

Global Finance Names the 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets

NEW YORK, November 5, 2013 – As developing nations struggle with a slow-down in once booming economies, the financial institutions in those countries are facing a moment of truth. With their local economies suddenly contracting, only the strongest banks will thrive. And because of that, potential corporate customers will be extremely careful in choosing the banks they do business with. In short, it's safety first.

It's against this backdrop that *Global Finance* announces its third annual ranking of the Safest Banks in Emerging Markets. For the ranking, *Global Finance* used the same criteria as is applied to the Annual World's Safest Banks ranking, which appeared in the October issue—a recognized and trusted standard of creditworthiness for the financial world, now in its 22nd year.

We evaluate 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. Winners were selected through an evaluation of long-term credit ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings—and total assets of the 500 largest banks in emerging markets.

The National Bank of Abu Dhabi takes the top spot for 2013, reflecting a recent upgrade by S&P. Banks from the Gulf and the Middle East dominate the list this year, with 22 out of the top 50 ranked banks. Korea, with 10 banks, and China, with 8, are the other large groups on the list, followed by Taiwan and Chile with 4 each and 2 from Czech Republic.

In addition there are a number of institutions making the list for the first time this year: Export-Import Bank of China, Export-Import Bank of Korea, Korea Development Bank, HSBC Oman (HSBC merged its Muscat Branch with Oman International Bank and renamed the bank earlier this year, resulting in a big upgrade) - and Bank of Communications, which was upgraded by Fitch earlier this year.

"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."

This exclusive ranking will be published in the December issue of *Global Finance*.

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1	National Bank Of Abu Dhabi <i>United Arab Emirates</i>	26	Bank of China <i>China</i>
2	China Development Bank <i>China</i>	27	KB Kookmin Bank <i>South Korea</i>
3	Agricultural Development Bank of China <i>China</i>	28	Shinhan Bank <i>South Korea</i>
4	Export-Import Bank of China <i>China</i>	29	NongHyup Bank <i>South Korea</i>
5	Industrial Bank of Korea <i>South Korea</i>	30	Kuwait Finance House <i>Kuwait</i>
6	Korea Finance Corporation <i>South Korea</i>	31	Arab National Bank <i>Saudi Arabia</i>
7	National Bank of Kuwait <i>Kuwait</i>	32	Hana Bank <i>South Korea</i>
8	Export-Import Bank of Korea <i>South Korea</i>	33	Land Bank of Taiwan <i>Taiwan</i>
9	BancoEstado <i>Chile</i>	34	First Gulf Bank <i>United Arab Emirates</i>
10	Korea Development Bank <i>South Korea</i>	35	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank <i>United Arab Emirates</i>
11	Qatar National Bank <i>Qatar</i>	36	Mega International Commercial Bank <i>Taiwan</i>
12	Samba Financial Group <i>Saudi Arabia</i>	37	CTBC Bank <i>Taiwan</i>
13	Bank of Taiwan <i>Taiwan</i>	38	Česká spořitelna <i>Czech Republic</i>
14	Banco de Chile <i>Chile</i>	39	Banco de Credito e Inversiones <i>Chile</i>
15	National Commercial Bank <i>Saudi Arabia</i>	40	Commercial Bank of Qatar <i>Qatar</i>
16	Al Rajhi Bank <i>Saudi Arabia</i>	41	Woori Bank <i>South Korea</i>
17	Banco Santander Chile <i>Chile</i>	42	Korea Exchange Bank <i>South Korea</i>
18	Riyad Bank <i>Saudi Arabia</i>	43	Komerční banka <i>Czech Republic</i>
19	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank <i>United Arab Emirates</i>	44	Bank Muscat <i>Oman</i>
20	Banque Saudi Fransi <i>Saudi Arabia</i>	45	Saudi Hollandi Bank <i>Saudi Arabia</i>
21	SABB <i>Saudi Arabia</i>	46	Doha Bank <i>Qatar</i>
22	Union National Bank <i>United Arab Emirates</i>	47	Commercial Bank of Kuwait <i>Kuwait</i>
23	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China <i>China</i>	48	HSBC Bank Oman <i>Oman</i>
24	China Construction Bank <i>China</i>	49	Bank of Communications <i>China</i>
25	Agricultural Bank of China <i>China</i>	50	Saudi Investment Bank <i>Saudi Arabia</i>