

PRESS RELEASE

**INTESA SANPAOLO GIVEN AWARD
AS 'BEST BANK' IN ITALY**

Recognition assigned by the international magazine *Global Finance*

Milan, 11 November 2019 – **Intesa Sanpaolo** was named '**Best Bank in Italy**' by the magazine *Global Finance*.

Same recognition was awarded to **Banca Intesa Beograd (Intesa Sanpaolo Group)** as '**Best Bank in Serbia**'.

Every year with the help of financial analysts, *Global Finance* selects the top performers among international banks and financial providers, awarding them the title of 'World's best bank' in various financial sectors.

The top performers in the category were chosen through the evaluation of a series of criteria including: sustainable business model, sound governance, results achieved in the previous year, managerial excellence, innovative technology at the disposal of customers and leadership in digital transformation.

Global Finance is a monthly financial magazine which since 1987 has been a source of news regarding the international financial sector, aimed traditionally at the top management of leading international Financial Companies and Institutions. It is distributed in 163 countries and, through its website, *Global Finance* offers readers insights, articles and a databank on 192 countries.

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Intesa Sanpaolo

Intesa Sanpaolo is one of the soundest and most profitable banks in Europe, offering commercial banking, corporate investment banking, asset management and insurance services. It is the leading Bank in Italy, with approximately 12 million customers who are assisted through both digital and traditional channels. The Group's international subsidiary banks serve 7.2 million customers across Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Intesa Sanpaolo is considered one of the most sustainable banks in the world.

For the Group, creating value means being a driver of social and economic growth. As regards the environment, the Group has set up a 5-billion-euro fund for the circular economy. Intesa Sanpaolo supports major economic inclusion and poverty reduction projects, including an impact fund of 1.2 billion euro for loans available to social groups who struggle to access credit. Intesa Sanpaolo has a high level of involvement in cultural initiatives, organised by itself or in collaboration with other entities in Italy and further afield. These include permanent and temporary exhibitions showcasing the Bank's impressive artistic heritage at the Gallerie d'Italia, the Group's museums located in Milan, Naples and Vicenza.

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