

Media release

In the F.A.Z. economists' ranking 2021 published by Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, VP Bank ranks again as the best financial institution in the media evaluation.

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In the ranking of "Germany's most influential economists" published annually by Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, VP Bank and its Chief Economist Dr Thomas Gitzel took an excellent 7th place among the 50 candidates evaluated in the "Media" category and is thus the best-ranked financial institution.

Which chief economist's opinion carries how much weight on social media, in the media, in politics and in academia? On behalf of F.A.Z., media analysis company Unicepta evaluated how often each of the economists were mentioned in the media from August 2020 to July 2021. With 458 quotes in the media, VP Bank and its chief economist Dr. Thomas Gitzel achieved seventh place, making the Liechtenstein-based private and intermediary bank the highest listed financial institution in the media ranking. The renowned Munich-based ifo Institut is at the top of the list.

In a large number of publications, the bank's Research division gives its take on trends in major economies, the international financial markets and political topics that are current and relevant. VP Bank Chief Economist Dr Thomas Gitzel analyses and comments on the most important developments in the world of economy and finance – and provides an assessment of their impact on economic growth, companies and markets.

"The once again top ranking underlines the excellent work of our team. It shows that we pick up on the right topics at the right time and are thus also able to inform our clients optimally," said Dr Felix Brill, Chief Investment Officer and in charge of research at VP Bank Group, in response to the excellent results in the F.A.Z. economists' ranking.

Dr Thomas Gitzel: "Placing so high is an additional motivation for us to continue to provide our important stakeholders such as clients and media partners with high-quality research in a very timely manner. In addition to the actuality of the selected topics, quality is our top priority in order to place current developments in a holistic context. Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with its dramatic impact on the economy and financial world, the quality of analysis has become even more important."

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Agenda

Annual Media Conference - 2021 annual results	08 March 2022
Annual General Meeting 2022	29 April 2022
Round Table - 2022 Interim Results	17 August 2022

Facts & Figures VP Bank Group

VP Bank Ltd was founded in 1956 and, with its 1'013 employees (940 in full-time equivalents) as of the middle of 2021, ranks amongst the largest banks in Liechtenstein. VP Bank is present with offices in Vaduz, Zurich, Luxembourg, Singapore, Hong Kong and Road Town (British Virgin Islands). VP Bank Group offers tailor-made asset management and investment advisory services to private clients and financial intermediaries. As of 30 June 2021, client assets under management of VP Bank Group amounted to CHF 52.6 billion. VP Bank is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and has received an "A" rating from Standard & Poor's.