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Global Finance names the World's Best Internet Banks in Latin America 2010

NEW YORK, July 26, 2010 – Global Finance has announced the First Round winners in the “World’s Best Internet Banks” competition in Latin America. This is the 11th year Global Finance has named the World’s Best Internet Banks. Details on all First Round winners will be published in the September issue. First Round winners include Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks and Best Consumer Internet Banks at the country level. The Regional and Global winners for these categories will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in New York City in November and published in the December issue of Global Finance. Also announced were Regional winners in Sub-Categories. Global winners in the Sub-Categories will also be announced at the Awards Ceremony and in the December issue. The list of First Round winners follows.

Winners were chosen among entries evaluated by a world-class judging panel. 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 online customers, success in getting clients to use web offerings, growth of online customers, breadth of product offerings, evidence of tangible benefits gained from Internet initiatives, and web site design and functionality. Category winners, such as “best online cash management” were selected based on the relative strength and success of those web products and services.

“In less than a decade, the Internet has transformed the way many consumers and most businesses bank,” says Joseph D. Giarraputo, publisher of Global Finance. “The continuing improvements in Internet offerings represented by this year’s entries show that more significant Internet banking developments are still ahead of us.”

**Find the full list of the
World's Best Internet Banks
First Round Winners in Latin America 2010
on the following page.**

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COUNTRY WINNERS

Best Consumer Internet Banks:

Anguilla – Scotiabank
Antigua - Scotiabank
Argentina – Santander Rio
Bahamas – Scotiabank
Barbados – Scotiabank
Belize - Scotiabank
Brazil – HSBC
British Virgin Islands – Scotiabank
Cayman Islands - Scotiabank
Chile – Banco Santander
Colombia – Bancolombia
Dominica - Scotiabank
Dominican Republic – Scotiabank
El Salvador – HSBC
Grenada – Scotiabank
Guyana - Scotiabank
Jamaica – Scotiabank
Mexico – HSBC
Puerto Rico – Scotiabank
St. Kitts – Scotiabank
St Lucia – Scotiabank
St. Maarten – Scotiabank
St. Vincent & the Grenadines - Scotiabank
Trinidad & Tobago – Scotiabank

Turks and Caicos – Scotiabank
US Virgin Islands - Scotiabank
Venezuela – Mercantil Banco Universal

COUNTRY WINNERS

Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks:

Argentina – Citi
Brazil – Citi
Colombia – Bancolombia
Costa Rica – Citi
Dominican Republic – Citi
Ecuador – Citi
El Salvador – Citi
Guatemala – Citi
Haiti – Citi
Honduras – Citi
Jamaica – Citi
Mexico – Banamex
Panama – Citi
Paraguay – Citi
Peru – Citi
Puerto Rico – Citi
St. Maarten – Scotiabank
Trinidad & Tobago – Citi
Uruguay – Citi
Venezuela – Citi

REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS

Best Consumer Internet Banks:

Best Investment Management Services – Bancolombia
Best Bill Payment & Presentment –
Banco Popular Puerto Rico
Best Online Consumer Credit Site – Banco Santander
Best Web Site Design – Banamex
Best Integrated Consumer Bank Site –
Banco Santander
Best Information Security Initiatives – HSBC
Best Online Deposits Acquisition – Banco Santander

REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS

Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks:

Best Investment Management Services – Citi
Best Online Cash Management - Citi
Best Trade Finance Services – HSBC
Best Web Site Design – Citi
Best Integrated Corporate Bank Site – Citi
Best Information Security Initiatives – HSBC

