

*The Banker's* Investment Banking Awards recognise the banks that are putting sustainability at the heart of what they do, have gone above and beyond to provide excellent service and execution for their clients – even during the most challenging of circumstances – and that have introduced impactful innovation into their work.

The categories and criteria reflect that being the best in the business means pushing the envelope across all of these areas.

### CATEGORIES

#### Investment Bank of the Year

(Not available for direct entry, winners will be selected on the strength of their regional and house award entries)

- Investment bank of the year
- Independent investment bank of the year
- Investment bank of the year for sustainability

#### Regional Awards

- Investment bank of the year for Africa
- Investment bank of the year for the Americas
- Investment bank of the year for Asia
- Investment bank of the year for Europe
- Investment bank of the year for Central and eastern Europe
- Investment bank of the year for the Middle East

For each regional and house award category, participants must complete an entry form outlining why their bank deserves to win that award.

See page two for detailed entry and judging criteria.

Email your completed entries in separate documents, one entry per category, and one category per document to: [InvestmentBankingAwards@ft.com](mailto:InvestmentBankingAwards@ft.com) by Friday, March 1st.

#### Confidentiality

Please do not include confidential information, as the information provided in the winning entries may be included in the write-up of the awards in the May edition of *The Banker*.

#### House Awards (Investment Bank of the Year for...)

- Bonds
- Sustainable bonds (green, social and sustainable)
- Sustainable FIG financing
- Sustainable SSA financing
- Emerging markets (includes all advisory work and capital markets transactions for emerging markets entities)
- Equity derivatives
- Equity raising
- IPOs
- Infrastructure and project finance
- Leveraged finance
- M&A
- Private placements
- Restructuring
- Securitisation
- Green/sustainability-linked loans
- Syndicated loans

#### Deal Awards

(The winning deals will be selected from the case studies provided in the house awards entries)

- Deal of the Year for Bonds
- Deal of the Year for Sustainable bonds
- Deal of the Year for Sustainable FIG financing
- Deal of the Year for Sustainable SSA financing
- Deal of the Year for Emerging markets
- Deal of the Year for Equities
- Deal of the Year for Infrastructure and project financing
- Deal of the Year for Leveraged finance
- Deal of the Year for M&A
- Deal of the Year for Restructuring
- Deal of the Year for Green/sustainability-linked loans
- Deal of the Year for Syndicated loans

## **ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS AND JUDGING CRITERIA**

For each regional and house award category participants should complete The Banker's Investment Banking Awards 2024 Entry Form. Detailing the name of the bank, the award category and the name and contact details of the person responsible for the entry, as well as answering the submission questions.

Completion of the entry form is mandatory in order to be considered for an award. A separate completed entry form is required for each regional and house award category you choose to enter.

As well as answers to the submission questions each entry should include relevant deal case studies showcasing your best work at the end of the form or as attachments to the same email (please label clearly). The best deal case studies will be included in the judging pool for the deal awards.

Completed entry forms and submissions should be emailed to:

InvestmentBankingAwards@ft.com

## **REGIONAL AND HOUSE AWARDS**

Entries will be judged against the following criteria:

- The quality of service and execution provided to your clients
- How you overcame, or assisted your clients to overcome, obstacles and difficult market conditions
- How your bank has benefited your clients and assisted them to meet their objectives
- The extent to which environmental, social and governance considerations have been a part of your business activity and how this has benefited your clients
- How your bank has supported clients to achieve their goals on sustainability
- The extent to which your bank has introduced innovations that have benefited clients or improved market operations

## **ENTRIES**

Entries should include relevant data from January 2023 to February 2024.

The closing date for entries is Friday, March 1st, 2024.

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## **CONTACT**

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