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## Ūkio bankas earned two expert awards

In the annual ceremony of NASDAQ OMX Baltic Market Awards held yesterday in Vilnius  $\bar{U}$ kio bankas was evaluated in two nominations – for the Most Visible Improvement in Investor Relations and in the category of the best broker.

In the category of the The Most Visible Improvement in Investor Relations in 2012 Ūkio bankas won the third place.

"Ūkio bankas was only Lithuanian company that was evaluated for its progress in developing investor relations last year. Ūkio bankas makes every effort to regularly improve and develop this area. This award will become one more serious stimulus for further improvement," says Marius Arlauskas, Ūkio bankas Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of the Financial Institutions and Fund Raising Department.

In the Best Broker's nomination 2nd and 3rd places were shared by Tomas Kipišas, Deputy Head of Ūkio bankas Financial Brokerage Department and the representative of SEB bank who were invited to collect the awards.

In the words of award winner T. Kipišas, this evaluation is an important recognition of the professionalism of both Ūkio bankas and its staff.

"Upon having earned expert recognition, Ūkio bankas proved to have professional staff capable of providing premium quality services to its clients," says Mr. Kipišas, who was awarded in the Best Broker's nomination.

The list of award nominees included 25 Lithuanian, 12 Latvian and 14 Estonian companies, which were evaluated according to more than 100 criteria upon analysing the candidates' annual and management reports, periodic reports, notifications of materials events, as well as evaluation of analysts, etc.

Baltic companies were evaluated in individual categories by an international expert team comprising experts in corporate management and investor relations, mass media and academic community representatives, analysts of equity markets and the managers of Baltic stock exchanges.

NASDAQ OMX Baltic Market Award event has been held since 2006.

Ūkio bankas is Lithuania's first commercial bank having provided reliable services via its wide client service network, with more than 60 units all over the country, for a third decade already. Ūkio bankas maintains close cooperation relationships with business enterprises by providing them with relevant financial solutions and proposals. The bank in particular focuses on small and medium-sized business and enterprises working in the regions of the country.

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