

Citizens Wins Tearsheet Award for Best New Embedded Finance Platform

PROVIDENCE, RI, UNITED STATES, December 11, 2025 / EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Citizens</u> has been named winner of Tearsheet's Best New Embedded Finance Platform award for its unified <u>Open Banking API</u> that serves all customer segments through a single integration.

Unlike most banks that build separate APIs for each customer type, Citizens' platform serves business and commercial clients through one API. The results speak for themselves: 96% reduction in screen-scraping traffic and onboarding times compressed from weeks to minutes for thousands of business and commercial clients.



The platform addresses a critical gap in the open banking ecosystem. Citizens is now one of only four U.S. banks supporting commercial clients with an open banking API, despite 85% of businesses using open banking services.

"This recognition reflects Citizens' dedication to delivering forward-thinking solutions that translate into real client impact," said Michael Cummins, Head of Treasury and Payments Solutions at Citizens. "The Citizens Open Banking API enables businesses to integrate seamlessly, manage cash flow efficiently and unlock new opportunities for productivity and success."

"Citizens has built what the embedded finance industry needed – a unified platform that doesn't force financial institutions and fintechs to maintain separate integrations for different customer segments," said Zack Miller, Founding Editor of Tearsheet. "Their ability to eliminate nearly all screen scraping while dramatically accelerating onboarding demonstrates the power of thoughtful API design that puts the user experience first."

The Open Banking API reflects Citizens' commitment to solving real problems for partners across the Business Banking and Commercial divisions while maintaining the security and reliability



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required for commercial-grade financial services.

The award was presented as part of Tearsheet's flagship The Big Bank Theory awards program, now in its fifth year of recognizing innovation and excellence among top financial institutions and fintechs.

About Tearsheet

Tearsheet is a financial media company that delivers indepth reported content and analysis for senior executives on how technology is transforming incumbent financial institutions through its newsletters, podcasts, conferences, and working groups. Tearsheet's coverage cuts through the

hype in finance and fintech, focusing on the impact of technology and digitization and on the modernization of money and commerce. The company's audience consists of CEOs, product and technology teams, and senior professionals across banking, fintech, and financial services who rely on Tearsheet to stay informed about the latest developments in their rapidly evolving industry. Visit www.tearsheet.co to learn more.

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