



WORLD'S BEST TRADE FINANCE PROVIDERS 2008

NEW YORK, December 15, 2007 – *Global Finance* magazine has named the “Best Trade Finance Banks and Providers” by category in an exclusive survey to be published in the February 2008 issue. *Global Finance* editors — with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts — selected the best trade finance providers in 67 countries or regions. The best online trade finance system was also identified. Criteria for choosing the winners included: transaction volume, scope of global coverage, customer service, competitive pricing and innovative technologies.

The Best Trade Finance Bank globally will be announced in the October 2008 issue.

“The best banks in the trade finance business are those that understand the global supply-chain requirements of their customers and integrate financial services with automated processes to handle the growing volumes of international trade efficiently and with less risk,” says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and president of *Global Finance*.

By Region

Americas - **Citi**
Europe - **BNP Paribas**
CEE - **UniCredit**
Middle East - **Arab Bank**
Nordic Region - **SEB**
Asia - **Standard Chartered**

By Country

Argentina - **Banco Santander Rio**
Australia - **ANZ**
Austria - **UniCredit**
Bahrain - **Ahli United Bank**
Belgium - **Fortis**
Brazil - **Banco do Brasil**
Canada - **Scotiabank**
Chile - **Banco Santander Chile**
China - **China Construction Bank**
Colombia - **Bancolombia**
Czech Republic - **CSOB**
Denmark - **Nordea**
Egypt - **Commercial International Bank (CIB)**
Estonia - **Hansabank**
Finland - **Nordea**
France - **BNP Paribas**

Georgia - **Bank of Georgia**
Germany - **Deutsche Bank**
Greece - **Eurobank EFG**
Hong Kong - **HSBC**
Iceland - **Kaupthing Bank**
India - **ICICI Bank**
Indonesia - **Bank Danamon**
Israel - **Bank Hapoalim**
Italy - **Intesa Sanpaolo**
Japan - **Mizuho Financial**
Jordan - **Arab Bank**
Kazakhstan - **Bank TuranAlem**
Kuwait - **Kuwait Finance House**
Latvia - **Parex banka**
Lebanon - **BLOM Bank**
Lithuania - **SEB Vilniaus Bankas**
Malaysia - **Maybank**
Mexico - **Banamex**
Netherlands - **ABN AMRO**
Nigeria - **First Bank of Nigeria**
Norway - **DnB NOR**
Oman - **BankMuscat**
Pakistan - **MCB Bank**
Philippines - **Banco de Oro EPCI**
Poland - **Bank Pekao (UniCredit)**
Portugal - **Banco Espirito Santo**

Qatar - **Qatar National Bank**
Russia - **Alfa Bank**
Saudi Arabia - **Samba**
Singapore - **Standard Chartered**
South Africa - **Standard Bank**
South Korea - **Korea Exchange Bank**
Spain - **BBVA**
Sweden - **SEB**
Switzerland - **Credit Suisse**
Taiwan - **Chinatrust Commercial Bank**
Thailand - **Kasikornbank**
Turkey - **Akbank**
Ukraine - **Privat Bank**
UAE - **Emirates NBD**
United Kingdom - **HSBC**
United States - **Citi**
US Honorable Mention: **JPMorgan Chase**
Venezuela - **Banco Mercantil**
Yemen - **Saba Islamic Bank**

Best Online Trade Finance Provider
Tradecard

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