Press Release

Global Finance Names The World's Best Islamic Digital Banks In The Middle East 2018

NEW YORK, July 18, 2018 – *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners for the 2018 World's Best Islamic Digital Banks Awards in the Middle East. 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, and the Best Islamic Digital Banks at the country level, as well as the Digital Banks of Distinction.

The winning organizations listed here 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. The overall Regional and Subcategory winners for the Middle East will also be revealed for the first time at the Awards Dinner. A full report on the awards dinner 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. *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 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 Islamic Digital Banks First Round winners in the Middle East follows.

BEST ISLAMIC DIGITAL BANKS IN THE MIDDLE EAST 2018 - COUNTRY WINNERS

Kuwait	Boubyan Bank
Saudi Arabia	Bidaya Home Finance
UAE	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

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