

Global Finance Names The World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks 2019

NEW YORK, September 17, 2019 — *Global Finance* has named the World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks for 2019 in an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2019 issue. For commercial banks to qualify for this ranking, they must not be majority owned by government or regional authorities.

The top eight banks on the list this year all had identical scores and are presented here ranked in order of total asset size.

North American banks performed very well again this year. Canadian banks took five of the top 20 positions, including the top two. And the United States landed eight banks on the list, more than any other country.

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, the 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—of the 500 largest banks worldwide.

"In recent years regulations have tightened even as digital technologies open new possibilities for better, more efficient treasury operations. Corporate treasurers, who need a stable, secure partner in their commercial bank, can use this ranking to evaluate which banks offer the best combination of stability, security and commercial insight," says Joseph Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*.

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RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	Royal Bank of Canada*	CANADA
2	TD Bank	CANADA
3	DZ BANK	GERMANY
4	DBS Bank	SINGAPORE
5	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	SINGAPORE
6	Svenska Handelsbanken	SWEDEN
7	United Overseas Bank	SINGAPORE
8	Deutsche Apotheker- und Aerztebank	GERMANY
9	Swedbank	SWEDEN
10	DNB Bank	NORWAY
11	Banque Pictet & Cie	SWITZERLAND
12	The Bank of Nova Scotia	CANADA
13	ANZ Group	AUSTRALIA
14	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AUSTRALIA
15	Nordea Bank	FINLAND
16	Westpac	AUSTRALIA
17	Bank of Montreal	CANADA
18	National Australia Bank	AUSTRALIA
19	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CANADA
20	SEB	SWEDEN
21	HSBC France	FRANCE
22	First Abu Dhabi Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
23	Hang Seng Bank	HONG KONG
24	Federation des caisses Desjardins	CANADA
25	AgriBank	UNITED STATES

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*The number 1 ranked World's Safest Commercial Bank will be invited to *Global Finance's* Best Bank Awards ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington DC on October 19 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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26	UBS	SWITZERLAND
27	Rabobank	NETHERLANDS
28	CoBank	UNITED STATES
29	National Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
30	OP Corporate Bank	FINLAND
31	AgFirst	UNITED STATES
32	Farm Credit Bank of Texas	UNITED STATES
33	BNP Paribas	FRANCE
34	U.S. Bancorp	UNITED STATES
35	LGT Bank	LIECHTENSTEIN
36	Credit Agricole	FRANCE
37	Groupe BPCE	FRANCE
38	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel	FRANCE
39	BNY Mellon	UNITED STATES
40	Kookmin Bank	SOUTH KOREA
41	Shinhan Bank	SOUTH KOREA
42	State Street	UNITED STATES
43	Qatar National Bank	QATAR
44	National Bank of Canada	CANADA
45	Northern Trust	UNITED STATES
46	Suncorp-Metway	AUSTRALIA
47	Kiwibank	NEW ZEALAND
48	HSBC Holdings	UNITED KINGDOM
49	ABN AMRO Bank	NETHERLANDS
50	BNP Paribas Fortis	BELGIUM