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Submit your entry for Global Finance's 27th annual Best Investment Banks Awards for 2026 today.

In 2025, investment banks faced a more selective debt market, with firms prioritizing refinancing and targeted growth projects over broad new issuance. Meanwhile, M&A activity experienced renewed momentum, with leading firms in advisory and capital markets adapting to shifting interest rates and geopolitical uncertainty while continuing to drive major global deals.

Global Finance's Best Investment Bank Awards celebrate the leading organizations across multiple global and regional categories, industry sectors, countries, territories and districts.

Global Finance uses a proprietary algorithm with criteria—such as market share, number and size of deals, service and advice, structuring capabilities, distribution network, efforts to address market conditions, innovation, pricing, after-market performance of underwritings and market reputation—to score and select winners. Entries from banks and input from industry experts is also considered.

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.

Winners will be published in the April 2026 print and digital editions as well as on GFMag.com. Honorees will be celebrated at Global Finance's Best Investment Banks and Sustainable Finance Awards in London (Date TBA).



James Nelson (left), Managing Director and Head of Debt Capital Markets Africa, and Faruq Muhammad (right), Managing Director and Global Head of Development & Agency Finance for Standard Chartered, collecting the 2025 World's Best Investment Bank for Infrastructure Finance award.



Khalid AlShami (left), Vice President Investment Banking for KFH Capital, accepting the World's Best Investment Bank in Frontier Markets award for 2025 from Richard Scholtz, Managing Director, Europe and Asia, Global Finance.



BBVA's Almudena Lopez Blas (left), Head of Investment Banking & Finance Spain and Portugal, and Sandra Crespo (right), Head of Corporate Clients Spain, collecting the global recognition for Best Bank for Client Facing Technology for 2025.



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GLOBAL AWARDS

OVERALL WINNERS

Best Investment Bank

Best ECM Bank*

Best DCM Bank**

Best M&A Bank

Best Bank for IPOs

Best in Emerging Markets

Best in Frontier Markets

Best Multilateral Finance Institution

Best Bank for Client-Facing Technology

Best Investment Bank for Sustainable Financing

Best Bank For New Financial Products

SECTOR WINNERS

Financial Services/Banking

Healthcare

Industrials/Chemicals

Infrastructure Finance

Metals & Mining

Power/Energy

Real Estate Finance
New for 2026

Sports Finance

Technology, Media and Telecommunications

New for 2026 - For the first time, the editors of Global Finance will choose Sector Award Winners by Region where an outstanding organization deserves recognition. It is not necessary to enter for consideration, but submissions are strongly suggested.

* Best Equity Capital Market Bank

** Best Debt Capital Market Bank

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REGIONAL AWARDS

AFRICA

Best Investment Bank

Best ECM Bank

Best DCM Bank

Best M&A Bank

ASIA-PACIFIC

Best Investment Bank

Best ECM Bank

Best DCM Bank

Best M&A Bank

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Best Investment Bank

Best ECM Bank

Best DCM Bank

Best M&A Bank

LATIN AMERICA

Best Investment Bank

Best ECM Bank

Best DCM Bank

Best M&A Bank

MIDDLE EAST

Best Investment Bank

Best ECM Bank

Best DCM Bank

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NORTH AMERICA

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COUNTRY, TERRITORY AND DISTRICT AWARDS

AFRICA	CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE	NORTH AMERICA
Angola	Armenia	Canada
Egypt	Georgia	United States
Ghana	Poland	WESTERN EUROPE
Kenya	Turkey	Austria
Mauritius	LATIN AMERICA	Belgium
Morocco	Argentina	Cyprus
Mozambique	Brazil	Denmark
Nigeria	Chile	Finland
South Africa	Colombia	France
ASIA-PACIFIC	Dominican Republic	Germany
Australia	Ecuador	Greece
China	El Salvador	Iceland
Hong Kong	Mexico	Italy
India	Panama	Netherlands
Indonesia	Peru	Norway
Japan	Puerto Rico	Portugal
Kazakhstan	MIDDLE EAST	Spain
Malaysia	Bahrain	Sweden
Mongolia	Jordan	Switzerland
New Zealand	Kuwait	United Kingdom
Philippines	Qatar	
Singapore	Saudi Arabia	
South Korea	UAE	
Taiwan		
Thailand		
Vietnam		

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METHODOLOGY

Global Finance editors and researchers, with input from a range of executives, investors, and consultants worldwide, used a series of criteria to select the winners of these awards, including market share; number, size, and complexity of deals; service and advice; structuring capabilities; distribution network; efforts to address market conditions; innovation; aftermarket performance of underwritings; and market reputation.

Global Finance uses information provided by the banks, as well as material gathered from other sources, to score and select winners based on a proprietary algorithm. Performance will be judged over the period between Q4 2024 and Q3 2025. In the review process, Global Finance considers the full spectrum of banks, from relatively small institutions in frontier markets to global banks that lead the league tables.

Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the review process. It is not necessary to enter in order to win, but submissions increase the chance of success. Entrants are able to present information that may not be readily available to the editors of Global Finance, and past experience has shown that entries with detailed explanations of differentiation in services for corporate clients as compared with peers achieve better results. Global Finance adheres to journalistic best practices for protecting the confidentiality of information.

ENTRY PREPARATION

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

1. Key financials, including earnings, ROE, and market share (submit data on number and size of deals for the trailing 12 months, position on league tables, or other comparisons with competitors).
2. Details of key capabilities and services offered (including deal-structuring capabilities, distribution network and staff dedicated to investment banking).
3. Innovation in financing and new product introduction since between Q4 2024 and Q3 2025.
4. Competitive pricing and after-market performance of underwritten securities.
5. **Please include the following information as a cover sheet to your submission to ensure that it is processed properly:**
 - Bank Name (exactly as it should appear on awards-related announcements)
 - Award(s) Being Submitted For - Please Be As Specific As Possible
 - Submission Contact Name/Title/Email/Phone
 - Communications Contact Name/Title/Email/Phone
 - Line of Business Head Contact Name/Title/Email/Phone

All contact information is required for entries to be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of this your entry from the contact listed at the bottom of this page 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.

