

Global Finance names the World's Best Emerging Market Banks 2012 in Latin America

NEW YORK, March 20, 2012 — *Global Finance* magazine has named the "Best Emerging Market Banks in Latin America" in an exclusive survey to be published in the May 2012 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 24 countries. Criteria for choosing the winners included growth in assets, profitability, strategic relationships, customer service, competitive pricing, and innovative products.

This is the nineteenth year that the magazine has selected top banking performers in emerging markets. The report covers best banks in Asia, the Middle East, 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: Santander

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| Argentina | Banco Macro |
| Barbados | Scotiabank Barbados |
| Belize | Belize Bank |
| Bolivia | Banco de Crédito 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 |
| Nicaragua | Banco Lafise Bancentro |
| Panama | Banco General |
| Paraguay | Itaú Unibanco |
| 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 |

AWARDS CEREMONY

An Awards Ceremony for all winners will be conducted at the same time as the World Bank/IMF Meetings on the morning of Saturday, October 13, 2012 at The Foreign Correspondents' Club in Tokyo, Japan.

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