

### **CALL FOR ENTRIES**

**Sustainable Finance Awards 2026** 

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### Enter Global Finance's Sustainable Finance Awards 2026 Honoring Leaders in the Financing of a Sustainable Future

The growth of Sustainable Finance continues across the global banking sector. The issuance of green, social, transition, and sustainability-linked loans and bonds continues to increase each year. More and more banks are embedding sustainability-focused frameworks into their strategies, setting net-zero targets, and enhancing their capacity to measure climate-related risks. However, Sustainable Finance faces challenges as it becomes part of the normal operations of banks around the world. Global Finance's Sustainable Finance Awards 2026 honorees will be the institutions that meet and overcome these obstacles with innovative, creative and unique solutions.

Global Finance is among the world's leading resources for news and information on Sustainable Finance. The Sustainable Finance Awards celebrate innovative institutions that are leading the charge in integrating sustainability into their financial practices. By recognizing outstanding achievements in sustainable lending, investment strategies, and community engagement, these awards highlight the vital role banks play in fostering a more sustainable economy. This year's honorees exemplify a commitment to transparency, accountability, and impactful initiatives that drive positive change for both the environment and society.



Recognition will be given for leadership in sustainability financing overall, community support, transparency, infrastructure and project financing, and emerging-markets sustainability funding. Awards will also be given for excellence in lending and bond issues. Honorees will be chosen globally and in the following regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, and Western Europe. Winners will also be chosen across a select group of countries, territories and districts. Entries are required for consideration in the Global and Regional categories. Entries are strongly suggested but not required for the country awards. Submitting an entry provides a greater chance of success because in many cases, entrants are able to present information and perspectives that may not be readily available to the editors of Global Finance.

Winners will be published in the March 2026 print and digital editions as well as online at GFMag.com.

Global Finance's awards and recognition programs are the trusted standard of excellence for the financial industry. They are backed by a 39-year history of editorial accuracy and integrity. Global Finance's corporate and financial audience depends on these awards because they are credible, reliable and have stood the test of time.

The 2025 Sustainable Finance Award winners were honored at reception in London at the Gherkin Building on May 13.

The 2026 ceremony is still in the planning stages, and winners will be notified well in advance.



(Left to right) Eduardo Gantes, Vice President AML, Treasury and Funding; Silvia Salto, Sustainability Strategy and Reporting; and Josep Parareda, Director of Social Action at CaixaBank, collecting the 2025 World's Best Bank for Sustaining Communities award.



DBS' Cleaven Yu (left), Executive Director, accepting the World's Best Bank for Sustainable Finance award for 2025 from Richard Scholtz (right) Managing Director, Europe and Asia, Global Finance.



The crowd at the Gherkin on May 13, 2025, for Global Finance's Best Investment Banks and Sustainable Finance Awards Ceremony.



climate-friendly) and socially impactful projects, while still earning

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GLOBAL & REGIONAL AWARDS	
Best Bank for Sustainable Finance	Best Bank for Blue Bonds  New for 2026
Sustainable Finance Deal of the Year	Best Bank for Sustainable Financing in Emerging Markets (Global Award Only/No Regional Winners)
Best Impact Investing Solution	Best Multilateral Institution for Sustainable Finance (Global Award Only/No Regional Winners)
Best Platform/Technology Facilitating Sustainable Finance	Best Bank for Green Bonds
Circular Economy Commitment Award	Best Bank for Social Bonds
Best Bank for Sustaining Communities	Best Bank for Sustainability Bonds *Please see the category clarification below.
Best Bank for Sustainability Transparency	Best Bank for ESG-Related Loans
Best Bank for Sustainable Infrastructure/Project Finance	Best Bank for Transition/Sustainability-Linked Loans and Bonds
	*Sustainability bonds are a financing tool that allows issuers to attract investors who want to support both green (environmental/

