



Press release

## Halyk Finance wins "Best Investment Bank of the Year - Kazakhstan 2018" and "Best Bond House - Kazakhstan 2018" awards by Global Business Outlook

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Upon its thorough selection of the world's leading investment banks a renowned international magazine "Global Business Outlook" (<u>http://globalbusinessoutlook.com/</u>) has named Halyk Finance the winner of the two prestigious awards **"Best Investment Bank of the Year – Kazakhstan 2018"** and **"Best Bond House - Kazakhstan 2018"**.

Mr Murat Temirkhanov, acting CEO of Halyk Finance, comments:

"We are very proud to receive these well-deserved awards from independent international experts that cement Halyk Finance's status as the leading investment bank in Kazakhstan and give a successful start to Halyk Finance's awards this year. Our highly experienced and top-notch professional team has done a great job putting a lot of effort in the year 2018.

This include the first ever IPO executed at AIX, the stock exchange of Astana International Financial Center, where we were able to perform the primary settlements on the international securities through the Kazakhstan AIX trading and depository settlement system. Also, Halyk Finance performed a number of successful bond transactions such as landmark liability exercise for JSC "National Company "KazMunayGas" and a few tenge-denominated placements on the local market.

We are much honored that our clients highly rate our team's professionalism and continue to mandate Halyk Finance to execute complex and often unique transactions. Halyk Finance constantly provides careful attention and unyielding focus on the individual needs of each client.

Last, but not least Halyk Finance is the one and only investment bank in Kazakhstan which has received and keeps on maintaining its robust international credit rating. Fitch Ratings continuously monitors Halyk Finance's financial position and regularly provides its updated view on the credit rating. The latest update on Halyk Finance was published on 10th of December, 2018, when Fitch affirmed Halyk Finance's credit rating at "BB" with "Positive" outlook."

**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.

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