

Global Finance Names The World's 50 Safest Banks 2017

NEW YORK, September 6, 2017 — *Global Finance* has announced its 26th annual ranking of the World's 50 Safest Banks. The full list of the 2017 safest banks appears on the following pages and will be published in the November issue.

European banks dominate the top ten of the World's Safest Banks again in 2017, taking all ten positions. For the sixth year in a row, Germany's KfW is in the top spot, followed by Zürcher Kantonalbank of Switzerland and Germany's Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank.

Asian banks put in a strong showing in the top 20, led by Singapore's DBS Bank at #11. OCBC, United Overseas Bank, Korea Development Bank, and Export-Import Bank of Korea hold positions 13 through 16, and Industrial Bank of Korea moves up 5 positions to #20.

The top-ranking bank in the Middle East is First Abu Dhabi Bank, maintaining National Bank of Abu Dhabi's ranking after the merger with First Gulf Bank.

New entries to the list this year include AgFirst and Farm Credit Bank of Texas at #43 and #45, LGT Bank from Liechtenstein at #44 and Bank für Sozialwirtschaft from Germany at #46.

"The Safest Banks ranking for 2017 demonstrate the ongoing effects of global political uncertainty and the ripple effects that country-level shakeups can have more broadly on their regions—and even, in the case of larger, global banks, across the world. While national leaders wrestle with country-first politics and relations with their neighbors and trading partners, our ranking provides a consistent metric by which clients can compare the stability and security of banks wherever they do business in the world," said *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

Global Finance's annual ranking of World's 50 Safest Banks has been the recognized and trusted standard of financial counterparty safety for a quarter-century. Winners 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.

In addition to the World's 50 Safest Banks, the full report also includes the following: 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).

The full results of this exclusive survey will be published in the November issue of *Global Finance*. The safest banks will be presented awards at a special ceremony to be held during the Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington, DC on October 14 at the National Press Club.

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| RANK | BANK NAME | COUNTRY |
|------|---|-------------|
| 1 | KfW* | Germany |
| 2 | Zürcher Kantonalbank* | Switzerland |
| 3 | Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank* | Germany |
| 4 | L-Bank* | Germany |
| 5 | Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten* | 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 |
| 11 | DBS | Singapore |
| 12 | Svenska Handelsbanken | Sweden |
| 13 | OCBC Bank | Singapore |
| 14 | United Overseas Bank | Singapore |
| 15 | Korea Development Bank | Korea |
| 16 | Export-Import Bank of Korea | Korea |
| 17 | Banque Cantonale Vaudoise | Switzerland |
| 18 | Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank | Germany |
| 19 | Toronto-Dominion Bank | Canada |
| 20 | Industrial Bank of Korea | Korea |
| 21 | SFIL (formerly Société de Financement Local) | France |
| 22 | Pictet & Cie | Switzerland |
| 23 | Royal Bank of Canada | Canada |
| 24 | Rabobank | Netherlands |
| 25 | ANZ Group | Australia |

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*The World's Top Ten Safest Banks will be invited to *Global Finance's* Best Bank Awards and 30th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, DC, on October 14 during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings. For more information on the awards and/or ceremony please contact: Michael Ambrosio, email: mambrosio@gfmag.com.

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| RANK | BANK NAME | COUNTRY |
|------|--|---------------|
| 26 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia | Australia |
| 27 | Nordea | Sweden |
| 28 | Westpac | Australia |
| 29 | National Australia Bank | Australia |
| 30 | Swedbank | Sweden |
| 31 | First Abu Dhabi Bank | UAE |
| 32 | Hang Seng Bank | Hong Kong |
| 33 | Agribank | United States |
| 34 | Fédération des Caisses Desjardins | Canada |
| 35 | Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (Sparkassen) | Germany |
| 36 | U.S. Bancorp | United States |
| 37 | SEB | Sweden |
| 38 | DNB | Norway |
| 39 | HSBC France | France |
| 40 | CoBank | United States |
| 41 | National Bank of Kuwait | Kuwait |
| 42 | OP Corporate Bank | Finland |
| 43 | AgFirst | United States |
| 44 | LGT Bank | Liechtenstein |
| 45 | Farm Credit Bank of Texas | United States |
| 46 | Bank für Sozialwirtschaft | Germany |
| 47 | China Development Bank Corporation | China |
| 48 | Scotiabank | Canada |
| 49 | Agricultural Development Bank of China | China |
| 50 | Bank of Montreal | Canada |