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CIMA celebrates winners of its first-ever Excellence Awards

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants distinguishes outstanding accounting teaching programmes, educators and students across the world

14 December 2020, London – The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, the world’s largest body of management accountants, announced the 71 global and 40 regional and country winners, including four Polish winners, of the first edition of the CIMA Excellence Awards during a virtual awards ceremony on 11 December 2020.

The CIMA Excellence Awards celebrate outstanding academic partners, tuition providers and students who have made significant contributions to the accounting profession and the Institute over the past year. These awards highlight the high-quality of teaching, research, and learning in accounting education across the world.

Andrew Harding, FCMA, CGMA, Chief Executive – Management Accounting, commented:

“The CIMA Excellence Awards honour institutions and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the accounting profession and worked tirelessly to enrich their students, providing them with the best possible education and prepare the next generation of accounting professionals. Congratulations go to them all for their efforts.”

Sponsored by the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, the global accounting organisation formed by CIMA and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), the CIMA Excellence Awards will be presented annually to those who have made a difference to the global accounting community, and proactively supported their students towards earning their Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation, the most widely held management accounting designation in the world.

The 2020 winners of the CIMA Excellence Awards are:

CIMA Teaching Excellence Award	
<i>This award recognises CIMA subject lecturers who actively engaged with CIMA students and enhanced their learning experience.</i>	
Global winners <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Global Champion:</i> Nadia Gulko – University of Lincoln, UK○ <i>Global Gold:</i> Ralph Kober – Monash University, Australia	UK and Ireland <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Regional Champion:</i> Matthew Walsh – University of Sussex, UK○ <i>Country Champion:</i> Fiona Dearing – Manchester Metropolitan University, UK



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Global Silver</i>: Lana Yan Jun Liu – Newcastle University, UK ○ <i>Global Bronze</i>: Yew Ming Chia – The University of Edinburgh, UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Country Gold</i>: Nadeeka Withanage – London South Bank University, UK ○ <i>Country Silver</i>: Alison Lane – University of South Wales, UK ○ <i>Country Bronze</i>: Margaret Saunders – Birmingham City University, UK
<p>Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Regional Champion</i>: Adele Oosthuizen – University of Johannesburg, South Africa ○ <i>Regional Gold</i>: Sanlie Middelberg – North-West University, South Africa ○ <i>Honorary Mention</i>: Brenda Harmzen – North-West University, South Africa ○ <i>Group Country Champion</i>: Accounting and Finance Faculty – University of Cape Coast, Ghana ○ <i>Group Country Champion</i>: Finance and Accounting Faculty – Akademia, South Africa 	<p>Asia Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Regional Champion</i>: Somesh Dhamija – GLA University, India ○ <i>Regional Gold</i>: Suresh Kumar Sahoo, Sri Sri University, India ○ <i>Honorary Mention</i>: Puspavathy Rassiah – Monash University, Malaysia
<p>Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Country Champion</i>: Mihail Musov – University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria ○ <i>Honorary Mention</i>: Pawel Zienuk – Cracow University of Economics, Poland 	

CIMA Campus Culture Excellence Award

This award recognises academics, faculties and student bodies that have launched successful campaigns to promote the CIMA Professional Qualification.

Global winners

- *Global Champion*: Department of Finance – University of Cape Coast, Ghana
- *Global Gold*: Management Accounting Honours Programme – North-West University, South Africa
- *Global Silver*: Accounting and Finance Faculty, Middlesex University Dubai, UAE
- *Global Bronze*: BSc Accounting and Management – Queen Mary University of London, UK
- *Honorary Mention*: Finance and Accounting Faculty – Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics, Ukraine

CIMA Employability Excellence Award

This award recognises academic partners who actively promoted engagement between CIMA students and employers.

