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Global Finance Names The World's Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks In Western Europe 2018

NEW YORK, August 2, 2018 – *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners for the 2018 World's Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks Awards in Western Europe. This is the 19th year *Global Finance* has named the World's Best Digital Banks and details on all First Round winners will be published in the September issue.

First Round winners include Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks, Best Consumer Digital Banks, the Digital Banks of Distinction and the Best Islamic Digital Banks at the country level. Winners were selected in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and Western Europe. Also announced today were regional winners in Sub-Categories such as Best Information Security and Fraud Management, Best in Mobile Banking and Most Innovative Digital Bank.

The overall Regional and Global winners, and Global Sub-Category winners, will be revealed on November 1 in London at *Global Finance's* Best Digital Bank Awards dinner at RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects). Winning organizations from the Middle East will be honored at *Global Finance's* Digital Banks and Innovators Awards Dinner, which immediately follows the Digital Banks and Innovators Conference at the Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai on September 25. A full report on the awards and the conference will be published in the December issue of *Global Finance*.

Winners were chosen among entries evaluated by a world-class panel of judges at Infosys, a global leader in consulting, technology and outsourcing. The editors of *Global Finance* 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 digital customers, success in getting clients to use digital offerings, growth of digital customers, breadth of product offerings, evidence of tangible benefits gained from digital initiatives, and web/mobile site design and functionality. Category winners, such as Best in Mobile Banking were selected based on the relative strength and success of those web products and services.

"Digital banking is the future," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "The Digital Bank Award winners understand this and demonstrate commitment to ceaseless innovation in products and services for corporate and retail clients."

The full list of *Global Finance's* 2018 World's Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks First Round winners in Western Europe follows.

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COUNTRY WINNERS		REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS	
Country	Winner	Category	Winner
Austria	Citi	Best Online Cash Management	Citi
Belgium	Citi	Best Online Portal Services	Yapi Kredi Bank
Cyprus	Hellenic Bank	Best Integrated Corporate Bank Site	Yapi Kredi Bank
Denmark	Citi	Best Information Security and Fraud Management	Millennium bcp
Finland	Citi	Best in Mobile Banking	Citi
France	Citi	Best Mobile Banking App	Yapi Kredi Bank
Germany	Citi	Most Innovative Digital Bank	Citi
Greece	Citi		
Ireland	Citi		
Italy	Citi		
Luxembourg	Citi		
Netherlands	Citi		
Norway	Citi		
Portugal	Citi		
Spain	Citi		
Sweden	Citi		
Switzerland	Citi		
Turkey	Yapi Kredi Bank		
United Kingdom	Citi		

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