

Press Release



***Global Finance* Names The Best Banks In Central & Eastern Europe 2017**

NEW YORK, March 14, 2017 – *Global Finance* magazine has announced its twenty-fourth annual awards for the World's Best Banks. The honorees for Central & Eastern Europe are presented here.

A full report on the selections will appear in the May issue of *Global Finance*, with winners chosen in more than 150 countries across Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, The Middle East, North America and Western Europe. The May report will also feature selections for the Best US Regional Banks and the World's Best Banks By Region.



Overall global winners will be announced in the summer and published in the October issue. The winners of this year's awards are those banks that attended carefully to their customers' needs in difficult markets and accomplished better results while laying the foundations for future success.

All selections were made by the editors of *Global Finance* after extensive consultations with corporate financial executives, bankers and banking consultants, and analysts throughout the world. In selecting these top banks, *Global Finance* considered factors that range from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective. In addition, a poll of *Global Finance*'s corporate readership was conducted in order to increase the accuracy and reliability of the results.

Banks were invited to submit entries supporting their selection. Objective criteria considered included: growth in assets, profitability, geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products. Subjective criteria included the opinions of equity analysts, credit rating analysts, banking consultants and others involved in the industry.

"*Global Finance*'s annual Best Bank Awards celebrate financial institutions that excel at delivering customers the services and products tailored to meet their unique needs," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "These banks may not be the biggest or oldest, but their energy and adaptability make them stand out in the field."

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Global Finance's World's Best Banks 2017 Awards Ceremony

Winners will be honored at an Awards Ceremony held during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington DC on the morning of October 14, 2017 at the National Press Club. For more information on the event, please contact Michael Ambrosio at mambrosio@gfmag.com

The Reach of Global Finance

Global Finance, founded in 1987, has a circulation of 50,000 and readers in 192 countries. Its circulation is audited by BPA. *Global Finance*'s audience includes chairmen, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, treasurers and other senior financial officers responsible for making investment and strategic decisions at multinational companies and financial institutions. *Global Finance* also targets the 8,000 international portfolio investors responsible for more than 80% of all global assets under professional management. Its website — GFMag.com — offers analysis and articles that are the heritage of 30 years of experience in international financial markets, and provides a valuable source of data on 192 countries. *Global Finance* is headquartered in New York, with offices in London and Milan.

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REGIONAL WINNER Raiffeisen Bank International

Albania	Banka Kombetare Tregtare	Lithuania	Siauliu bankas
Belarus	Belarusbank	Macedonia	Ohridska Banka Societe Generale
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Raiffeisen Bank dd Bosna i Hercegovina	Moldova	Moldova Agroindbank
Bulgaria	UniCredit Bulbank	Poland	mBank
Croatia	Privredna banka Zagreb	Romania	Banca Transilvania
Czech Republic	Ceska sporitelna	Russia	Sberbank
Estonia	Swedbank Estonia	Serbia	Raiffeisen Bank Beograd
Georgia	TBC Georgia	Slovakia	VUB Group
Hungary	OTP Bank	Slovenia	SKB Banka
Kosovo	TEB	Turkey	Akbank
Latvia	SEB banka Latvia	Ukraine	Raiffeisen Bank Aval

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