

## **UniCredit Shines Bright: Crowned Global Bank of the Year 2024 by FT's The Banker for the Second Straight Year!**

- ***For the second consecutive year, FT's The Banker named UniCredit Global Bank of the Year 2024, Bank of the Year in Europe, Bank of the Year in Italy.***
- ***Bank also named Bank of the Year in Croatia, and Bosnia Herzegovina 2024.***

Milan, December 5, 2024 – The Banker's Bank of the Year Awards has recognized UniCredit global leadership for the second year, naming it the overall Bank of the Year and Best Bank in Europe during its annual ceremony in London. Additionally, UniCredit was honored with the titles of Bank of the Year in Italy, Croatia, and Bosnia Herzegovina.

Regarded as the industry standard for banking excellence, The Banker's Bank of the Year Awards evaluates the world's leading financial institutions based on their ability to deliver returns, gain strategic advantage, and serve their markets. The Banker magazine, part of the Financial Times Group, provides economic and financial intelligence for the world's financial sector and has built a reputation for objective and insightful reporting since its inception in 1926.

Commenting on the Awards won by UniCredit, Silvia Pavoni, editor in chief of The Banker, said: *"The Banker rarely awards the same lender two years in a row, but UniCredit's sustained performance and growing ambition were just too compelling to overlook. Its financial results – for 2023 as well as the first part of 2024 – are clearly impressive, as are its astute partnerships and investments across Europe. Efforts to simplify the bank processes and improve its digital offering were additional reasons to recognize UniCredit as the global winner of our Bank of the Year award".*

Over the last years, UniCredit has relentlessly worked on its cultural and industrial transformation, committing to fundamental change to redefine its future, with the ambition of becoming the bank for Europe's future.

Commenting on the Awards, Andrea Orcel, UniCredit CEO, said: *"We are proud of these achievements, acknowledging, for the second year, the success of UniCredit Unlocked which moved the bank from laggard to winner within a three-year period, setting a new benchmark for banking in Europe. We take this opportunity to thank all the people at UniCredit who through hard work and dedication to delivering for our clients and their communities have and will continue to make it all possible."*

Serving 15 million clients in 13 markets across Europe, UniCredit remains focused on supporting its clients, employees, and communities to progress and facilitate clients in a just and fair green transition, delivering lasting growth and prosperity for the long term.

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