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"The Banker " ranks BCP as the second best "soundest" Swiss bank

In July 2014, Banque de Commerce et de Placements - BCP has made its entry into the annual ranking of the Top 1000 World Banks published by the leading UK magazine The Banker (member of the Financial Times Group). The list which tracks the world's largest banks based on the Tier 1 Capital includes sub-ranking by country where, for Switzerland, BCP has claimed the second best position amongst the 38 Swiss banks which were included in the "Top 1000", in recognition of its financial soundness.

The assessment of the "soundness" according to which the banks are ranked is based on their leverage ratio (Tier 1 capital divided by total assets). At the end of 2013, BCP's leverage ratio stood at 16.2%, compared to the average of the 1000 banks which was 5.9% and the average of the Swiss banks which amounted to 8.35 %. This financial strength is also reflected in a solid Tier 1 capital ratio of 19.9% at the end of 2013, indicating that BCP's strong capitalization exceeds by far the minimum requirements of Basel III (4.5%) and the 10.5% regulatory target set by FINMA for Category 5 banks which include BCP. This second place on the Swiss podium represents the inherent acknowledgment of BCP's sound financial health, confirming the Bank's ability to support its core businesses of Trade Finance and Wealth Management and serve its clients within a proactive and sustainable framework.