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## Business Moneyfacts announces 2009 award winners

The winners of the 2009 Business Moneyfacts awards were announced last night at the prestigious London Marriott Hotel Grosvenor Square.

Industry professionals from the leading financial institutions and industry bodies gathered at a special awards dinner hosted by Sandi Toksvig, author, comedian and radio presenter. This widely anticipated and well supported event celebrated the best products and service in the business and commercial finance world, showcasing those providers and brokers that continue to support the business sector at a time when its success and growth has never been more important.

**Lee Tillcock, Editor of Business Moneyfacts said:** "The Business Moneyfacts Awards continue to recognise and reward outstanding service levels and product quality in the business and commercial finance sector. In a challenging year the ceremony remains the pinnacle of the year's product and service advocacy. 2009 has seen unprecedented developments including the addition of new categories, including recognition for the business protection insurance sector.

"Building on our rich heritage, we are always keen to ensure the award categories focus on the whole commercial sector, so for the first time the awards rewarded introducers as well as providers. As with previous recessionary periods, it will be SMEs that lead an economic recovery through innovation and determination. With that in mind we have been greatly impressed with the level of commitment shown and upbeat comments given by service providers and brokers."

A full list of the winners is displayed below:

<b>Best Business Current Account Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Alliance &amp; Leicester Commercial Bank</b> Highly Commended: Abbey Commended: The Co-operative Bank	<b>Best Notice Business Account Provider</b>  <b>Winner: United Trust Bank</b> Highly Commended: Standard Life Bank Commended: Anglo Irish Bank
<b>Best No Notice Business Account Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Bath Building Society</b> Highly Commended: Anglo Irish Bank Commended: Bank of Scotland Corporate	<b>Best Charity Account Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Bank of Scotland Corporate</b> Highly Commended: CAF Bank Commended: Unity Trust Bank
<b>Best Online Banking Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Bank of Scotland Corporate</b> Highly Commended: NatWest Commended: The Co-operative Bank	<b>Best Business Card Provider</b>  <b>Winner: American Express</b> Highly Commended: Barclaycard Commercial Commended: NatWest
<b>Best Offshore Business Deposit Account Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Irish Nationwide (IOM) Limited</b> Highly Commended: Irish Permanent International Commended: Skipton Guernsey Limited	<b>Best Buy-to-Let Mortgage Provider</b>  <b>Winner: The Mortgage Works</b> Highly Commended: BM Solutions Commended: Cheltenham & Gloucester

<b>Best Service from a Buy-to-Let Mortgage Provider</b>  <b>Winner: BM Solutions</b> Highly Commended: The Mortgage Works Commended: Astra Mortgages	<b>Best Commercial Mortgage Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Barclays Bank</b> Highly Commended: Lloyds TSB Commended: NatWest
<b>Best Service from a Commercial Mortgage Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Norwich &amp; Peterborough BS</b> Highly Commended: Royal Bank of Scotland Commended: Abbey	<b>Best Bridging Finance Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Tiuta plc</b> Highly Commended: Link Lending Commended: Cheval Property Finance Plc
<b>Best Service from a Bridging Finance Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Credit &amp; Mercantile Plc</b> Highly Commended: Bridgebank Capital Commended: Link Lending	<b>Best Factoring &amp; Invoice Discounting Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Close Invoice Finance Limited</b> Highly Commended: Venture Finance PLC Commended: Cattles Invoice Finance Limited
<b>Best Leasing &amp; Asset Finance Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Lombard</b> Highly Commended: Barclays Asset & Sales Finance Commended: Bank of Scotland Corporate Asset Finance	<b>Best Business Motor Finance Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Barclays Asset &amp; Sales Finance</b> Highly Commended: Bank of Scotland Corporate Asset Finance Commended: Lombard
<b>Best Service from a Asset Based Finance Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Venture Finance PLC</b> Highly Commended: Davenham Commended: State Securities	<b>Best Business Protection Provider</b>  <b>Winner: Zurich</b> Highly Commended: Skandia Commended: Norwich Union
<b>Most Innovative Product</b>  <b>Winner: Bank of Scotland Corporate (Interest First Account)</b> Highly Commended: Barclays Local Business (Credit Focus) Commended: NatWest (The Foundation Account)	<b>Innovation in the SME Finance Sector</b>  <b>Winner: Barclays Local Business</b> Highly Commended: Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank Commended: Norwich & Peterborough Building Society
<b>Business Bank of the Year</b>  <b>Winner: Alliance &amp; Leicester Commercial Bank</b> Highly Commended: Bank of Scotland Corporate Commended: NatWest	<b>Bridging Finance Broker of the Year</b>  <b>Winner: Commercial Property Finance Consultancy Limited</b>
<b>Asset Based Finance Broker of the Year</b>  <b>Winner: Hilton-Baird Financial Solutions</b>	<b>Commercial Mortgage Broker of the Year</b>  <b>Winner: B&amp;P Consultants</b>
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award – David Whittaker</b>	

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