

### Global Finance Names The World's Best Emerging Markets Banks In The Middle East 2014

NEW YORK, March 17, 2014 – *Global Finance* magazine has named the World's Best Emerging Markets Banks in the Middle East in an exclusive survey to be published in the May 2014 issue. *Global Finance* editors—with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and banking consultants—selected the best emerging markets bank in the region and in 14 countries. Criteria for choosing the winners included growth in assets, profitability, strategic relationships, customer service, competitive pricing, and innovative products. 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.

This is the twenty first year that the magazine has selected top banking performers in emerging markets. The report covers best banks in Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East and Africa.

"Faced with slowing growth and volatile markets, these banks are star performers under increasingly challenging conditions," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "The banks that *Global Finance* is honoring may not be the largest or oldest, but they are the best at targeting their products and offerings to the specific markets they serve."

#### Regional Winner Arab Bank

Bahrain	Ahli United Bank
Egypt	Commercial International Bank
Iraq	Bank of Baghdad
Iran	Bank Melli Iran
Jordan	Arab Bank
Kuwait	National Bank of Kuwait
Lebanon	BLOM Bank
Oman	Ahli Bank
Palestine	Bank of Palestine
Qatar	Qatar National Bank
Saudi Arabia	Samba Financial Group
United Arab Emirates	National Bank of Abu Dhabi
Yemen	Arab Bank Yemen

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#### AWARDS CEREMONY

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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