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***Regional Financial Centre of Almaty city has improved its place in the ranking
of
The Global Financial Centres Index***

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Almaty

Almaty has significantly improved its position in The Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI), rising by 15 positions and occupying 43rd position among 83 international financial centres.

In the region of Eastern Europe - Central Asia Almaty occupies second place after Istanbul. Prague, Warsaw, St. Petersburg, Budapest, Moscow, Tallinn and Athens follow after Almaty.

This is a significant achievement in the GFCI, which includes more than 25,000 responses by more than 3,000 professionals of the investment industry. The aim of the GFCI is to examine the level of competitiveness of the main financial centres of the world.

In March 2014 Almaty for the first time was included in the GFCI rating and ranked 58 position in the official list of international financial centres.

GFCI rating - is a specialized methodology that rates 83 international financial centers developed by Z/Yen Group Limited, for the municipality City of London of the Great Britain capital.

Regional Financial Centre of Almaty city (RFCA) – is a special legal regime governing the relationship of the financial centre participants and stakeholders, aimed at the development of the financial market of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The development activities of the Regional Financial Centre of Almaty city is implemented by the National Bank of Kazakhstan.

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