

Market Watch

Downgrade of global equities to a Core allocation

Summary

Event: We are downgrading global equities from Overweight to a Neutral/Core allocation. We continue to maintain a Neutral allocation to fixed income, Overweight on Gold and Underweight on Cash. There are more details in our Global Market Outlook publication on 30 October 2026.

What does the equity downgrade mean?

This downgrade implies a **slightly lower allocation** to global equities within a diversified portfolio. For our CIO Foundation Balanced portfolio, this would imply an equity allocation of 52.5%, down from 53.2%. We continue to expect **positive returns for global equities** in the coming 6-12 months, though equity investors may need to recalibrate expectations lower, compared with the 15-20% annualised gains experienced in the last few years. Our capital market assumptions still suggest a mid-to-high single digit annual returns over the next few years, consistent with a **transition to a mid-cycle bull market**. Consensus estimates point to 16% earnings growth for global equities in 2027, which should overcome various headwinds to deliver positive returns for equities over the next 12 months. Investors should thus, continue to **maintain exposure to equities** within a diversified portfolio.

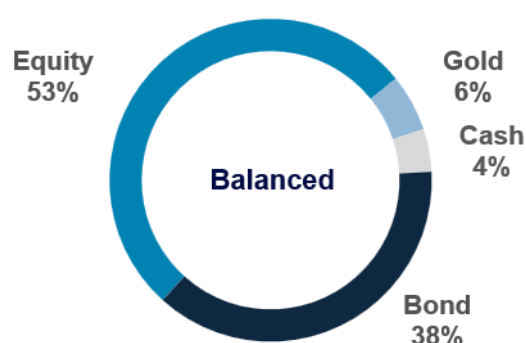
In addition, we see a **changing playbook** to prepare for higher volatility, more active management and greater diversification, as discussed below.

What does it mean for regional equities positioning?

Within a global equities portfolio, **we remain Overweight US and Asia ex-Japan (AxJ) equities**, which are expected to deliver the highest earnings growth in 2027 amongst the major regions. This growth is led by the technology sector, which carries the largest weight in both regions. Within the diversified equities portfolio, we maintain Core allocations to

Allocation to global equities decrease to 52.5% from 53.2% for our CIO Foundation Balanced portfolio

Foundation tactical asset allocation



Source: Standard Chartered

Allocations in the chart are rounded to the nearest whole number

Our forecasts imply 9% upside in the S&P 500 over the next 12m, as of 29 October 2026

Index forecasts

Index	12m forecast*	Our views
S&P500	8,400	US ▲
Nasdaq 100	32,400	
Euro Stoxx 50	6,580	Europe ex-UK ◆
FTSE 100	11,170	UK ▼
Hang Seng	24,600	China ◆
Nifty 50	25,000	India ▲
Nikkei 225	68,500	Japan ◆

Legends: ▲ Overweight | ◆ Core | ▼ Underweight

Green / red colour indicates the upward / downward change from the prior view

* Target prices created as of 30 October 2026, using the preceding session's closing prices

Source: Bloomberg, Standard Chartered

Euro area equities, which offer lower valuations, and Japan equities, which is backed by a reflating economy. We are Underweight UK equities, where the sector composition offers lower growth prospects in 2027. Within the AxJ region, we are **Overweight Taiwan** equities, with attractive structural growth driven by its semiconductor industry. We are also **Overweight India** equities, which offers diversified non-tech growth drivers. Taiwan and India equities both generate attractive returns on equity. We maintain Core allocations to China equities, with low valuations, and Korea equities, with explosive earnings growth in its semiconductors industry, but volatile price movements. We are Underweight ASEAN, which offers relatively lower earnings growth.

What are the implications for equity sectors?

We are **Overweight** these sectors globally: **US information technology, US healthcare, US financials, US materials, Europe ex-UK financials, and Japan financials.**

A framework we use is to break the market into four key sector building blocks. **Tech** is the largest block, encompassing the Information Technology, Communication Services and Consumer Discretionary sectors. Put differently, the segment spans five major industries: semiconductors, hardware, internet, software, and IT services. Within the US market, we expect this segment to deliver c.30% earnings growth in 2027, extending the strong momentum seen in 2026.

