

Global Finance Names The World's Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks In Central & Eastern Europe 2019

NEW YORK, August 12, 2019 – *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners for the 2019 World's Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks Awards in Central & Eastern Europe. This is the 20th year *Global Finance* has named the World's Best Digital Banks. 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, 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 and Fraud Management, Best in Mobile Banking and Most Innovative Digital Bank.

The overall Regional and Global winners, and Global Sub-Category winners, will be revealed at *Global Finance's* Best Digital Bank Awards dinner. The event was originally planned for October 30 in Hong Kong and is being rescheduled. Winning organizations will be notified about the date and location as soon as it is set. 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 Ritz-Carlton, Dubai International Finance Centre on September 10. 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. The editors of *Global Finance* were responsible for the final selection of all winners.

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 Mobile Banking were selected based on the relative strength and success of those web products and services.

"Digital banking is not only the future but, increasingly, the present," said Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. "The Digital Bank Awards recognize and celebrate innovation and excellence in this area."

The full list of *Global Finance's* 2019 World's Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks First Round winners in Central & Eastern Europe follows.



About Global Finance

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COUNTRY WINNERS	
Belarus	Alfa Bank
Bulgaria	Citi
Czech Republic	Citi
Estonia	SEB Estonia
Georgia	Bank of Georgia
Hungary	Citi
Kazakhstan	Citi
Latvia	SEB Latvia
Lithuania	SEB Lithuania
Poland	mBank
Romania	Citi
Russia	Tinkoff Bank
Slovakia	Citi
Ukraine	Citi

REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS	
Best Investment Management Services	Sberbank
Best Online Cash Management	Tinkoff Bank
Best Trade Finance Services	ING Bank
Best Online Portal Services	Tinkoff Bank
Best Integrated Corporate Banking Site	ING Bank
Best Information Security and Fraud Management	Tinkoff Bank
Best Online Treasury Services	Sberbank
Best in Mobile Banking	Bank of Georgia
Best in Social Media Marketing and Services	Sberbank
Best Mobile Banking App	Citi
Most Innovative Digital Bank	Citi
Best Open Banking APIs	Citi

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