

press release

Standard Chartered and S&P Indices launch the first co-branded Greater China equity index

10 January 2011, Hong Kong – Standard Chartered and S&P Indices today announced the launch of the first co-branded Greater China equity performance benchmark – the S&P/StanChart Greater China Index (the “Index”).

The new Index offers investors exposure to the growth opportunities in Greater China, through its domestic markets and their rapidly growing cross-border flows. Index constituents include the 50 largest blue-chip stocks by market capitalization listed in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Shanghai and Shenzhen. The Index is denominated in U.S. dollars and published at the end of the day. It is also calculated in Renminbi (CNY) and is the only index in the marketplace that includes a set allocation of A-shares in its equities selection.

Jaspal Bindra, Group Executive Director and Asia CEO of Standard Chartered said, “Standard Chartered has operated in Greater China for over 150 years, since the commencement of our first branch in Shanghai in 1858. We are well positioned for growth given our presence and expertise in Asia, and we see tremendous potential and cross-border opportunities in the Greater China region. The S&P/StanChart Greater China Index offers investors exposure to the growing trade and investment opportunities in Greater China.”

Robin Lo, Asia-Pacific Head of Client Coverage at S&P Indices commented, “The introduction of a new Greater China index is a sign of S&P Indices’ continued commitment to growing its business in China, widely regarded as one of the world’s most dynamic and robust economies. Through our partnership with Standard Chartered, we are confident that the S&P/StanChart Greater China Index will serve as both a powerful performance benchmark of the Greater China

equity markets and as the potential underlying reference for investment products based upon the Index.”

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