

## **Scotiabank wins another *Global Banking* award**

- **Six Scotiabank Countries Across the Caribbean named Bank of the Year**



Sean Albert, Managing Director, Scotiabank Caribbean East

**ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, December 30, 2011** – Scotiabank has been named “Bank of the Year” in Antigua and Barbuda by *Global Banking and Finance Review*.

“We are delighted that Scotiabank Antigua has received this honour. We therefore want to thank *Global Banking and Finance Review* for recognising Scotiabank’s success,” said Sean Albert, Managing Director, Scotiabank Caribbean East. “Our continued strength in the Caribbean is a result of the Bank’s dedication to continually improving customer service across the region and providing our customers with quality products with the goal of helping our customers become financially better off.”

Marlon Rawlins, Scotiabank Country Manager in Antigua could not be more elated. “One of my foremost goals when I accepted the challenge to lead Scotiabank Antigua was to see it become the Best Bank here,” he said. “That we have achieved this honour is further testimony not just to the tenacity of our team of Scotiabankers but also to the commitment of our customers, who are at the root of any success Scotiabank Antigua enjoys. It is truly the perfect end to our golden anniversary of service in 2011 that included 50 days of activities and thanksgiving.”

Scotiabank Barbados, St. Maarten, Bahamas, Belize and Cayman Islands were also similarly awarded.

For the *Global Banking and Finance Review* award, Scotiabank was judged on a number of criteria, including its financial highlights in 2010, as well as the services it provides to customers in Antigua and Barbuda. New product launches and technology initiatives were among other factors also considered.

This is the second major award for Scotiabank Antigua, which also was named Best Bank by London-based *Banker Magazine*, a leading global source of finance and investment information.

Scotiabank has been part of the Caribbean and Central America region since 1889 when the Bank opened its first office in Kingston, Jamaica. It is now the leading bank in the region, with operations in 27 countries, including affiliates. The Bank has more than 15 000 employees in the region, including affiliates, serving more than two million customers, with 450 branches, kiosks and other offices, more than 1 000 ABMs.

Scotiabank is one of North America's premier financial institutions and Canada's most international bank. With more than 75 000 employees, Scotiabank Group and its affiliates serve some 19 million customers in more than 55 countries around the world. Scotiabank offers a broad range of products and services including personal, commercial, corporate and investment banking. With assets above \$575 billion (as at October 31, 2011), Scotiabank trades on the Toronto (BNS) and New York Exchanges (BNS). For more information please visit [www.scotiabank.com](http://www.scotiabank.com).

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