



Press release

Halyk Finance has been named “The Best Bond House in CEE” by EMEA Finance

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Upon its annual rigorous selection of the leading global dealmakers and best deals in the international capital markets – “**Achievement Awards 2017**” – EMEA Finance (www.emeafinance.com), a renowned international magazine, has named Halyk Finance “**The Best Bond House in CEE**”.

Based on the independent voting results, Halyk Finance has earned this highly prestigious award which confirms Halyk Finance’s top position in a very competitive investment banking market.

In addition, EMEA Finance has also given “**The Best Ruble Bond**” award to JSC NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy’s debut 5-year RUB 15 bn bond issue placed in June 2017, in which Halyk Finance had acted as a Joint Bookrunner.

In April 2017, Halyk Finance had also won “**The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan**” award by EMEA Finance for the 7th consecutive year.

In March 2017, Halyk Finance had won the most prestigious nomination of Cbonds Information Agency (St. Petersburg, Russia) – “**The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan 2017**”.

Mr. Arnat Abzhanov, Halyk Finance’s CEO, gave following comments:

“We are very proud of this well-deserved recognition by independent international experts of our team’s focused scrupulous work every single day. Indeed, for the first time in Halyk Finance’s history, Halyk Finance is recognized far above and beyond our country’s – Kazakhstan’s – level. Our ‘Best Bond House in CEE’ award is an extraordinary achievement for the region with population of half a billion people, and reflects the timely continuous adaptation and constant upskilling of our team while structuring complex transactions for our clients in the ever-changing rigorous CEE market environment.

2017 was a landmark year for Halyk Finance as we have significantly increased the number, breadth and depth of our successful bond transactions. These include the largest Eurobond by a CIS issuer since 2013, the 1st-ever Ruble bond by a non-Russian CIS issuer in Russia and the 1st-ever public offering of Tenge-denominated Eurobond to a wide range of investors. All of these deals are unique and are very important for further successful development of Kazakhstan’s securities market. Hence, I am quite glad that excellent concerted and well-aligned work of our entire team is recognized and ascertained at such a high level.

Last but not least, Halyk Finance remains the one and only investment bank in Kazakhstan which received (back in July 2014) and has been constantly maintaining a robust international credit rating – ‘BB/Stable’ from Fitch Ratings.”

With these successful nominations, Halyk Finance has won the highly prestigious EMEA Finance Achievement Awards for the 8th consecutive year. During 2010-2018, Halyk Finance has received a total of 17 awards in such categories as “**The Best Bond House in CEE**”, “**The Best Ruble Bond**” (JSC NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy), “**The Best Sub-Sovereign Bond in EMEA**” (JSC NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy), “**The Best Local Currency Bond in EMEA**” (JSC KazAgroFinance), “**The Dealmaker of the Year**” (Arnat Abzhanov, Halyk Finance’s CEO), “**The Best Sovereign Bond in EMEA**” (Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan), “**The Best Financial Institution Bond**” (JSC Halyk Bank), “**The Best Swiss Franc Bond**” (JSC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy), “**The Best Supranational Bond**” (Eurasian Development Bank), “**The Best Privatization IPO**” (JSC KEGOC), “**The Best Corporate Bond in EMEA**” (JSC National Company “KazMunayGas”), “**The Best IPO in CEE**” (JSC Kcell), “**The Best Depository Receipt Programme**” (JSC Kcell), “**The Most Innovative Bond**” (JSC Development Bank of Kazakhstan), “**The Best MYR Sukuk**” (JSC Development Bank of Kazakhstan) and two “**The Best Sovereign Wealth Fund Bond Deals**” (JSC Sovereign Wealth Fund “Samruk-Kazyna”).

JSC Halyk Finance – the leading investment bank in Kazakhstan which provides a full range of investment banking services.

JSC Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan – Kazakhstan’s leading financial services group and a leading retail bank with the largest customer base and distribution network among banks in Kazakhstan. The Bank is developing as a universal financial group offering a broad range of services (banking, insurance, leasing, brokerage and asset management) to its retail, small and medium enterprises and corporate customers. Halyk Bank also operates in Russia, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan.

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