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### Enter Global Finance's 33rd Annual World's Best Bank Awards today.

The global banking sector is enjoying strong performance despite challenges presented by increased regulatory scrutiny, geopolitical uncertainty, and disruption from fintechs. Global Finance's Best Bank Awards 2026 will recognize financial institutions that are most effectively managing their assets and liabilities, while embracing digital and AI-driven innovation to best meet the needs and expectations of their customers.

For more than three decades, corporate and financial leaders have trusted Global Finance's World's Best Bank awards as the definitive evaluations of the world's financial institutions.

Global Finance will select the Best Banks by Region in Africa, Asia-Pacific, the Caribbean, Central America, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, and Western Europe, as well as in more than 150 countries, territories, and districts, and in six US regional markets.

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 audience depends on these awards because they are credible, reliable, and have stood the test of time.

Winners will be published in the May 2026 print and digital editions, as well as online at GFMag.com. Honorees will be celebrated at an Awards Ceremony in Bangkok, Thailand, during the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings. Date and location TBA.

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CS Setty, Chairman, State Bank of India, the World's Best Consumer Bank 2025, address the crowd at Global Finance's Best Bank Awards Ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington, on October 24, 2025.



Hisham Ezz Al-Arab (left), CEO and Executive Board Member of CIB, the Best Bank in Egypt, accepts the Lifetime Achievement and Outstanding Contribution to Banking Award from Chris Giarraputo (right), Managing Director, Operations, Global Finance.



Marissa Pardo, Managing Director and Head, Public Sector Americas, BBVA, the World's Best Corporate Bank 2025.



Alexandre Fleury, Co-Head of Global Banking and Investor Solutions, Societe Generale, the World's Best Frontier Market Bank and the World's Best Bank 2025.



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| REGIONAL AWARDS                        |                      | US REGIONAL BANK AWARDS |                    |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Africa                                 |                      | Mid-Atlantic            |                    |
| Asia-Pacific                           |                      | Midwest                 |                    |
| The Caribbean                          |                      | Northeast               |                    |
| Central America                        |                      | Southeast               |                    |
| Central & Eastern Europe               |                      | Southwest               |                    |
| Latin America                          |                      | West                    |                    |
| Middle East                            |                      |                         |                    |
| North America                          |                      |                         |                    |
| Western Europe                         |                      |                         |                    |
| COUNTRY, TERRITORY AND DISTRICT AWARDS |                      |                         |                    |
| Afghanistan                            | Bangladesh           | Bulgaria                | Croatia            |
| Albania                                | Barbados             | Burkina Faso            | Cyprus             |
| Algeria                                | Belarus              | Cambodia                | Czech Republic     |
| Andorra                                | Belgium              | Cameroon                | Denmark            |
| Angola                                 | Belize               | Canada                  | Djibouti           |
| Argentina                              | Benin                | Cape Verde              | Dominican Republic |
| Armenia                                | Bermuda              | Cayman Islands          | DR Congo           |
| Australia                              | Bolivia              | Chile                   | Ecuador            |
| Austria                                | Bosnia & Herzegovina | China                   | Egypt              |
| Azerbaijan                             | Botswana             | Colombia                | El Salvador        |
| Bahamas                                | Brazil               | Costa Rica              | Equatorial Guinea  |
| Bahrain                                | Brunei Darussalam    | Côte d'Ivoire           | Estonia            |

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### COUNTRY, TERRITORY AND DISTRICT AWARDS

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|------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Ethiopia   | Kosovo        | Nigeria         | Sri Lanka                    |
| Finland    | Kyrgyzstan    | North Macedonia | Sudan                        |
| France     | Latvia        | Norway          | Sweden                       |
| Gambia     | Lebanon       | Oman            | Switzerland                  |
| Georgia    | Liechtenstein | Pakistan        | Taiwan                       |
| Germany    | Lithuania     | Palestine       | Tanzania                     |
| Ghana      | Luxembourg    | Panama          | Thailand                     |
| Greece     | Macau         | Paraguay        | Togo                         |
| Guatemala  | Madagascar    | Peru            | Trinidad & Tobago            |
| Guinea     | Malawi        | Philippines     | Tunisia                      |
| Guyana     | Malaysia      | Poland          | Turkey                       |
| Honduras   | Mali          | Portugal        | Turks & Caicos               |
| Hong Kong  | Malta         | Puerto Rico     | Uganda                       |
| Hungary    | Mauritius     | Qatar           | Ukraine                      |
| Iceland    | Mexico        | Romania         | United Arab Emirates         |
| India      | Moldova       | Rwanda          | United Kingdom               |
| Indonesia  | Monaco        | Saudi Arabia    | United States                |
| Israel     | Mongolia      | Senegal         | United States Virgin Islands |
| Iraq       | Montenegro    | Serbia          | Uruguay                      |
| Ireland    | Morocco       | Sierra Leone    | Uzbekistan                   |
| Italy      | Mozambique    | Singapore       | Venezuela                    |
| Jamaica    | Myanmar       | Slovakia        | Vietnam                      |
| Japan      | Namibia       | Slovenia        | Yemen                        |
| Jordan     | Nepal         | South Africa    | Zambia                       |
| Kazakhstan | Netherlands   | South Korea     | Zimbabwe                     |
| Kenya      | New Zealand   | Spain           |                              |

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### **METHODOLOGY**

Global Finance editors select the winners for the Best Bank Awards with input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts. The editors also use entries submitted by banks, as well as independent research, to evaluate a series of objective and subjective factors.

This year's ratings are based on performance over the period from the January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. In cases where data may not be available, banks have the option to submit data from the fourth quarter of 2024 through the third quarter of 2025.

Global Finance uses a proprietary algorithm with criteria—such as knowledge of local conditions and corporate customer needs, financial strength and safety, market standing, compliance and excellence of customer service—weighted for relative importance. Entities are rated on each separate criterion. The algorithm incorporates those ratings into a single numerical score, with 100 equivalent to perfection. These calculations reveal a ranking that determines the ultimate winners. In cases where more than one institution earns a similar score, we favor local providers over global institutions, and privately owned banks over government-owned ones.

The winners are those banks that best meet the specialized needs of corporations as they engage in global business. These top-notch finance institutions are not always the biggest, but rather the best—those with qualities that companies should look for when choosing a provider.

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 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.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Global Finance takes pride in the integrity and value of its awards and rankings. For the 2026 Best Bank Awards, the editors are confident that accurate choices can be made for Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, so those countries have been added back to the program. Russia remains temporarily excluded.

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### **ENTRY PREPARATION**

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Please review the countries and territories listed in this document as they may have changed from prior years. Those making submissions should provide concise information in the following areas:

1. Key financials, including total assets, asset growth, market share, ROE and earnings. Please submit data to describe the scale of your banking operations, including any league tables or other comparisons with competitors
2. Details of key capabilities and services offered
3. Geographical range
4. Details of any significant developments during 2025, such as mergers, acquisitions, new launches, etc.
5. Customer service—submit customer endorsements
6. Technology—examples of leading-edge technology deployment
7. CEO name and full contact details.
8. 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

Communications/Marketing Contact/Name/Title/Email

**PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of this Call For Entries from the contact listed at the bottom of this page within 48 hours of sending, please resend AND notify them to ensure 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.

