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**Second Consecutive Year Winner
Of the Banker “Deal of the Year- Highly Commended 2009”
This Time for the Whole Middle East!**

For the second consecutive year, Fransabank reigns over the Bankers’ “Deal of the Year- Highly Commended 2009” award. The Bank was awarded this world renowned prize for the issuance of Preferred Shares for sale to investors from Lebanon and abroad. Being singled out in the whole Middle East amongst 490 other entries by world known institutions is the best recognition that Fransabank claims. This achievement in fact allowed Fransabank to raise Lebanon’s name high throughout the entire region and consolidate the Group’s position as one of the fastest growing banking networks.

With 1.3 times oversubscription from the value of the initial issued shares, the issue reflects the investors’ confidence in Fransabank and its financial strengths, its prospected growth and development, as well as its business strategy at all levels whether locally or internationally. The high investors’ demand on the issuance of shares came from private and institutional investors both in Lebanon and abroad, whereby the allocation of the preferred shares reached 55% for Lebanese and 45% for non-Lebanese.