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Global Finance names the World's Best Emerging Market Banks 2011 in Latin America

NEW YORK, March 24, 2011 — *Global Finance* magazine has named the "Best Emerging Market Banks in Latin America" in an exclusive survey to be published in the May 2011 issue. *Global Finance* editors—with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and banking consultants—selected the best emerging market bank in the region and in 23 countries. Criteria for choosing the winners included growth in assets, profitability, strategic relationships, customer service, competitive pricing, and innovative products.

This is the eighteenth year that the magazine has selected top banking performers in emerging markets. The report covers best banks in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, Latin America, and Central and Eastern Europe. "We remain in an unusually challenging environment for banks and their customers," says Joseph Giarraputo, publisher of *Global Finance*. "More than ever, customers are demanding superior competence from their banking partners. These are the banks best providing that competence."

Regional Winner: Banco Santander

Argentina	Banco Santander Rio
Barbados	Scotiabank Barbados
Belize	Belize Bank
Bolivia	Banco de Credito de Bolivia
Brazil	Itaú-Unibanco
Chile	Banco Santander Chile
Colombia	Bancolombia
Costa Rica	Scotiabank Costa Rica
Dominican Republic	Banco Popular Dominicano
Ecuador	Banco Pichincha
El Salvador	Banco Agrícola
Guatemala	Banco Agromercantil
Honduras	Banco Atlántida
Jamaica	Scotiabank Jamaica
Mexico	Banamex
Panama	Banco General
Paraguay	BBVA Paraguay
Peru	BBVA Banco Continental
Puerto Rico	Banco Santander Puerto Rico
Trinidad & Tobago	Scotiabank Trinidad & Tobago
Turks & Caicos	Scotiabank Turks & Caicos
Uruguay	Banco Santander Uruguay
Venezuela	BBVA Banco Provincial



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An Awards Ceremony for all winners will be conducted the morning of Monday September 26, 2011 at The National Press Club in Washington DC.

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