

# GLOBAL FINANCE

## Global Finance Magazine names the World's Top Central Bankers 2010

New York, September 9, 2010 - *Global Finance* magazine (website: [www.gfmag.com](http://www.gfmag.com)) has named the heads of the Central Banks of six countries — plus the European Central Bank president — as the World's Best Central Bankers over the past year.

The "Central Banker Report Card" feature, published annually by *Global Finance* since 1994, grades Central Bank Governors of 30 key countries (and the ECB) on an "A" to "F" scale for success in areas such as inflation control, economic growth goals, currency stability and interest rate management. ("A" represents an excellent performance down through "F" for outright failure.)

Subjective criteria also apply. Says *Global Finance* Publisher Joseph Giarraputo, "During one of the toughest years on record, the World's Central Bankers were tested as never before. Every year, we try to assess the determination of Central Bankers to stand up to political interference and their efforts at forcing their governments to spend less, and to open their economies to foreign investment and financial services.

Those scoring in the "A" category in the report published in the October issue of *Global Finance* are:

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| • | European Union | Jean-Claude Trichet | A |
| • | Australia      | Glenn Stevens       | A |
| • | Israel         | Stanley Fischer     | A |
| • | Malaysia       | Zeti Akhtar Aziz    | A |
| • | South Korea    | Lee Seongtae        | A |
| • | Taiwan         | Fai-Nan Perng       | A |
| • | Turkey         | Durmus Yilmaz       | A |

The full list of Central Banker report cards is on the next page.



### The reach of *Global Finance*

*Global Finance*, founded in 1987, has a circulation of 50,050 and readers in 163 countries. Its circulation is audited by BPA. *Global Finance's* audience includes chairmen, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, treasurers and other senior financial officers responsible for making investment and strategic decisions at multinational companies and financial institutions. *Global Finance* also targets the 8,000 international portfolio investors responsible for more than 80% of all global assets under professional management. Its website — [www.gfmag.com](http://www.gfmag.com) — offers analysis and articles that are the heritage of 23 years of experience in international financial markets, and provides a valuable source of data on 192 countries. Headquartered in New York, with offices in London and Milan.

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## CENTRAL BANKER REPORT CARDS 2010

		Grade 2010	Grade 2009
<b>THE AMERICAS</b>			
Argentina	Mercedes Marcó del Pont	D	N/A
Brazil	Henrique de Campos Meirelles	B+	B+
Canada	Mark Carney	B+	B
Chile	José De Gregorio	B	B
Mexico	Agustin Carstens	B	N/A
United States	Ben Bernanke	C	C
<b>EUROPE</b>			
Czech Republic	Miroslav Singer	Too early to say	N/A
European Union	Jean-Claude Trichet	A	A
Hungary	András Simor	C	B
Norway	Svein Gjedrem	B	C-
Poland	Marek Belka	Too early to say	N/A
Russia	Sergei M. Ignatiev	B	C-
Sweden	Stefan Ingves	B	C-
Switzerland	Philippe Hildebrand	B-	N/A
Turkey	Durmus Yilmaz	A	B
United Kingdom	Mervyn King	B	B
<b>ASIA</b>			
Australia	Glenn Stevens	A	A
China	Zhou Xiaochuan	C	C
India	Duvvuri Subbarao	C	B
Indonesia	Darmin Nasution	D	N/A
Japan	Masaaki Shirakawa	C	B-
Malaysia	Zeti Akhtar Aziz	A	A
New Zealand	Alan Bollard	B	C
Philippines	Amando M. Tetangco Jr.	B	B
Singapore	Heng Swee Keat	B	B
South Korea	Kim Choong Soo	Too early to say	N/A
Taiwan	Fai-Nan Perng	A	A
Thailand	Tarisa Watanagase	B	C
<b>AFRICA &amp; THE MIDDLE EAST</b>			
Israel	Stanley Fischer	A	A
Saudi Arabia	Muhammad Al-Jasser	B	C
South Africa	Gill Marcus	B	N/A

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