

Press Release



Global Finance Names The Safest Banks In Central And Eastern Europe 2018

NEW YORK, September 20, 2018 — *Global Finance* has named the Safest Banks in Central and Eastern Europe in an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2018 issue as part of the publication's 27th annual ranking of the World's Safest Banks.

Czech banks land the top two spots on the list again this year, with Polish banks taking the next four of the top six positions.

The full report includes the following rankings: World's 50 Safest Banks, 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, the Middle East, North America and Western Europe).

"Central and Eastern Europe have seen political changes this past year and are caught between other actors on the world stage – Russia and the US. Our ranking of the Safest Banks in the region highlights those banks uniquely positioned to weather the storm thanks to their solidity. They offer security and safety despite the environment around them and show institutional strength. Our ranking will help companies to choose the right bank for their business needs," says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

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.

Safest Banks in Central and Eastern Europe 2018

RANK	BANK NAME	COUNTRY
1	Česká Spořitelna*	CZECH REPUBLIC
2	Komerční banka	CZECH REPUBLIC
3	ING Bank Śląski	POLAND
4	Bank Pekao	POLAND
5	Bank Zachodni WBK	POLAND
6	mBank	POLAND
7	Banca Comercială Română	ROMANIA
8	BRD – Groupe Société Générale	ROMANIA
9	Vnesheconombank	RUSSIA
10	OTP Bank	HUNGARY

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