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## UniCredit Bank wins the EXIM Most Active Bank Award

**The Magyar Export-Import Bank Zrt. (EXIM Bank) and the Magyar Exporthitel Biztosító Zrt. (Mehib) have again this year awarded cooperating financial partners in seven categories. One of the awards was won by UniCredit Bank.**

The Hungarian export credit agency, EXIM cooperates with 40 financial institutions to finance the corporate segment of the export business, including commercial banks, leasing companies, and finance companies. Last year, these companies disbursed nearly HUF 400 billion in new EXIM loans or leases under refinancing arrangements.

Today, more than 2,300 enterprises, 90 percent of them SMEs benefit from export credits or leasing, mostly through the Bank's financial institution partners. This successful cooperation has also contributed significantly to the rapid response to the economic slowdown caused by the coronavirus epidemic, making the Mitigation loan program the second most requested corporate loan product last year.

EXIM Bank rewarded its most successful partners in several categories. UniCredit Bank was the winner in the **Most Active Bank of the Year** category: at the end of last year, the bank had the most customers refinanced by EXIM. **Giacomo Volpi**, Deputy CEO, accepted the award on behalf of UniCredit Bank.

*„1.3% of the corporate loans disbursed by the banking system in 2020 were EXIM financing, but without the work of our financial partner institutions and the cooperation with them, our efforts would not be as effective, we have completed nearly 1,700 transactions with them last year alone”* said Gergely Jákli, CEO of EXIM Bank, on the occasion of the awards.

Commenting on the award, **Miklós Kulbert**, Head of Trade Finance and Factoring at UniCredit Bank, said *„We are very pleased that our solid partnership with EXIM over the years has contributed to our clients' goals. The Most Active Bank of the Year 2020 award is also proof that through EXIM refinancing facilities, UniCredit Bank has been able to effectively support its partners in expanding their presence in foreign markets during 2020.”*