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## **Ecobank Stands Out at Bank of the Year Awards 2009**

### **Named bank of the year in 11 countries by *The Banker***

**London, December 3, 2009**—Ecobank, the Pan-African Bank, distinguished itself tonight by winning 11 awards at the 9<sup>th</sup> *The Banker* Bank of the Year Awards. The annual awards ceremony, organized by the Financial Times' *The Banker* magazine, took place at London's Intercontinental Hotel, Park Lane, bringing together representatives of banks and leading financial institutions from all over the world.

Ecobank, which has a larger banking network in Africa than any other bank in the world, was declared Bank of the Year in 11 countries where it operates. These were Ecobank subsidiaries in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

Speaking on behalf of the Ecobank Group, Moukaram Chanou, Managing Director of Ecobank Niger, said, *"once again, we are gratified to be honoured for our work in such a resounding way. Last year, we were named Bank of the Year in 10 countries. This year, we're equally delighted to be going home with 11 of these coveted awards. We shall continue to give our customers the very best in products and services, as we contribute to Africa's economic development and financial integration."*

Ecobank offers its customers a range of innovative services like its *Rapidtransfer* facility, allowing customers to send and receive funds quickly, as well as its Non-Resident African Account, which offers convenient and reliable services to Africans living and/or working outside their own home countries.

The Bank of the Year Awards are considered to be one of the most prestigious events within the global banking industry. The Banker Magazine is a publication of the Financial Times of London.

#### **About Ecobank** ([www.ecobank.com](http://www.ecobank.com))

Incorporated in Lome, Togo, ETI is the parent company of the leading independent regional banking group in Africa. It currently has subsidiaries and offices in 31 countries, namely: Benin, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo, Uganda, UAE (Dubai) and Zambia.

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ETI is listed on the stock exchanges in Lagos, Accra and the Bourse Régionale des Valeurs Mobilières (BRVM) in Abidjan. The Group is owned by more than 180,000 local and international institutional and individual shareholders. It has over 11,000 employees from 29 different countries in over 700 branches. Ecobank is a full-service bank providing wholesale, retail, investment and transaction banking services and products to governments, financial institutions, multinationals, international organizations, medium, small and micro businesses and individuals.

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