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Global Finance names the World's Best Internet Banks in Latin America 2006

NEW YORK—*Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners in “World’s Best Internet Banks” competition in Latin America. This is the 7th year *Global Finance* has named the World’s Best Internet Banks. Details on all first round winners will be published in the September issue. First round winners include Best Corporate / Institutional Internet Banks and Best Consumer Internet Banks at the country level. The Regional and Global winners for these categories will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in New York in November and published in the December issue of *Global Finance*. Also announced were Regional winners in Sub-Categories. Global winners in the Sub-Categories will also be announced at the Awards Ceremony and in the December issue. The list of First Round winners follows.

Winners were chosen among entries evaluated by a world-class judging panel consisting of representatives from Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. *Global Finance* editors were responsible for the final selection of winners in the First Round.

Only banks that entered the competition were considered for awards, and awards were only given in those regions, countries and categories in which there were entries.

Winning banks were selected based on the following criteria: strength of strategy for attracting and servicing online customers, success in getting clients to use web offerings, growth of online customers, breadth of product offerings, evidence of tangible benefits gained from Internet initiatives, and web site design and functionality. Category winners, such as “best online cash management” were selected based on the relative strength and success of those web products and services.

“In less than a decade, the Internet has transformed the way many consumers and most businesses bank,” says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher of Global Finance. “The continuing improvements in Internet offerings represented by this year’s entries show that more significant Internet banking developments are still ahead of us.”

See following for full listings of the World’s Best Internet Banks First Round winners for 2006 in Latin America:

World's Best Internet Bank Winners – Latin America

Country Winners:

Best Consumer Internet Banks:

Argentina: Banco Rio de la Plata, S.A.
Brazil: Banco Bradesco
Chile: Citigroup
Colombia: Citigroup
Mexico: Banamex
Peru: BBVA
Venezuela: Banco de Venezuela

Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks:

Argentina: Citigroup
Bolivia: Citigroup
Brazil: Banco Bradesco
Chile: BBVA
Colombia: BBVA
Costa Rica: Citigroup
Dominican Republic: Citigroup
Ecuador: Citigroup
El Salvador: Citigroup
Guatemala: Citigroup
Haiti: Citigroup
Honduras: Citigroup
Jamaica: Citigroup
Mexico: Banamex
Panama: Citigroup
Paraguay: Citigroup
Peru: Citigroup
Venezuela: BBVA Banco Provincial
Uruguay: Citigroup

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Regional Sub-Category Winners:

Best Consumer Internet Banks:

Best Investment Management Services: Banamex
Best Bill Payment & Presentment: BBVA
Best Online Consumer Credit: Banamex
Best Web Site Design: Banco de Venezuela
Best Integrated Consumer Bank Site: HSBC
Best Information Security Initiatives: Banco Bradesco
Best Online Deposits Acquisition: Banamex

Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks:

Best Online Cash Management: JPMorgan Chase
Best Trade Finance Services: Citigroup
Best Web Site Design: Banco Rio de la Plata, S.A.
Best Integrated Corporate Bank Site: Banamex
Best Information Security Initiatives: Banamex

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