

Global Finance Names The 2016 World's Best Consumer Digital Banks In The Middle East & Africa

NEW YORK, July 21, 2016 – *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners in the 2016 World's Best Digital Banks Awards in the Middle East & Africa. This is the 17th 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. Winners were selected in Asia-Pacific, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East/Africa, North America and Western Europe. Also announced today were regional winners in Sub-Categories.

The overall Regional and Global winners, and Global Sub-Category winners, will be revealed on 18th October in London at *Global Finance's* Best Digital Bank Awards dinner, which will follow the Digital Bank Conference at RSA House. 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. *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 social media" were selected based on the relative strength and success of those web products and services.

"The most successful retail and corporate banks in the world are those that have effectively transformed themselves into fully-integrated digital banks, with a strong focus on user experience," says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "The winners of this year's awards are those banks that understand that both corporate and retail clients expect their financial partners to provide easy access to a suite of financial products and tools that are fully-integrated into their broader digital life."

The full list of *Global Finance's* 2016 World's Best Consumer Digital Banks First Round Winners in the Middle East & Africa follows on the next page.



About Global Finance

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COUNTRY WINNERS	
Bahrain	Citi
Botswana	Standard Chartered
Egypt	Arab Bank
Ghana	Standard Chartered
Israel	Bank Hapoalim
Jordan	Investbank
Kenya	Standard Chartered
Lebanon	BLOM Bank
Mozambique	Banco Único
Nigeria	Standard Chartered
Palestine	Arab Bank
Qatar	Mashreq Bank
Saudi Arabia	Samba
Tanzania	Standard Chartered
Uganda	Standard Chartered
United Arab Emirates	Mashreq Bank
Zambia	Standard Chartered
Zimbabwe	Standard Chartered

REGIONAL SUB CATEGORY WINNERS	
Best Online Deposit, Credit and Investment Product Offerings	Mashreq Bank
Best Bill Payment & Presentment	Mashreq Bank
Best Web Site Design	Mashreq Bank
Best Integrated Consumer Bank Site	Mashreq Bank
Best Information Security Initiatives	SABB
Best in Mobile Banking	Emirates NBD
Best in Social Media	Arab Bank
Best Mobile Banking App	Emirates NBD
Best SMS/Text Banking	Bank Hapoalim

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