

Report Synopsis

Global banking straddles a bewildering range of activities from personal banking to complicated credit derivatives. Following a steady decline in profit contribution from traditional core businesses such as retail and corporate banking, banks must now diversify into new businesses, such as investment banking. The assets of commercial banks have risen globally. In the US, EU, UK, China, Japan and India assets were a massive USD59.33 trillion.

2005 was a year of technological innovation throughout the world. RFID-Enabled Cards, Payroll Cards, Biometrics, E-Learning, Wireless, CRM, and Nanotechnology all gained in prominence.

In 2005 there were also 225 major merger deals compared to 221 in 2004, however the total value of these deals dropped from USD117.9 billion to USD19.3 billion

This report provides all the relevant facts and figures to keep the reader informed of the relevant trends and changes in the commercial banking industry. Together with the quarterly updates it is a source of up date and accurate information, to be used both as a reference and to guide future decisions

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