

Press Release



***Global Finance* Names The 2018 World's Best Islamic Digital Banks**

NEW YORK, August 13, 2018 – *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners in the 2018 World's Best Islamic Digital Banks Awards. 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 Consumer Digital Banks, Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks and the Digital Banks of Distinction at the country level. In addition, as part of the First Round, the World's Best Digital Islamic Banks in Middle Eastern countries were previously announced on July 18. They are included on the list of winners that follows, along with winners in Asia-Pacific being revealed here for the first time.

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.

Winners from outside the Middle East will be recognized on November 1 in London at *Global Finance's* Best Digital Bank Awards dinner at RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects), where the overall Regional and Global winners, and Global Sub-Category winners, will be revealed. A full report on the awards and the events will be published in the December issue of *Global Finance*.

Honorees were chosen from 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 selections.

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 were selected based on the relative strength and success of those digital 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 Islamic Digital Banks First Round winners follows.

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ASIA-PACIFIC - COUNTRY WINNERS

Bangladesh	Standard Chartered
Malaysia	Standard Chartered
Pakistan	Standard Chartered

MIDDLE EAST - COUNTRY WINNERS

Kuwait	Boubyan Bank*
Saudi Arabia	Bidaya Home Finance*
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank*

**Previously announced on July 18*

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Global Finance's Digital Banks and Innovators Conference and Awards Dinner 2018
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