

## PRESS RELEASE

### GLOBAL FINANCE MAGAZINE SELECTS THE World's Best Banks 2009

The *Global Finance* World's Best Bank Awards Ceremony will be held in Istanbul, on October 6th, 2009, at the same time as the Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank

**New York, September 16, 2009** — *Global Finance* magazine (website: [www.gfmag.com](http://www.gfmag.com)) will host its thirteenth annual Best Bank Awards ceremony on October 6th, 2009, in Istanbul (Turkey), at the same time as the Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank. More than 200 bank CEOs and senior financial officers and central bankers will attend the Ceremony. It will be open to journalists.

*Global Finance* - a monthly magazine founded in 1987 - has a long tradition in recognizing the best financial institutions in the world and its awards have become a recognized and trusted standard of excellence in finance.

*Global Finance* this year has identified the best banks in 123 countries, as well as the best banks globally in 11 key banking categories.

In selecting this year's winners, *Global Finance's* editorial team considered objective and subjective

factors. Objective criteria included growth in assets, profitability, geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and product innovation. Subjective criteria included the opinions of equity and credit-rating analysts, banking consultants and others in the industry, as well as corporate financial executives. The winners are not always the biggest banks but, rather, the best banks - those with the qualities that corporations should look for when choosing a bank.

"A year after the failure of some major financial institutions, companies and investors are looking for assurance of their banks' credit-worthiness," said Joseph Giarraputo publisher of *Global Finance*. "But also, more than ever, they are demanding superior competence. Hopefully, these lists will help them find the most competent financial partners."

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*Global Finance* is a monthly magazine founded in 1987. It has a circulation of 50,050, audited by BPA, and readers in 163 countries. Its headquarters is in New York, with offices in London, Rio de Janeiro and Milan. *Global Finance's* audience includes Chairmen, Presidents, CEOs, CFOs, Treasurers and other senior financial officers responsible for making investment and strategic business decisions at multinational companies and financial institutions. The magazine's website - [www.gfmag.com](http://www.gfmag.com) - offers analysis and articles that are the heritage of 22 years of experience in international financial markets, and provides a valuable source of data on 192 countries.

# World's Best Banks 2009

## Global

Corporate	JPMorgan Chase
Consumer	HSBC
Private	Credit Suisse
Emerging Markets	Standard Chartered
Asset Management	State Street Global Advisors
Custody	The Bank of New York Mellon
Investment Bank	J.P. Morgan
Cash Management	Citi
Trade Finance	BNP Paribas
Foreign Exchange	Deutsche Bank
Sub-Custody	HSBC

## North America

Bermuda	Butterfield Bank
Canada	Scotiabank
United States	JPMorgan Chase

## Europe

Albania	International Commercial Bank
Austria	Bank Austria
Belarus	Belarusbank
Belgium	KBC
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Raiffeisen Bank Bosna i Hercegovina
Bulgaria	Raiffeisenbank Bulgaria
Croatia	Privredna Banka Zagreb
Cyprus	Bank of Cyprus
Czech Republic	Raiffeisenbank
Denmark	Danske Bank
Estonia	Swedbank
Finland	Pohjola Bank
France	BNP Paribas
Germany	Commerzbank
Greece	EFG Eurobank
Hungary	OTP
Italy	Intesa Sanpaolo
Latvia	Aizkraukles Banka
Lithuania	Swedbank
Luxembourg	Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat
Macedonia	Komercijalna Banka
Malta	HSBC Bank Malta
Moldova	Moldova Agroindbank
Netherlands	Rabobank
Norway	DnB NOR
Poland	Bank Pekao
Portugal	Banco Espírito Santo
Romania	BRD-Groupe Soci�t� G�n�rale
Russia	VTB
Serbia	Raiffeisen Banka

Slovakia	Tatra Banka
Slovenia	Nova Ljubljanska Banka
Spain	Santander
Sweden	Handelsbanken
Switzerland	Credit Suisse
Turkey	Akbank
Ukraine	UkrSibbank
United Kingdom	HSBC

## Asia

Armenia	HSBC Armenia
Australia	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Azerbaijan	International Bank of Azerbaijan
Bangladesh	Janata Bank
China	ICBC
Georgia	Bank of Georgia
Hong Kong	HSBC
India	HDFC
Indonesia	PT Bank Central Asia
Japan	Resona Holdings
Kazakhstan	Kazkommertsbank
Kyrgyz Republic	AsiaUniversalBank (AUB)
Macau	ICBC Macau
Malaysia	Public Bank Berhad
Mongolia	Khan Bank
Pakistan	Habib Bank
Philippines	Bank of the Philippine Islands
Singapore	United Overseas Bank
South Korea	Shinhan Bank
Sri Lanka	Commercial Bank of Ceylon
Taiwan	Chinatrust Commercial Bank
Thailand	Siam Commercial Bank (SCB)
Uzbekistan	Credit-Standard Bank
Vietnam	Asia Commercial Bank

## Latin America

Argentina	Banco Macro
Barbados	FirstCaribbean International
Belize	Belize Bank
Bolivia	Banco de Cr�dito de Bolivia
Brazil	Ita�-Unibanco
Chile	Banco Santander Chile
Colombia	Bancolombia
Costa Rica	Scotiabank Costa Rica
Dominican Republic	Banco Popular Dominicano
Ecuador	Banco Pichincha
El Salvador	Banco Agr�cola
Guatemala	Banco Agromercantil
Honduras	Banco Atl�ntida
Jamaica	Scotiabank Jamaica
Mexico	Banamex

Panama	Banco General
Paraguay	Interbanco
Peru	BBVA Banco Continental
Puerto Rico	Banco Santander Puerto Rico
Trinidad & Tobago	Republic Bank
Uruguay	Banco Santander Uruguay
Venezuela	BBVA Banco Provincial

## Middle East

Bahrain	Ahli United Bank
Egypt	Commercial International Bank (CIB)
Iran	Parsian Bank
Iraq	Commercial Bank of Iraq
Israel	Mizrabi Tefahot
Jordan	Arab Bank
Kuwait	National Bank of Kuwait
Lebanon	BLOM Bank
Oman	BankMuscat
Qatar	Qatar National Bank
Saudi Arabia	Samba Financial Group
Syria	Bank Audi Syria
United Arab Emirates	Emirates NBD
Yemen	Arab Bank Yemen

## Africa

Algeria	Arab Banking Corporation Algeria
Angola	BES Angola
Botswana	Standard Chartered Bank Botswana
C�te d'Ivoire	Ecobank C�te d'Ivoire
Ethiopia	Nib International Bank
Gambia	Trust Bank
Ghana	Ghana Commercial Bank
Guinea	International Commercial Bank
Kenya	Barclays Bank of Kenya
Libya	Wahda Bank
Mauritius	Mauritius Commercial Bank
Morocco	Attijariwafa Bank
Namibia	Standard Bank Namibia
Nigeria	FirstBank
Rwanda	Banque Commerciale du Rwanda
Senegal	Ecobank Senegal
South Africa	Standard Bank
Sudan	Al Salam Bank Sudan
Togo	Ecobank
Tunisia	Banque de Tunisie
Uganda	Stanbic Bank Uganda
Zambia	Standard Chartered Bank Zambia