

INTERNATIONAL BANK NOTE SOCIETY

2025

Bank Note of the Year (BNOY)
Nominations



PREVIOUS WINNERS & Number of Nominees

Substrate of Note

Yellow - Polymer , Orange – Paper , Black – Durasafe

Bermuda 5 Dollars 2024 (21)

East Caribbean States 2 Dollars 2023 (15)

Philippines 1000 Piso 2022 (19)

Mexico 50 & 100 Pesos 2021, 2020 (20,24)

Aruba 100 Florin 2019 (22)

Canada 10 Dollars 2018 (16)

Switzerland 10 & 50 Francs 2017 & 2016 (22,19)

New Zealand 5 Dollars 2015 (20)

Trinidad & Tobago 50 Dollars 2014 (12)

Kazakhstan 1000,5000,10000 Tenge 2013, 2012, 2011 (12,13,12)

Uganda 50,000 Shillings 2010 (13)

Bermuda 2 Dollars 2009 (9)

Samoa 20 Tala 2008 (9)

Bank of Scotland 50 Pounds 2007 (12)

Comoros 1000 Francs 2006 (15)

Faeroe Islands 1000 Kroner 2005 (8)

Canada 20 Dollars 2004 (10)

2025 Nominees

Bangladesh 1,000 Taka

Belize 100 Dollars

China 20 Yuan

Curacao/St Maarten 200 Gulden

Falkland Islands 5 Pound

Fiji 5 Dollars

Iran 2,000,000 Rials

Kazakhstan 1,000 Tenga

Libya 20 Dinar

Macau 100 Pataca

Namibia 60 Dollars

Papua New Guinea 50 Kina

Russia 1,000 Ruble

Sri Lanka 2,000 Rupee

Tajikistan 100 Somoni

United Arab Emirates 100 Dirham

Zambia 100 Kwacha

2025 Nomination Statistics

POLYMER	PAPER	HYBRID
7 Notes	10 Notes	0 Notes

- **1 Vertical Oriented** (last 8 of 9 winners vertical)
- **13 Horizontal Oriented**
- **3 Half & Half** (one side vertical, one horizontal)
 - 6 Asia
 - 2 Middle East
 - 3 Africa
 - 1 Europe
 - 1 South America
 - 0 North America & 2 Caribbean
 - 0 Australia & 2 Oceania

PRINTERS

(Red Commercial)

(Black Private)

4 De La Rue

3 Crane Currency

2 Oumolat

1 China Banknote Printing and Minting

1 Giesecke & Devrient

1 Goznak

1 Hong Kong Banknote Printing Limited

1 Note Printing Australia

1 Banknote Factory of National Bank of Kazakhstan

1 Security Printing Corporation - Bangladesh

1 TAKAB - Iran

Catalog References

BNB - Bank Note Book

SC - AIM entries after Pick

Bank Note Book listings are available by subscription from <https://www.greysheet.com/cdni/banknotebook#bnbTable>, with all new banknotes nominated for BNOY attributed.

The Standard Catalog of Paper Money was last produced by Krause Publications in 2019. The publishing rights were sold to Penguin Publishing while the Pick database was purchased by Active Interest Media (AIM), who maintains the new banknotes printed after the demise of SCWPM and some old banknotes not previously attributed to SCWPM. AIM adds the new entries using the SC prefix to signify that they attributed the notes after the sale. The SC for all practical purposes is the extension of the “P” numbering system. At present, only the 3rd party grader Paper Money Guaranty (PMG) has contracted to use the AIM database and add this information to their “slabs”. SC listings are available at NumisMaster.com and PMGnotes.com. These listings are not complete and some of this years nominees are not cataloged.

Bangladesh B372, SC82: 1,000 Taka (US\$ 12.00)

- **Front/Back:** National Martyrs' Monument in Savar, shapla (National Flower), Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban (National Parliament building) in Dhaka, bank logo
- **Security Features:** denomination as registration device, denomination in OVI, watermark of Royal Bengal tiger, green-gold-copper windowed security thread, pearlescent ink stripe, UV ink & fibers, tactile feature for visually impaired, see through
- **Printer:** Security Printing Corporation
- **Size:** 160 x 70 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper
- **Comments:**

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UV inks - front



UV inks - reverse



Security stripe & watermark



Belize B336, SC78: 100 Dollar (US\$ 50.00)

- **Front/Back:** George Cadle Price, coat of arms, Queen triggerfish (*Balistes vetula*), Hawksbill sea turtle, Great Blue Hole, two French angelfish, nurse shark, grooved brain coral
- **Security Features:** denomination as registration device, holographic foil stripe with keel-billed toucan and Hawksbill sea turtle, watermark of George Cadle Price, see through register, Gemini UV inks, tactile marks for visually impaired, microtext, see through of 100
- **Printer:** De La Rue
- **Size:** 150 x 75 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper
- **Comments:** Part of first series without monarch depicted





UV inks - front



UV inks - reverse



Security stripe & watermark



China B4128, SC921: 20 Yuan (US\$ 2.90)

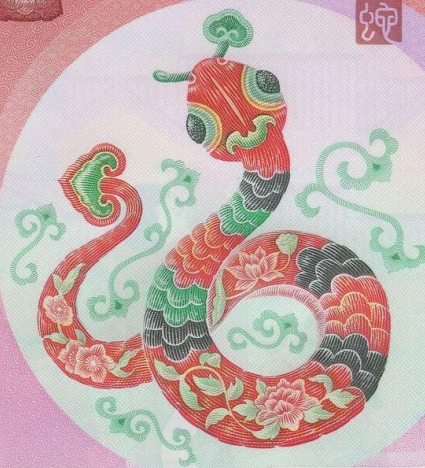
- **Front/Back:** National emblem of the PRC, snake, three children hanging Spring Festival banner, Shanxi residential houses
- **Security Features:** Holographic stripe, denomination in green-to-blue SPARK Optical, microtext, gold & silver foil in clear window
- **Printer:** China Banknote Printing and Minting
- **Size:** 145 x 70 mm
- **Substrate:** Polymer
- **Comments:** First in a series commemorating the Chinese zodiac - dragon





