

GLOBAL FINANCE names the Safest Emerging Market Banks 2012 in Latin America

NEW YORK, November 6, 2012 — *Global Finance* magazine (GFmag.com) has named the “Safest Emerging Market Banks in Latin America” in an exclusive survey to be published in the December 2012 issue. The banks were selected through a comparison of the long-term credit ratings and total assets of the largest banks. Ratings from Moody’s, Standard & Poor’s and Fitch were used. (Ratings current on 15th October, 2012.)

The full report covers the safest banks in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. “For companies looking to expand into new markets, choosing the right banking partner is critical,” says *Global Finance* publisher Joseph D. Giarraputo. “This ranking is an invaluable tool for companies to evaluate institutional strength in fast-growing emerging markets.”

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| 1. BancoEstado
(Chile) | 8. Banco CorpBanca
(Chile) |
| 2. Banco de Chile
(Chile) | 9. BBVA Chile
(Chile) |
| 3. Banco Santander Chile
(Chile) | 10. First Citizens Bank
(Trinidad & Tobago) |
| 4. Banco de Crédito e Inversiones
(Chile) | 11. Banco Bradesco
(Brazil) |
| 5. HSBC Mexico
(Mexico) | 12. Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior
(Mexico) |
| 6. Itaú Unibanco
(Brazil) | 13. Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior
(Panama) |
| 7. Banco Santander Mexico
(Mexico) | |



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