

## Global Finance Names The Safest Banks In Western Europe 2017

NEW YORK, September 6, 2017 — *Global Finance* has named the Safest Banks in Western Europe in an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2017 issue as part of the publication's 26th annual ranking of the World's Safest Banks.

German banks performed well again this year, taking the top spot, three of the top four positions and five total.

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, Middle East, North America and Western Europe).

"In the past year, Western Europe has confronted the risks of fragmentation, from developments such as Brexit and rising tensions with trading partners such as the United States. Our ranking of the Safest Banks in the region showcases banks that have built solid foundations—offering security and stability in this rapidly changing environment—and provides a consistent tool for comparing institutional strength within the region," said *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

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

### Safest Banks in Western Europe 2017

RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	KfW*	Germany
2	Zürcher Kantonalbank	Switzerland
3	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank	Germany
4	L-Bank	Germany
5	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (BNG)	Netherlands
6	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank	Netherlands
7	NRW.BANK	Germany
8	Banque et Caisse d'Épargne de l'État	Luxembourg
9	Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations	France
10	DZ Bank	Germany

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