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Global Finance Names The World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks 2018

NEW YORK, September 21, 2018 — *Global Finance* has named the World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks for 2018 in an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2018 issue. For commercial banks to qualify for this ranking, they must not be majority owned by government or regional authorities.

The top eight banks on the list this year all had identical scores and are presented here ranked in order of total asset size.

North American banks performed very well this year. Canadian banks took seven total positions on the list, including five banks ranking in the top 20. The Toronto-Dominion Bank and Royal Bank of Canada both made big moves to take the top two spots overall. And the United States landed nine banks on the list, more than any other country.

In addition to the World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks, the full report also includes the following: World's 50 Safest Banks, Safest Banks by Country, 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 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—of the 500 largest banks worldwide.

"Though growth in recent years has been stable, banks worldwide are facing a stricter regulatory environment. While there is talk of loosening regulations in some countries, we have seen this is slow to come to fruition. Corporate treasurers need to secure partners when seeking a commercial bank. They can use this ranking for guidance on which banks to look to and which financial services they offer," says Joseph Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*.

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RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	The Toronto-Dominion Bank	CANADA
2	Royal Bank of Canada	CANADA
3	DZ BANK AG	GERMANY
4	DBS Bank	SINGAPORE
5	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	SINGAPORE
6	Svenska Handelsbanken	SWEDEN
7	United Overseas Bank	SINGAPORE
8	Deutsche Apotheker- und Aerztebank	GERMANY
9	Swedbank AB	SWEDEN
10	Banque Pictet & Cie	SWITZERLAND
11	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AUSTRALIA
12	The Bank of Nova Scotia	CANADA
13	ANZ	AUSTRALIA
14	Nordea Bank AB	SWEDEN
15	Westpac	AUSTRALIA
16	National Australia Bank	AUSTRALIA
17	Bank of Montreal	CANADA
18	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CANADA
19	SEB	SWEDEN
20	HSBC France	FRANCE
21	First Abu Dhabi Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
22	Federation des Caisses Desjardins	CANADA
23	Agribank	UNITED STATES
24	UBS	SWITZERLAND
25	Rabobank	NETHERLANDS

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*The World's Safest Commercial 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	DNB Bank	NORWAY
27	Hang Seng Bank	HONG KONG
28	CoBank	UNITED STATES
29	National Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
30	OP Corporate Bank	FINLAND
31	AgFirst	UNITED STATES
32	Farm Credit Bank of Texas	UNITED STATES
33	U.S. Bancorp	UNITED STATES
34	LGT Bank	LIECHTENSTEIN
35	BNP Paribas	FRANCE
36	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	FRANCE
37	BNY Mellon	UNITED STATES
38	Shinhan Bank	SOUTH KOREA
39	State Street	UNITED STATES
40	Qatar National Bank	QATAR
41	National Bank of Canada	CANADA
42	Northern Trust	UNITED STATES
43	Suncorp-Metway	AUSTRALIA
44	Kiwibank	NEW ZEALAND
45	HSBC Holdings	UNITED KINGDOM
46	Credit Agricole	FRANCE
47	ABN AMRO Bank	NETHERLANDS
48	BNP Paribas Fortis	BELGIUM
49	Nationwide Building Society	UNITED KINGDOM
50	Banco Santander Chile	CHILE