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DBS Becomes First Southeast Asian Bank to Win ‘World’s Best Corporate Bank’ Award

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Singapore-based DBS Bank (Development Bank of Singapore) has been named the World’s Best Corporate Bank at the Global Finance 2026 Global Bank Awards, becoming the first Southeast Asian bank to receive the honour since the award category was introduced in 2005. The recognition highlights DBS's leadership in corporate banking, digital innovation and financial technology.

Background:

Global Finance introduced the World’s Best Corporate Bank category in 2005.

DBS has emerged as a leading digital bank through continuous investments in AI, blockchain and digital banking infrastructure.

The bank serves a wide range of clients, from Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to multinational corporations.

DBS believes opportunities in Asia are being driven by infrastructure development, changing supply chains, digital payments and digital assets.

Other Awards Won:

Asia’s Best Bank

Singapore’s Best Bank

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Selection Criteria:

Financial performance.

Reputation.

Management excellence.

Evaluation by corporate finance executives, analysts and bankers.

Technology Highlights:

Blockchain-powered programmable payments.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based banking solutions.

Advanced liquidity management and transaction services.

Corporate Banking Services:

Advisory services.

Corporate financing.

Trade finance.

Cash management.

Hedging solutions.

Additional Key Facts:

Bank: DBS Bank (Development Bank of Singapore).

Headquarters: Singapore.

Founded: 1968.

Operations: Present in 19 markets.

Primary Focus Regions:

Greater China

Southeast Asia

South Asia

Group Head of Institutional Banking: Han Kwee Juan.

Awarding Magazine: Global Finance.

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Exam Focus Points:

Award: World's Best Corporate Bank 2026.

Awarding Organisation: Global Finance.

Winner: DBS Bank.

Historic Achievement: First Southeast Asian bank to win the award.

Headquarters: Singapore.

Technology Used: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Blockchain-powered programmable payments.

Operations: 19 international markets.