

# Press Release



## Global Finance Names The World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks 2017

NEW YORK, September 6, 2017 — *Global Finance* has named the World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks for 2017 in an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2017 issue. For commercial banks to qualify for this ranking, they must not be majority owned by government or regional authorities.

The top spot on this year's list goes to DZ Bank, which moves up one position from last year's ranking. New banks in the top 10 this year are Switzerland's Pictet & Cie and Rabobank from the Netherlands. Three of Singapore's leading banks make the top 10 again in 2017, each moving up one position over last year, with DBS Bank at #2, OCBC Bank at #4 and United Overseas Bank at #5.

New additions to the list for 2017 are UAE's First Abu Dhabi Bank at #17, Farm Credit Bank of Texas from the United States at #30, Germany's Bank für Sozialwirtschaft at #31 and National Building Society from the UK at #41.

The biggest jump up the list this year was made by ING from the Netherlands, with a 12 position move to #38.

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

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.

"Countries around the world, for the past several years, have been tightening regulation in an attempt to forestall another financial crisis. Both government-backed banks, dominant in many parts of the world, and private commercial banks are attempting to respond to the demand of corporate treasurers and other international clients, to provide those clients with financial services they can trust," says Joseph Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*.

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RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	<b>DZ Bank*</b>	Germany
2	<b>DBS Bank</b>	Singapore
3	<b>Svenska Handelsbanken</b>	Sweden
4	<b>Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp</b>	Singapore
5	<b>United Overseas Bank</b>	Singapore
6	<b>Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank</b>	Germany
7	<b>Toronto-Dominion Bank</b>	Canada
8	<b>Pictet &amp; Cie</b>	Switzerland
9	<b>Royal Bank of Canada</b>	Canada
10	<b>Rabobank</b>	Netherlands
11	<b>ANZ Group</b>	Australia
12	<b>Commonwealth Bank of Australia</b>	Australia
13	<b>Nordea</b>	Sweden
14	<b>Westpac</b>	Australia
15	<b>National Australia Bank</b>	Australia
16	<b>Swedbank</b>	Sweden
17	<b>First Abu Dhabi Bank**</b>	UAE
18	<b>Hang Seng Bank</b>	Hong Kong
19	<b>AgriBank</b>	United States
20	<b>Fédération des Caisses Desjardins</b>	Canada
21	<b>U.S. Bancorp</b>	United States
22	<b>Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken</b>	Sweden
23	<b>DNB</b>	Norway
24	<b>HSBC France</b>	France
25	<b>CoBank</b>	United States

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\*The World's Safest Commercial Bank 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](mailto:mambrosio@gfmag.com).

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RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
26	National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait
27	OP Corporate Bank	Finland
28	AgFirst	United States
29	LGT Bank	Liechtenstein
30	Farm Credit Bank of Texas**	United States
31	Bank für Sozialwirtschaft**	Germany
32	Scotiabank	Canada
33	Bank of Montreal	Canada
34	CIBC	Canada
35	Qatar National Bank	Qatar
36	HSBC Holdings	United Kingdom
37	UBS	Switzerland
38	ING***	Netherlands
39	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	France
40	BNY Mellon	United States
41	Nationwide Building Society**	United Kingdom
42	Shinhan Bank	Korea
43	State Street	United States
44	Northern Trust	United States
45	Banco Santander Chile	Chile
46	Suncorp-Metway	Australia
47	Kiwibank	New Zealand
48	BNP Paribas	France
49	Wells Fargo	United States
50	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi	Japan

\*\* New entry to the ranking

\*\*\* Greatest gain over position on the 2016 list