

Global Finance Names The World's Best Developed Markets Banks 2014

NEW YORK, March 18, 2014 – *Global Finance* magazine has announced its annual awards for the World's Best Banks in Developed Markets. A full report on the selections will appear in the May issue of *Global Finance*, along with selections for the World's Best Banks in Emerging Markets and the Best US Regional Banks. The winners of this year's awards are those banks that attended carefully to their customers' needs in difficult markets and accomplished better results while laying the foundations for future success.

All selections were made by the editors of *Global Finance*, after extensive consultations with bankers, corporate financial executives and analysts throughout the world. In selecting these top banks, we considered factors that range from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective. In addition, for the first time, a poll of *Global Finance's* corporate readership was conducted in order to increase the accuracy and reliability of the results.

Banks were invited to submit entries supporting their selection. Objective criteria considered included: growth in assets, profitability, geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products. Subjective criteria included the opinions of equity analysts, credit rating analysts, banking consultants and others involved in the industry. The mix of these factors yields leading banks that may not be the largest, the oldest or the most diversified in a given country, but rather the best—the banks with which corporations around the world would most likely want to do business.

"The banks that *Global Finance* is honoring set themselves apart by anticipating and responding to the specific needs of their customers, which vary greatly from country to country and region to region," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "With the recovery from the financial crisis moving along slowly, these banks have performed the best under very difficult conditions."

The full list of *Global Finance's* World's Best Developed Markets Banks 2014 follows on the next page.



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NORTH AMERICA

Regional Winner	Bank of America
Country Winners	
Bermuda	HSBC Bank Bermuda
Canada	Royal Bank of Canada
US	Bank of America

WESTERN EUROPE

Regional Winner	ING
Country Winners	
Andorra	Morabanc
Austria	Erste bank
Belgium	ING
France	BNP Paribas
Germany	Commerzbank
Greece	Piraeus Bank
Ireland	Bank of Ireland
Italy	Intesa Sanpaolo
Luxembourg	Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat
Malta	Bank of Valletta
Netherlands	ING
Portugal	Banco Santander Totta
Spain	Santander
Switzerland	UBS
UK	Lloyds Banking Group

NORDIC REGION

Regional Winner	Nordea
Country Winners	
Denmark	Nordea
Finland	Nordea
Iceland	Landsbankinn
Norway	DnB
Sweden	SEB

ASIA-PACIFIC

Regional Winner	DBS Bank
Country Winners	
Australia	ANZ Group
Hong Kong	HSBC
Japan	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial
New Zealand	ANZ New Zealand
Singapore	DBS Bank

MIDDLE EAST

Country Winner	Bank Hapoalim
Israel	



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The *Global Finance* World's Best Banks 2014 Awards Ceremony will be held during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings, on the morning of Saturday, October 11, 2014, at The Washington National Press Club.

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