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Press release

JSC Subsidiary Organization of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan “Halyk Finance” has been named “The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan” for the 6th consecutive year by a renowned international financial magazine, EMEA Finance.

Upon its annual rigorous selection of the world’s leading investment banks – “Europe Banking Awards 2015” – EMEA Finance (www.emeafinance.com), a renowned international financial magazine, has named Halyk Finance “The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan 2015”. Halyk Finance has for the 6th consecutive year become the winner of this highly prestigious award where voting is made by the leading industry experts from all over the world, which cements Halyk Finance’s multi-year leading position in Kazakhstan’s investment banking market.

Earlier in March 2016, Halyk Finance had also won “EMEA Finance Achievement Awards” for the record 6th consecutive year in the following two prestigious nominations:

1. “The Best Sovereign Bond in EMEA” for the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan’s USD 4 billion 10- and 30-year dual-tranche Eurobond in which Halyk Finance has acted as the Joint Lead Manager in July 2015; and
2. “The Best Financial Institution Bond” for JSC Halyk Bank’s KZT 132 billion 10-year bond in which Halyk Finance has acted as the Sole Financial Advisor and Bookrunner.

“This acknowledgement of Halyk Finance – the investment banking arm of Halyk Group – as the best investment bank in Kazakhstan for the record 6th consecutive year is an extraordinary achievement not only for Kazakhstan and our entire region, but also for the Emerging and Frontier Markets as a whole. A ceaseless multi-year streak of the highest country awards from such an established and renowned international financial magazine objectively attests to Halyk Finance’s absolute leadership in Kazakhstan’s investment banking market during all prior years,” – comments Mrs. Umut Shayakhmetova, Halyk Bank’s CEO.

“Our leading position in a very competitive Kazakhstan market over so many years properly reflects the truly immense amount of all the tremendous work which has been constantly done by Halyk Finance’s team with utmost daily focus to the individual needs of every client of ours. Halyk Finance is the 1st – and only – investment bank in Kazakhstan to receive an international credit rating from a leading international rating agency – “BB” from Fitch Ratings with a ‘Stable’ outlook. Moreover, we relentlessly confirm our impressive international credit rating every year which does reflect a very high quality of our impeccable services thoroughly backed by the many years of successful execution of highly sophisticated – and often unique – transactions in both international and domestic capital markets,” – states Mr. Arnat Abzhanov, Halyk Finance’s CEO.

Halyk Finance wins prestigious “EMEA Finance Achievement Awards” for the 6th consecutive year – during 2010-2016, the firm has received a total of 13 awards in such categories as “The Dealmaker of the Year” (Mr. Arnat Abzhanov), “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 rendering a full range of investment banking services including consulting and underwriting, corporate finance (M&A advisory and corporate debt restructurings), sales and trading with market making on the KASE, investment portfolio management and research.*

***JSC Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan** – one of Kazakhstan's leading financial services groups 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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