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NCB FINANCIAL GROUP A TOP PERFORMER AT JAMAICA STOCK EXCHANGE BEST PRACTICES AWARDS 2020

NCB Financial Group was well recognized at the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) Best Practices Awards 2020 distinguishing itself in six categories on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

For the second year, the Awards Ceremony was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In the Listed Company (main market) category, NCB Financial Group Limited (NCBFG) was joint winner of the JSE/Private Sector Organisation Jamaica Corporate Governance Award. NCBFG also claimed first place for the Corporate Disclosure and Investor Relations Award and third place for its Annual Report.

The Corporate Governance Award recognises companies that demonstrate and practise outstanding corporate governance, while the Corporate Disclosure and Investor Relations Award recognises good investor relations with the wider investing public, as well as providing timely and accurate reports and announcements to the JSE.

Steven Gooden, CEO of NCB Capital Markets Limited (NCBCM) collected the awards on behalf of the Group.

He later commented: "I am heartened that we are once again at the forefront of these awards having renewed our commitment to provide investors with value-added offerings to build their wealth, consistently unearthing new ways to deepen the capital markets in Jamaica and the region."

In the Member Dealer Awards category, NCBCM claimed the overall win with the Chairman's Award. NCBCM also received first place for Revenue Generation & Market Activity, and first place for the Expansion of Investors & Listed Companies Base.

Gooden expressed gratitude to the NCBFG teams, clients and partners who have worked hard to secure these victories. Over the last 24 months, NCBCM has raised close to J\$130 billion in Public Equity transactions, a feat that tested the company's resilience and ingenuity against the backdrop of a still-raging pandemic and harsh economic conditions.

"We give credit to the investments we have made in improving the efficiencies of our GoIPO platform and digital account opening software, which transformed how investors access the equities market," Gooden said.

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### **About NCB Financial Group**

NCB Financial Group Limited was incorporated in April 2016 to be licensed under the Banking Services Act as the financial holding company for National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited (“NCBJ”). The NCB Group is the largest and most profitable financial services group in Jamaica, with roots dating back to 1837. Through the bank (NCBJ) and the Group’s wealth management, life and general insurance, and offshore banking subsidiaries, the NCB Group provides a wide array of financial products and services to meet the needs of individual and business clients. The NCB Group includes NCBJ, NCB Capital Markets Limited and its subsidiaries in Barbados and Cayman, NCB Insurance Agency and Fund Managers Limited, NCB (Cayman) Limited, Clarien Group Limited and its subsidiaries in Bermuda, Guardian Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries as well as NCB Merchant Bank (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited in Trinidad and Tobago.

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