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Bank of Georgia Named World's Best AI Bank 2026 by Global Finance

Lion Finance Group PLC (the "**Group**") announces that its subsidiary, JSC Bank of Georgia ("**Bank of Georgia**" or the "**Bank**"), has been named the **World's Best AI Bank** at Global Finance's AI in Finance Awards 2026, presented at the World's Best Digital Bank and AI in Finance Awards Ceremony. In total, Bank of Georgia received eleven awards across both programmes, spanning global and regional categories.

Archil Gachechiladze, CEO of Bank of Georgia, commented: "We are delighted to receive this recognition from Global Finance, and particularly proud to be named the World's Best AI Bank. AI has become central to the experience we deliver to our customers every day. When 99% of unsecured loans are approved and disbursed in under 15 seconds, and our AI assistant independently resolves over 80% of customer queries at a 91% satisfaction score, the impact is tangible and measurable. But beyond the numbers, what this recognition reflects is a culture — one where our teams have embraced AI across their daily work, and where we hold ourselves to the principle that speed and trust must go hand in hand. I would like to thank the entire team at Bank of Georgia for their commitment to making that a reality, and Global Finance for this meaningful global recognition."

Joseph Giarraputo, Global Finance's founder and editorial director commented: "Digital banking has become one of the most important areas of focus for the financial industry, as banks expand their use of AI, automation and advanced data analytics. Rising expectations for speed, personalization and seamless digital experiences are pushing banks to innovate, while strengthening security, resilience and regulatory compliance."

About Global Finance: Global Finance, founded in 1987, has a circulation of 50,000 readers in 196 countries, territories, and districts. Global Finance's audience includes senior corporate and financial officers responsible for making investment and strategic decisions at multinational companies and financial institutions. Its website — GFMag.com — offers analysis and articles that are the legacy of 39 years of experience in international financial markets. Global Finance is headquartered in New York, with offices around the world. Global Finance regularly selects the top performers among banks and other providers of financial services. These awards have become a trusted standard of excellence for the global financial community.

About Lion Finance Group PLC

Lion Finance Group PLC (LSE: BGEO LN) is an LSE-listed company whose main subsidiaries provide banking and financial services focused in the high-growth Georgian and Armenian markets through leading, customer-centric, universal banks – Bank of Georgia in Georgia and Ameriabank in Armenia. By building on our competitive strengths, we are committed to driving business growth, sustaining high profitability, and generating strong returns, while creating opportunities for our stakeholders and making a positive contribution in the communities where we operate.

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