

## Santander named Best Bank for SMEs in Western Europe and Best Bank in Latin America by Euromoney

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Euromoney has named Santander Best Bank for SMEs in Western Europe at the magazine's annual Awards for Excellence, now in their 24<sup>th</sup> edition. Santander was also recognized as Best Bank in Brazil, Chile and Portugal, and Best Investment Bank in Spain and in Poland. Together with the country award, Santander Brasil has been named Best Bank in Latin America for the first time.

The magazine's editors hailed Santander Brasil for its "truly historic" results that "gave the bank the momentum to crash the party at the top of Brazilian banking" with return on equity (ROE) now at 21%.

Euromoney has recognized Santander for the valuable support it provides SMEs to help them overcome critical obstacles to growth for the third time. The strategy goes beyond lending to include the development of managerial skills, access to university talent, access to new international markets and digitalization.

Santander Group CEO José Antonio Álvarez said: "Every day our people work incredibly hard to support the people and business we serve and help them prosper. We are pleased that Euromoney has recognised these efforts, highlighting the strength of our model and strategy, as well as the quality of service we offer our customers."

Euromoney magazine has been a leading publication in international finance for 50 years. Euromoney's Awards for Excellence were established in 1992.