

Global Finance Announces its 29th Annual Best Bank Awards and Names the Best Banks in Central & Eastern Europe for 2022

NEW YORK, March 28, 2022 – *Global Finance* has announced its 29th annual awards for the World's Best Banks. The honorees for 22 countries and territories in Central & Eastern Europe are presented here. The overall Best Bank in Central & Eastern Europe is OTP Bank.

A full report on the selections will appear in the May print and digital editions of *Global Finance* as well as online at GFMag.com. Winners have been chosen in more than 150 countries and territories across Africa, Asia-Pacific, the Caribbean, Central America, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and Western Europe. In light of the existing situation in Ukraine, *Global Finance* has decided not to assign Best Bank awards in countries directly involved in the current conflict. The May report will also feature selections for the Best US Regional Banks, the Best Islamic Financial Institutions and the World's Best Banks by Region.

"With the financial world in a state of turmoil from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, corporate leaders face a new set of challenges concerning the choice of their banking relationships," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "Following on the enormous difficulties wrought by the pandemic, these changes demand increased attention to global commercial relationships. Our awards support decision-makers in selecting the best financial partners."

The overall Best Bank in the World will be announced in the summer and published in October, along with the Best Global Banks in more than a dozen key categories. The winners of this year's awards are those banks that attended carefully to their customers' needs in difficult markets and accomplished strong 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 ranged from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective.

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.

The complete list of *Global Finance* Best Banks in Central & Eastern Europe 2022 follows.

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Global Finance's World's Best Banks 2022 Awards Ceremony

Winners will be honored at an Awards Ceremony held during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington, DC at the National Press Club on the morning of October 15, 2022. For more information on the event, please contact Michael Ambrosio at mambrosio@gfmag.com.



About Global Finance

Global Finance, founded in 1987, has a circulation of 50,000 readers in 193 countries and territories. *Global Finance's* audience includes senior corporate and financial officers responsible for making investment and strategic decisions at multinational companies and financial institutions. Its website — GFMag.com — offers analysis and articles that are the legacy of 35 years of experience in international financial markets. *Global Finance* is headquartered in New York, with offices around the world. *Global Finance* regularly selects the top performers among banks and other financial services providers. These awards have become a trusted standard of excellence for the global financial community.

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BEST BANKS IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE 2022

Regional Winner		OTP Bank	
Albania	Banka Kombetare Tregtare	Latvia	Citadele Banka
Armenia	Ameriabank	Lithuania	Swedbank Lithuania
Belarus	Priorbank	Moldova	MAIB
Bosnia & Herzegovina	UniCredit Bank Mostar	Montenegro	CKB banka
Bulgaria	UniCredit Bulbank	North Macedonia	Komercijalna banka
Croatia	PBZ	Poland	Bank Millennium
Czech Republic	CSOB	Romania	Raiffeisen Bank
Estonia	Luminor Bank	Serbia	Banca Intesa Beograd
Georgia	Bank of Georgia	Slovakia	VUB
Hungary	OTP Bank	Slovenia	SKB banka
Kosovo	Banka Kombetare Tregtare	Turkey	Akbank