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UV inks- front



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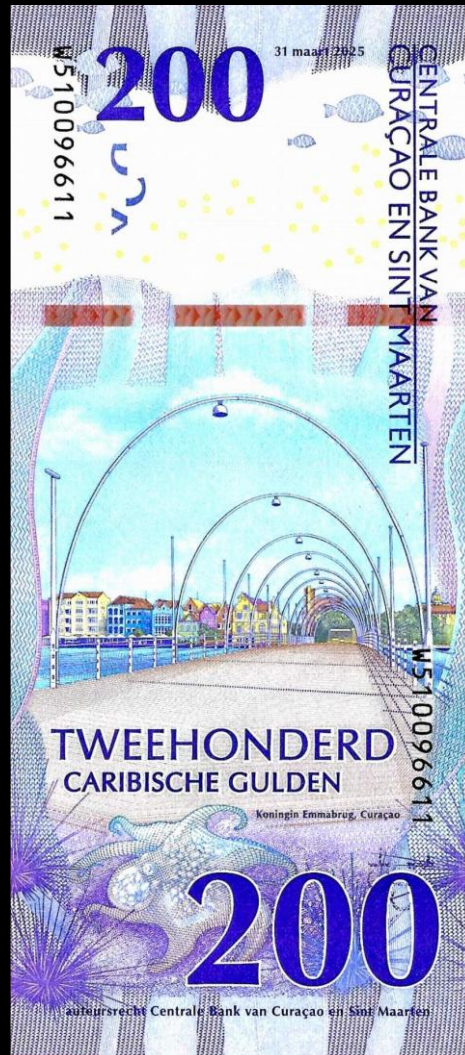


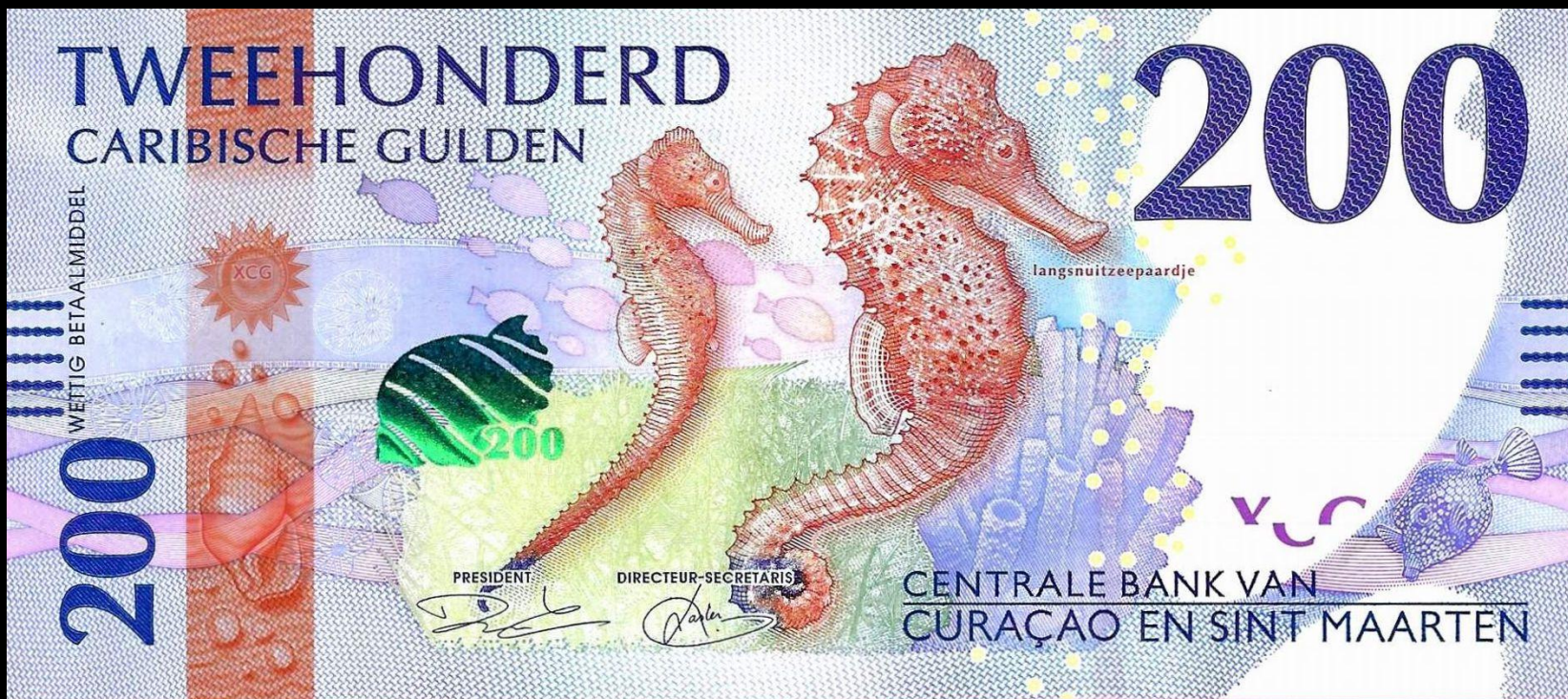
Hologram & SPARK



Curacao and Sint Maartan B105, SC5: 200 Gulden (US\$ 112.00)

- **Front/Back:** Hippocampus reidi (longsnout seahorse), Queen Emma Bridge
- **Security Features:** Giant tun shell in blue-to-green SPARK Flow OVI, Compass rose and electrotpe XCG watermark, see through, Omron Rings, pearlescent ink, Crane Motion Surface optics security stripe, UV fibers, UV ink
- **Printer:** Crane Currency
- **Size:** 147 x 66 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper
- **Comments:** Part of series of first banknotes for the combined islands.





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DIRECTEUR-SECRETARIS

CENTRALE BANK VAN
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UV inks- front



