

Global Finance Names The 2014 World's Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks in Central & Eastern Europe

NEW YORK, July 17, 2014 - *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners in the "World's Best Internet Banks" competition in Central & Eastern Europe. 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, Asia-Pacific 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 Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks First Round Winners in Central & Eastern Europe 2014 follows on the next page.

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COUNTRY WINNERS

Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks:

Bulgaria – Citi
Croatia – Privredna Banka Zagreb
Czech Republic – Citi
Georgia – TBC Bank
Hungary – Citi
Poland – mBank
Romania – Citi
Russia – Citi
Slovakia – Citi
Ukraine – Citi

REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS

Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks:

Best Online Cash Management – Citi
Best Trade Finance Services – Bank Millennium
Best Web Site Design – Citi
Best Integrated Corporate Bank Site – TBC Bank
Best Information Security Initiatives – Citi
Best Online Treasury Services – mBank
Best in Mobile Banking – Citi
Best in Social Media – Bank of Georgia
Best Mobile Banking App – mBank

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