

CHUBB MOVES UP TO #224 IN "Barron's 500" RANKING

In Barron's new list of America's 500 Best Companies (May 12 cover story), Chubb advanced to #224 from #437 last year.

BARRON'S 500 METHODOLOGY*

Credit Suisse Holt, a unit of Credit Suisse, uses four equally weighted measures to grade and rank the largest companies (by sales) in the U.S. and Canada that trade on U.S. exchanges. For each company, Holt calculates stock-price performance relative to the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (for the 52 weeks ended May 2); the median cash-flow return on investment (CFROI) for the past three years, stripped of the effects of inflation and accounting practices; CFROI in the latest fiscal year compared to the three-year historical median; and sales growth in the latest fiscal year, adjusted for divestitures. For financial companies, Holt calculates cash-flow return on equity.

Each company is graded in the four categories; the top quintile in each category gets an A, the bottom quintile an F. Holt then calculates a total grade-point average, or GPA for each company, with 4.0 the highest. In the case of tie GPAs, the "winner" is the company with the greatest change in cash-flow return on investment (or equity) in the past year. The Barron's 500 excludes any otherwise eligible companies that are restating financial data, operating under bankruptcy protection, have been acquired or are subsidiaries of foreign companies.

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