

Global Finance Names BancoEstado of Chile the World's Safest Bank 2013 in Latin America

NEW YORK, August 26, 2013 — *Global Finance* magazine has named the **Safest Banks in Latin America** in an exclusive survey to be published in the October 2013 issue. Winners were selected through an evaluation of long-term credit ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch—and total assets of the 500 largest banks worldwide.

Chilean banks dominate the list once again this year, taking the top four positions.

The full report evaluates the safest banks in Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East, North America, Latin America and Australasia.

"Bank counterparty assessment has become an intrinsic part of the job of a CFO and treasurer," says *Global Finance* publisher Joseph D. Giarraputo. "*Global Finance's* Safest Banks ranking provides an objective tool for benchmarking and analysis of regional banks."

World's Safest Banks 2013 in Latin America

1	BancoEstado	Chile
2	Banco de Chile	Chile
3	Banco Santander Chile	Chile
4	Banco de Crédito e Inversiones	Chile
5	HSBC Mexico	Mexico
6	Itaú Unibanco	Brazil
7	Banco Santander Mexico	Mexico
8	Banobras	Mexico
9	Banco de Crédito BCP	Peru
10	Banco Bradesco	Brazil

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