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BHF-BANK's custody business once again "top rated" in two categories

Frankfurt am Main, 29 October 2007. For the second time in succession, BHF-BANK has been awarded the title of "top rated" in the categories "Cross-Border/Non-Affiliated" and "Domestic" by Global Custodian magazine. In the category "Cross-Border/Non-Affiliated", the bank posted the highest score in Germany. In the "Domestic" category, it repeated last year's good result and is thus the only bank in Germany to be awarded "top rated" status in this category as well. The "Domestic" category comprises assessments by domestic clients, the "Cross-Border/Non-Affiliated" category those by foreign clients. "Top rated" status is reserved for participants whose scores exceed the global average for two years in a row.

When it comes to catering for foreign clients, BHF-BANK even posted the second-best score in the world. Only one sub-custodian managed to achieve a higher rating in its domestic market.

Commenting on the award, Cornelia Keth, head of Custody Sales & Solutions, said: "With this clearly improved result, BHF-BANK is setting a positive example on the German market, where the general trend shows declining average scores." Wolfgang Danicke, head of Custody & Derivatives Services, added: "The positive feedback compels and motivates us to ensure that our clients will continue to enjoy first-class services in the future."

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