

PRESS RELEASE

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Ohridska Banka Societe Generale pronounced as Best bank in Macedonia for 2017 by Global Finance

The worldwide renowned finance magazine Global Finance, which is publication issued by The World Bank in Washington DC, announced the list of winners of the prestigious award “Best banks for 2017” for the Central and Eastern Europe.

Second consecutive year, Ohridska Banka Societe Geneale is the only Macedonian bank recieveing the award “Best Bank in Macedonia”, this time for 2017, which according the magazines’ editorial committee, eminent observers from the field as well as executive directors from the industry, demonstrates best results in the evaluation of the objective and subjective criteria within the analysis.

As objective criteria, the analysis includes: assets growth, profitability, geographical coverage, strategic partnerships, new business developments and innovative products; while as subjective criteria are taken the opinions of credit and banking experts from the industry. In order to increase the accuracy and the relevance of the data, Global Finance conveys a survey among its readers, which additionally confirms the creditability of this acknowledgement.

*“This award is really important for Ohridska bank Societe Generale. It is not only a confirmation of our hard work and good financial results, but it is also another confirmation that the success we had last year is not random. After the triple crown of "Global Finance", "Euromoney" and "The banker" in 2016, this award is another proof of the continued growth of the bank and its position as a reliable financial partner of companies and individuals. We are proud to be important participant in the entire economy in the country and to participate in its sustainable development. We are a bank that continuously grow and successfully establish new standards in the banking system in Republic of Macedonia. And this renewed award is dedicated to all our clients, which number constantly grow and today is more than 75.000, as well as dedicated to all our employees, which hard work and dedication bring success for all of us” – stated **Branka Pavlovic**, President of the Management Board of Ohridska Banka Societe Generale.*

This year, the awards were given to 22 banks in 22 countries in CEE. Quoting the publisher and editorial director of Global Finance, **Joseph D. Giarraputo**, the purpose of the “Best Bank” awards is celebrating financial institutions that excel at delivering customers the services and products tailored to meet their unique needs

Global Finance, founded in 1987, has a large circulation and readers in 192 countries. Its

circulation is audited by BPA. Global Finance's audience includes chairmen, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, treasurers and other senior financial officers responsible for making investment and strategic decisions at multinational companies and financial institutions. Its website — GFMag.com — offers analysis and articles that are the heritage of 30 years of experience in international financial markets, and provides a valuable source of data on 192 countries. Global Finance is headquartered in New York, with offices in London and Milan. The winners will be honoured at an Awards Ceremony held during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington DC on the morning of October 14, 2017 at the National Press Club.

About Ohridska Banka Société Générale

Ohridska Banka Société Générale is universal banking institution. Since 2007, Ohridska Banka Société Générale belongs to one of the largest financial institutions worldwide - Société Générale Group. With more than 146,000 employees, based in 66 countries, Société Générale Group has been at the site of 31 million clients throughout the world for more than 150 years. Ohridska Banka Société Générale performs according to the high standards of Société Générale, respecting the four main values of the Group: team spirit, innovation, commitment and responsibility. The basic strategy of Ohridska Banka Société Générale is constant advancement of the quality of execution of banking services and its full dedication to meet the needs of its clients. Through its headquarters in Skopje and widespread network of 27 branches on the territory of Macedonia, Ohridska Banka Société Générale aims to be the reference for relationship banking recognized on the market, close to clients, chosen for its quality and commitment of its teams. Ohridska Banka Société Générale in 2016 has won three awards in the category "Best Bank in Macedonia" by the three most important banking authorities - "Global Finance", "Euromoney" and "The Banker". In 2017 the Bank is a winner of an award from the renowned finance magazine Global Finance for "The Best bank in Macedonia".

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