



Sustainable Finance Awards 2021

***CALL FOR ENTRIES -
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS***

Entry Deadline Extended To June 30, 2021
This deadline is firm and cannot be extended further.

Global Finance Launches Sustainable Finance Awards New Program to Honor Leaders in Financing a Sustainable Future

Global Finance announces the launch of a new awards program to recognize global and regional leadership in Sustainable Finance—funding for initiatives designed to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change and help build a more sustainable future for humanity.

“Scientists have warned with increasing urgency that we must face the realities of climate change with innovation and adaptability,” says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph Giarraputo. “All such efforts require funding, and the financial and corporate communities are stepping up to provide the means. Our awards will honor those who stand out.”

Recognition will be given for leadership in sustainability financing overall, community support, resource management, transparency & reporting, infrastructure and project financing, and emerging-markets sustainability funding. Honors will also be awarded to excellence in lending and bond issues: Green for environmental efforts, Blue for ocean preservation, Social for citizen and community initiatives, and Sustainable, which combine both green and social elements. Honorees will be chosen globally and in the following regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and Western Europe.

This Call For Entries covers financial institutions. A separate Call For Entries for corporates can be found on GFMag.com. Financial institutions are encouraged to enter on behalf of their deserving corporate partners. Entries are required for consideration and there is no fee to participate.

Winners will be published in the September 2021 print and digital editions and online at GFMag.com.

Global Finance's awards and recognition programs are the trusted standard of excellence for the financial industry. They are backed by a 34-year history of editorial accuracy and integrity. *Global Finance's* corporate and financial audience relies on these awards because they are credible and reliable.

**Submit your entries for *Global Finance's* first ever
Sustainable Finance Awards 2021 today.**



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GLOBAL & REGIONAL AWARDS

Outstanding Leadership in Sustainable Finance

Financial Leadership in Sustaining Communities

Outstanding Leadership in Resource Management

Outstanding Leadership in Sustainability
Transparency

Outstanding Leadership Sustainable Infrastructure
Finance

Outstanding Leadership in Sustainable Project
Finance

Outstanding Sustainable Financing in Emerging
Markets

Outstanding Leadership in Sustainable Finance by a
Multilateral Institution

Outstanding Leadership in Green Bonds

Outstanding Leadership in Green Loans

Outstanding Leadership in Social Bonds

Outstanding Leadership in Social Loans

Outstanding Leadership in Blue Bonds

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Outstanding Leadership in Sustainable Bonds

Outstanding Leadership in Sustainable Loans

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The distinction of being a *Global Finance* award honoree is a powerful marketing advantage every winner can and should use to stand out from and above their competitors.

Some of the ways *Global Finance* award winners have leveraged their status include:

- Email signatures
- Advertising
- Social media campaigns
- Websites
- Employee motivation programs
- Recruitment and retention efforts
- Investor relations information
- Pitch books
- Promotional materials
- Conference and event signage
- Stadium, airport and outdoor signage
- Branch signage
- Press and publicity efforts
- Promotional videos
- Annual reports
- Internal communications

Earning a *Global Finance* award also allows individual honorees as well as entire departments to stand out within their own organizations, leading to higher visibility across their industry sectors, improved staff retention and greater professional and personal recognition.



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Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the review process.

Entry Preparation

Entries are required for consideration. There is no fee to participate.

Global Finance maintains best journalistic practices to protect the confidentiality of information supplied. Any information provided that is not appropriate for the public domain should be clearly identified in a separate section of the entry.

Those making submissions should provide concise information in the following areas:

Section 1 – Policy and Standards

1. Do you have a public environmental policy that is valid for the whole company and deals with the company's role in human sustainability? Please include a copy of the policy.
2. What are your sustainability standards? That is, specific actions the company will not take, services or products it will not offer on principle, due to poor sustainability? Do you apply environmental and social standards in your cash management and strategic planning, such as the exclusion of certain investment sectors (fossils fuels, weapons, gambling, biotechnology, etc.) Do green standards apply only to explicitly environmental products or to all investments?
3. Does the firm apply its sustainability standards to its clients as well? Has the firm declined a client's business due to the firm's sustainability standards? Please provide details as to why.

Section 2 – Targets and Metrics

4. What are your measurable environmental and social goals? How were those metrics and targets chosen? Are they inspired by or aligned with mandates or recommendations of any independent party, such as the UN, the OECD, a Ministry of the Interior, university or non-governmental agency, such as the Sierra Club?
5. Does the company issue public reports on its sustainability work, including both environmental and social impact metrics? Please include the most recent report.
6. Describe your institution's achievements in and contributions to sustainability from May 2020 to April 2021. As appropriate, please include examples of: internal or supply chain resource management and dematerialization; community social and environmental efforts; support for client sustainability (e.g. through green bond underwriting); or advancing sustainability in the public sector.

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Section 3 – Key Financial Data

7. Please provide the following data for the period from May 2020 to April 2021, as appropriate:
- For each of the following, please provide the percentage of all bonds underwritten: green bonds, social bonds, blue bonds, sustainability bonds.
 - For each of the following, please provide the percentage of all loans underwritten: green loans, social loans, sustainability loans.
 - Background on any other types of sustainable products or services you offer.

Section 4 – Validation and Storytelling

8. Third-party reviews:
- Have your institution's sustainability practices and initiatives (green, blue and/or social) been rated by any third-party organization, such as S&P Global, Standard Ethics, or MSCI? Please include any such ratings.
 - Has the company's sustainable finance work been ranked by any independent third party, such as Refinitiv, Dealogic or Bloomberg? Please include any such rankings.
 - Please include any other rating or ranking that may apply.
9. Describe your three best sustainable efforts from May 2020 to April 2021 and how they reflect the company's goals and mission. Possibilities include sustainable bond issuance, an internal resource initiative, or a community-facing partnership.

Please include the contact information requested below to ensure that your submission is processed properly.

- Bank Name (exactly as it should appear on awards-related announcements)
- Award(s) Being Submitted For
- Submission Contact Name/Title/Email/Telephone
- Communications/Marketing Contact/Name/Title/Email/Telephone

Methodology

Entries are required for consideration. Winners will be selected by a team of *Global Finance* editors, based on information provided in the entries as well as independent research.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of this Call For Entries from the contact listed at the bottom of this page within 48 hours of sending, please resend AND notify them to ensure that your entry has been received and is processed correctly.

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