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Russian Standard Bank launches the first American Express Debit Card in Russia

Today Russian Standard Bank and American Express have unveiled the new American Express® Platinum Debit Card – the first Debit Card from American Express to be offered in Russia. Issued by Russian Standard Bank, it will be accepted by millions of merchants on the American Express network worldwide. It is designed to meet the needs of Russian consumers interested in an innovative financial product complete with the extensive benefits and world class service associated with the American Express brand, as well as providing the financial control that a debit card offers.

Platinum Debit offers Cardmembers an extensive suite of premium benefits, including a 24/7 concierge service that can help facilitate many different aspects of Cardmembers' busy lifestyles, night or day - from full organisation of vacations, to selecting gifts and ordering flowers. Cardmembers also receive automatic enrolment into elite hotel and car rental status programmes, through popular providers including [Meliá](#), The Vacation Collection, Avis and Hertz, giving them access to exclusive privileges such as complimentary vehicle upgrades, room upgrades and late check outs at hotels.

Additionally, holders of the Platinum Debit Card accumulate points on their purchases through American Express' globally renowned Membership Rewards® programme. Membership Rewards points never expire and can be transferred to a wide range of airline or hotel loyalty programmes, and can be also redeemed on leisure activities and experiences, gift cards and more.

The new Platinum Debit Card provides an exceptional level of financial freedom. It can be denominated in Rubles, Euros or US Dollars, depending on the preference of the Cardmember, and comes with a generous monthly interest rate of 4% on account balances in Rubles, and 1% on other currencies.

Support is available anywhere in the world thanks to the comprehensive range of insurances that come with the Platinum Debit Card, including Travel Accident and Travel Inconvenience Insurance. Cardmembers also receive Purchase Protection, which covers them against unforeseen expenses caused by theft or damage to new purchases made with the Card, as well as fraud protection and 24-hour Card replacement cover.

For further information about Platinum Debit including the fees, please see the Bank's [website](#).