UV inks- reverse



Watermark & Omron Rings

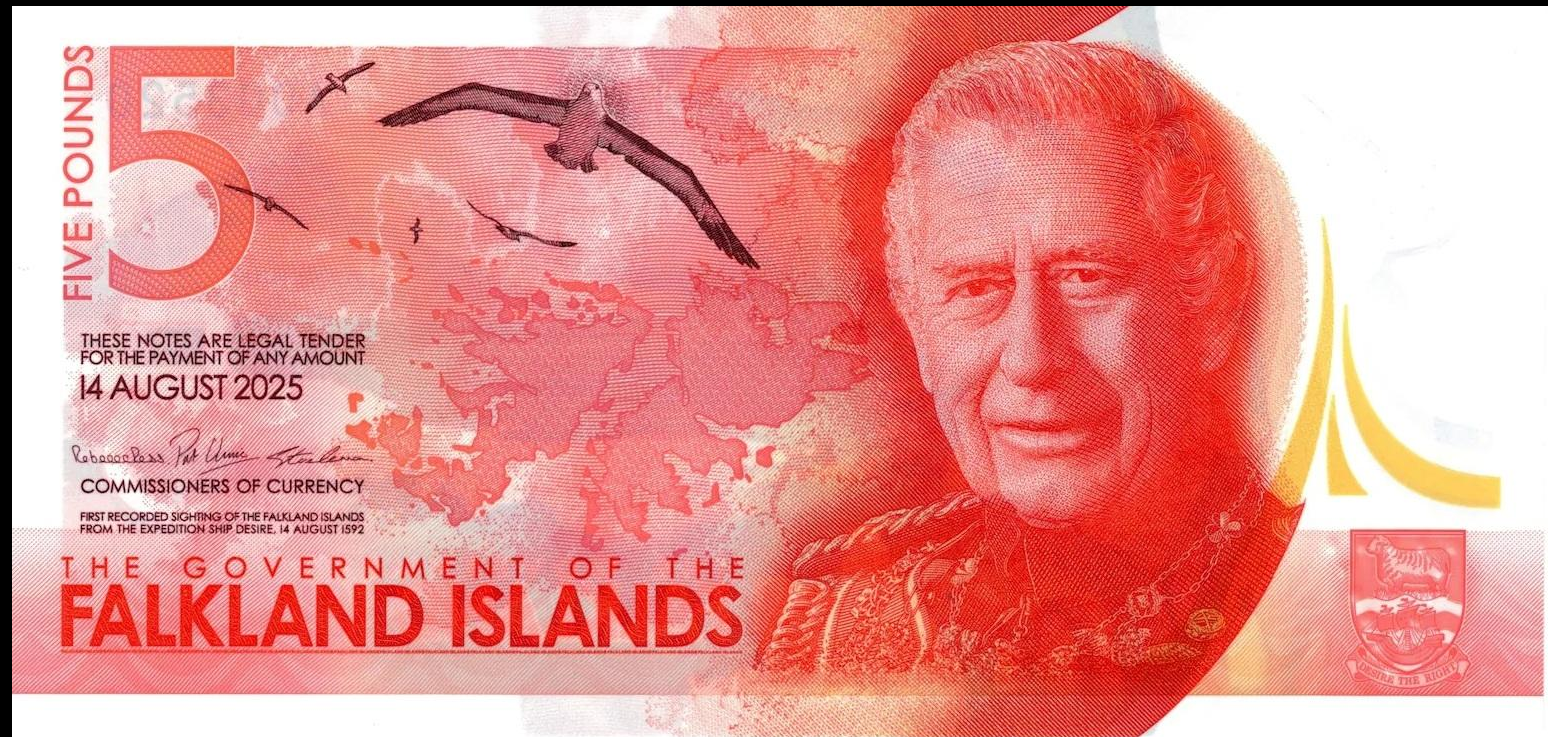


Pearlescent ink & Spark Flow OVI



Falkland Islands B223, SC20: 5 Pound (US\$ 6.10)

- **Front/Back:** 5 black-browed albatrosses in flight, map of Falkland Islands, King Charles III, coat of arms, five species of penguin (King, Gentoo, Rockhopper, Magellanic, and Macaroni), national flower the pale maiden, mountain on Steeple Jason Island
- **Security Features:** F pattern and Cornerstones watermarks, embossed dots for visually impaired, UV & metallic inks, microtext
- **Printer:** De La Rue
- **Size:** 145 x 75 mm
- **Substrate:** Polymer (Safeguard)
- **Comments:** First new series in 20 years. First new design in over 40 years.





UV inks - front



UV inks - back



View with IR light & embossed dots



Fiji B534, SC125: 5 Dollars (US\$ 2.25)

- **Front/Back:** Kulawai (red-throated lorikeet) bird perched on a branch, Fijian coat of arms, leaves, kava bowl, Vonu Dina green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)
- **Security Features:** Head of iTaukei man shadow image, Motion Surface 3D security stripe, iridescent gold ink, ultraviolet ink, tactile lines and raised dots for visually impaired, microprinting, clear window with Fijian artifact, shadow image
- **Printer:** Crane Currency
- **Size:** 136 x 67 mm
- **Substrate:** Polymer (SafeGuard)

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Fiji



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RESERVE BANK OF FIJI

This Note is Legal Tender in Fiji for

FIVE DOLLARS



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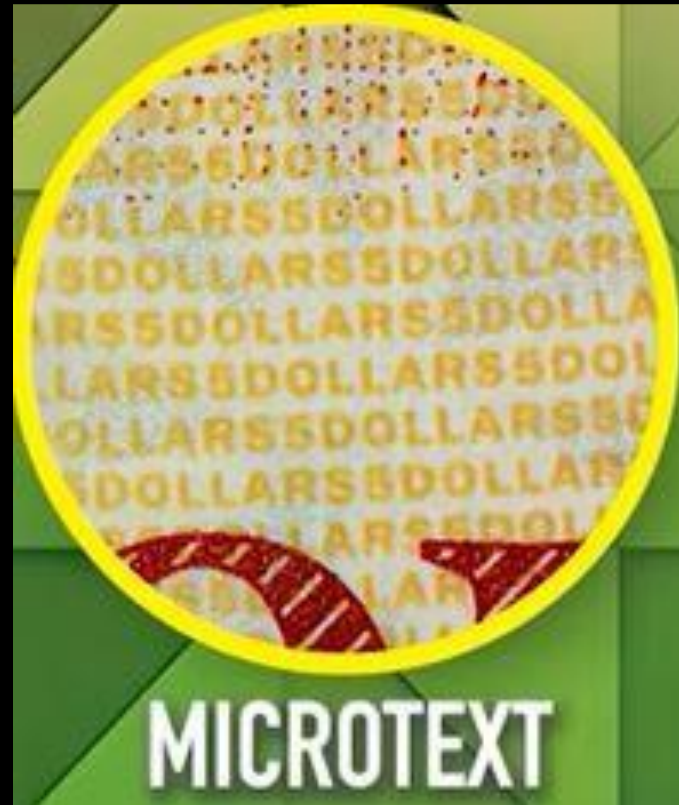