Financials and Real Estate are the next building block, comprising these two sectors. We expect this segment to continue delivering low-teens earnings growth in 2027, supported by resilient economic activity and healthy credit trends.

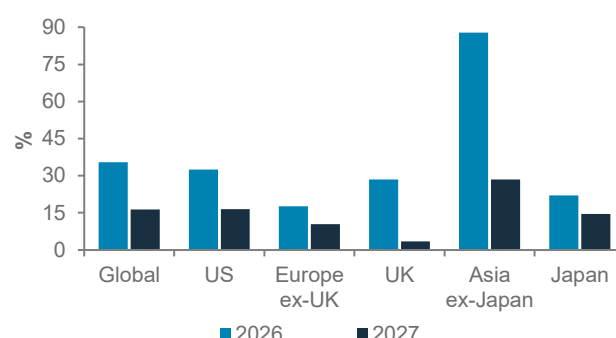
Resources include companies across four sectors: Industrials, Materials, Energy, and Utilities. We expect the segment to generate 10-15% earnings growth in 2027, although Energy is likely to remain the largest drag on overall growth due to tougher comparisons and softer energy price assumptions for 2027.

Healthcare & Others consists primarily of Healthcare and Consumer Staples. We expect mid-teen earnings growth for the segment in 2027, with a rebound in healthcare earnings representing a potential upside surprise.

Our Overweight sector exposures are drawn from each of the four key blocks above. Unlike the last few years, with concentrated gains from Tech providing market leadership, we see our downgrade in global equities also reflecting a **broadening in market leadership** towards each of the other sector blocks apart from Tech.

US and Asia ex-Japan would continue to lead in earnings growth in 2027

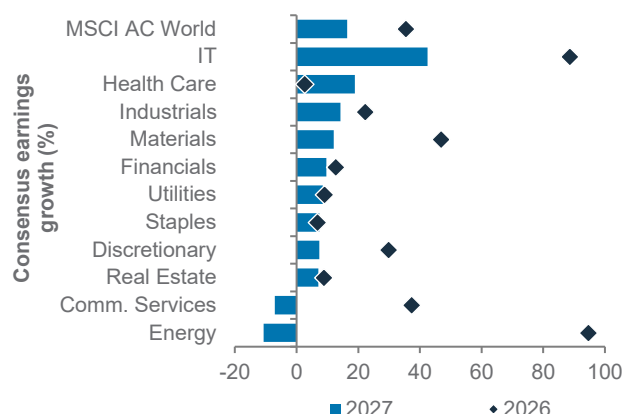
2026 and 2027 consensus earnings growth estimates for MSCI equity regional indices



Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Standard Chartered

Global equities continue to be supported by strong earnings growth in 2027, led by technology and healthcare sectors

2026 and 2027 consensus earnings growth estimates for MSCI AC World sectors



Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Standard Chartered

As structural themes such as AI transition from the rapid buildout phase towards monetisation, diversified exposure across sectors and regions should become increasingly important.

What are the implications for equity opportunistic ideas?

We have opportunistic ideas on **Global High-Dividend equities, US healthcare, Euro area banks, MSCI Switzerland and Japan banks**. The selection represents a more defensive stance currently, with an average beta of below 1 relative to global equities (MSCI AC World), but attractive drivers nonetheless, for each of the ideas.

Global High-Dividend offers higher-income equity allocation with historically lower volatility than global equities. **US healthcare** is supported by wider adoption of obesity treatments, advances in oncology and innovative medical devices, that support earnings growth. **Euro area banks** continue to see steady earnings growth adding to their excess capital, which is being returned to shareholders via attractive dividend and share buyback yields. **Japan banks** continue to enjoy net margin expansion from BoJ policy normalisation, as well as corporate governance improvements. **MSCI Switzerland** is a newly initiated idea for investors seeking defensive exposure. Healthcare and consumer staples accounts for more than half the index weight, providing exposure to relatively resilient demand that is more insulated from economic cycles and AI trends. It also has a sizeable financial sector supported by steady wealth management growth and well-capitalised insurers with disciplined underwriting and resilient premium income.

