Press Release

Global Finance Names The 2019 World's Best Islamic Digital Banks

NEW YORK, July 30, 2019 – *Global Finance* has announced the first-round winners in the 2019 World's Best Islamic Digital Banks Awards. This is the twentieth 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.

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 Ritz-Carlton, Dubai International Finance Centre on September 10.

Winners from outside the Middle East will be recognized on October 30 at *Global Finance's* Best Digital Bank Awards dinner at the Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers, where the overall Regional and Global winners, and Global Sub-Category winners, will be revealed. A full report on the awards and the events will be published in the December issue of *Global Finance*.

Honorees were chosen from entries evaluated by a world-class panel of judges at Infosys, a global leader in consulting, technology and outsourcing. *Global Finance* editors were responsible for the final selections.

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 were selected based on the relative strength and success of those digital products and services.

"Digital banking is not only the future but, increasingly, the present," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "The Digital Bank Awards recognize and celebrate innovation and excellence."

The full list of *Global Finance's* 2019 World's Best Islamic Digital Banks first-round winners follows.

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Bangladesh	Standard Chartered
Malaysia	Standard Chartered
Pakistan	Standard Chartered
MIDDLE EAST - COUNTRY WINNERS	
Bahrain	meem Digital Banking By Gulf International Bank
Kuwait	Boubyan Bank
Saudi Arabia	Bidaya Home Finance
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

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