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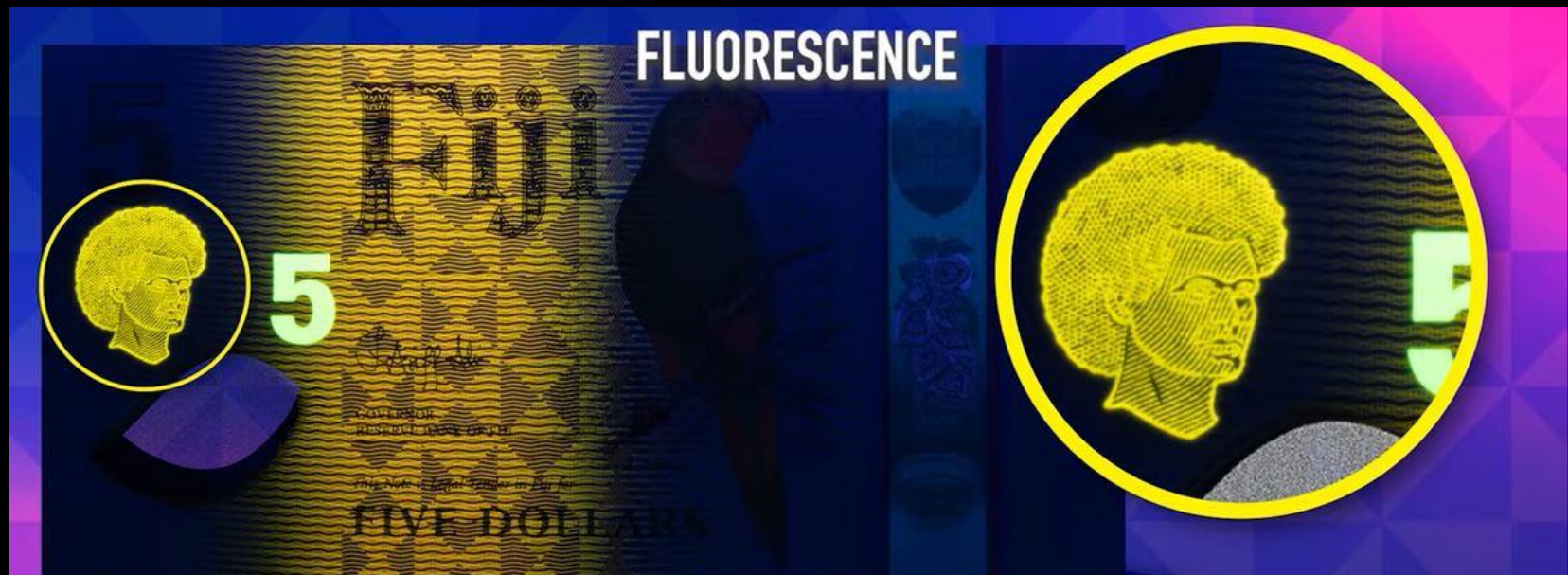
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Motion Surface 3D - changing angles



Iran B303, SC167: 2,000,000 Rials (US\$ 48.00)

- **Front/Back:** Naqsh-e Jahan Square in Esfahan Mosque, two men on horseback holding mallets playing chogān
- **Security Features:** gold-to-green windowed security thread, 200 in gold-to-green SPARK, 200 as see-through register, watermark of archway, pearlescent stripe, UV fibers and inks, microprinting
- **Printer:** TAKAB
- **Size:** 156 x 71 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper
- **Comments:**

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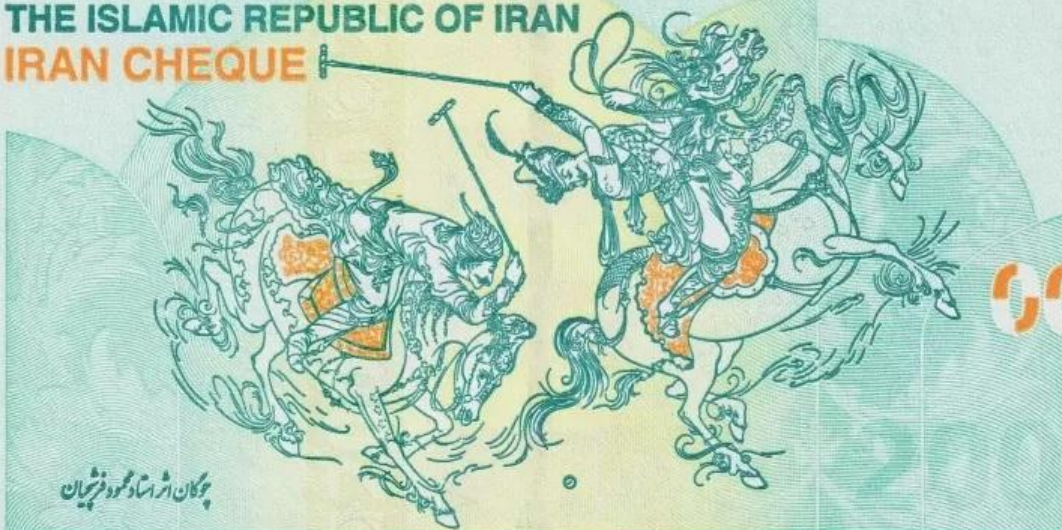
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UV inks- reverse



Watermark & Security Stripe



Kazakhstan B156, SC52: 1,000 Tenge (US\$ 2.65)

- **Front/Back:** “Tree of Life” detail of sacred branch with hovering bird from headgear of 3rd or 4th century BCE “Golden Man” found in the Issyk kurgan burial mound, DNA spiral, national emblem, sloping hills in outline of infinity ornament, gold ornament, resting Central Asian Shepherd Dog and standing Tazy sighthound, circular Kazakh symbol.
- **Security Features:** ornaments as Louisenthal RollingStar® Patch, windowed security thread, pearlescent ink, microprinting
- **Printer:** Banknote Factory of Bank of Kazakhstan
- **Size:** 130 x 70 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper





UV inks- front



UV inks- reverse



Libya B159, SC88: 20 Dinar (US\$ 4.00)

- **Front/Back:** school in Ghadames, Al-Ateeq mosque in Oujlah
- **Security Features:** crescent moon and star as registration device, star and crescent moon as gold SPARK, Holographic stripe with SPOTLIGHT, PUREIMAGE, and DEPTH featuring Omar Mukhtar, see through, tactile marks for visually impaired, microprinting
- **Printer:** De La Rue
- **Size:** 148 x 75 mm
- **Substrate:** Polymer (Safeguard)
- **Comments:**





UV inks- front



UV inks- reverse



Watermarks



Macau B240, SC unknown: 100 Pataca (US\$ 13.00)

