



## **GLOBAL FINANCE NAMES THE 2009 WORLD'S BEST EMERGING MARKET BANKS IN AFRICA**

NEW YORK, March 24, 2009 — *Global Finance* magazine has named the “Best Emerging Market Banks in Africa” in an exclusive survey to be published in the May 2009 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 22 countries. Criteria for choosing the winners included growth in assets, profitability, strategic relationships, customer service, competitive pricing, and innovative products.

### **Regional Winner: Standard Chartered**

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| <b>Algeria</b>       | Arab Banking Corporation Algeria    | <b>Mauritius</b>    | Mauritius Commerical Bank      |
| <b>Angola</b>        | BES Angola                          | <b>Morocco</b>      | Attijariwafa Bank              |
| <b>Botswana</b>      | Standard Chartered Bank<br>Botswana | <b>Namibia</b>      | Standard Bank Namibia          |
| <b>Cote d'Ivoire</b> | Ecobank                             | <b>Nigeria</b>      | FirstBank                      |
| <b>Ethiopia</b>      | NIB International Bank              | <b>Rwanda</b>       | Banque Commercial du Rwanda    |
| <b>Gambia</b>        | Trust Bank                          | <b>Senegal</b>      | Ecobank                        |
| <b>Ghana</b>         | Ghana Commercial Bank               | <b>South Africa</b> | Standard Bank                  |
| <b>Guinea</b>        | International Commercial Bank       | <b>Sudan</b>        | Al Salam Bank Sudan            |
| <b>Kenya</b>         | Barclays Bank Kenya                 | <b>Togo</b>         | Ecobank                        |
| <b>Libya</b>         | Al-Wahda Bank                       | <b>Tunisia</b>      | Banque de Tunisie              |
|                      |                                     | <b>Uganda</b>       | Stanbic Bank Uganda            |
|                      |                                     | <b>Zambia</b>       | Standard Chartered Bank Zambia |

This is the sixteenth 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 are in a 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.”

*Global Finance*, which celebrates its 22nd year of publishing in 2009, has 50,000 subscribers and more than 180,000 readers in over 158 countries. This audience includes chairmen, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, treasurers, and other financial officers responsible for making investments and strategic business decisions for large global companies and financial institutions. *Global Finance* also targets the 8,000 key portfolio investors who control over 80% of all assets under professional management.

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