Bank Regulatory

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- City National,
- Cullen/Frost Bankers,
- EverBank,
- Fifth Third Bank,
- First Horizon,
- First Niagara,
- GE,
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- Bank of China
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- China Investment Corporation
- China Merchants Bank
- CITIC Bank International

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- BNP Paribas

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- Allianz
- Deutsche Bank
- KfW Bankengruppe

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- Allied Irish
- Bank of Ireland
Israel

- Bank Hapoalim
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- MUFG
- Sumitomo Trust

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- ING Groep
- Rabobank

Portugal

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- BBVA
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- SEB

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