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## Khaled Balama Among the World's Highest-Rated Central Bank Governors in Global Finance's 2026 Ranking

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**Abu Dhabi (10 September 2026):** His Excellency Khaled Mohamed Balama, Governor of the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates (CBUAE), has been named among the world's highest-graded central bank governors for 2026, receiving an "A-" grade in the annual Central Bank Governor Report published by Global Finance magazine, in recognition of his role in maintaining monetary and financial stability, and enhancing awareness and confidence among markets and the public.

This prestigious global recognition reflects the achievements of the CBUAE across key areas, including controlling inflation, achieving economic growth, maintaining currency stability, managing interest rates, and preserving the independence in decision-making. The report covers central bank governors from around 100 countries and territories, as well as a number of regional monetary institutions. An "A-" grade is among the highest ranking awarded by the publication.

It also affirms the UAE's leading position within the global monetary and financial stability framework, as well as the resilience of its financial and banking system and its ability to adapt to global economic and financial developments. This is underpinned by advanced regulatory and supervisory frameworks and policies aligned with international best practices and standards.

It highlights the CBUAE's role in maintaining monetary and financial stability, strengthening the resilience of the banking sector, and supporting sustainable economic growth. In addition, it underscores the Central Bank's continued efforts to advance financial and digital infrastructure and enhance the efficiency of the financial system, further strengthening its ability to respond effectively to global developments and challenges.

Global Finance has published its annual Central Banker Report Cards since 1994, basing its assessments on multiple criteria that reflect performance across a range of key economic and monetary areas. The full 2026 list will be published in both the print and digital editions of the October 2026 issue.

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