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ANZ CEO and company win international accolades

ANZ Bank New Zealand CEO David Hisco has won international recognition and ANZ named as New Zealand's Best Managed Bank, in awards presented by *The Asian Banker* magazine.

Mr Hisco was presented with the inaugural *Asian Banker* CEO Leadership Achievement Award for New Zealand at an international awards ceremony in Jakarta last night.

The leadership achievement award is awarded once every three years, allowing time for strategy to be implemented and measured. The award recognises ANZ New Zealand's achievements under Mr Hisco's leadership since he was appointed as CEO in September 2010, including:

- ANZ's business performance and support for customers in the difficult post-Global Financial Crisis environment;
- the successful merger of the ANZ and National Bank brands, including bringing both on to one IT platform – one of the biggest IT projects in New Zealand's history – with minimal disruption to customers. The nomination noted that the bank went on to grow market share in both deposits and lending in its first quarter as the new ANZ; and
- the bank's response to the Canterbury earthquakes, with wide-ranging initiatives to support staff, customers and the wider community.

Mr Hisco says: "It gives me great pleasure to accept these awards which truly belong to all of ANZ's staff throughout New Zealand and across our brands. This recognition is testament to their hard work, commitment and belief in what they do in the face of historic challenges.

"These have been momentous times for ANZ New Zealand and our people have repeatedly risen to the challenge and achieved so much as we progress on our journey to be No. 1 in customer service and establish ANZ as New Zealand's best bank."

These awards come on top of ANZ's recent recognition as New Zealand Bank of the Year by another global banking magazine, *The Banker*.

Judging was led by a panel of global industry leaders*, taking stock of: banks' financial performance, measuring achievements against the CEO's vision and strategy; feedback from customers, staff, investors and the industry; and a study of the bank's management team.

The Asian Banker also named ANZ New Zealand's Institutional business as Best Trade Finance Bank New Zealand and Leading Counterparty Bank New Zealand.

* The Asian Banker Leadership Achievement Awards selection committee comprised:

Ian Johnston	Former chief executive, SWIFT Asia Pacific (Chairman)
Cesar Virata	Vice Chairman, RCBC and former Prime Minister, Philippines
Paul Chow	Former Chief Executive, Hong Kong Exchange
Prof Emeritus Alain Chevalier	Professor of Finance, ESCP, Europe
Foo Boon Ping	Managing Editor, <i>The Asian Banker</i> (Secretariat)

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