

Global Finance names the World's Best Trade Finance Banks 2012

NEW YORK, December 16, 2011 – *Global Finance* magazine (GFmag.com) has named the “Best Trade Finance Banks” by region and country in an exclusive survey to be published in the February 2012 issue. *Global Finance* editors — with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts — selected the best trade finance banks in 78 countries or regions. Criteria for choosing the winners included: transaction volume, scope of global coverage, customer service, competitive pricing and innovative technologies.

The Best Trade Finance Bank globally will be announced in the October 2012 issue.

“Now more than ever, the availability of trade finance at reasonable prices is crucial to the health of the global economy,” says Joseph D. Giarraputo. “We have selected the banks that are best serving the needs of corporations worldwide as they engage in cross-border trade.”

The full list of the World's Best Trade Finance Banks is on the next page.

AWARDS CEREMONY

An Awards Ceremony for all winners will be conducted at the same time as the October 2012 SIBOS conference in Osaka, Japan. More details to follow.

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The reach of *Global Finance*

Global Finance, founded in 1987, has a circulation of 50,050 and readers in 163 countries. Its circulation is audited by BPA. *Global Finance's* audience includes chairmen, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, treasurers and other senior financial officers responsible for making investment and strategic decisions at multinational companies and financial institutions. *Global Finance* also targets the 8,000 international portfolio investors responsible for more than 80% of all global assets under professional management. Its website — GFmag.com — offers analysis and articles that are the heritage of 25 years of experience in international financial markets, and provides a valuable source of data on 192 countries. Headquartered in New York, with offices in London and Milan.

For information on how to obtain the *Global Finance* Trade Finance Bank Award 2012 logo, please write to Chris Giarraputo: chris@gfmag.com

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By Region

Americas: Citi

Europe: BNP Paribas

Central and Eastern Europe: UniCredit

Middle East: Arab Bank

Nordic: SEB

Asia: HSBC

Africa: Standard Bank

By Country

Algeria: Arab Bank

Angola: BES Angola

Argentina: Citi

Armenia: Ameriabank

Australia: ANZ

Austria: Bank Austria

Bahrain: Ahli United Bank

Belgium: KBC

Brazil: Itaú Unibanco

Canada: Scotiabank

Chile: Banco Santander Chile

China: Bank of China

Colombia: Bancolombia

Czech Republic: CSOB

Denmark: Nordea

Egypt: Commercial International Bank (CIB)

Estonia: SEB

Finland: Nordea

France: BNP Paribas

Georgia: Bank of Georgia

Germany: Deutsche Bank

Greece: Eurobank EFG

Hong Kong: HSBC

Hungary: OTP Bank

India: HDFC Bank

Indonesia: Bank Danamon

Israel: Bank Leumi

Italy: Intesa Sanpaolo

Japan: Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ

Jordan: Arab Bank

Kazakhstan: Halyk Bank

Kenya: KCB

Kuwait: National Bank of Kuwait

Latvia: SEB

Lebanon: BLOM Bank

Lithuania: SEB

Malaysia: Maybank

Malta: FIMBank

Mexico: Banamex

Morocco: Arab Bank

Netherlands: ING

New Zealand: ANZ

Nigeria: First Bank of Nigeria

Norway: Nordea

Oman: BankMuscat

Pakistan: National Bank of Pakistan

Palestine: Bank of Palestine

Philippines: BDO Unibank

Poland: Bank Pekao

Portugal: Banco Espirito Santo

Qatar: QNB Bank

Russia: VTB Capital

Saudi Arabia: SABB

Singapore: DBS

Slovakia: Tatra banka

South Africa: Standard Bank

South Korea: Kookmin Bank (KB)

Spain: BBVA

Sweden: SEB

Switzerland: Credit Suisse

Taiwan: Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank

Thailand: Kasikornbank

Turkey: Garanti

Ukraine: UkrSotsbank

UAE: Emirates NBD

UK: Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS)

US: Citi

Uzbekistan: Asaka Bank

Venezuela: Banco Mercantil

Vietnam: Vietcombank

Yemen: Arab Bank