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Habib Bank AG Zurich (HBZ), one of the leading international banks operating in the United Arab Emirates, has been named as a finalist for the coveted 21st Century Achievement Award from the Computerworld Honors Program for its visionary use of information technology in the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate category.



Mr Reza Habib, Joint President, Habib Bank AG Zurich said, "At the end of the day it is our customers and employees who win. The hPLUS technology that is recognised by this Computerworld Honors Program enables HBZ customers to benefit from greater service with security for their personal, corporate and trade accounts whilst empowering greater efficiencies within the banking environment. It allows over 100 user driven transactions & queries, greater control over funds and enables trading of U.S. capital markets in real time, from the comfort of our customer's home, office or while on the go with a smart phone or PDA over GPRS and 3G."

Habib Bank AG Zurich was one of 162 laureates selected by the program's Chairmen's Committee study from over 250 global nominations to submit a case study that officially became part of the prestigious Computerworld Honors Collection this past April when the 2005 Collection was formally presented to the Global Archives. Of these 162 laureates, Habib Bank AG Zurich is one of 5 finalists, in the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate category, chosen by an academy of 30 distinguished judges to attend the June 6 event.

"The Computerworld Honors 21st Century Achievement Awards are presented to organizations around the world who have made outstanding progress and whose visionary use of information technology produces and promotes positive social, economic and educational change," said Bob Carrigan, president and CEO of IDG's Computerworld, the Voice of IT Management, and chairman of the Chairmen's Committee of the Computerworld Honors Program. "The finalists for these awards along with the laureate innovators represented in the Honors Collection have been recognized by the leading IT industry chairmen as true revolutionaries in their fields."

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The 2005 Collection, which will be archived in libraries, museums and academic and research institutions around the world, will serve as primary source material for scholars and as a resource for individuals who hope to use information technology to create solutions to address their own challenges. The collection is comprised of case studies from 54 countries.

Case studies from the 2005 Computerworld Honors Collection will be available at <http://www.cwheroes.org>, the official site of the Computerworld Honors Program, where the entire Collection is available to scholars, researchers and the general public worldwide. In addition, the Collection is distributed annually to the Honors Program's Archival Partners around the world. These partners include some of the world's finest research and scholarly institutions, each of which has generously agreed to include the Collection in its archives.

According to Dan Morrow, a founding director and chief historian for the Honors Program, "This year's finalists truly demonstrate how technology can significantly impact industries throughout the country. The accomplishments they have achieved through the use of technology are outstanding historical contributions to the information technology revolution in every sense of the word."

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