

Global Finance Names the World's Safest Banks 2013 in Western Europe

NEW YORK, August 26, 2013 — *Global Finance* magazine has named the **Safest Banks in Western Europe** 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.

German banks performed strongly at the top of the list this year, taking three of the top five and four of the top eight positions. The Netherlands also performed well, with three banks in the top ten.

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 Western Europe

1	KfW	Germany
2	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten	Netherlands
3	Zürcher Kantonalbank	Switzerland
4	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank	Germany
5	L-Bank	Germany
6	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank	Netherlands
7	Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations	France
8	NRW.BANK	Germany
9	Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat	Luxembourg
10	Rabobank	Netherlands

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