

Global Finance Names The World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks 2015

NEW YORK, Sept. 9, 2015 — *Global Finance* has named the World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks in an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2015 issue.

The top spots in this year's list are dominated by Canadian and Singaporean banks. TD Bank Group once again tops the ranking of the 50 Safest Commercial Banks. Three of Singapore's leading banks take the next three spots: DBS comes in second on the ranking, followed by Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation and United Overseas Bank. Finally, Royal Bank of Canada takes over from Rabobank in fifth place. The Dutch bank has dropped to 14th on this year's list.

New additions to this year's list comprise Switzerland's Banque Pictet & Cie, at 13th, and Kiwibank of New Zealand, in 20th place, LGT Bank of Liechtenstein (29th) and EFG Bank of Switzerland (38th).

The biggest jump up the list this year was made by Norway's DNB—rising from 48th last year to come in 23rd in 2015.

In addition to the World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks, the full report also includes the following rankings: World's 50 Safest Banks, Safest Banks by Country, 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets, Safest Islamic Financial Institutions in the GCC, Safest Banks by Region (Asia, Australasia, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, Middle East/Africa, North America and Western Europe) and Safest Emerging Markets Banks by Region (Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa).

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. For commercial banks to qualify for this ranking, they must not be majority owned by government or regional authorities.

"The institutions that make this list are not backed by government guarantees, but nonetheless are among the strongest and most secure banks in the world, providing safety and security to corporates and investors," says Joseph Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*.

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A video detailing the methodology behind the selections can be found at:
<http://tinyurl.com/nbndlg6>



About Global Finance

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RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	TD Bank Group	Canada
2	DBS Bank	Singapore
3	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	Singapore
4	United Overseas Bank	Singapore
5	Royal Bank of Canada	Canada
6	National Australia Bank	Australia
7	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Australia
8	ANZ Group	Australia
9	Westpac	Australia
10	DZ Bank	Germany
11	Svenska Handelsbanken	Sweden
12	Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank	Germany
13	Banque Pictet & Cie*	Switzerland
14	Rabobank	Netherlands
15	Nordea	Sweden
16	Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada
17	Hang Seng Bank	Hong Kong
18	AgriBank	United States
19	Caisse centrale Desjardins	Canada
20	Kiwibank*	New Zealand
21	Bank of Montreal	Canada
22	CIBC	Canada
23	DNB**	Norway
24	HSBC France	France
25	Pohjola Bank	Finland

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Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony held during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 10 in Lima, Peru. For more information on the awards and/or ceremony please contact: Susan Berger, email: sberger@gfmag.com

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RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
26	Qatar National Bank	Qatar
27	CoBank	United States
28	National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait
29	LGT Bank*	Liechtenstein
30	AgFirst	United States
31	Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel	France
32	U.S. Bancorp	United States
33	BNY Mellon	United States
34	SEB	Sweden
35	Swedbank	Sweden
36	Samba Financial Group	Saudi Arabia
37	Banco de Chile	Chile
38	EFG Bank*	Switzerland
39	HSBC	United Kingdom
40	BNP Paribas	France
41	Wells Fargo	United States
42	Standard Chartered	United Kingdom
43	State Street	United States
44	National Bank of Canada	Canada
45	Northern Trust	United States
46	Al Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia
47	Riyad Bank	Saudi Arabia
48	Suncorp Metway	Australia
49	Banco Santander Chile	Chile
50	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ	Japan

* New entry to the ranking

** Greatest gain over position on the 2014 list

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