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**Global Finance Names the
Best Banks in Russia for 2006**

New York – *Global Finance* magazine has released its rankings of the Best Banks in Russia 2006, covering a range of industry specialties. These will be published as part of an exclusive survey in the April 2006 issue. In that issue the magazine will also publish rankings for the best companies in Russia by sector.

On April 24th, an awards ceremony will be held in London to honor the winners.

Global Finance editors, – with input from end–users, analysts, corporate reports and other expert sources – selected the Best Banks on a variety of criteria, both objective and subjective. Factors considered included: market leadership, innovation, commitment to markets and evidence of a winning long–term strategy.

“The Russian banking sector continued to show resilience and the ability to innovate and adapt,” says *Global Finance* publisher Joseph D Giarraputo. “That’s recognized in our awards, for which there were strong competitors in every category. Russia’s banks show every sign of being able to mature and meet coming challenges in financing the country’s companies, consumers and savers.”

Best Banks in Russia by Category:

Domestic – Vneshtorgbank

Overseas – RZB

Investment bank – UFG

Commercial – Vneshtorgbank

Consumer finance – Citigroup

Forex – MDM

Domestic trade finance – Moscow International Bank

International trade finance – Deutsche Bank

Syndicated loans – ABN AMRO Bank

Derivatives – Troika Dialog

Energy and commodity finance – Societe Generale

Domestic debt underwriter – Vneshtorgbank

Domestic debt research – Troika Dialog

Secondary debt – Trust Investment Bank

International Eurobond arranger – Deutsche Bank Moscow

Domestic Eurobond arranger – MDM Bank

Book runner primary equities – Credit Suisse

Secondary equities – Troika Dialog

Domestic M&A arranger – MDM Bank

International M&A arranger – Dresdner Bank

Asset manager – UFG

Corporate governance – MDM Bank

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