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KASE presented 2018 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 19, 2019 held the annual ceremony to award the best 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 2018.

KASE members

Kazkommerts Securities (subsidiary of Kazkommertsbank) became the winner in the nomination "**Underwriter of the year on the corporate bond market**" among members of the Exchange. In the course of 2018 Kazkommerts Securities placed the most debt securities issuances to a total of KZT127 bn.

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 2018 with an activity coefficient of $Ka=3.80$.

The company has the largest number of active accounts of retail investors. The share of individuals – clients of Freedom Finance – made up more than 30 % in the total gross shares trading turnover.

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

Based on results of 2018, the most activity on the corporate bond market was shown by Freedom Finance ($Ka=2.97$), the second place is occupied by Subsidiary of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan "Halyk Finance" ($Ka=2.32$).

In the nomination "**Leader of the government securities market**" the most active participant of this market segment was **Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan**, with the most activity coefficient in 2018 ($Ka=2.88$).

Freedom Finance who was a market-maker for eight stocks won the nomination "**Market-maker of the year on the equity market**". The amount of Freedom Finance's market-maker deals made up KZT11.7 bn, the number of deals – 8,449.

Subsidiary of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan "Halyk Finance" who is a market-maker for 21 corporate bond issuances was honored in the nomination "**Market-maker of the year on the corporate bond market**". The total amount of deals completed by Halyk Finance as a market-maker made up KZT379.6 mln.

The nomination "**For significant contribution to attracting investors**" was awarded to **Freedom Finance** for the most number of new active trading accounts. In 2018 the number of opened active accounts of **Freedom Finance** made up 2,786, they were involved in 42,798 transactions.

To encourage members of the Exchange who significantly contributed to the exchange market's development, the "**Leader of the trading amount**" was established.

SkyBridge Invest was presented an award as **"Leader of trading amount on the secondary CS market"** and **Citibank Kazakhstan** won the nomination **"Leader of trading amount on the foreign currency market"** based on 2018 results.

KASE-listed companies

2018 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"** and **KazTransOil**.

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.

In nominations: **"Underwriter of the year on the equity market"**, **"Market-maker of the year on the government securities market"**, **"For development of the derivatives market"** there were no winners.

Mass media representatives

KASE also awarded diplomas to mass media representatives who actively covered Kazakhstan's stock market and KASE operations in 2018. These mass media representatives showed a high professional level of presenting materials in intelligible and interesting form.

Tatyana Panchenko (website forbes.kz) was awarded a diploma in the nomination **"Best news story on Internet resources"**.

Anastasia Gnatko (production center "LS TV") was awarded a diploma in the nomination **"Best TV report"**.

For reference

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) is a leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region and the only exchange in Kazakhstan, carrying out its activities in the financial market. 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. In 2015, KASE joined the UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative. KASE occupies the second place among the CIS exchanges in terms of securities trading volume, as well as the sixth rank in terms of the equity market capitalization among the FEAS exchanges.

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