We see the case for **more active management** in a mid-cycle transition, as higher market dispersion should create greater opportunities for active sector and stock selection, particularly as leadership within equities evolves.

What are the implications of higher equity market volatility?

A more uncertain political backdrop and potentially maturing growth rates in certain market segments may contribute to more frequent bouts of market volatility. Higher volatility presents an opportunity to use structured strategies to gain exposure to equities. Such strategies may be used to generate income or to gain exposure at a discounted entry price. Investors can also consider strategies that are structured to return principal or partial principal at maturity.

What alternative strategies are suited to a regime of moderating equity market returns?

Investors can consider alternative strategies such as hedge fund strategies or private markets, for those with the capacity

Our opportunistic ideas have a more defensive stance on average

Equity opportunistic ideas

Idea	Inception date
Global High Dividend	18-Jun-26
*US Healthcare	12-Oct-26
*MSCI Switzerland	29-Oct-26
Euro Area Banks	27-Aug-26
Japan Banks	18-Jun-26

Source: Standard Chartered. *New idea

We expect returns for global equities to moderate from the 15-20% annualised gains seen in the last few years

Annual returns for MSCI AC World index



Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Standard Chartered

to accept some illiquidity.

Equity long/short hedge fund strategies would retain growth participation with less market exposure. Fund managers buy companies they expect to outperform and short those they expect to underperform, seeking to earn the difference between the two, and benefit even as total equity market returns are moderating.

Within private markets, private equity provides a means to higher returns with the effects of an illiquidity premium. Meanwhile, infrastructure offers differentiated exposure to structural growth opportunities, where contracted long-term revenues reduce dependence on equity-market sentiment.

What are the implications on fixed income and FX markets?

Bonds: This year's surge in bond yields means bonds now offer a hedge against any equity market weakness. We believe the 3-7-year part of the US bond yield curve offers the best hedge against any equity sell-off caused by AI-related growth worries. This part of the bond curve has priced in most Fed rate hike expectations, which could reverse if growth concerns return. Meanwhile, we favour US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) as a hedge against any fuel price-led inflation scare.

Credit: For corporate bonds, adopting a defensive stance in a volatile environment typically involves: i) increasing credit quality, favouring higher-rated issuers; and ii) moving up the capital structure, by reducing exposure to subordinated debt and favouring secured debt. From a sector perspective, large, diversified banks, utilities, and quasi-sovereigns tend to be more defensive, particularly relative to cyclical sectors, such as metals and mining, exploration, and technology.

FX: We favour bearish AUD/JPY as a tactical hedge against any equity market correction. Review of 21 past S&P500 correction sessions (2010-2025) shows AUD weakened against USD in 86% of cases, while JPY strengthened against USD in 67%, supporting our bearish AUD/JPY outlook during any equity market stress.

— **Steve Brice**, Global Chief Investment Officer (CIO)

— **Manpreet Gill**, CIO, EMEA

— **Raymond Cheng**, CFA, CPA, CIO, North Asia

— **Sundeep Gantori**, CFA, CAIA, CIO, Equities

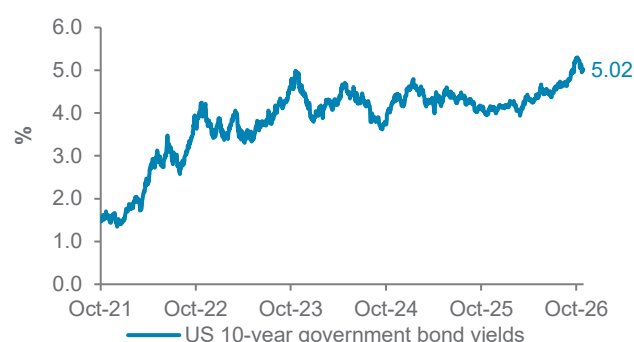
— **Jonathan Liang**, CFA, CIO, Fixed Income & FX

— **Fook Hien Yap**, Senior Investment Strategist

— **Rajat Bhattacharya**, Senior Investment Strategist

The surge in bond yields this year means bonds now offer a hedge against any equity market weakness

