

### Global Finance Names the Safest Emerging Markets Banks in the Middle East 2013

NEW YORK, November 4, 2013 — *Global Finance* magazine (GFmag.com) has named the “Safest Emerging Markets Banks in the Middle East” in an exclusive survey to be published in the December 2013 issue. The banks were selected through a comparison of the long-term credit ratings and total assets of the largest banks. Ratings from Moody’s, Standard & Poor’s and Fitch were used. (Ratings current on 25th October, 2013.)

The full report covers the safest banks in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. “For companies looking to expand into new markets, choosing the right banking partner is critical,” says *Global Finance* publisher Joseph D. Giarraputo. “This ranking is an invaluable tool for companies to evaluate institutional strength in fast-growing emerging markets.”

#### Safest Emerging Markets Banks in the Middle East - 2013

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| 1  | <b>National Bank Of Abu Dhabi</b> | UAE          |
| 2  | <b>National Bank of Kuwait</b>    | Kuwait       |
| 3  | <b>Qatar National Bank</b>        | Qatar        |
| 4  | <b>Samba Financial Group</b>      | Saudi Arabia |
| 5  | <b>National Commercial Bank</b>   | Saudi Arabia |
| 6  | <b>Al Rajhi Bank</b>              | Saudi Arabia |
| 7  | <b>Riyad Bank</b>                 | Saudi Arabia |
| 8  | <b>Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank</b>  | UAE          |
| 9  | <b>Banque Saudi Fransi</b>        | Saudi Arabia |
| 10 | <b>SABB</b>                       | Saudi Arabia |
| 11 | <b>Union National Bank</b>        | UAE          |
| 12 | <b>Kuwait Finance House</b>       | Kuwait       |
| 13 | <b>Arab National Bank</b>         | Saudi Arabia |
| 14 | <b>First Gulf Bank</b>            | UAE          |
| 15 | <b>Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank</b>     | UAE          |
| 16 | <b>Commercial Bank of Qatar</b>   | Qatar        |

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