

Global Finance names the World's Best Emerging Markets Banks 2013 in the Middle East

NEW YORK, March 20, 2013 — *Global Finance* magazine has named the "Best Emerging Markets Banks in the Middle East" in an exclusive survey to be published in the May 2013 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 12 countries. Criteria for choosing the winners included growth in assets, profitability, strategic relationships, customer service, competitive pricing, and innovative products.

This is the twentieth 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. "Each region and individual country presents unique challenges for banks and their customers, especially under the difficult conditions global financial markets continue to face," says Joseph Giarraputo, publisher of *Global Finance*. "For this reason, customers must depend on excellence in execution from their banking partners. These are the banks that are providing best-in-class solutions for these distinctive markets."

Regional Winner: National Bank of Kuwait

Bahrain	Ahli United Bank
Egypt	Commercial International Bank
Iraq	Commercial Bank of Iraq
Jordan	Arab Bank
Kuwait	National Bank of Kuwait
Lebanon	Bank Audi
Oman	BankMuscat
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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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 12, 2013 at The National Press Club in Washington, DC.

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