

Global Finance announces the Best Derivatives Providers - 2008

NEW YORK, September 18, 2008 – The editors of *Global Finance* have announced the winners of its Best Derivatives Providers awards for 2008. A full report on the awards and the winners will appear in the November issue of *Global Finance*.

In the past, *Global Finance* has featured “Derivatives Superstars” which named the most talented individuals worldwide and “Derivatives Superstar Teams” which expanded the concept to honor those working in groups. This is the fifth year *Global Finance* has selected banks and exchanges as winners.

Global Finance’s editors base selections on reporting and analysis. Factors considered range from the quantitatively objective to the informed subjective. Among nominally objective criteria considered are such factors as growth in operations, position on league tables, geographic reach,

strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products.

Subjective opinions include the opinions of analysts, ratings agencies, consultants, customers and others involved in the industry.

“The mix of these factors yields winners that may not be the largest, the oldest or the most diversified in the sector, but rather the best – the provider with which most companies and investors around the world are most likely to want to do business,” said *Global Finance* publisher Joseph D. Giarraputo.

The full list of winners by type of product and region, and the award for the exchange awards for Performance and Achievement follows.

NORTH AMERICA

Best Commodity Derivatives Provider--Morgan Stanley
Best Credit Derivatives Provider--JPMorgan
Best Equity Derivatives Provider--Société Générale
Best FX Derivatives Provider--Citi
Best Interest Rate Derivatives Provider--JPMorgan

EUROPE

Best Commodity Derivatives Provider--Morgan Stanley
Best Credit Derivatives Provider--JPMorgan
Best Equity Derivatives Provider--Société Générale
Best FX Derivatives Provider--Deutsche Bank
Best Interest Rate Derivatives Provider--RBS

ASIA

Best Commodity Derivatives Provider--Société Générale
Best Credit Derivatives Provider--BNP Paribas
Best Equity Derivatives Provider--Société Générale
Best FX Derivatives Provider--Standard Chartered
Best Interest Rate Derivatives Provider--HSBC

MIDDLE EAST

Best Derivatives Provider--HSBC

LATIN AMERICA

Best Derivatives Provider--Société Générale

BEST DERIVATIVES EXCHANGE AWARDS

Achievement: ICE

Performance: European Climate Exchange

Global Finance, which celebrates its 21st year of publishing in 2008, has 50,000 subscribers and more than 284,000 readers in over 158 countries. This audience includes chairmen, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, treasurers, and other financial officers responsible for making investments and strategic business decisions for large global companies and financial institutions. *Global Finance* also targets the 8,000 key portfolio investors who control over 80% of all assets under professional management.