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### KASE sums up the results of the annual report competition

On March 12, 2024, Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (hereinafter – the Exchange, KASE) hosted an award ceremony for organizations based on the results of the annual report competition.

The Exchange held the competition in order to develop the practice of preparing non-financial reporting in Kazakhstan.

During the competition, annual reports and sustainable development reports for 2022 of legal entities – residents of the Republic of Kazakhstan that submitted applications to participate in the competition were assessed.

The Exchange has developed a procedure for evaluating annual reports, taking into account the assessment of various characteristics of the competition participants' reports. A total of 150 criteria were assessed. Applications for participation in the competition were submitted from 21 organizations in the financial and non-financial sectors, as well as from non-public companies.

Under the competition, main and additional nominations have been established.

#### Main nominations

In the category "Best Annual Report for 2022" the following companies were awarded diplomas:

- financial sector companies: ForteBank JSC – as a laureate, Kazakhstan Housing Company JSC and Qazaqstan Investment Corporation JSC – as the winners;
- companies of the non-financial sector: National Atomic Company "Kazatomprom" JSC – as a laureate, KazTransOil JSC and National Company "KazMunayGas" JSC – as the winners.

In the category "Best Sustainable Development Report for 2022" diplomas were awarded to:

- Sovereign Wealth Fund "Samruk-Kazyna" JSC – as a laureate, National Company "KazMunayGas" JSC and First Heartland Jýsan Bank JSC – as the winners.

#### Additional nominations

In the category "Best annual report of a non-public company for 2022" the following diplomas were awarded:

- NGK "Tau-Ken Samruk" JSC – as a laureate, Kazpost JSC and Samruk-Kazyna Ondeu LLP – as the winners.

KASE holds the annual reports competition since 2022. The assessment of annual reports was carried out by KASE employees, as well as Kazakhstan's experts in the field of assessment and preparation of annual reports. Previously, this competition was held by the rating agencies "Expert RA Kazakhstan" and "QRA".

**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 fourth place 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 organizations, 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), the International Association of Exchanges of the Commonwealth of Independent States (MAB CIS), the Global Association of Central Counterparties (CCP Global) and other international and local professional associations, as well as a participant of the UN's Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative.

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