US 10-year government bond yields



Source: Bloomberg, Standard Chartered

Disclosures

This document is confidential and may also be privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please destroy all copies and notify the sender immediately. This document is being distributed for general information only and is subject to the relevant disclaimers available at our Standard Chartered website under Regulatory disclosures. It is not and does not constitute research material, independent research, an offer, recommendation or solicitation to enter into any transaction or adopt any hedging, trading or investment strategy, in relation to any securities or other financial instruments. This document is for general evaluation only. It does not take into account the specific investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any particular person or class of persons and it has not been prepared for any particular person or class of persons. You should not rely on any contents of this document in making any investment decisions. Before making any investment, you should carefully read the relevant offering documents and seek independent legal, tax and regulatory advice. In particular, we recommend you to seek advice regarding the suitability of the investment product, taking into account your specific investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs, before you make a commitment to purchase the investment product. Opinions, projections and estimates are solely those of SC at the date of this document and subject to change without notice. Past performance is not indicative of future results and no representation or warranty is made regarding future performance. The value of investments, and the income from them, can go down as well as up, and you may not recover the amount of your original investment. You are not certain to make a profit and may lose money. Any forecast contained herein as to likely future movements in rates or prices or likely future events or occurrences constitutes an opinion only and is not indicative of actual future movements in rates or prices or actual future events or occurrences (as the case may be). This document must not be forwarded or otherwise made available to any other person without the express written consent of the Standard Chartered Group (as defined below). Standard Chartered Bank is incorporated in England with limited liability by Royal Charter 1853 Reference Number ZC18. The Principal Office of the Company is situated in England at 1 Basinghall Avenue, London, EC2V 5DD. Standard Chartered Bank is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority. Standard Chartered PLC, the ultimate parent company of Standard Chartered Bank, together with its subsidiaries and affiliates (including each branch or representative office), form the Standard Chartered Group. Standard Chartered Global Private Bank is the private banking division of Standard Chartered. Private banking activities may be carried out internationally by different legal entities and affiliates within the Standard Chartered Group (each an "SC Group Entity") according to local regulatory requirements. Not all products and services are provided by all branches, subsidiaries and affiliates within the Standard Chartered Group. Some of the SC Group Entities only act as representatives of Standard Chartered Global Private Bank and may not be able to offer products and services or offer advice to clients.

Copyright © 2026, Accounting Research & Analytics, LLC d/b/a CFRA (and its affiliates, as applicable). Reproduction of content provided by CFRA in any form is prohibited except with the prior written permission of CFRA. CFRA content is not investment advice and a reference to or observation concerning a security or investment provided in the CFRA SERVICES is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold such investment or security or make any other investment decisions. The CFRA content contains opinions of CFRA based upon publicly-available information that CFRA believes to be reliable and the opinions are subject to change without notice. This analysis has not been submitted to, nor received approval from, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory body. While CFRA exercised due care in compiling this analysis, CFRA, ITS THIRD-PARTY SUPPLIERS, AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE, to the full extent permitted by law, regarding the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of this information and assumes no liability with respect to the consequences of relying on this information for investment or other purposes. No content provided by CFRA (including ratings, credit-related analyses and data, valuations, model, software or other application or output therefrom) or any part thereof may be modified, reverse engineered, reproduced or distributed in any form by any means, or stored in a database or retrieval system, without the prior written permission of CFRA, and such content shall not be used for any unlawful or unauthorized purposes. CFRA and any third-party providers, as well as their directors, officers, shareholders, employees or agents do not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, timeliness or availability of such content. In no event shall CFRA, its affiliates, or their third-party suppliers be liable for any direct, indirect, special, or consequential damages, costs, expenses, legal fees, or losses (including lost income or lost profit and opportunity costs) in connection with a subscriber's, subscriber's customer's, or other's use of CFRA's content.

Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) Disclaimer

Banking activities may be carried out internationally by different branches, subsidiaries and affiliates within the Standard Chartered Group according to local regulatory requirements. Opinions may contain outright "buy", "sell", "hold" or other opinions. The time horizon of this opinion is dependent on prevailing market conditions and there is no planned frequency for updates to

the opinion. This opinion is not independent of Standard Chartered Group's trading strategies or positions. Standard Chartered Group and/or its affiliates or its respective officers, directors, employee benefit programmes or employees, including persons involved in the preparation or issuance of this document may at any time, to the extent permitted by applicable law and/or regulation, be long or short any securities or financial instruments referred to in this document or have material interest in any such securities or related investments. Therefore, it is possible, and you should assume, that Standard Chartered Group has a material interest in one or more of the financial instruments mentioned herein. Please refer to our Standard Chartered website under Regulatory disclosures for more detailed disclosures, including past opinions/ recommendations in the last 12 months and conflict of interests, as well as disclaimers. A covering strategist may have a financial interest in the debt or equity securities of this company/issuer. All covering strategist are licensed to provide investment recommendations under Monetary Authority of Singapore or Hong Kong Monetary Authority. This document must not be forwarded or otherwise made available to any other person without the express written consent of Standard Chartered Group.

Sustainable Investments

Any ESG data used or referred to has been provided by Morningstar, Sustainalytics, MSCI or Bloomberg. Refer to 1) Morningstar website under Sustainable Investing, 2) Sustainalytics website under ESG Risk Ratings, 3) MSCI website under ESG Business Involvement Screening Research and 4) Bloomberg green, social & sustainability bonds guide for more information. The ESG data is as at the date of publication based on data provided, is for informational purpose only and is not warranted to be complete, timely, accurate or suitable for a particular purpose, and it may be subject to change. The ESG data providers may not provide data coverage of all companies or securities in our Sustainable Investment Universe or Fund Select funds. As a result, a small subset of companies or securities will not be in scope for exclusionary screening. Sustainable Investments (SI): This refers to funds that have been classified as 'ESG Intentional Investments - Overall' by Morningstar. SI funds have explicitly stated in their prospectus and regulatory filings that they either incorporate ESG factors into the investment process or have a thematic focus on the environment, gender diversity, low carbon, renewable energy, water or community development. For equity, it refers to shares/stocks issued by companies with Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating of Low/Negligible. For bonds, it refers to debt instruments issued by issuers with Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating of Low/Negligible, and/or those being certified green, social, sustainable bonds by Bloomberg. For structured products, it refers to products that are issued by any issuer who has a Sustainable Finance framework that aligns with Standard Chartered's Green and Sustainable Product Framework, with underlying assets that are part of the Sustainable Investment universe or separately approved by Standard Chartered's Sustainable Finance Governance Committee. Sustainalytics ESG risk ratings shown are factual and are not an indicator that the product is classified or marketed as "green", "sustainable" or similar under any particular classification system or framework.

Shariah ("Shariah Compliant or Shariah Compliance")

For any reason to enter only into transactions which comply or are consistent with the principles of the Shariah, the client certifies that he/she/it has made his /her/its own investigation into and satisfied itself as to the Shariah compliance of the Islamic security and all necessary action to confirm that the Islamic security is Shariah compliant has been taken (including the obtaining of a fatwa, where required) and the Client will not claim any dispute on the grounds of any lack of Shariah compliance of these investments. The Client has not relied on Standard Chartered Group or any written declaration, fatwa, opinion or other documents prepared by, on behalf or at the request of Standard Chartered Group for the purposes of a determination or confirmation that these instruments are Shariah compliant.

Country/Market Specific Disclosures

Bahrain: This document is being distributed in Bahrain by Standard Chartered Bank, Bahrain Branch, having its address at P.O. 29, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, is a branch of Standard Chartered Bank and is licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as a conventional retail bank. **Botswana:** This document is being distributed in Botswana by, and is attributable to, Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited which is a financial institution licensed under the Section 6 of the Banking Act CAP 46:04 and is listed in the Botswana Stock Exchange. **Brunei Darussalam:** This document is being distributed in Brunei Darussalam by, and is attributable to, Standard Chartered Bank (Brunei Branch) | Registration Number RFC/61 and Standard Chartered Securities (B) Sdn Bhd | Registration Number RC20001003. Standard Chartered Bank is incorporated in England with limited liability by Royal Charter 1853 Reference Number ZC18. Standard Chartered Securities (B) Sdn Bhd is a limited liability company registered with the Registry of Companies with Registration Number RC20001003 and licensed by Brunei Darussalam Central Bank as a Capital Markets Service License Holder with License Number BDCB/R/CMU/S3-CL and it is authorised to conduct Islamic investment business through an Islamic window. **China Mainland:** This document is being distributed in China by, and is attributable to, Standard Chartered Bank (China) Limited which is mainly regulated by National Financial Regulatory Administration (NFRA),

