

## Access Bank Plc and Diamond Bank Plc Merger: Update

The Boards of Access Bank Plc. (“Access Bank”) and Diamond Bank Plc. (“Diamond Bank”) in December 17, 2018, announced a potential merger between the two banks, after obtaining a letter of “No Objection” from the Central Bank of Nigeria (“CBN”). The transaction is expected to be completed in the first half of 2019, subject to Access Bank and Diamond Bank obtaining shareholder and regulatory approvals (Central Bank of Nigeria, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal High Court (“FHC”) and the National Pension Commission (“PenCom”).

### Merger Update

There will be an audio conference call for analysts and investors on **24 January 2019 at 14:00hrs Lagos (08:00hrs New York, 13:00hrs London, 15:00hrs Johannesburg)** to discuss updates on the merger synergies as well as other ancillary discussions.

### Audio Conference

Please click on this [Registration link](#) to pre-register for the call and receive dial-in information.

The audio conference call can be accessed by dialling the following numbers:

Nigeria	+234 1 888 9001
South Africa – Toll Free	+27 80 098 2759
United Kingdom – Toll Free	+44 844 873 8149
United States of America	+1 213 325 3283

Please go to [www.growingaccess.com](http://www.growingaccess.com) for up to date information regarding the merger.

### About Access Bank

Access Bank is a full service commercial bank operating through branches and service outlets located in major centres primarily across Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa, as well as the United Kingdom (extension to United Arab Emirates (Dubai)), with representative offices in China, Lebanon, and India. The Group provides a wide range of banking and other financial services to over 9 million customers from 392 branches and service centres.

Listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange in 1998, the Bank serves its various markets through four business segments: Personal, Business, Commercial and Corporate & Investment Banking. The Bank has over 830,000 shareholders including several Nigerian and International Institutional Investors and has enjoyed what is arguably Africa's most successful banking growth trajectory in the last twelve years ranking amongst Africa's top 20 banks by total assets and capital since 2015.

As part of its continued growth strategy, Access Bank is focused on mainstreaming sustainable business practices into its operations. The Bank strives to deliver sustainable economic growth that is profitable, environmentally responsible and socially relevant.

[www.accessbankplc.com](http://www.accessbankplc.com)

## About Diamond Bank

Diamond Bank is one of Nigeria's leading retail banks, committed to providing innovative customer-centric solutions. The bank offers a full range of banking products and services in retail, business and corporate banking segments. The bank took part in a highly successful Private Placement share offer before going public with an IPO in 2005.

Through innovation and technology, Diamond Bank enhances customer experiences and drives financial inclusion through what it calls 'Beyond Banking'. Diamond Bank's digitally-focused proposition is closely aligned to Nigerian lifestyle and consumer trends. Diamond has sought to position itself for long term growth by leveraging Nigeria's strong fundamentals, including a large underbanked population and Africa's biggest economy.

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