



Forbes global 2000 ranking

## **Mercantil is the only Venezuelan financial services institution on the list of the world's 2000 biggest companies**

*Mercantil came in this year at number 1467 on the Forbes global 2000 list. Only two Venezuelan institutions are included in this year's ranking*

According to a survey by Forbes magazine, Mercantil Servicios Financieros is the first Venezuelan institution, and the only one in the national financial system, to be included on its global 2000 list.

A press release issued by Mercantil's Corporate Communications reported that Forbes magazine put Mercantil in 1467<sup>th</sup> place on its global 2000 list and ranked it among the top three financial services companies in Latin America. Only two Venezuelan institutions are on this list of the world's leading companies which is published at: [http://www.forbes.com/lists/2008/18/biz\\_2000global08\\_The-global-2000\\_Rank\\_print.html](http://www.forbes.com/lists/2008/18/biz_2000global08_The-global-2000_Rank_print.html)

Since 2004 Forbes has been compiling a list of the world's 2000 largest companies, and Mercantil has been included on it several times, rising consistently to the position it holds this year.

The Forbes global 2000 is made up of companies from 60 different countries that obtained top composite scores based on an analysis of 26 business or finance categories and ranked for their earnings, profits, asset growth and market value.

Mercantil's inclusion as a Forbes global 2000 company demonstrates its strength and stability as a world class financial services institution dedicated to meeting its clients' needs and stimulating the country's progress by supporting production sectors and contributing to the social development of the communities it serves.

*Mercantil is a financial services provider of banking, insurance and asset management services in Venezuela that operates in 10 countries in the Americas and Europe. Its shares are listed on the Caracas Stock Exchange and its ADRs are traded over the counter in the United States. Its main subsidiaries are Mercantil Banco Universal, Mercantil Seguros and Mercantil Merinvest in Venezuela; Mercantil Commercebank in the USA and Mercantil Bank (Schweiz) in Switzerland. Mercantil is*

*one of the world's 2000 largest companies according to a survey by Forbes magazine (April 2007). For further information, please visit our website [www.bancomercantil.com](http://www.bancomercantil.com).*

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