- **Front/Back:** façades of small buildings, dragon, Banco da China headquarters building in Macau, bank logo, skyline of large buildings, Tung Sin Tong Historical Archive Exhibition Hall
- **Security Features:** Magenta-to-green windowed security thread with demetalized lotus flower, denomination as registration device, Southern Lion head in magenta-to-green SPARK, see through registration, tactile lines for visually impaired, watermark of Lotus flower and 100, pearlescent ink, microprinting
- **Printer:** Hong Kong Printing Ltd.
- **Size:** 153 x 77 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper



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MACAU, 18 DE MAIO DE 2020

根據第17/2020 號行政法規

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澳門分行行長

DIRECTOR-GERAL DA SUCURSAL DE MACAU

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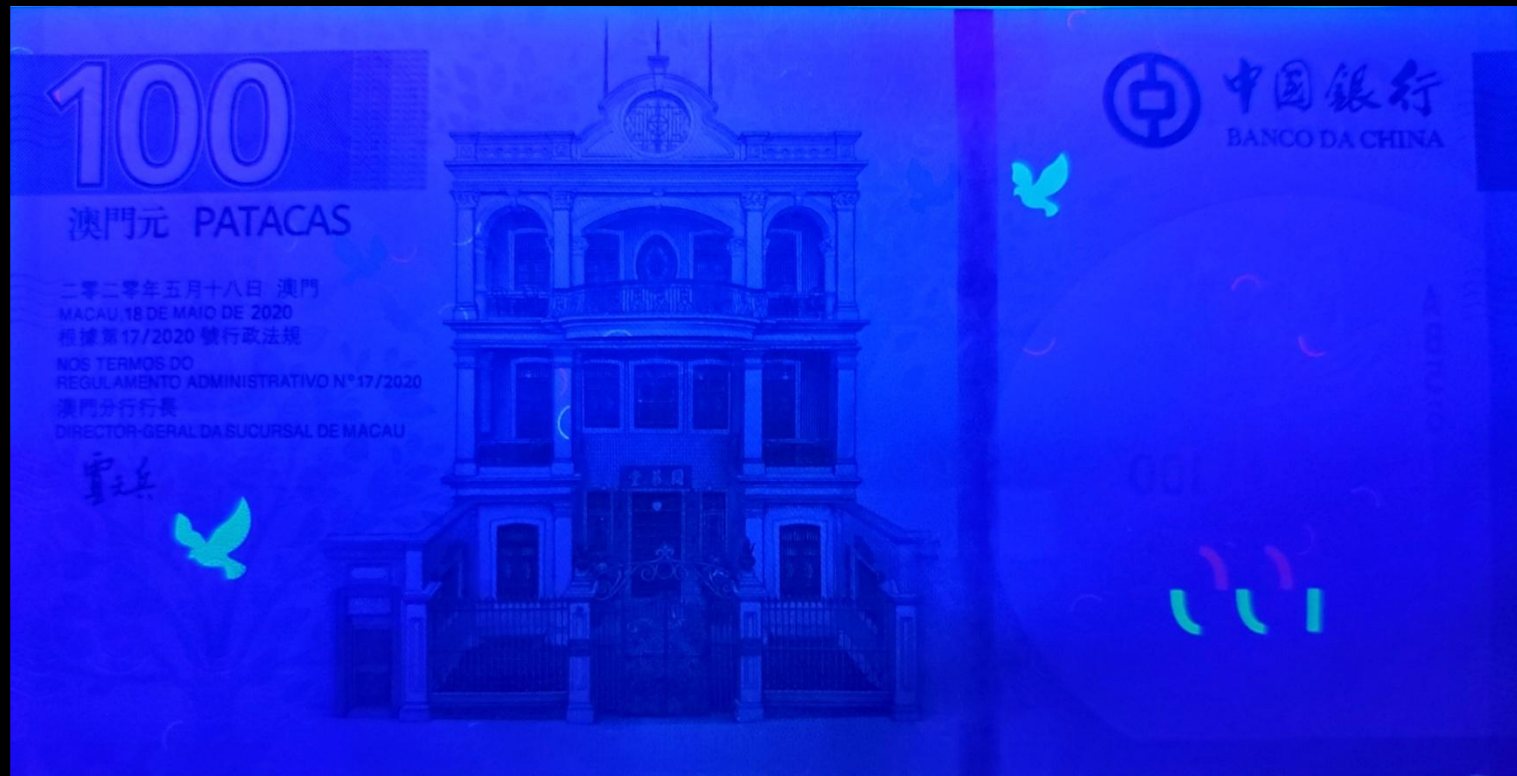
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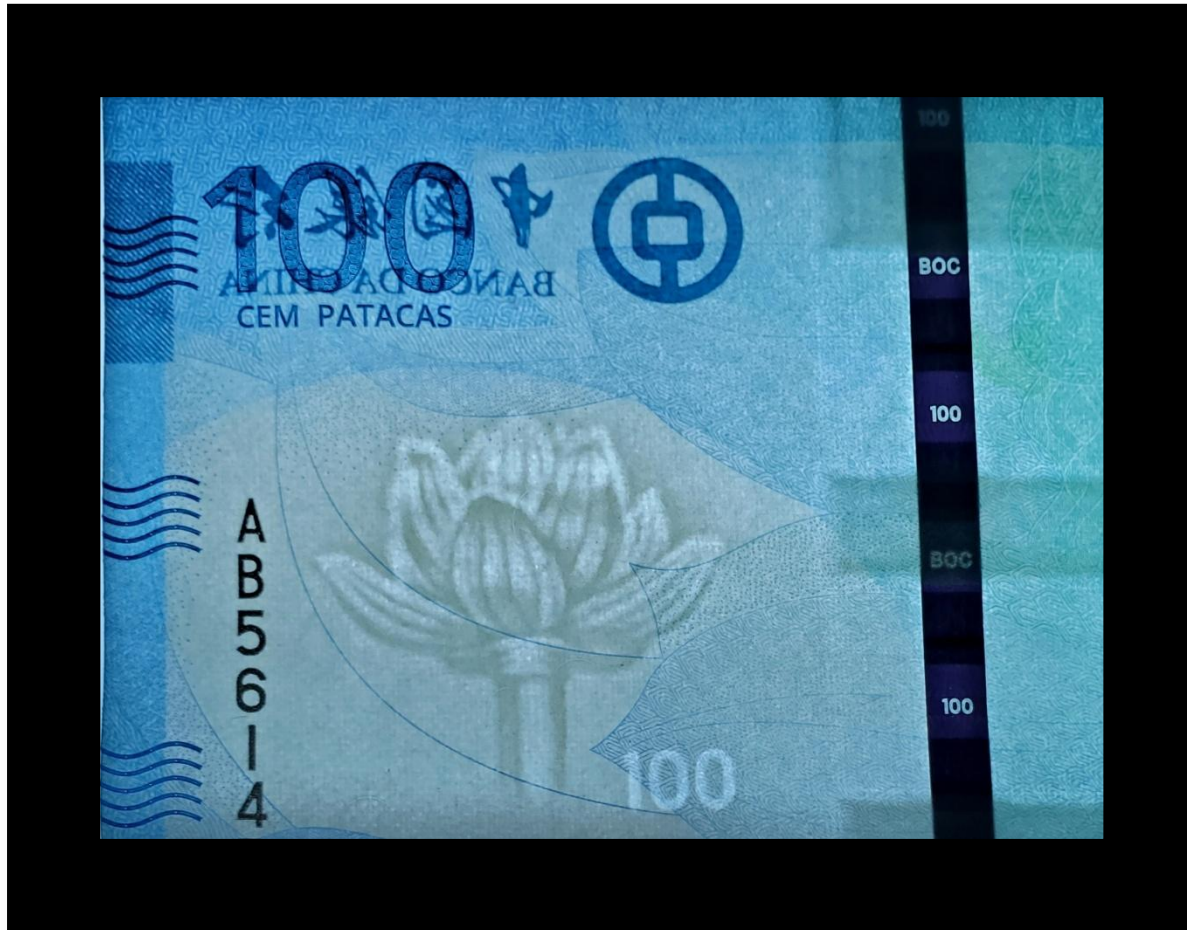
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Namibia B219, SC19: 60 Dollars (US\$ 4.20)

