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Regional Financial Centre of Almaty city was included into the rating GFCI

According to the results of The Global Financial Centres Index 15 (GFCI) for the first time to Almaty was included into the above-mentioned rating and ranked 58th position in the official list of international financial centres (IFCs).

GFCI rating - is a specialized methodology that rates 83 international financial centers developed by Z/Yen Group Limited, as well as more than 300 associate experts around world, and headquartered in London.

GFCI has being developed for municipal body of London City, Corporation of London, as well as for numerous customers and partners of the Z/Yen company, aimed for the analysis and ranking of the London financial center onto other alternative IFCs.

In this case the Z/Yen Company during the assessment of the financial centre, it considers the following key areas of competitiveness:

- Human factor.
- Business environment factors.
- Financial sector development.
- *Infrastructure factors.*
- Reputational and General factors.

Regional Financial Centre of Almaty city (RFCA) – is a special legal regime governing the relationship of the financial centre participants and stakeholders, aimed on 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.

In 2012, RFCA was included in the GFCI rating questionnaire and Almaty city fell into an intermediate rating (GFCI 11.5) to the "List of prospective financial centers".

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