



WORLD'S BEST TRADE FINANCE PROVIDERS 2008

NEW YORK, December 15, 2007 – *Global Finance* magazine has named the “Best Trade Finance Banks and Providers” by category in an exclusive survey to be published in the February 2008 issue. *Global Finance* editors — with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts — selected the best trade finance providers in 67 countries or regions. The best online trade finance system was also identified. 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 2008 issue.

“The best banks in the trade finance business are those that understand the global supply-chain requirements of their customers and integrate financial services with automated processes to handle the growing volumes of international trade efficiently and with less risk,” says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and president of *Global Finance*.

By Region

Americas - Citi

Europe - BNP Paribas

CEE - UniCredit

Middle East - Arab Bank

Nordic Region - SEB

Asia - Standard Chartered

By Country

Argentina - Banco Santander Rio

Australia - ANZ

Austria - UniCredit

Bahrain - Ahli United Bank

Belgium - Fortis

Brazil - Banco do Brasil

Canada - Scotiabank

Chile - Banco Santander Chile

China - China Construction Bank

Colombia - Bancolombia

Czech Republic - CSOB

Denmark - Nordea

Egypt - Commercial

International Bank (CIB)

Estonia - Hansabank

Finland - Nordea

France - BNP Paribas

Georgia - Bank of Georgia

Germany - Deutsche Bank

Greece - Eurobank EFG

Hong Kong - HSBC

Iceland - Kaupthing Bank

India - ICICI Bank

Indonesia - Bank Danamon

Israel - Bank Hapoalim

Italy - Intesa Sanpaolo

Japan - Mizuho Financial

Jordan - Arab Bank

Kazakhstan - Bank TuranAlem

Kuwait - Kuwait Finance House

Latvia - Parex banka

Lebanon - BLOM Bank

Lithuania - SEB Vilniaus Bankas

Malaysia - Maybank

Mexico - Banamex

Netherlands - ABN AMRO

Nigeria - First Bank of Nigeria

Norway - DnB NOR

Oman - BankMuscat

Pakistan - MCB Bank

Philippines - Banco de Oro EPCI

Poland - Bank Pekao (UniCredit)

Portugal - Banco Espirito Santo

Qatar - Qatar National Bank

Russia - Alfa Bank

Saudi Arabia - Samba

Singapore - Standard Chartered

South Africa - Standard Bank

South Korea - Korea Exchange
Bank

Spain - BBVA

Sweden - SEB

Switzerland - Credit Suisse

Taiwan - Chinatrust Commercial
Bank

Thailand - Kasikornbank

Turkey - Akbank

Ukraine - Privat Bank

UAE - Emirates NBD

United Kingdom - HSBC

United States - Citi

US Honorable Mention: JPMorgan
Chase

Venezuela - Banco Mercantil

Yemen - Saba Islamic Bank

Best Online Trade Finance Provider
Tradecard

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