Global winners

- *Global Champion*: Nadeeka Withanage – London South Bank University, UK
- *Global Gold*: Management Accounting Honours Programme – North-West University, South Africa



<p>CIMA Research Excellence Award</p> <p><i>This award recognises researchers and research teams that have conducted landmark research efforts on a subject or topic related to the CIMA syllabus.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tharusha N. Gooneratne – University of Colombo, Sri Lanka ○ Mariya Shygun – Kyiv National Economic University, Ukraine ○ Saravanan Muthaiyah – Multimedia University, Malaysia ○ Sergiy Lehenchuk – Zhytomyr Polytechnic State University, Ukraine 	
<p>CIMA Prize-Winner Excellence Award and CIMA Global Excellence Award</p> <p><i>This CIMA Prize-Winner Excellence Award recognises university partners with top-performing CIMA students in Case Study exams.</i></p> <p><i>This CIMA Global Excellence Award recognises university partners that achieved the highest pass rates for CIMA exams.</i></p>	
<p>Global Grand Champion and CGMA Campus of the Year 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University of Nottingham, UK 	<p>Global Distinction and CGMA Campus of the Year 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sheffield Hallam University, UK ○ University of Manchester, UK
<p>Global Grand Champion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University of Liverpool, UK 	<p>Global Distinction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University of Bristol, UK ○ Liverpool John Moores University, UK ○ University of Sheffield, UK ○ University of Durham, UK ○ University of Warwick, UK
<p>Global Distinction and Country Champion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University of Bath, UK 	<p>Global Distinction and Country Gold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University of Exeter, UK
<p>Global Silver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University of the West of England, UK 	<p>Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Global and Country Distinction:</i> University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa ○ <i>Global Silver and CGMA Campus of the Year 2020:</i> University of Pretoria, South Africa ○ <i>Global Silver and CGMA Campus of the Year 2020:</i> Stellenbosch University, South Africa ○ <i>Regional Distinction and CGMA Campus of the Year 2020:</i> University of South Africa, South Africa
<p>Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Global and Regional Distinction: Warsaw School of Economics, Poland</i> 	<p>Asia Pacific Champion and CGMA Campus of the Year 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christ University, India



- *Regional Gold: Cracow University of Economics, Poland*

CIMA Prize-Winner Excellence Award

This award recognises university partners with top-performing CIMA students in Case Study exams.

UK and Ireland

- *Global Distinction: Newcastle University, UK*
- *Global Distinction: University of Greenwich, UK*
- *Global Distinction: Birmingham City University, UK*
- *Global Distinction: Manchester Metropolitan University, UK*
- *Global Distinction: Swansea University, UK*
- *Global Distinction: Northumbria University, UK*
- *Global Champion: University of Edinburgh, UK*
- *Global Champion: Heriot-Watt University, UK*
- *Global Champion: Dublin City University, UK*
- *Global Champion: Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland*
- *Global Champion: University of the West of Scotland, UK*
- *Global Gold: Brunel University London, UK*
- *Global Gold: University of York, UK*
- *Global Silver: University of Aberdeen, UK*
- *Global Silver: University of Limerick, Ireland*
- *Global Silver: University of Reading, UK*
- *Global Silver: University of Hull, UK*
- *Global Silver: University of Surrey, UK*
- *Global Bronze: Queen Mary University of London, UK*
- *Global Bronze: Coventry University, UK*
- *Global Bronze: Oxford Brookes University, UK*

Europe

- *Regional Distinction: Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Netherlands*
- *Regional Gold: University of Economics in Katowice, Poland*
- *Regional Gold: Russian University of Economics named after G.V. Plekhanov, Russia*
- *Regional Gold: Copenhagen Business School, Denmark*
- *Regional Bronze: Kharkiv National University of Economics, Ukraine*

Africa

- *Regional and Global Distinctions: North-West University, South Africa*

Asia Pacific

- *Regional Gold: University of Wollongong in Dubai, UAE*
- *Regional Gold: IMS Unison, India*