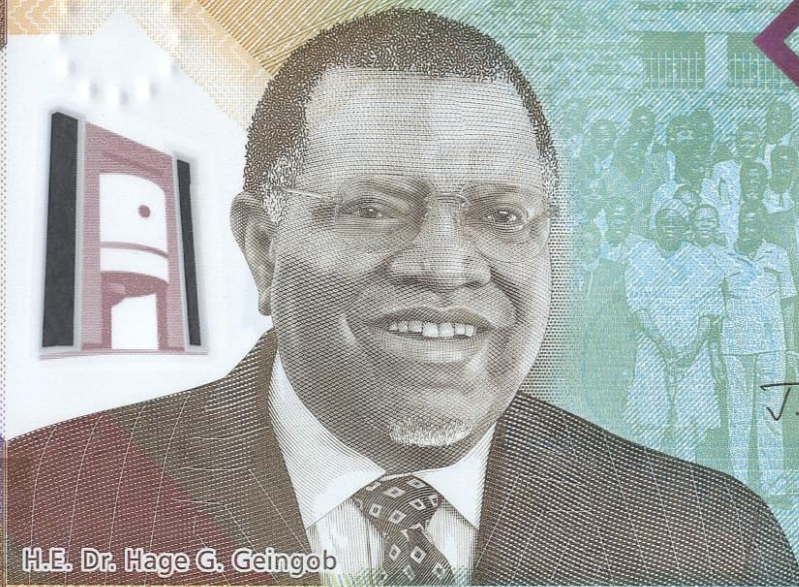
- **Front/Back:** facade of Independence Memorial Museum in Windhoek, 3rd president H.E. Dr. Hage Gottfried Geingob, Constituent Assembly of 1990, head of Hage Geingob in profile facing right, wind turbines, hydrogen tank, biomass, solar panels, Hage Geingob holding football cup at his inauguration on 21 March 2015 at Independence Stadium in Windhoek, coat of arms, facade of Independence Memorial Museum in Windhoek

Security Features: bank logo in purple-to-bronze SPARK Live, CCL Secure G-Switch window with Hage Geingob, raised dots for visually impaired, GEMINI ultraviolet inks, OMRON rings, ARGENTUM reflective ink

- **Printer:** Oumolat Security Printing
- **Size:** 140 x 70 mm
- **Substrate:** Polymer (Safeguard)

Bank of Namibia

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NAMIBIA DOLLARS



H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob

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"THIS BEAUTIFUL HOUSE WE CALL NAMIBIA."

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H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob
21st March 2015

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UV inks- front



UV inks- reverse



Papua New Guinea B162, SC58: 50 Kina (US\$ 15.00)

- **Front/Back:** Papua New Guinean coat of arms with bird of paradise perched on Kundu drum and ceremonial spear, 50 logo, National Parliament building in Port Moresby, Prime Minister Michael Somare, spears from Sepik, shield and mask from New Ireland, leaf and pointed Tubuan face mask from New Britain, headdress from the Highlands, mask and costume from Sepik River
- **Security Features:** bird shaped transparent window of bank logo with SPARK Live, embossed (tactile) raised dots front and back for visually impaired
- **Printer:** Note Printing Australia
- **Size:** 145 x 70 mm
- **Substrate:** Polymer (Guardian)



