

Alistair Gilfillan wins UK Young Banker of the Year 2018

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Alistair Gilfillan from Lloyds Banking Group has been named the 2018 UK Young Banker of the Year during the final of the competition held at London's Mansion House on 19 September.

Launched in 1987 by the Chartered Banker Institute, the awards recognise and reward those individuals who reflect the qualities of customer-focused, ethical professionalism promoted by the Institute and expected by society.

After scooping this year's title, Alistair was presented with the UK Young Banker of the Year 2018 trophy and a voucher for an overseas holiday for two by Sheriff Neil Redcliffe.

Alistair Gilfillan commented: *"It's an honour to have won this year's competition. I wanted to develop an idea to make saving easy and achievable for vulnerable customers, which will reduce worries they have about money. It's a privilege for such experienced judges to see the potential of the idea, giving it weight as we continue to innovate within Lloyds Banking Group to help Britain Prosper."*

An Audience prize for the candidate who, in the opinion of the spectators, best personified the high, professional standards expected of bankers through their presentation on the night was also awarded by Robert Dickie, President of the Chartered Banker Institute. The winner of this prize was Tom Foster from NatWest.

Simon Thompson, Chief Executive of the Chartered Banker Institute commented:

"Our Young Banker of the Year competition once again provided a gripping final. 10 years on from the financial crisis, we need to ensure that the improvement in enhancing and sustaining professionalism is maintained, as it is one of the most effective ways we can deliver a sustainable and successful financial sector."

All four of this year's finalists displayed the qualities of customer-focused ethical professionalism that should be at the heart of

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a revitalised banking profession and I'd like to congratulate Alistair on becoming our 2018 Young Banker of the Year."

Alderman Charles Bowman, Lord Mayor of the City of London, said:

"These awards provide the perfect opportunity to recognise the talent of tomorrow and so we were delighted to host this event in Mansion House.

I'd like to congratulate Alistair on winning this accolade – a fantastic achievement for a hugely talented individual."

Robert Dickie, President of the Chartered Banker Institute, commenting on the winner of the Audience Prize said:

"I would like to congratulate Tom Foster, who the audience voted for as the finalist, who best personified the high professional standards expected of bankers through his presentation on the night. I would also like to pay tribute to all four finalists tonight, for their inspirational ideas. There has been much to be proud of and it leaves me with enormous confidence in the future of our industry and profession."

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Notes to Editors:

1. The challenge set for candidates is designed to test their capacity to generate new ideas, drive innovation and sustainable growth, and enhance confidence, trust and pride in the banking industry by submitting a business proposal. During the final, each of the 4 contestants presented their proposal, on the following topic, to a panel of judges: "What idea would you implement in your own organisation to improve outcomes for customers and some, or all, of the following groups: colleagues, counterparties, communities and the organisation you work for?"
2. The four contestants chosen to participate in the final had their ideas tested and judged by a panel of industry experts comprising Dame Susan Rice, Chairman, Chartered Banker: Professional Standards Board, Robert Dickie, President, Chartered Banker Institute, Miles Celic, CEO, TheCityUK and Sian Fisher, CEO, Chartered Insurance Institute.

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3. The search for the 2018 UK Young Banker of the Year commenced at the beginning of this year when the Chartered Banker Institute invited nominations from its 33,000 members and from a wide range of senior industry figures from across the UK banking industry. The response revealed a wide range of excellent candidates representing a diverse range of the UK's banks.
4. Nominations for The Chartered Banker Institute's UK Young Banker of the Year 2019 will be opening soon. Please see www.charteredbanker.com/youngbanker for more information.

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