

Erste Group's Česká and Slovenská sporiteľňa awarded best banks by Global Finance Magazine

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Erste Group's subsidiaries Česká spořitelna and Slovenská sporiteľňa won the prestigious award "Best Emerging Market Banks 2013" in their respective countries, granted by the US-based business magazine Global Finance. The magazine named the best banks in global developing markets for 2013, including Central and Eastern Europe.

"The award confirms that our bank and the employees are doing a really good job. I am especially pleased that this has been recognized by our clients and by domestic and foreign experts as well. Our position as the best bank in Slovakia motivates us to take every effort to defend these results also in the future", says Jozef Síkela, CEO of Slovenská sporiteľňa.

The Global Finance ranking has been rating banks on the global market by region for 20 years and has become an acknowledged benchmark in the financial world. Last year, the magazine rated Česká spořitelna the safest bank in Central and Eastern Europe.

The Global Finance editors, with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and banking consultants chose the best bank in a developing market of each region and in individual countries. The criteria for selecting the winners included growth in assets, profitability, strategic relationships, customer service, competitive pricing, and innovative products.

Global Finance has been published since 1987 and has a widespread readership in 163 countries around the world.