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## HSBC NAMED MOST INNOVATIVE INVESTMENT BANK OF THE YEAR BY THE BANKER

HSBC is the world's 'Most Innovative Investment Bank of the Year' – according to *The Banker* magazine.

*The Banker* recognised HSBC's ability to provide innovative ideas to corporates and financial institutions by awarding us the 'Most Innovative Investment Bank of the Year' in two categories: globally and from Western Europe.

"HSBC has led the industry, from arranging financing for key infrastructure projects such as airports and railways, to supporting sustainable development projects, and using financial technology to help clients across the world," said *The Banker*.

The magazine also awarded HSBC the 'Most Innovative Investment Bank for Bonds' reflecting HSBC's work in advancing the bonds market. "It was impossible to overlook one of the asset class's stalwarts", *The Banker* stated.

"We have a true network stretching from Asia, through Europe and into the Americas," commented **Samir Assaf**, CEO, Global Banking and Markets, HSBC. "We are not dependent on a domestic market from which we go international. Instead, we have a balanced and interconnected business that helps our clients all over the globe."

The awards were presented at *The Banker's* annual awards ceremony in London recently. Its awards editorial highlighted HSBC's:

- "Instrumental role" in national infrastructure projects such as the Nacala Railway and Port Corridor in sub-Saharan Africa, Dubai airport's expansion, and the modernisation of Peru's Talara oil refinery
- Prominent role in advising and financing clients along China's New Silk Road, known as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)
- Commitment to emerging markets, particularly by launching HSBC Qianhai Securities in China
- Support for sovereign clients, including our ongoing work that has helped Egypt recover from its 2016 currency crisis
- Leading role on the world's first sovereign green Islamic bond (sukuk) for Indonesia
- Issuance of the world's first benchmark bond to support the UN's Sustainable Development Goals
- Notable role as a joint book runner on the first century bond launched by a sub-investment grade credit, a \$2,75bn sale by Argentina in mid-2017.

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### Note to editors:

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HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 3,800 offices in 66 countries and territories in Europe, Asia, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,607bn at 30 June 2018, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.