

Global Finance Names The 50 Safest Banks In Emerging Markets 2019

NEW YORK, September 17, 2019 - *Global Finance* has named the 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets for 2019 as part of an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2019 issue.

Asian banks dominated the top of the list once again this year, taking 22 total positions, including eight of the top ten. South Korea charted nine total banks, including the top three, and China also had nine banks make the list. Middle Eastern banks performed very well, taking 21 total spots, including seven for Kuwait and five for Qatar. In addition, Chilean banks earned five spots.

Global Finance evaluates the ratings and total assets of the main players in developing economies to create the rankings—providing an overview of the key banks in each region and which financial institutions offer the greatest security. Banks were selected through an evaluation of long-term foreign currency ratings—from Moody’s, Standard & Poor’s and Fitch Ratings—of the 500 largest banks in emerging markets.

In addition to the 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets, the full report also includes the following: World’s 50 Safest Banks, World’s 50 Safest Commercial Banks, Safest Banks by Country, 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).

“Emerging markets are enticing for their growth and potential. Successfully tapping that potential requires strong local partners who understand well the regulatory, fiscal, labor and market conditions. Our ranking of Safest Banks in Emerging Markets provides a consistent measure that companies and investors can use to compare potential bank partners to their home bank as well as financial institutions in other emerging markets,” says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

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RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	Korea Development Bank*	SOUTH KOREA
2	The Export-Import Bank of Korea	SOUTH KOREA
3	Industrial Bank of Korea	SOUTH KOREA
4	First Abu Dhabi Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
5	National Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
6	Bank of Taiwan	TAIWAN
7	China Development Bank	CHINA
8	Agricultural Development Bank of China	CHINA
9	The Export-Import Bank of China	CHINA
10	Kookmin Bank	SOUTH KOREA
11	Shinhan Bank	SOUTH KOREA
12	Qatar National Bank	QATAR
13	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
14	Kuwait Finance House	KUWAIT
15	Banco del Estado de Chile	CHILE
16	Al Hilal Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
17	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China	CHINA
18	China Construction Bank	CHINA
19	Agricultural Bank of China	CHINA
20	Bank of China	CHINA
21	KEB Hana Bank	SOUTH KOREA
22	NongHyup Bank	SOUTH KOREA
23	Banco Santander Chile	CHILE
24	Komerční Banka	CZECH REPUBLIC
25	Mega International Commercial Bank	TAIWAN

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*The World's Number 1 Safest Emerging Markets Bank will be invited to *Global Finance's* Best Bank Awards ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington DC on October 19 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	Land Bank of Taiwan	TAIWAN
27	Banco de Chile	CHILE
28	Scotiabank Chile	CHILE
29	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
30	Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
31	Ahli United Bank	KUWAIT
32	Hang Seng Bank (China)	CHINA
33	Woori Bank	SOUTH KOREA
34	CTBC Bank	TAIWAN
35	Banco de Credito e Inversiones	CHILE
36	Qatar Islamic Bank	QATAR
37	Bank of Communications	CHINA
38	Emirates NBD	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
39	SABB	SAUDI ARABIA
40	ING Bank Slaski	POLAND
41	Suhyup Bank	SOUTH KOREA
42	Gulf Bank	KUWAIT
43	Commercial Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
44	Boubyan Bank	KUWAIT
45	Qatar International Islamic Bank	QATAR
46	Barwa Bank	QATAR
47	Ahli Bank	QATAR
48	National Commercial Bank	SAUDI ARABIA
49	Al Rajhi Bank	SAUDI ARABIA
50	Samba Financial Group	SAUDI ARABIA