

Global Finance Names The 2014 World's Best Consumer Internet Banks in Asia-Pacific

NEW YORK, July 24, 2014 - *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners in the "World's Best Internet Banks" competition in Asia-Pacific. This is the 15th year *Global Finance* has named the World's Best Internet Banks. Details on all First Round winners will be published in the September issue. First Round winners include Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks and Best Consumer Internet Banks at the country level. Winners were also selected in North America, Latin America, Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe and Middle East/Africa. The Regional and Global winners for these categories will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in New York City on October 28th and published in the December issue of *Global Finance*. Also announced were Regional winners in Sub-Categories. Global winners in the Sub-Categories will also be announced at the Awards Ceremony and in the December issue. The list of First Round winners follows.

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 online customers, success in getting clients to use web offerings, growth of online customers, breadth of product offerings, evidence of tangible benefits gained from Internet initiatives, and web site design and functionality. Category winners, such as "best in social media" were selected based on the relative strength and success of those web products and services.

"The Internet has transformed the way many consumers and most businesses bank," says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher of *Global Finance*. "The continuing improvements in Internet offerings represented by this year's entries show that more significant Internet banking developments are still ahead of us."

The full list of *Global Finance's* World's Best Consumer Internet Banks First Round Winners in Asia-Pacific 2014 follows on the next page.

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COUNTRY WINNERS

Best Consumer Internet Banks:

Australia – Citi
Bangladesh – The City Bank Limited
Brunei – Standard Chartered
China – Citi
Hong Kong – HSBC
India – Citi
Indonesia – Standard Chartered
Japan – Rakuten Bank
Malaysia – Standard Chartered
Mongolia – Golomt Bank
Nepal – Standard Chartered
Pakistan – United Bank Limited
Philippines – Standard Chartered
Singapore – Standard Chartered
South Korea – Standard Chartered
Sri Lanka – Standard Chartered
Taiwan – ANZ Banking Group
Thailand – Citi
Vietnam – Standard Chartered

REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS

Best Consumer Internet Banks:

Best Online Deposit, Credit and Investment Product Offerings – HSBC
Best Bill Payment & Presentment – Standard Chartered
Best Web Site Design – Citi
Best Integrated Consumer Bank Site – Standard Chartered
Best Information Security Initiatives – Standard Chartered
Best in Mobile Banking – Standard Chartered
Best in Social Media – Standard Chartered
Best Mobile Banking App – ICBC
Best SMS/Text Banking - Citi

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