State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE), and People's Bank of China (PBOC). **Hong Kong:** In Hong Kong, this document, except for any portion advising on or facilitating any decision on futures contracts trading, is distributed by Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ("SCBHK"), a subsidiary of Standard Chartered PLC. SCBHK has its registered address at 32/F, Standard Chartered Bank Building, 4-4A Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong and is regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and registered with the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") to carry on Type 1 (dealing in securities), Type 4 (advising on securities), Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activity under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) ("SFO") (CE No. AJ1614). The contents of this document have not been reviewed by any regulatory authority in Hong Kong and you are advised to exercise caution in relation to any offer set out herein. If you are in doubt about any of the contents of this document, you should obtain independent professional advice. Any product named herein may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document at any time other than to "professional investors" as defined in the SFO and any rules made under that ordinance. In addition, this document may not be issued or possessed for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, and any interests may not be disposed of, to any person unless such person is outside Hong Kong or is a "professional investor" as defined in the SFO and any rules made under that ordinance, or as otherwise may be permitted by that ordinance. In Hong Kong, Standard Chartered Global Private Bank is the private banking division of SCBHK, a subsidiary of Standard Chartered PLC. **Ghana:** Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited accepts no liability and will not be liable for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly (including special, incidental or consequential loss or damage) from your use of these documents. Past performance is not indicative of future results and no representation or warranty is made regarding future performance. You should seek advice from a financial adviser on the suitability of an investment for you, taking into account these factors before making a commitment to invest in an investment. To unsubscribe from receiving further updates, please send an email to feedback.ghana@sc.com. Please do not reply to this email. Call our Priority Banking on 0302610750 for any questions or service queries. You are advised not to send any confidential and/or important information to Standard Chartered via e-mail, as Standard Chartered makes no representations or warranties as to the security or accuracy of any information transmitted via e-mail. Standard Chartered shall not be responsible for any loss or damage suffered by you arising from your decision to use e-mail to communicate with the Bank. **India:** Standard Chartered Bank, India ("Bank") (ARN-1209) is an AMFI-registered distributor of select Mutual Funds and a referrer of certain third-party financial products. The Bank is not registered with SEBI as an Investment Adviser and does not provide investment advisory services or financial planning services as defined under the SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013. Any information contained herein is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice, recommendation, research report, or an offer to buy or sell any security or financial product. Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks. Please read all scheme-related documents carefully before investing. The services/products described herein are not intended for any person resident in a jurisdiction where their distribution, solicitation or use would be contrary to local laws or regulations. **Indonesia:** This document is being distributed in Indonesia by Standard Chartered Bank, Indonesia branch, which is a financial institution licensed and supervised by Otoritas Jasa Keuangan (Financial Service Authority) and Bank Indonesia. **Jersey:** The Jersey Branch of Standard Chartered Bank is regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission. Copies of the latest audited accounts of Standard Chartered Bank are available from its principal place of business in Jersey: PO Box 80, 15 Castle Street, St Helier, Jersey JE4 8PT. Standard Chartered Bank is incorporated in England with limited liability by Royal Charter in 1853 Reference Number ZC 18. The Principal Office of the Company is situated in England at 1 Basinghall Avenue, London, EC2V 5DD. Standard Chartered Bank is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority. The Jersey Branch of Standard Chartered Bank is also an authorised financial services provider under license number 44946 issued by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority of the Republic of South Africa. Jersey is not part of the United Kingdom, and all business transacted with Standard Chartered Bank, Jersey Branch and other Standard Chartered Group Offices outside of the United Kingdom, are not subject to some or any of the investor protection and compensation schemes available under United Kingdom law. **Kenya:** This document is being distributed in Kenya by and is attributable to Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited. Investment Products and Services are distributed by Standard Chartered Investment Services Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited that is licensed by the Capital Markets Authority in Kenya, as a Fund Manager. Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited is regulated by the Central Bank of Kenya. **Malaysia:** This document is being distributed in Malaysia by Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad ("SCBMB"). Recipients in Malaysia should contact SCBMB in relation to any matters arising from, or in connection with, this document. This document has not been reviewed by the Securities Commission Malaysia. The product lodgement, registration, submission or approval by the Securities Commission of Malaysia does not amount to nor indicate recommendation or endorsement of the product, service or promotional activity. Investment products are not deposits and are not obligations of, not guaranteed by, and not protected by SCBMB or any of the affiliates or subsidiaries, or by Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia, any government or insurance agency. Investment products are subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. SCBMB expressly disclaim

