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### **KASE awards the most active members of Exchange, listed companies and media representatives in 2020**

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (hereinafter – the Exchange, KASE) on February 17, 2021 held an annual awarding ceremony based on results of 2020: members of the Exchange, who demonstrated the best results, listed companies – for striving for transparency, as well as representatives of the media – for active coverage of the stock market in print media and Internet resources.

#### **Members of KASE**

Among members of the Exchange, Halyk Finance JSC, a subsidiary of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC, was awarded in the nomination "Underwriter of the Year in the Corporate Bond Market". During 2020, Halyk Finance JSC acted as an underwriter for the largest number of bond issues with the largest volume.

In the nomination "Equity Market Leader" and "Corporate Bond Market Leader", Freedom Finance JSC ended 2020 with a significant leadership in terms of activity coefficients  $K_a = 3.80$ , both on the equity market and on the bond market.

Freedom Finance JSC was also recognized as the winner in the nomination "Leader of the government securities market" for demonstrating the most trading activity in this sector of the exchange market with an activity coefficient  $K_a = 2.31$ .

Based on results of 2020, Citibank Kazakhstan JSC was recognized as the winner in the nomination "Leader of the Foreign Currency Market".

HalykFinance, a subsidiary of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan, JSC, which was a market-maker for shares of five titles, was awarded in the nomination "Market-maker of the year in the equity market". The volume of market-maker deals of the Company amounted to more than 2 bn tenge, the number of deals made about 1 thousand.

BCC Invest JSC, a subsidiary of Bank CenterCredit JSC, which in 2020 acted as a market-maker for 14 corporate bond issues, with the volume of market-maker quotes of around 170 mln tenge, was awarded in the nomination "Market-maker of the Year in the Corporate Bond Market".

Freedom Finance JSC showed the most activity in the nomination "Market-maker of the Year in the Government Securities Market".

Freedom Finance JSC was awarded in the nomination "For a significant contribution to attracting investors" – for the largest number of new active trading accounts. In 2020, the number of open active accounts of Freedom Finance JSC was 7,393.

Halyk Global Markets JSC and Halyk Finance JSC were awarded in the nomination "Best Financial Advisor". In 2020, the companies acted as financial advisors on the listing of 18 securities issues from five issuers and 12 securities issues from seven issuers, respectively.

Tengri Partners Investment Banking (Kazakhstan) JSC was awarded in the nomination "For Contribution to the Development of the Sector "Securities of International Financial Organizations"". Over the past three years, Tengri Partners Investment Banking (Kazakhstan) JSC has placed the largest volume of IFO bonds on the regulated securities market.

SkyBridge Invest JSC was awarded in the nomination "The largest trading volume in the secondary equity market", the share of its clients in the total gross turnover of trading in the secondary equity market was estimated at about 44 %.

Subsidiary Bank "Bank of China in Kazakhstan" JSC was awarded in the nomination "For the contribution to the development of the Chinese yuan exchange market", Subsidiary Bank "Sberbank of Russia" JSC – in the nomination "For the contribution to the development of the Russian ruble exchange market", as trading participants who concluded the most deals in the respective currency pairs.

### **KASE listed companies**

Diplomas "For striving for transparency" based on results of 2020 were awarded to:

- companies of the financial sector – ForteBank JSC, Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC and Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC;
- companies of the non-financial sector – National company "KazMunayGaz" JSC, KazTransOil JSC and KEGOC JSC.

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

### **Media representatives**

For active coverage of Kazakhstan's stock market and operations of KASE in 2020, media representatives were also awarded diplomas. These journalists demonstrated a high professional level of presenting material in a comprehensible and interesting form.

In the nomination "For active coverage of the stock market and KASE in print media" diplomas were awarded to Dinara Bekmaganbetova (newspaper "Kursiv") and Irina Ledovskih.

Elena Tumashova (Information Agency "Inbusiness.kz") and Milana Beinoeva (Information Agency "LS Aqparat") were awarded diplomas in the nomination "For active coverage of the stock market and KASE in Internet resources".

### **For reference**

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) is a leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region. KASE occupies the second place among the CIS exchanges in terms of securities trading volume, and the sixth rank in terms of the equity market capitalization among the FEAS exchanges.

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

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