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KASE gave 2019 awards to the most active members of the Exchange, listed companies and mass media representatives

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (hereinafter – the Exchange, KASE) on February 28, 2020 held the annual ceremony to award the best performing members of the Exchange, listed companies, as well as representatives of mass media for the best coverage of Kazakhstan's stock market and KASE's operations in 2019.

KASE members

Two members of the Exchange – "SkyBridge Invest" JSC and "Subsidiary organization of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan Halyk Finance" JSC received awards in the nomination "Underwriter of the year on the corporate bond market". Throughout 2019 "SkyBridge Invest" JSC placed the most amount of corporate bonds – more than KZT400 bn, or 21 % of the total amount of offerings. "Subsidiary organization of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan Halyk Finance" JSC took the second place having underwritten a total of over KZT 200 bn of bonds (11%).

Freedom Finance is the winner in the nomination "Leader of the equity market" demonstrating the most trading activity in this sector of the exchange market. The company finished the year 2019 with an activity coefficient of $Ka=3.80$; the share of individuals – clients of Freedom Finance in the total gross turnover of equity trading made more than 37 %.

In the nomination "Leader of the corporate bond market" an award was presented to Freedom Finance who became the most active participant in this market segment with the maximum activity coefficient in 2019: 2.84.

In the nomination "Leader of the government securities market" awards were presented to two participants: Freedom Finance and Subsidiary of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan "Halyk Finance".

Based on 2019 results, the most active participant on the government securities market was Freedom Finance – 2.07, the second place went to Subsidiary of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan "Halyk Finance" – 2.01.

Subsidiary of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan "Halyk Finance" received an award in the nomination "Market-maker of the year on the equity market" being the market-maker for six stocks. The amount of market-maker activities of Subsidiary of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan "Halyk Finance" made more than KZT2 bn, the number of transactions – over 2 thousand.

BCC Invest JSC (Subsidiary of Bank CenterCredit JSC) received an award in the nomination "Market-maker of the year on the equity market" being the market-maker for 24 issuances of corporate bonds with the largest amount of market-maker quotations on the secondary market.

The nomination "For significant contribution to attracting investors" was awarded to Freedom Finance for the largest number of new active trading accounts. In 2019 the number of opened active accounts of Freedom Finance made up 1,133.

Based on 2019 results, Citibank Kazakhstan won an award in the nomination "Leader of the foreign currency market" and Centras Securities – in the nomination "Leader of the unit investment funds market".

Based on 2019 results, the record growth (+40 %) was shown by the sector of initial offerings of the debt market. Leaders in this sector were determined taking into account the amount of placed bonds, the number of issues and number of attracted investors.

Based on 2019 results, Kazakhstan Stability Fund (successor of Baspana JSC) and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development received awards in the nomination "For issuing activity".

KASE-listed companies

2019 diplomas "For aspiration to transparency" were awarded to:

- financial sector companies: Development Bank of Kazakhstan and Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan;
- non-financial sector companies: National company "KazMunayGaz", KazTransOil, Samruk-Energy and KAZ Minerals PLC.

Said companies are leaders with regard to the number of information disclosures in addition to listing requirements, and their annual reports are the best regarding contents.

Mass media representatives

KASE also awarded diplomas to mass media representatives who actively covered Kazakhstan's stock market and KASE operations in 2019. These mass media representatives showed a high professional level of presenting materials in intelligible and interesting form.

Irina Ledovskih (newspaper "Kursiv") was awarded in the nomination "For active coverage of the stock market and KASE in printed mass media".

Valentina Vladimirskaia (international information agency "KazTAG") was awarded in the nomination "For active coverage of the stock market and KASE in the Internet".

For reference

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) is a leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region. KASE occupies the second place among the CIS exchanges in terms of securities trading volume, and the sixth rank in terms of the equity market capitalization among the FEAS exchanges.

It is a universal trading platform for repo market instruments, foreign currencies, government and corporate securities, bonds of international financial institutions as well as derivatives. KASE is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) and other international and local professional associations, as well as a participant of the UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative.

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