



## Press release

### Halyk Finance wins “The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan 2018” award by Cbonds

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An official “Cbonds Awards CIS 2018” ceremony, where Kazakhstan's financial industry leaders are traditionally nominated, took place on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Astana during the XV Bond Congress of the CIS and the Baltic States arranged by Cbonds Information Agency (St. Petersburg).

Based on the results of an independent survey of the CIS financial market experts and Cbonds’ editorial board, JSC Halyk Finance (“**Halyk Finance**”) has won the most prestigious Kazakhstani award – “**The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan 2018.**”

“We are proud of this well-deserved recognition by independent international experts of our team’s united scrupulous work every single day with constant unyielding focus on the needs of our clients. We are winning this prestigious nomination for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year and for the record 4<sup>th</sup> time in this award’s 5-year history. Over the last 18 months, 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 1<sup>st</sup>-ever Ruble bond by a non-Russian CIS issuer in Russia, the 1<sup>st</sup>-ever public offering of Tenge-denominated Eurobond to a wide range of investors, and two successful liability management transactions. All of these deals are unique and are very important for further successful development of Kazakhstan’s securities market. Hence, I am 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,” said Arnat Abzhanov, CEO of Halyk Finance.

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*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 – the leading financial group with the leading retail bank in Kazakhstan with the biggest client base and branch network. Bank is developing as a universal financial group, which offers wide spectrum of services (banking, brokerage services, insurance services, leasing and asset management services) to its retail, medium and small business and corporate clients. Halyk Bank also operates in Russia, Georgia and Kirgizstan.*

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