

WORLD'S BEST SUPPLY CHAIN FINANCE PROVIDERS 2008

NEW YORK, May 19, 2008 - *Global Finance* magazine has released its rankings for its inaugural World's Best Supply Chain Finance Providers to be published in an exclusive survey in the July/August 2008 issue.

Global Finance launched the awards in recognition of the growing significance of the supply chain and the various financing solutions that are emerging to enhance working capital and reduce DPO and DSO in the supply chain. *Global Finance* selected winners across seven global and eight regional categories.

Global Finance editors — with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts — selected the best providers of supply chain financing and management services. A variety of subjective and objective criteria were used for choosing the winners.

Factors considered included: market share and global coverage, product innovation, customer service, technology, execution skills and client-specific implementations.

“Supply chain financing is becoming a highly competitive space with a mixture of both banks and non-banks providing financing and web-based tools designed to enable buyers to extend their DPO while enabling their network of suppliers to get paid earlier and gain access to more affordable lines of credit.” Said Joseph Giarraputo, publisher and editorial director of *Global Finance*. “The awards recognise those providers and customer implementations that deliver real cost benefits, savings and efficiencies for buyers and their global networks of suppliers.”

Global Winners:

Best Global Supply Chain Finance Provider - Bank: **HSBC**
Best Global Supply Chain Finance Provider - Non Bank: **Orbian**
Best Supplier Support and Enrolment: **Ariba**
Best Payables Supplier Financing Solution: **Orbian**
Best Pre-shipment Financing Solution: **HSBC**
Best Customer Implementation of Supply Chain Financing Solution: **Volvo Group and PrimeRevenue**
Best Web-based Supply Chain Financing Solution: **PrimeRevenue**

Regional Awards:

North America: **Citi**
Latin America: **Banco Santander**
Western Europe: **ABN Amro/RBS**
Nordic Region: **SEB**
Central & Eastern Europe: **Unicredit**
Asia: **Standard Chartered**
Africa: **Citi**
Middle East: **HSBC**

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