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Regional Distinction:</i> Nelson Mandela University, South Africa ○ <i>Regional Distinction:</i> University of Cape Town, South Africa ○ <i>Regional Gold:</i> Independent Institute of Education, South Africa ○ <i>Regional Silver:</i> University of the Free State, South Africa ○ <i>Regional Bronze:</i> Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa ○ <i>Regional Bronze:</i> Copperbelt University, Zambia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Regional Gold:</i> University of Southern Queensland, Australia ○ <i>Regional Gold:</i> National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Pakistan ○ <i>Regional Gold:</i> Tunku Abdul Rahman University College, Malaysia ○ <i>Regional Gold:</i> University Malaya, Malaysia ○ <i>Regional Silver:</i> St Joseph's College of Commerce, India ○ <i>Regional Silver:</i> University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka ○ <i>Global Silver:</i> Indian Institute of Technology, India ○ <i>Regional Silver:</i> Bangalore University, India ○ <i>Global Bronze:</i> Nanyang Technological University, Singapore ○ <i>Regional Bronze:</i> Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia
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<p>CIMA Global Excellence Award</p> <p><i>This award recognises university partners that achieved the highest pass rates for CIMA exams.</i></p>	
<p>Global Distinction and CGMA Campus of the Year 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nottingham Trent University, UK 	<p>Global Distinction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loughborough University, UK ○ University of Lancaster, UK ○ University of Birmingham, UK
<p>Global Winners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Global Champion:</i> Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, China ○ <i>Global Silver:</i> Cardiff University, UK ○ <i>Global Bronze:</i> London School of Economics and Political Science, UK ○ <i>Global Bronze:</i> University of Leeds, UK 	<p>Country Winners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Country Gold:</i> University of Witwatersrand, South Africa ○ <i>Honorary Mention:</i> Aston University, UK

<p>CIMA Global Pass Rate Excellence Award</p> <p><i>This award recognises registered tuition providers who have consistently achieved excellent pass rates across all Case Study levels and multiple exam windows.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BPP Professional Education, UK ○ First Intuition, UK ○ HTFT Partnership, UK ○ Kaplan Financial, UK ○ VIVA Financial Tuition, Ireland ○ Wisdom Business Academy, Sri Lanka 	



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CIMA Student of the Year Award

This award recognises a standout role model and CIMA champion.

Overall winner and CIMA Student of the Year 2020

- Tuhan Supamanage nominated by Wisdom Business Academy, Sri Lanka

Finalists who also received commendations from the judges

- Baldauryen Aibyek nominated by the University of Finance and Economics, Mongolia
- Hassan Ariff nominated by Nanaska, Sri Lanka
- Adam Brierley nominated by Hone Financial, UK
- Hannah Dalton nominated by Kaplan Financial, UK
- Sean Lucas nominated by First Intuition, UK
- Madelein Muller nominated by Charterquest, South Africa
- Serisha Pillay nominated by IBTC, South Africa
- Edison Monageng nominated by Botswana Accountancy College, Botswana
- Shrey Shah nominated by Saraf Academy, India

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About The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), founded in 1919, is the world's leading and largest professional body of management accountants. As part of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (the Association) its members and students operate in 179 countries, working at the heart of business. CIMA members and students work in industry, commerce, the public sector and not-for-profit organizations. CIMA works closely with employers and sponsors leading-edge research, constantly updating its qualification, professional experience requirements and continuing professional development to ensure it remains the employers' choice when recruiting financially-trained business leaders.

About the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants

The [Association of International Certified Professional Accountants](#) (the Association) is the most influential body of professional accountants, combining the strengths of the American Institute of CPAs ([AICPA](#)) and The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants ([CIMA](#)) to power opportunity, trust and prosperity for people, businesses and economies worldwide. It represents 650,000 members and students across 179 countries and territories in public and management accounting, and advocates for the public interest and business sustainability on current and emerging issues. With broad reach, rigor and resources, the Association advances the reputation, employability and quality of CPAs, CGMAs and accounting and finance professionals globally.

About the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation

The CGMA designation is the most widely held management accounting designation in the world. It was established in 2012 by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and the Chartered



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Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) to elevate the profession of management accounting globally. It distinguishes more than 137,000 accounting and finance professionals who have advanced proficiency in finance, operations, strategy and management. In the U.S., the vast majority are also CPAs. The CGMA designation is underpinned by extensive global research to maintain the highest relevance with employers and develop competencies most in demand. CGMAs qualify through rigorous education, exam and experience requirements. They must commit to lifelong education and adhere to a stringent code of ethical conduct. Businesses, governments and nonprofits around the world trust CGMAs to guide critical decisions that drive strong performance.