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HLB celebrates winning 'Network of the Year'

LONDON – HLB, the global advisory and accounting network, is proud to announce that it has been named 'Network of the Year' at the 2020 Digital Accountancy Awards. The award was presented at the virtual ceremony which took place on 30 September.

Team HLB were also celebrating with Dr Frances Ellington of HLB USA who was awarded 'Young Accountant of the Year'.

Widely regarded as the industry's premiere awards programme, the Digital Accountancy Awards celebrate excellence in the accounting profession.

For HLB, the 'Network of the Year' award is in recognition of a milestone year. To be considered for this award, nominees had to demonstrate the execution of profitable growth strategies, be recognised by the industry as a reputable brand and have excelled in a number of key strategic and operational areas. In 2019 HLB saw the network celebrate its 50th anniversary, achieve a 7% increase in revenue, taking our global combined turnover to US\$2.93bn. In fact, we reached our 2020 performance objectives we had set for ourselves a year early, which led us to develop and launch our new holistic growth strategy, *Shaping our Shared Future*.

Commenting on the win, Corney Versteden, HLB Global Chairman, said: "I am immensely proud that HLB has been recognised as 'Network of the Year'. 2019 was a monumental year for us and we looked forward to building on the fantastic achievements we had made. But we all know that 2020 has been an unprecedented year for everyone and I've been humbled to see how our network has come together to support not only each other but our clients during these extraordinary times. This award is truly a reflection of all the hard work and dedication of our people from all over the world and it shows the strength of our tagline '*Together we make it happen*'".

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