



Press release

Halyk Finance becomes The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan for the record 8th consecutive year

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Upon its annual rigorous selection of the world's leading investment banks "Europe Banking Awards 2017", EMEA Finance (www.emeafinance.com) – a renowned international financial magazine – has named Halyk Finance **"The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan"**. For the record 8th consecutive year, Halyk Finance has 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 relentless leading position in Kazakhstan's highly competitive investment banking market.

Earlier this year, **Halyk Finance has won the "EMEA Finance Achievement Awards" for the record 8th consecutive year as well** in the following two prestigious nominations:

1. **"The Best Bond House in Central & Eastern Europe 2017"** – this award covers a region with population of half a billion people and is a historic achievement for Halyk Finance; and
2. **"The Best Rouble Bond 2017"** for 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 Arranger.

In March 2017, Halyk Finance had won the most prestigious nomination of **Cbonds Information Agency** – **"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 united scrupulous work every single day with constant unyielding focus on the needs of our clients. Halyk Finance's 'The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan' award for the record 8th consecutive year is a truly extraordinary achievement not only in Kazakhstan given our country's very competitive investment banking industry, but also in the entire Central Asian region.

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."

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.

EMEA Finance – an international financial magazine which covers important events and news in corporate finance in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

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