

Press Release

***Global Finance* Names The World's Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks In Central & Eastern 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 Central & Eastern 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 Central & Eastern Europe follows.

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COUNTRY WINNERS	
Country	Winner
Czech Republic	Citi
Estonia	SEB Banka
Georgia	TBC Bank
Latvia	SEB Banka
Lithuania	SEB Bank
Poland	mBank
Romania	Citi
Russia	Sberbank
Slovakia	Citi
Ukraine	Citi

REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS	
Category	Winner
Best Investment Management	Tinkoff Bank
Best Online Cash Management	Tatra Banka
Best Trade Finance Services	ING Bank Slaski
Best Online Portal Services	Sberbank
Best Integrated Corporate Bank Site	Sberbank
Best Online Treasury Services	Bank of Georgia
Best in Mobile Banking	Citi
Best in Social Media Marketing and Services	TBC Bank
Best Mobile Banking App	Citi
Most Innovative Digital Bank	Sberbank

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