Bank of Papua New Guinea

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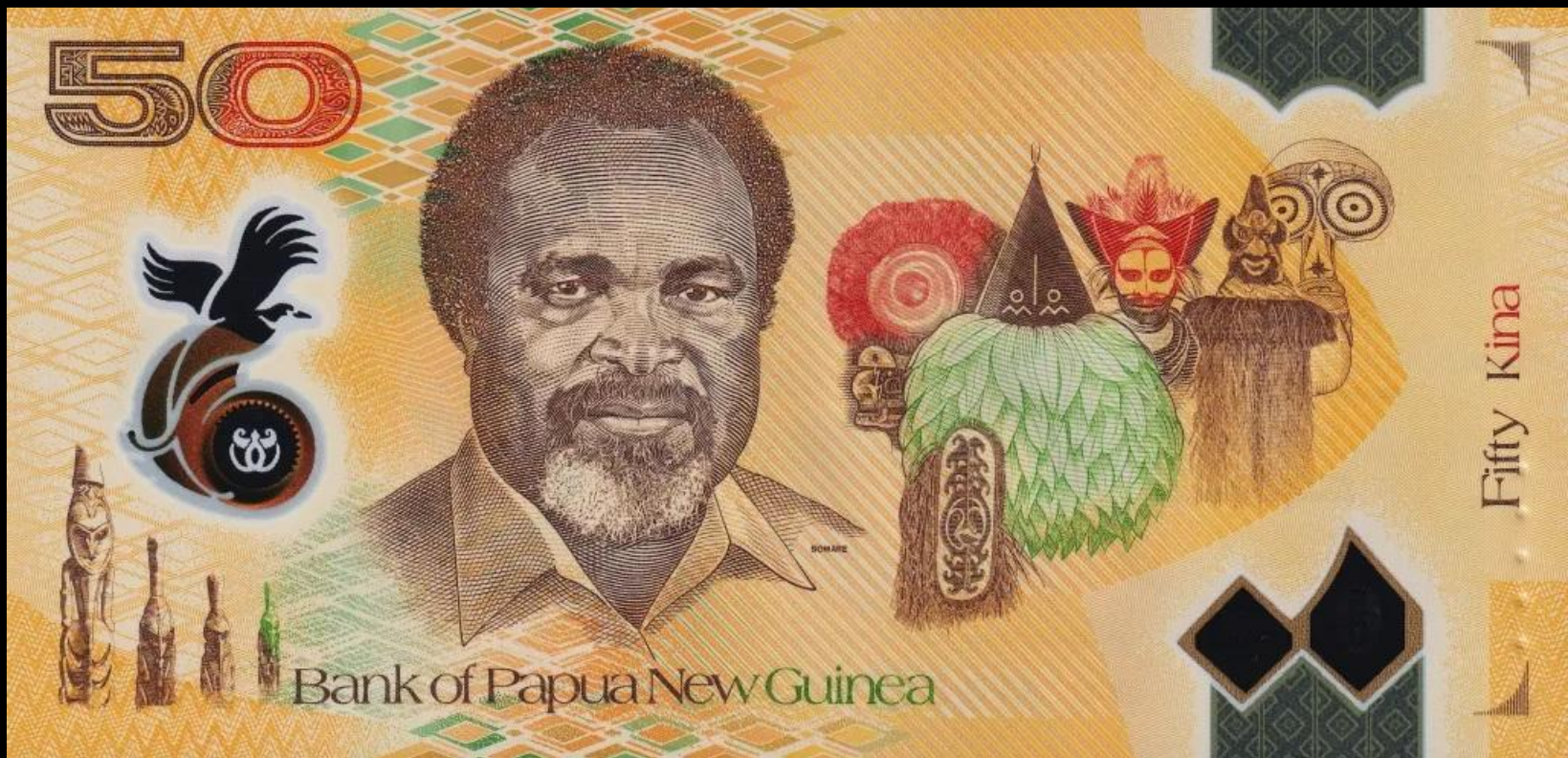
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Andrew Jannua Oake
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LEGAL TENDER THROUGHOUT PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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UV inks- front



UV inks - reverse



Transparent windows



Russia B837.5, SC unlisted: 1,000 Ruble (US\$ 13.00)

- **Front/Back:** bank seal, Nikolskaya (Saint Nicholas Tower) & bridge of the Nizhny Novgorod Kremlin, Nizhny Novgorod Main Fair building, map of Oka and Volga rivers, Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, QR-code, Saratov road bridge, hydrofoil vessel Meteor-120R, Palace of Farmers in Kazan, Volga Federal District map, flying birds
- **Security Features:** stylized tower & circle in golden-crimson to golden-green OVI, Nikolskaya with bridge and electrotpe 1000 watermark, 5.5-mm wide winged windowed holographic security thread with demetalized 1000 CBRF, 4 sets of tactile marks on front margin for visually impaired, ultraviolet fibers
- **Printer:** Goznak
- **Size:** 157 x 69 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper



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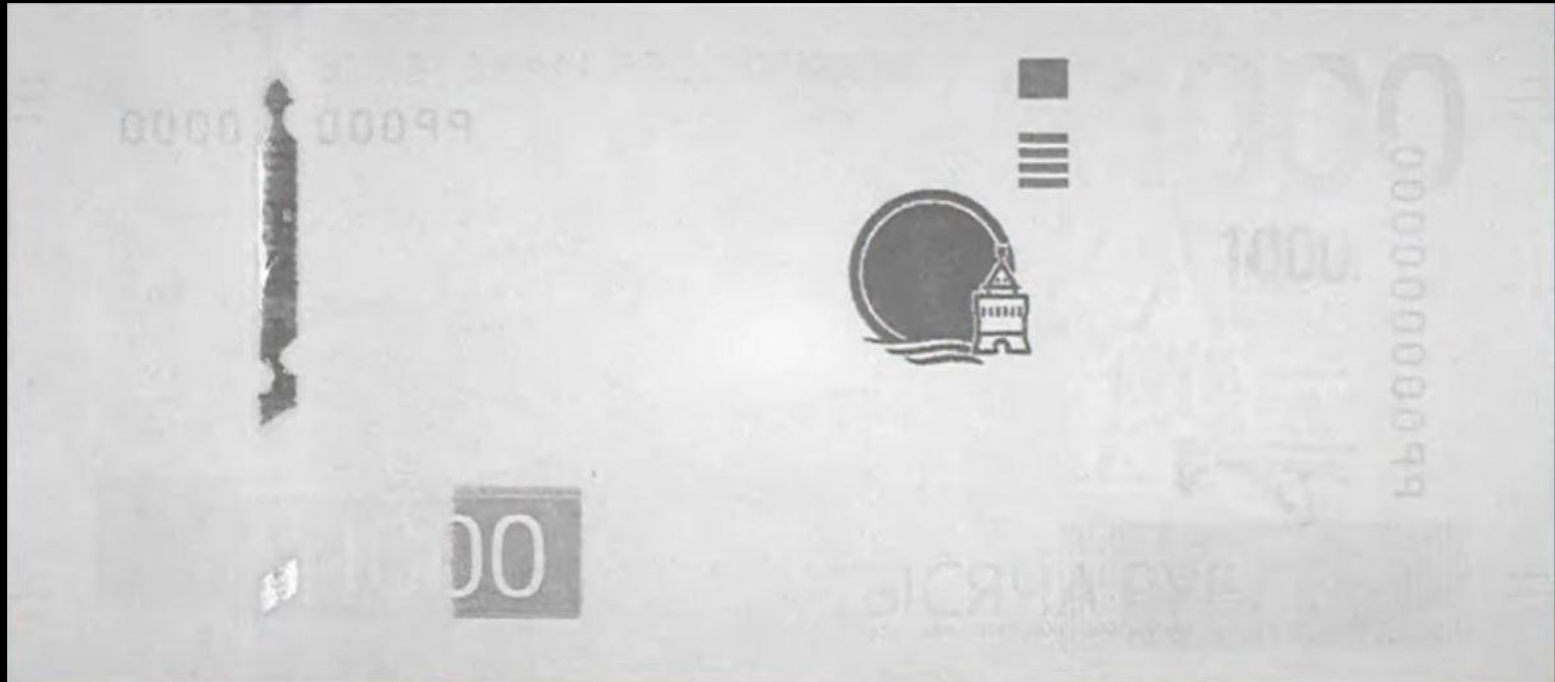
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UV inks - front



