

Press Release



Global Finance Names The World's 50 Safest Banks 2018

NEW YORK, September 20, 2018 — *Global Finance* has announced its 27th annual ranking of the World's 50 Safest Banks. The full list is included here and will be published in the November issue.

European banks dominate the top ten of the World's Safest Banks again in 2018, taking all ten positions. Germany's KfW is in the top spot for the eighth year in a row, and the top six are unchanged compared to 2017.

Canadian banks came in strong for 2018, with Toronto Dominion Bank and Royal Bank of Canada making big moves to numbers 11 and 12.

Asian banks put in a strong showing in the top 20 once again, led by Singapore's DBS Bank at #14 and followed by OCBC (#15), United Overseas Bank (#17), Korea Development Bank (#18) and Export-Import Bank of Korea (#19).

"*Global Finance's* Safest Banks rankings are a standard we developed to compare the reliability of banks all across the world. We pride ourselves in providing this metric to aid readers in their decision-making processes regarding which bank they use. This year changing trade policies are having an impact on countries everywhere as is continuing political uncertainty. All of our knowledge and experience goes into these rankings which we created to help our readers when doing business worldwide," says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

Global Finance's annual ranking of World's 50 Safest Banks has been the recognized and trusted standard of financial counterparty safety for a quarter-century. Winners 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.

In addition to the World's 50 Safest Banks, the full report also includes the following: World's 50 Safest Commercial 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).

The full results of this exclusive survey will be published in the November issue of *Global Finance*. The safest banks will be presented awards at a special ceremony to be held during the Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Bali on October 13 at the Inaya Putri Bali.

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1	KfW *	GERMANY
2	Zuercher Kantonalbank*	SWITZERLAND
3	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank*	GERMANY
4	L-Bank*	GERMANY
5	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten*	NETHERLANDS
6	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank*	NETHERLANDS
7	Kommunalbanken*	NORWAY
8	NRW.BANK*	GERMANY
9	Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de L'Etat*	LUXEMBOURG
10	Caisse Des Depots et Consignations*	FRANCE
11	The Toronto-Dominion Bank	CANADA
12	Royal Bank of Canada	CANADA
13	DZ BANK	GERMANY
14	DBS Bank	SINGAPORE
15	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	SINGAPORE
16	Svenska Handelsbanken	SWEDEN
17	United Overseas Bank	SINGAPORE
18	Korea Development Bank	SOUTH KOREA
19	The Export-Import Bank of Korea	SOUTH KOREA
20	Deutsche Apotheker- und Aertztebank	GERMANY
21	Banque Cantonale Vaudoise	SWITZERLAND
22	Swedbank	SWEDEN
23	Industrial Bank of Korea	SOUTH KOREA
24	SFIL	FRANCE
25	Banque Pictet & Cie	SWITZERLAND

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*The World's Top Ten Safest Banks 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	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AUSTRALIA
27	The Bank of Nova Scotia	CANADA
28	ANZ	AUSTRALIA
29	Nordea Bank	SWEDEN
30	Westpac Banking Corporation	AUSTRALIA
31	National Australia Bank Limited	AUSTRALIA
32	Bank of Montreal	CANADA
33	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CANADA
34	SEB	SWEDEN
35	HSBC France	FRANCE
36	First Abu Dhabi Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
37	Federation des Caisses Desjardins	CANADA
38	AgriBank	UNITED STATES
39	Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (Sparkassen)	GERMANY
40	UBS AG	SWITZERLAND
41	Rabobank	NETHERLANDS
42	DNB Bank	NORWAY
43	Hang Seng Bank	HONG KONG
44	CoBank	UNITED STATES
45	National Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
46	OP Corporate Bank	FINLAND
47	AgFirst	UNITED STATES
48	Farm Credit Bank of Texas	UNITED STATES
49	U.S. Bancorp	UNITED STATES
50	Bank of Taiwan	TAIWAN