

## BANKING & FINANCE AWARDS

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### BEST IN BANKING

#### FINANCIAL CEO OF THE YEAR

##### FINALISTS

###### JORGE GONZALEZ

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**Gonzalez**

Jorge Gonzalez joined City National Bank of Florida in early 2009 and later succeeded longtime CEO Leonard Abess. He was immediately confronted by the challenges of the recession and problem loans, but emerged with a profitable bank that has found its footing.

Gonzalez has added new branches and increased the bank's loan volume in 2011. He also moved the bank into a more prominent headquarters at 1450 Brickell Ave.

After reducing its amount of problem loans, City National Bank has regained profitability this year.

Gonzalez is a board member of the United Way of Miami-Dade County and is on the board and executive committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. He is also a board member of the Florida International University Foundation and the international chapter of the Young Presidents Organization.