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### **KASE awards Exchange members, listed companies and media for 2021**

On 15 March 2022, Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (hereinafter - the Exchange, KASE) held its annual awards for 2021: the Exchange members who demonstrated the best results, listed companies - for striving for transparency, as well as media representatives (mass media) - for active coverage of the stock market.

#### **KASE members**

Among KASE members, Freedom Finance was awarded in the Corporate Bond Market Underwriter of the Year category. During 2021, Freedom Finance underwrote the largest number of bond issues with the highest volume.

In the "Equity Market Leader" and "Corporate Bond Market Leader" categories, Freedom Finance was recognized as the best, having completed 2021 with a significant lead in both equity and bond market activity ratios of  $Ka = 3.80$ .

In the Government Securities Market Leader category, Freedom Finance was also recognised as the winner for demonstrating the highest trading activity in this sector of the stock market with an activity coefficient of  $Ka = 3.00$ .

Citibank Kazakhstan JSC was named the winner in the Foreign Currency Market Leader category for 2021.

Freedom Finance JSC was awarded in the nomination "Market Maker of the Year on the stock market", which was a market maker on shares of 30 denominations. The volume of the Company's market-maker transactions amounted to more than KZT4 billion and the number of transactions was about 10 thousand.

BCC Invest, a subsidiary of Bank CenterCredit JSC, was named Market Maker of the Year in the Corporate Bond Market category, having acted as market maker on 31 corporate bonds in 2021, with 280 transactions concluded on these securities.

In the Government Securities Market Maker of the Year category, Freedom Finance was the most active.

Halyk Finance was awarded in the category "Significant contribution to attracting investors" for the largest number of new active trading accounts. Halyk Finance opened 12,713 active accounts in 2021.

BCC Invest JSC was awarded in the Best Financial Adviser category. In 2021, the company acted as financial advisor to the largest number of issues - listing 11 issues of securities of 8 issuers.

SkyBridge Invest JSC was awarded in the category "Highest trading volume on the secondary share market", with its clients' share of the total gross trading turnover on the secondary share market being estimated at around 23.7%.

JSC Subsidiary Bank Bank of China in Kazakhstan was awarded in the nomination "For Contribution to the Development of the Chinese Yuan Exchange Market" and JSC Sberbank of Russia Subsidiary Bank

was recognised as the winner in the nomination "For Contribution to the Development of the Russian Rouble Exchange Market". These participants concluded transactions in these currency pairs with the highest volume.

In 2021 Exchange members were active not only in attracting investors but also in carrying out activities to improve financial literacy of investors. The Exchange decided to award First Heartland Jusan Invest JSC and Centras Securities JSC in the category "For Contribution to Improving Financial Literacy".

Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan, First Heartland Securities and Kaspi Bank and Halyk Finance were recognised as the best in the category "Support for Exchange Technology Projects", Kaspi Bank and Halyk Finance. The winners took an active part in implementing the omnibus trading project, in launching the KASE GLOBAL sector, in testing the functionality of the ASTS+ trading and clearing system on the stock market and in upgrading this system's infrastructure, respectively.

### **KASE listing companies**

The "Commitment to Transparency" diplomas for the year 2021 were awarded to:

- financial sector companies - Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC and Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC;
- non-financial sector companies - JSC National Company KazMunayGas and JSC National Atomic Company Kazatomprom.

These companies are leaders in terms of disclosure activity and the informativeness of the documents disclosed.

### **Media representatives**

Mass media representatives were also awarded diplomas for active coverage of Kazakhstan's stock market and KASE activities in 2021. These journalists demonstrated a high professional level of material presentation in an accessible and interesting form.

In the nomination "For Active Coverage of the Stock Market and KASE in the Print Media", diplomas were awarded to Dinara Bekmagambetova (Kursiv newspaper) and Alevtina Donskikh (Delovoy Kazakhstan newspaper).

Elena Tumashova (Internet portal Inbusiness.kz) and Tatiana Batischeva (Internet portal Forbes.kz) were awarded diplomas in the category "For active coverage of the stock market and KASE on Internet resources".

Kamilla Tastanbekova (Khabar24 TV channel) was awarded a diploma in the category "For Active Coverage of the Stock Market and KASE on Television".

### **For reference**

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) is the leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region. KASE ranks second among CIS exchanges in terms of volume of securities trades, and sixth in terms of capitalisation of the FEAS share market.

It is a universal trading platform for corporate and government securities, bonds of international financial institutions, foreign currencies, money market transactions - repo and swap, as well as derivatives. KASE is a member of the International Federation of Exchanges (WFE), Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) and other international and domestic professional associations, as well as a member of the UN initiative "Stock Exchanges for Sustainable Development".

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