Holding
Austria	Erste Group Bank	Chile	Banco del Estado de Chile
Belgium	BNP Paribas Fortis	Colombia	BBVA Colombia
Cyprus	RCB Bank	Costa Rica	Credomatic International Corporation
Denmark	Danske Bank	Dominican Republic	Banco de Reservas de la Republica Dominicana
Finland	OP Corporate Bank	Ecuador	Banco Pichincha
France	Caisse Des Depots et Consignations	El Salvador	Banco Agricola
Germany	KfW	Guatemala	Banco Industrial
Greece	Piraeus Bank	Honduras	Inversiones Atlantida
Iceland	Islandsbanki	Jamaica	National Commercial Bank Jamaica
Ireland	Ulster Bank Ireland	Mexico	HSBC Mexico
Italy	Credit Agricole Cariparma	Panama	Banco General
Liechtenstein	Liechtensteinische Landesbank	Paraguay	Banco Regional
Luxembourg	Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de L'Etat	Peru	Scotiabank Peru
Malta	Bank of Valletta	Trinidad and Tobago	Republic Bank
Netherlands	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten	Uruguay	Banco de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay
Norway	Kommunalbanken	Venezuela	Banesco Banco Universal
Portugal	Banco Santander Totta		
Spain	Banco Santander		
Sweden	Svenska Handelsbanken		
Switzerland	Zuercher Kantonalbank		
United Kingdom	HSBC Holdings		

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ASIA		CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE	
Bangladesh	BRAC Bank	Armenia	Ardshinbank
Brunei	Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam	Azerbaijan	Kapital Bank
Cambodia	ACLEDA Bank	Belarus	Development Bank of the Republic of Belarus
China	China Development Bank	Bulgaria	United Bulgarian Bank
Hong Kong	Hang Seng Bank	Croatia	Zagrebačka banka
India	State Bank of India	Czech Republic	Česká Spořitelna
Indonesia	Bank Central Asia	Georgia	TBC Bank
Japan	The Shizuoka Bank	Hungary	Erste Bank Hungary
Malaysia	Maybank	Kazakhstan	Development Bank of Kazakhstan
Mongolia	Trade and Development Bank of Mongolia	Latvia	SC Citadele Banka
Pakistan	Habib Bank	Lithuania	Šiaulių bankas
Papua and New Guinea	Bank of South Pacific	Poland	ING Bank Slaski
Philippines	BDO Unibank	Romania	Banca Comerciala Romana
Singapore	DBS Bank	Russia	Vnesheconombank
South Korea	Korea Development Bank	Slovak Republic	Slovenská Sporiteľňa
Sri Lanka	National Savings Bank	Slovenia	Banka Intesa Sanpaolo
Taiwan	Bank of Taiwan	Turkey	Yapi ve Kredi Bankası
Thailand	Bank of Ayudhya	Ukraine	CB Privatbank
Vietnam	Vietnam Bank for Industry and Trade	Uzbekistan	Asaka Bank

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MIDDLE EAST	
Bahrain	Gulf International Bank
Egypt	Commercial International Bank (Egypt)
Israel	Bank Hapoalim
Jordan	Arab Bank
Kuwait	National Bank of Kuwait
Lebanon	Bank Audi
Oman	HSBC Bank Oman
Qatar	Qatar National Bank
Saudi Arabia	The National Commercial Bank
UAE	First Abu Dhabi Bank
AFRICA	
Angola	Banco Angolano de Investimentos
Democratic Republic of Congo	Rawbank
Ghana	United Bank for Africa (Ghana)
Kenya	Stanbic Bank Kenya
Mauritius	The Mauritius Commercial Bank
Morocco	BMCE Bank
Nigeria	Zenith Bank
South Africa	Standard Bank of South Africa
Tanzania	CRDB Bank
Togo	Ecobank Togo
Tunisia	Arab Tunisian Bank
Uganda	Stanbic Bank Uganda
AUSTRALASIA	
Australia	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
New Zealand	Kiwibank