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Global Finance Names the Safest Banks in the Middle East 2021

NEW YORK, September 8, 2021 — *Global Finance* has announced the Safest Banks in the Middle East as part of its 30th annual ranking of the World’s Safest Banks. The full list is included here and will be published in the November print and digital editions, and online at GFMag.com.

UAE’s First Abu Dhabi Bank holds onto the top spot again this year and Kuwaiti banks take 4 of the top 8 positions.

The full report includes the following rankings: World’s 50 Safest Banks, World’s 50 Safest Commercial Banks, Safest Banks by Country, 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets, Safest Islamic Financial Institutions in the GCC, and Safest Banks by Region (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and Western Europe).

“The past year demonstrates the resilience of the banking sector, which stood as a bulwark against collapse during the coronavirus pandemic, supplying critical emergency funding as well as, in many cases, emergency equipment and supplies,” said Joseph Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. “The safest banks are paragons of stability, and continue to provide necessary support for governments and communities as they seek to recover from pandemic’s economic shocks.”

Banks were selected through an evaluation of long-term foreign currency ratings—from Moody’s, Standard & Poor’s and Fitch—of the 500 largest banks worldwide.

RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY/ TERRITORY
1	First Abu Dhabi Bank	United Arab Emirates
2	Qatar National Bank	Qatar
3	National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait
4	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	United Arab Emirates
5	Kuwait Finance House	Kuwait
6	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	United Arab Emirates
7	Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait
8	Ahli United Bank	Kuwait
9	Bank Leumi Le-Israël	Israel
10	Bank Hapoalim	Israel



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