

PRESS RELEASE



Global Finance Names the World's Best Consumer Digital Banks in the Middle East 2024 by Individual Country and by Regional Sub-category

NEW YORK, July 25, 2024 – Global Finance has announced the Round One winners for the 2024 World's Best Consumer Digital Bank Awards in the Middle East. This is the 25th year Global Finance has named the World's Best Digital Banks. Details on all Round One winners will be published in the September print and digital editions as well as online at GFMag.com. Round One winners include the Best Consumer Digital Banks, the Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks and the Best Islamic Digital Banks.

This press release covers the Best Consumer Digital Banks in the Middle East by individual Country and by Regional Sub-category. A separate press release listing the Consumer Subcategory winners by Country is available on GFMag.com.

Round One winners are eligible for consideration in Round Two. Round Two honorees, which include the overall Regional and Global winners, and the Global Sub-category winners, will be revealed for the first time at Global Finance's 2024 World's Best Digital Banks Awards Ceremony on October 1 at London's landmark Banking Hall. A full report on the Round Two winners and the awards ceremony will be published in December.

Winners were chosen from 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 categories, regions and countries 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. Sub-category winners were selected based on the relative strength and success of those web products and services.

"The rapid advancements in fintech, the rise of digital currencies, and the increasing importance of cybersecurity are continually redefining the benchmarks for exceptional digital banking services," said Joseph Giarraputo, founder and editorial director of Global Finance. "Global Finance's Best Digital Bank Awards celebrate the financial institutions that are leading the way with innovative digital solutions and setting new standards in the industry."

The full list of Global Finance's 2024 World's Best Consumer Digital Banks in the Middle East by individual Country and by Regional Sub-category follows.

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Global Finance's World's Best Digital Bank Awards Ceremony and Forum

On October 1, Global Finance will host the 2024 World's Best Digital Bank Awards Ceremony and Forum at London's landmark Banking Hall. This signature event will celebrate and be attended by the world's leading organizations in Digital Banking. For more information on the event, contact loana at loana@gfinance.co.uk.



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BEST CONSUMER REGIONAL SUB-CATEGORY WINNERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST	
Best Integrated Consumer Banking Site	Arab Bank
Best Online Product Offerings	NBK
Best Bill Payment and Presentment	Arab Bank
Best User Experience (UX) Design	Al Ahli Bank (ABK)
Best Mobile Banking App	Commercial Bank of Qatar
Best Mobile Banking Adaptive Site	SAB (Saudi Awwal Bank)
Best Information Security and Fraud Management	Qatar Islamic Bank
Best Social Media Marketing and Services	Qatar Islamic Bank
Best in Lending	Saudi National Bank
Best in Innovation	NBK
Best Open Banking APIs	ila Bank
Best in Transformation	Alinma Bank



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Bahrain	ila Bank
Egypt	Arab Bank
Jordan	Arab Bank
Kuwait	Al Ahli Bank (ABK)
Oman	Bank Muscat
Qatar	Qatar Islamic Bank
Saudi Arabia	SAB (Saudi Awwal Bank)
UAE	First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)