

GLOBAL FINANCE names the Safest Emerging Market Banks 2012 in the Middle East

NEW YORK, November 6, 2012 — *Global Finance* magazine (GFmag.com) has named the “Safest Emerging Market Banks in the Middle East” 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. National Bank of Abu Dhabi
(UAE) | 8. Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank
(UAE) |
| 2. National Bank of Kuwait
(Kuwait) | 9. Kuwait Finance House
(Kuwait) |
| 3. Qatar National Bank
(Qatar) | 10. Banque Saudi Fransi
(Saudi Arabia) |
| 4. SAMBA Financial Group
(Saudi Arabia) | 11. SAAB
(Saudi Arabia) |
| 5. National Commercial Bank
(Saudi Arabia) | 12. Union National Bank
(UAE) |
| 6. Al Rajhi Bank
(Saudi Arabia) | 13. Arab National Bank
(Saudi Arabia) |
| 7. Riyad Bank
(Saudi Arabia) | |



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