

## PRESS-RELEASE

### *JSC Halyk Finance is Kazakhstan's top investment bank yet again per Cbonds' prestigious rankings*

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First, in July 2014, Cbonds information agency ([www.cbonds.com](http://www.cbonds.com)) has published its ranking of investment banks – underwriters of corporate bonds<sup>1</sup> in the Republic of Kazakhstan – based on 1H 2014 results.

Halyk Finance has yet again topped Cbonds' ranking of investment banks underwriting corporate bonds in the Republic of Kazakhstan – well ahead of its closest peers – with 4 corporate bond placements with the aggregate amount of KZT 13.7 bn (or 66% market share) of the total KZT 20.7 bn tenge placed by underwriters through the KASE in 1H 2014.

Second, Halyk Finance has become a Top-20 investment bank in Cbonds' CIS Eurobond bookrunner ranking of 1H 2014. The leading ranking position of Halyk Finance – the only investment bank from Kazakhstan in the league table – was firmly supported by Halyk Finance's successful participation in 3 Eurobond issues with c. \$144 MM contribution.

Third, based on public voting results conducted on Cbonds' website, Halyk Finance has been named **“The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan 2014”** in this Cbonds' debut nomination.

**As a result, Halyk Finance has yet again successfully proved its firm top position in the Kazakhstan's investment banking sector.**

**“We have been standing firmly at the very top of the Cbonds' ranking of corporate bond underwriters in Kazakhstan over the past 2.5 years and will do our utmost to remain there.”** – said Mr. Arnat Abzhanov, the CEO of JSC Halyk Finance. **“Today's capital market for public corporate debt issuance in Kazakhstan is quite dormant which makes it much harder for underwriters to place bonds in the primary market. The very fact of us being able to keep our leading position intact – as well as our victory in Cbonds' debut “Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan” public nomination – both serve not only as a testament to our team's top-notch expertise and rigorous work efforts every day, but also clearly evidence our clients' deep trust in us and our quality of work. The latest example of this trust is our successful execution of a joint mandate of JSC NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy's (“KTZ”) dual tranche Eurobond which has set several new industry benchmarks. First, this high-profile transaction has become the 1<sup>st</sup> ever public CHF-denominated bond issue out of Kazakhstan with KTZ becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Kazakhstan issuer to tap the Swiss market – thereby confidently paving the way for all other prospective issuers. Second, the coupon rate of just 2.59% under the 5-year tranche has become the lowest coupon ever historically among all Kazakhstan Eurobond issuers.”**

The full list of the rankings can be found at: <http://cbonds.com/rankings/item/285>, <http://cbonds.com/rankings/item/261> and <http://cbonds.com/awards/>.

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<sup>1</sup> Cbonds' ranking of investment banks underwriting corporate bonds in the Republic of Kazakhstan is based on the aggregate nominal amount of corporate bonds placed by underwriters in the primary market through the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (“KASE”).

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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.*

*Cbonds – one of the leading financial information agencies in the CIS.*

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