

## Global Finance Names The Safest Banks In The Middle East 2017

NEW YORK, September 6, 2017 — *Global Finance* has named the Safest Banks in the Middle East 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.

Banks from the UAE dominate this year's list, taking the top spot and five positions overall. Kuwaiti banks take three positions and Qatari banks take two.

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).

"The Middle East continues to struggle with political uncertainty, sluggish economies and rising military tensions in a number of areas. 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 the Middle East 2017

RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	First Abu Dhabi Bank*	UAE
2	National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait
3	Qatar National Bank	Qatar
4	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	UAE
5	Union National Bank	UAE
6	Al Hilal Bank	UAE
7	Kuwait Finance House	Kuwait
8	Qatar Islamic Bank	Qatar
9	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	UAE
10	Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait

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