any liability and responsibility for any loss arising directly or indirectly (including special, incidental or consequential loss or damage) arising from the financial losses of the Investment Products due to market condition. **Nigeria:** This document is being distributed in Nigeria by Standard Chartered Bank Nigeria Limited (SCB Nigeria), a bank duly licensed and regulated by the Central Bank of Nigeria. SCB Nigeria accepts no liability for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly (including special, incidental or consequential loss or damage) from your use of these documents. You should seek advice from a financial adviser on the suitability of an investment for you, taking into account these factors before making a commitment to invest in an investment. To unsubscribe from receiving further updates, please send an email to clientcare.ng@sc.com requesting to be removed from our mailing list. Please do not reply to this email. Call our Priority Banking on 02 012772514 for any questions or service queries. SCB Nigeria shall not be responsible for any loss or damage arising from your decision to send confidential and/or important information to Standard Chartered via e-mail. SCB Nigeria makes no representations or warranties as to the security or accuracy of any information transmitted via e-mail. **Pakistan:** This document is being distributed in Pakistan by, and attributable to Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Limited having its registered office at PO Box 5556, I.I Chundrigar Road Karachi, which is a banking company registered with State Bank of Pakistan under Banking Companies Ordinance 1962 and is also having licensed issued by Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan for Security Advisors. Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Limited acts as a distributor of mutual funds and referrer of other third-party financial products. **Singapore:** This document is being distributed in Singapore by, and is attributable to, Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited (Registration No. 201224747C/ GST Group Registration No. MR-8500053-0, "SCBSL"). Recipients in Singapore should contact SCBSL in relation to any matters arising from, or in connection with, this document. SCBSL is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered Bank and is licensed to conduct banking business in Singapore under the Singapore Banking Act, 1970. Standard Chartered Global Private Bank is the private banking division of SCBSL. IN RELATION TO ANY SECURITY OR SECURITIES-BASED DERIVATIVES CONTRACT REFERRED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT, THIS DOCUMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE ISSUER DOCUMENTATION, SHALL BE DEEMED AN INFORMATION MEMORANDUM (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 275 OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES ACT, 2001 ("SFA")). THIS DOCUMENT IS INTENDED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ACCREDITED INVESTORS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4A(1)(a) OF THE SFA, OR ON THE BASIS THAT THE SECURITY OR SECURITIES-BASED DERIVATIVES CONTRACT MAY ONLY BE ACQUIRED AT A CONSIDERATION OF NOT LESS THAN S\$200,000 (OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN A FOREIGN CURRENCY) FOR EACH TRANSACTION. Further, in relation to any security or securities-based derivatives contract, neither this document nor the Issuer Documentation has been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the SFA. Accordingly, this document and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the product may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the product be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons other than a relevant person pursuant to section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in section 275 of the SFA, or pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA. In relation to any collective investment schemes referred to in this document, this document is for general information purposes only and is not an offering document or prospectus (as defined in the SFA). This document is not, nor is it intended to be (i) an offer or solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any capital markets product; or (ii) an advertisement of an offer or intended offer of any capital markets product. **Deposit Insurance Scheme:** Singapore dollar deposits of non-bank depositors are insured by the Singapore Deposit Insurance Corporation, for up to S\$100,000 in aggregate per depositor per Scheme member by law. Foreign currency deposits, dual currency investments, structured deposits and other investment products are not insured. This advertisement has not been reviewed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. **Taiwan:** SC Group Entity or Standard Chartered Bank (Taiwan) Limited ("SCB (Taiwan)") may be involved in the financial instruments contained herein or other related financial instruments. The author of this document may have discussed the information contained herein with other employees or agents of SC or SCB (Taiwan). The author and the above-mentioned employees of SC or SCB (Taiwan) may have taken related actions in respect of the information involved (including communication with customers of SC or SCB (Taiwan) as to the information contained herein). The opinions contained in this document may change, or differ from the opinions of employees of SC or SCB (Taiwan). SC and SCB (Taiwan) will not provide any notice of any changes to or differences between the above-mentioned opinions. This document may cover companies with which SC or SCB (Taiwan) seeks to do business at times and issuers of financial instruments. Therefore, investors should understand that the information contained herein may serve as specific purposes as a result of conflict of interests of SC or SCB (Taiwan). SC, SCB (Taiwan), the employees (including those who have discussions with the author) or customers of SC or SCB (Taiwan) may have an interest in the products, related financial instruments or related derivative financial products contained herein; invest in those products at various prices and on different market conditions; have different or conflicting interests in those products. The potential impacts include market makers' related activities, such as dealing, investment, acting as agents, or performing financial or consulting services in relation to any of the products referred to in this document. **UAE:** DIFC - Standard

