This year’s investment banking awards includes new categories that aim to recognise the institutions that best use their capabilities to help further the world’s sustainable economic, environmental and social development. We will look for evidence of how your bank has embedded environmental, social and governance considerations into its business activity and what support is being given to clients that will encourage them to operate in a long-term, sustainable way.

**CATEGORIES**

**SUSTAINABILITY:**

- Investment bank of the year for sustainability
- Independent investment bank of the year for sustainability
- Investment bank of the year for sustainable corporate finance
- Investment bank of the year for sustainable FIG financing
- Investment bank of the year for sustainable infrastructure and project finance
- Investment bank of the year for sustainable leveraged finance
- Investment bank of the year for sustainable SSA financing

**TECHNOLOGY:**

- Most innovative trading system
- Best technology innovation in investment banking

For each individual award category, participants must provide a written submission outlining why they believe their bank deserves to win that award.

Please see page 2 for entry and judging criteria.

Please email your entries in separate documents, one entry per category, and one category per document to: InvestmentBankingAwards@ft.com by Friday, July 17th.

**PRODUCT AND COVERAGE AWARDS**

- Bonds
- Green/climate action bonds
- Social impact bonds
- Emerging markets (includes all advisory work and capital markets transactions for EM entities)
- Equity-linked products (including convertibles and exchangeables)
- Equity derivatives
- Equity raising (includes all non-IPO work, such as accelerated book builds and rights issues)
- IPOs
- Islamic finance
- M&A
- Private placements
- Restructuring
- Securitisation
- Green/sustainability-linked loans
- Syndicated loans

**CONFIDENTIALITY:**

A write-up of each winner, including examples of their work, will be featured in the October edition of The Banker magazine. If any transaction, advice, trade or other element of the submission should not be referenced in this write-up, it must clearly be marked as such by writing in bolded red [CONFIDENTIAL - start] at the beginning of the confidential information and [CONFIDENTIAL – end] at its end.
GENERAL ENTRY & JUDGING CRITERIA:

For each individual award category, participants should supply a cover sheet with their entry, detailing the name of the bank, the award category and the name, contact details and postal address of the person responsible for the entry.

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What innovations have you introduced during the entry period and how have they benefited clients or contributed to markets operating more effectively?

How has your bank benefited its clients and/or met their needs?

Participants may include up to three innovations/transactions/technology case studies per entry.

SUSTAINABILITY CATEGORIES:

Each award submission should address three main criteria, with sustainability as the primary focus where possible:

How has your bank incorporated environmental, social and governance considerations into its business activity?

How has your bank supported the achievement of the UN’s sustainable development goals through its business activity?

How has your bank supported its clients to operate in a long-term, financially sustainable way?

The judging process will be governed by a confidentiality agreement, which will ensure that any information contained in the entries will be treated as private and confidential if it is marked as such in the entry.

TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES:

How was the initiative useful? What goals did the initiative have? What problem was it trying to solve? Was it successful in meeting its goals? How has the initiative benefited its users, i.e. your organisation, customers or clients?

How was your initiative innovative? Does it have the potential to transform the market? Does it differ from other solutions that already exist?

ENTRIES

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