



WORLD'S BEST TRADE FINANCE PROVIDERS 2009

NEW YORK, December 18, 2008 – *Global Finance* magazine has named the “Best Trade Finance Providers” by category in an exclusive survey to be published in the February 2009 issue. *Global Finance* editors — with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts — selected the best trade finance providers in 68 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 2009 issue.

“Global trade is expected to decline in 2009 for the first time since 1982, but trade finance is booming, as exporters and importers seek to manage their risks more carefully,” says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and president of *Global Finance*. “We have selected the banks that corporations can rely on for financing their global trade activities and providing other trade-related services.”

By Region

Americas: **Citi**

Europe: **BNP Paribas**

Central and Eastern Europe:
UniCredit

Middle East: **Arab Bank**

Nordic: **SEB**

Asia: **Standard Chartered**

Africa: **Standard Chartered**

By Country

Argentina: **Banco Santander Río**

Australia: **ANZ**

Austria: **Bank Austria**

Bahrain: **Ahli United Bank**

Belgium: **KBC**

Brazil: **Itaú**

Canada: **Scotiabank**

Chile: **Banco Santander Chile**

China: **Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC)**

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**

India: **HDFC Bank**

Indonesia: **Bank Danamon**

Israel: **Bank Hapoalim**

Italy: **Intesa Sanpaolo**

Japan: **Mizuho Financial**

Jordan: **Arab Bank**

Kazakhstan: **BTA Bank**

Kuwait: **National Bank of Kuwait**

Latvia: **SEB Banka**

Lebanon: **BLOM Bank**

Lithuania: **SEB Bank**

Malaysia: **Maybank**

Mexico: **Banamex**

Netherlands: **RBS Netherlands**

Nigeria: **First Bank of Nigeria**

Norway: **DnB NOR**

Oman: **BankMuscat**

Pakistan: **Habib Bank**

Philippines: **Bank of the Philippine Islands**

Poland: **Bank Pekao**

Portugal: **Banco Espirito Santo**

Qatar: **Qatar National Bank**

Russia: **VTB Bank**

Saudi Arabia: **SABB**

Singapore: **Standard Chartered**

Slovakia: **CSOB**

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: **PrivatBank**

UAE: **Emirates NBD**

UK: **HSBC**

US: **Citi**

Honorable Mention: **J.P. Morgan**

Venezuela: **Banco Mercantil**

Yemen: **Arab Bank**