



Global Finance Names the 2009 World's Best Internet Banks in North America

NEW YORK, July 21, 2009 — *Global Finance* has announced the First Round winners in the “World’s Best Internet Banks” competition in North America. This is the 10th 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.”

See following for full listing of the World’s Best Internet Banks First Round winners for 2009 in North America:



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Country Winners:

Best Consumer Internet Banks:

Bermuda - HSBC

Canada – CIBC

United States – Wells Fargo

Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks:

Canada – Scotiabank/Scotia Capital

United States - Citi

Regional Sub-Category Winners:

Best Consumer Internet Banks:

Best Bill Payment & Presentment –
Wells Fargo

Best Online Consumer Credit Site –
CIBC

Best Web Site Design – Wells Fargo

Best Integrated Consumer Bank Site –
HSBC

Best Information Security Initiatives –
HSBC

Best Online Deposits Acquisition –
Wells Fargo

Best Corporate/Institutional Internet Banks:

Best Investment Management Services –
Citi

Best Online Cash Management Site –
Citi

Best Trade Finance Services – Citi

Best Web Site Design – Citi

Best Integrated Corporate Bank Site –
Citi

Best Information Security Initiatives –
Standard Chartered

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