

Abbreviations

a.m.	ante meridian (in the morning)	IMF	International Monetary Fund
AGM	annual general meeting	IPO	initial public offering
AIG	American International Group	IT	information technology
ATM	automated teller machine	KPMG	Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler
av	average	m	million
bn	billion	M&A	mergers and acquisitions
CEO	chief executive officer	MD	managing director
CFO	chief financial officer	MICEX	Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange
CV	curriculum vitae	NASDAQ	National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations
DAX	Deutscher Aktien Index (German stock market index)	OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
EGM	extraordinary general meeting	p.a.	per annum (per year)
EU	European Union	p.m.	post meridian (in the afternoon / evening)
FSA	Financial Services Authority	plc	public limited company
FTSE	Financial Times Stock Exchange index	RPI/CPI	retail price index / consumer price index
GDP	gross domestic product	UK	United Kingdom
GNP	gross national product	UN	United Nations
HBOS	Halifax Bank of Scotland	USA	United States of America
HQ	headquarters	USD	United States Dollars
HSBC	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	VIP	very important person
IFSA	International Financial Services Association		

Currencies

Country	Currency unit	ISO code	Country	Currency unit	ISO code
Argentina	Peso	ARS	Latvia	Lats	LVL
Australia	Dollar	AUD	Lithuania	Litas	LTL
Bahrain	Dinar	BHD	Malaysia	Ringgit	MYR
Bangladesh	Taka	BDT	Mexico	Peso	MXN
Bolivia	Boliviano	BOB	Morocco	Dirham	MAD
Brazil	Brazilian Real	BRL	Nigeria	Naira	NGN
Bulgaria	Lev	BGN	New Zealand	Dollar	NZD
Cambodia	Riel	KHR	Norway	Krone	NOK
Canada	Dollar	CAD	Pakistan	Rupee	PKR
Chile	Peso	CLP	Peru	Nuevo Sol	PEN
China	Yuan/Renminbi	CNY	Philippines	Peso	PHP
Colombia	Peso	COP	Poland	Zloty	PLN
Costa Rica	Colón	CRC	Russia	Ruble	RUB
Croatia	Kuna	HRK	Saudi Arabia	Riyal	SAR
Czech Republic	Korun	CZK	Serbia	Dinar	RSD
Denmark	Krone	DKK	Singapore	Dollar	SGD
Egypt	Pound	EGP	South Africa	Rand	ZAR
Estonia	Kroon	EEK	Sweden	Krona	SEK
Euro Member Countries	Euro	EUR	Switzerland	Franc	CHF
Guatemala	Quetzal	GTQ	Taiwan	New Taiwan Dollar	TWD
Hong Kong	Dollar	HKD	Thailand	Baht	THB
Hungary	Forint	HUF	Turkey	Lira	TRY
India	Rupee	INR	Ukraine	Hryvnia	UAH
Indonesia	Rupiah	IDR	United Arab Emirates	Dirham	AED
Japan	Yen	JPY	United Kingdom	Pound	GBP
Kazakhstan	Tenge	KZT	United States of America	Dollar	USD
Korea, South	Won	KRW	Vietnam	Dong	VND