

The best bank for providing custody services in Serbia

Global Finance confirmed UniCredit as a leader in transaction banking in Central and Eastern Europe

Belgrade, July 2024 - For the 11th year in a row, Global Finance declared UniCredit Bank the best bank for providing custody services to international investors (custodians) in Serbia.

UniCredit Group confirmed its status as a leading bank in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and Italy by winning the highest honors at the annual Global Finance awards, for the provision of cash management services and the best custodial bank for 2024.

UniCredit was named the best bank for cash management in Italy, the best bank for providing sub-custodial services in CEE, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Serbia, Slovenia, the best bank for transaction banking in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the best bank for accepting payment transactions in Central and Eastern Europe.

Nikola Vuletić, President of the Management Board of UniCredit Bank, said on this occasion: *"The recognition that the prestigious Global Finance magazine awarded us this year, 11 times in a row, is a confirmation of our exceptional results achieved in the previous period, based on strong relationships with clients and support which we continuously provide them. In the segment of corporate banking, we have remained a reliable partner for as many as 80 of the 100 largest companies in Serbia, placing special emphasis on the quality of our service. In the coming period, we remain focused on improving the customer's user experience, and we will achieve this through further simplification, additional automation and digitization of the bank's services."*

The award ceremony is held once a year, and the awards for regions and countries are determined by the Global Finance editorial board. Award criteria include evaluation of customer relations, service quality, price competitiveness, product innovation, technological platforms, knowledge of local regulations and practices, in order to select institutions that reliably provide the best services on the local and global market.

These results follow the creation of the new Group Payments Solutions product line to meet the growing demand for innovative, customized payment products across the industry, confirm our ongoing effort to offer innovative and sophisticated transaction and correspondent banking solutions and our customer orientation, as and operational excellence in the provision of Custody services, which gives us the size, scale and synergy to be the best pan-European transaction bank - West, Central and East - our unique footprint.

UniCredit is a pan-European Commercial Bank with a unique service offering in Italy, Germany, Central and Eastern Europe. Our purpose is to empower communities to progress, delivering the best-in-class for all stakeholders, unlocking the potential of our clients and our people across Europe.

We serve over 15 million customers worldwide. They are at the heart of what we do in all our markets. UniCredit is organized in four core regions and three product factories, Corporate, Individual and Group Payments Solutions. This allows us to be close to our clients and use the scale of the entire Group for developing and offering the best products across all our markets.

Digitalization and our commitment to ESG principles are key enablers for our service. They help us deliver excellence to our stakeholders and creating a sustainable future for our clients, our communities, and our people.

