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## .....Highest Rated Banks in the Northeast.....

*With \$1 billion or more in assets*

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As of March 31, 2013, **Signature Bank, New York** received a **Weiss Financial Strength Rating** of **"A-" (Excellent)**.

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### Top Six Rated Banks in the Northeast

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Bank</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Total Assets (\$bil)</b>	<b>Weiss Financial Strength Rating<sup>1</sup></b>
1	Citizens & Northern Bank	PA	1.3	A
2	Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas	NY	59.3	A-
3	Oritani Bank	NJ	2.8	A-
4	Signature Bank	NY	18.3	<b>A-</b>
5	Needham Bank	MA	1.1	A-
6	Goldman Sachs Bank USA	NY	113.7	A-

<sup>1</sup> Weiss Financial Strength Ratings based on March 31, 2013 data; A=Excellent; B=Good; C=Fair; D=Weak; E=Very Weak; Plus sign=top of grade range; Minus sign=bottom of grade range.

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