

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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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