Chartered Bank is incorporated in England with limited liability by Royal Charter 1853 Reference Number ZC18. The Principal Office of the Company is situated in England at 1 Basinghall Avenue, London, EC2V 5DD. Standard Chartered Bank is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority. Standard Chartered Bank, Dubai International Financial Centre having its offices at Dubai International Financial Centre, Building 1, Gate Precinct, P.O. Box 999, Dubai, UAE is a branch of Standard Chartered Bank and is regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority ("DFSA"). This document is intended for use only by Professional Clients and is not directed at Retail Clients as defined by the DFSA Rulebook. In the DIFC we are authorised to provide financial services only to clients who qualify as Professional Clients and Market Counterparties and not to Retail Clients. As a Professional Client you will not be given the higher retail client protection and compensation rights and if you use your right to be classified as a Retail Client we will be unable to provide financial services and products to you as we do not hold the required license to undertake such activities. For Islamic transactions, we are acting under the supervision of our Shariah Supervisory Committee. Relevant information on our Shariah Supervisory Committee is currently available on the Standard Chartered Bank website in the Islamic banking section. For residents of the UAE – Standard Chartered UAE ("SC UAE") is licensed by the Central Bank of the U.A.E. SC UAE is licensed by Securities and Commodities Authority to practice Promotion Activity. SC UAE does not provide financial analysis or consultation services in or into the UAE within the meaning of UAE Securities and Commodities Authority Decision No. 48/r of 2008 concerning financial consultation and financial analysis. **Uganda:** Our Investment products and services are distributed by Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited, which is licensed by the Capital Markets Authority as an investment adviser. **United Kingdom:** In the UK, Standard Chartered Bank is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority. This communication has been approved by Standard Chartered Bank for the purposes of Section 21 (2) (b) of the United Kingdom's Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") as amended in 2010 and 2012 only. Standard Chartered Bank (trading as Standard Chartered Global Private Bank) is also an authorised financial services provider (license number 45747) in terms of the South African Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002. The Materials have not been prepared in accordance with UK legal requirements designed to promote the independence of investment research, and that it is not subject to any prohibition on dealing ahead of the dissemination of investment research. **Vietnam:** This document is being distributed in Vietnam by, and is attributable to, Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited which is mainly regulated by State Bank of Vietnam (SBV). Recipients in Vietnam should contact Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited for any queries regarding any content of this document. **Zambia:** This document is distributed by Standard Chartered Bank Zambia Plc, a company incorporated in Zambia and registered as a commercial bank and licensed by the Bank of Zambia under the Banking and Financial Services Act Chapter 387 of the Laws of Zambia.