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Global Finance, the renowned international business magazine, names JSC Halyk Finance “The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan 2014”

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Upon Global Finance’s (<http://www.gfmag.com/>) annual selection of the World’s Best Investment Banks, JSC Halyk Finance (“Halyk Finance”, JSC Halyk Bank’s investment banking subsidiary) **has been named “The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan 2014.”** Halyk Finance is receiving this highly prestigious award by Global Finance for the 3rd time, having been recognized as “The Best Investment Bank in Kazakhstan” two consecutive times in 2011 and 2012. Halyk Finance has been included into “The World’s Best Investment Banks 2014” list which will be published in Global Finance’s April 2014 issue.

In their selection of the World’s Best Investment Banks, Global Finance editors, with input from industry experts, used a series of criteria – including market share, number and size of deals, service and advice, structuring capabilities, distribution network, efforts to address market conditions, innovation, pricing, after-market performance of underwritings and market reputation to select the winners. Deals announced or completed in 2013 were considered.

Earlier this year, Halyk Finance has already won a prestigious “Best Corporate Bond in EMEA” award from EMEA Finance for its successful Joint Lead Manager and Kazakhstan Bookrunner work on JSC National Company KazMunayGas’s \$1 bn 10-year and debut \$2 bn 30-year benchmark Eurobond issues in April 2013.

JSC Halyk Finance is 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 Kazakhstan Stock Exchange), investment portfolio management and research.

JSC Halyk Bank is the leading bank in Kazakhstan with the largest number of customers and the largest branch network in the country. Halyk Bank is a part of Halyk Group which has 13 subsidiaries. Halyk Group provides a broad range of services (banking, pension asset management, insurance, leasing, investment banking and asset management services) to retail, SME and corporate customers. Halyk Bank conducts banking operations in Russia, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan. Halyk Bank is rated by all three main international rating agencies: Moody’s Investor Service (Ba2), Fitch Ratings (BB) and Standard&Poor’s (BB).

Global Finance is an international business magazine founded in 1987 with a circulation of 50,050 and readers in 180 countries.

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