

Press Release



Global Finance Names The 2017 World's Best Consumer Digital Banks In The Middle East

NEW YORK, July 20, 2017 – *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners in the 2017 World's Best Consumer Digital Banks Awards in the Middle East. This is the 18th 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 Consumer Digital Banks, Best Corporate/Institutional 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 Initiatives, Best Web Site Design and Most Innovative Digital Bank.

The overall Regional and Global winners, and Global Sub-Category winners, will be revealed on 2 November 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.

"Digital banking is here to stay, and this year's winners illustrate the importance of relentless innovation in products, systems and services," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "Corporate and retail clients expect transformative new solutions, and this year's winners consistently deliver on those expectations."

The full list of *Global Finance's* 2017 World's Best Consumer Digital Banks First Round winners in the Middle East follows on the next page.

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COUNTRY WINNERS	
Bahrain	Citi
Egypt	Arab Bank
Israel	Bank Leumi
Jordan	Investbank
Kuwait	Kuwait Finance House
Lebanon	Blom Bank
Palestine	Arab Bank
Saudi Arabia	NCB
United Arab Emirates	Mashreq Bank

REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS	
Best Online Deposit, Credit and Investment Product Offerings	Bank Leumi
Best Bill Payment & Presentment	Mashreq Bank
Best Web Site Design	Standard Chartered
Best Integrated Consumer Bank Site	Bank Leumi
Best Information Security Initiatives	Standard Chartered
Best in Mobile Banking	Mashreq Bank
Best in Social Media	Arab Bank
Best Mobile Banking App	Mashreq Bank
Best SMS/Text Banking	Bank Hapoalim
Most Innovative Digital Bank	Mashreq Bank

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