

Global Finance Names The World's Best Developed Markets Banks 2016

NEW YORK, March 14, 2016 – *Global Finance* magazine has announced its twenty-third annual awards for the World's Best Banks in Developed Markets. A full report on the selections will appear in the May issue of *Global Finance*, along with selections for the World's Best Banks in Emerging Markets and the Best US Regional Banks. Global winners will be announced in the summer and published in the October issue. The winners of this year's awards are those banks that attended carefully to their customers' needs in difficult markets and accomplished better results while laying the foundations for future success.

All selections were made by the editors of *Global Finance*, after extensive consultations with corporate financial executives, bankers and analysts throughout the world. In selecting these top banks, we considered factors that range from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective. In addition, a poll of *Global Finance's* corporate readership was conducted in order to increase the accuracy and reliability of the results.

Banks were invited to submit entries supporting their selection. Objective criteria considered included: growth in assets, profitability, geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products. Subjective criteria included the opinions of equity analysts, credit rating analysts, banking consultants and others involved in the industry.

"*Global Finance's* annual Best Bank Awards honor those financial institutions that excel at providing their customers with the service and product offerings that best meet their unique needs," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "These banks may not be the largest or oldest banks in their markets, but they have the strength and vision to outshine their peers."

See the next page for the full list of *Global Finance's* World's Best Developed Markets Banks 2016.

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Global Finance's World's Best Banks 2016 Awards Ceremony

Winners will be honored at an Awards Ceremony held during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington, DC on the morning of October 8 at the National Press Club.

For more information on the awards and/or the ceremony, please contact Susan Berger - email: sberger@gfmag.com

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WORLD'S BEST DEVELOPED MARKETS BANKS 2016

NORTH AMERICA

Regional Winner Wells Fargo

Country Winners

Bermuda Butterfield Bank
 Canada Royal Bank of Canada
 United States Wells Fargo

WESTERN EUROPE

Regional Winner ING

Country Winners

Andorra Crèdit Andorrà
 Austria Erste Bank
 Belgium KBC
 Cyprus Hellenic Bank
 France Crédit Mutuel
 Germany Commerzbank
 Greece Eurobank Ergasias
 Ireland Bank of Ireland
 Italy Intesa Sanpaolo
 Luxembourg Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat
 Malta Bank of Valletta
 Netherlands ING
 Portugal Banco Santander Totta
 Spain CaixaBank
 Switzerland Zürcher Kantonalbank
 UK Santander

NORDIC REGION

Regional Winner Nordea

Country Winners

Denmark Danske Bank
 Finland Pohjola Bank
 Iceland Landsbankinn
 Norway Nordea
 Sweden SEB

ASIA-PACIFIC

Regional Winner Bank of China

Country Winners

Australia Westpac Australia
 Hong Kong Bank East Asia
 Japan Sumitomo Mitsui
 New Zealand Westpac New Zealand
 Singapore Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp

MIDDLE EAST

Country Winner

Israel Bank Hapoalim

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