IR inks - front



Sri Lanka B249, SC131: 2,000 Rupee (US\$ 11.00)

- **Front/Back:** 75th anniversary logo, Colombo skyline silhouette, central bank headquarters building and Colombo Lighthouse Clock tower, lion holding sword, stylized map of Sri Lanka, water lily
- **Security Features:** lion holding sword as registration device, 5-mm wide blue-to-green windowed security thread with demetalized clock tower and 2000. Watermark: Lion holding sword with electrotpe 2000 and Cornerstones, ultraviolet ink, raised bars for visually impaired, microtext
- **Printer:** De La Rue
- **Size:** 151 x 67 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper
- **Comments:** 75th Anniversary of Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

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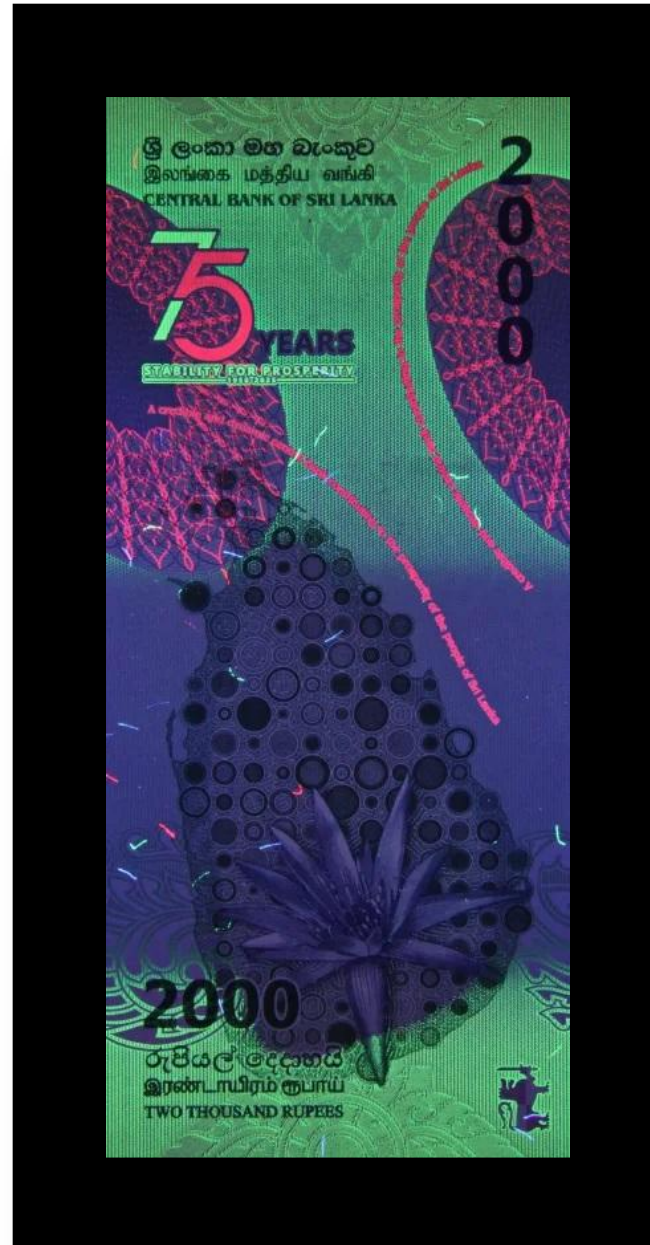
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TWO THOUSAND RUPEES



UV inks - front



UV inks- back



Watermark & security strip



Tajikistan B222, SC Unknown: 100 Somoni (US\$ 10.00)

- **Front/Back:** six concave hexadecagons, 25th anniversary logo, Samanid mausoleum, Ismoil Somoni (founder of the first centralized state), coat of arms, new parliament building, flag
- **Security Features:** bank logo as registration device, purple-to-green RollingStar patch, 6-mm wide purple-to-orange RollingStar Venus windowed security thread with demetalized 100 and nested concave hexadecagons, watermark of Ismoil Somoni
- **Printer:** Giesecke & Devrient
- **Size:** 156 x 65 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper
- **Comments:** Best Commemorative Banknote at the High Security Printing conference

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Watermark



United Arab Emirates B249, SC40: 100 Dirham (US\$ 27.00)

- **Front/Back:** Cannon balls and cannons outside Um Al Quwain National Fort with flag and trees, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, Etihad Rail train on elevated track, oilers docked at Port of Fujairah
- **Security Features:** Registration device, denomination in red-to-purple SPARK Flow Dimension, Kinegram Colors foil stripe with al-Hosn Palace, UV inks, micro-printing
- **Printer:** Oumolat Security Printing
- **Size:** 155 x 66 mm
- **Substrate:** Polymer (Safeguard)
- **Comments:** Last banknote of National Currency Project

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CENTRAL BANK OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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ONE HUNDRED DIRHAMS



UV inks - front



UV inks - reverse



Security stripe & transparent window



Zambia B174, SC65: 100 Kwacha (US\$ 3.60)

- **Front/Back:** Bank of Zambia logo, Victoria Falls, fish eagle in flight, map of Zambia OVI, Zambian coat of arms, Bank of Zambia logo, map of Zambia in gold and green OVI, Zambian coat of arms
- **Security Features:** Green to Gold RollingStar i+, Gold to Green Spark Flow Prime ink patch (flame effect), see-through register of flower, latent image of flower, watermark of Fish eagle head and electrotpe 100 plus fish eagle, microprinting, tactile dots for visually impaired.
- **Printer:** Crane Currency
- **Size:** 135 x 69 mm
- **Substrate:** Paper
- **Comments:**



BANK of ZAMBIA

ONE ZAMBIA ONE NATION

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UV inks- front



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