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COUNTRY, TERRITORY & DISTRICT AWARDS		
AFRICA	CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE	NORTH AMERICA
Cote d'Ivoire	Armenia	Canada
Djibouti	Azerbaijan	United States
Egypt	Czech Republic	WESTERN EUROPE
Ghana	Georgia	Austria
Kenya	Hungary	Belgium
Morocco	Poland	Denmark
Nigeria	Turkey	Finland
South Africa	LATIN AMERICA	France
Tanzania	Brazil	Germany
ASIA-PACIFIC	Chile	Greece
Australia	Colombia	Italy
China	Dominican Republic	Luxembourg
Hong Kong	Ecuador	Netherlands
India	Mexico	Norway
Indonesia	MIDDLE EAST	Portugal
Japan	Bahrain	Spain
Malaysia	Jordan	Sweden
Philippines	Kuwait	Switzerland
Singapore	Qatar	United Kingdom
South Korea	Saudi Arabia	
Taiwan	U.A.E.	
Vietnam		

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Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the review process.

#### **Entry Preparation & Methodology**

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Global Finance maintains best journalistic practices to protect the confidentiality of information supplied. Any information provided that is not appropriate for the public domain should be clearly identified in a separate section of the entry.

Those making submissions should provide concise information in the following areas:

#### <u>Section 1 – Policy and Standards</u>

- 1. In 500 words or less, outline the key elements of your company's environmental policy. Provide a separate attachment or link to the full public policy.
- 2. What specific actions will your institution not take, or financial services or products that you will not offer, due to environmental or social impact? Are there sectors or types of projects that you will not finance due to ESG considerations?

#### Section 2 – Targets and Metrics

- 3. What goals have you set for sustainable finance (e.g. \$100 billion in sustainable financing by 2026)? What progress have you made toward that goal since January 2025?
- 4. How does your sustainability financing in 2025 compare with 2024 in terms of number of loans and issues, volume of loans and issues, and total value?
- 5. Describe your institution's achievements in and contributions to sustainable finance since January 2025. What differentiates your work from others in the field?

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#### Section 3 - Key Financial Data

- 6. Please provide the following data for the period from October 1, 2024 to October 1, 2025, as appropriate:
  - a. Percentage of your bond/loan underwritings/issuances that are ESG-related (green, social, blue sustainable, transition, sustainability-linked)? Include percentages for each as relevant.
  - b. By what percentage has the ESG/sustainability share of total financial offerings grown/shrunk since January 2025?
  - c. Please include an attachment or link to the most recent report on your sustainable financing activities.

#### Section 4 - Validation and Storytelling

- 7. Third-party reviews:
  - Have your sustainability practices and initiatives (green, social, transition) been rated, ranked or evaluated by an independent third-party organization, such as S&P Global, Standard Ethics, MSCI, Refinitiv, Dealogic or Bloomberg? Include details on any such ratings.
  - b. Tell us of any other rating or ranking that may apply.
- 8. Describe up to three of your best sustainable finance efforts/initiatives/debuts since January 2025. Explain how they reflect the company's goals and mission. Possibilities include, for example, an innovative ESG financial product, a landmark bond issuance, or new public crisis financing.

Please include the contact information requested below to ensure that your submission is processed properly.

- Bank Name (exactly as it should appear on awards-related announcements)
- Award(s) Being Submitted For
- Submission Contact Name/Title/Email/Telephone
- Communications/Marketing Contact/Name/Title/Email/Telephone

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of this Call For Entries <u>from the contact listed at the bottom of this page</u> within 48 hours of sending, please resend AND notify them to ensure that your entry has been received and is processed correctly.

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# The Value and Importance of Global Finance Awards Logos

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The distinction of being a Global Finance award honoree is a powerful marketing advantage every winner can and should use to stand out from and above their competitors.

Some of the ways Global Finance award winners promote their status include:

- · Recruitment and retention efforts
- Websites
- · Investor relations information
- Conference and event signage
- · Press and publicity efforts
- Internal communications
- Advertising
- Employee motivation programs
- Pitch books
- · Branch signage
- · Promotional videos

- Social media campaigns
- Email signatures
- · Promotional materials
- Stadium, airport and outdoor signage
- Annual reports

Earning a Global Finance award also allows individual honorees as well as entire departments to stand out within their own organizations, leading to higher visibility across their industry sectors, improved staff retention and greater professional and personal recognition.































