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Standard Chartered Bank appoints Sheikha Hanadi Nasser Bin Khaled Al Thani as special adviser

Doha Qatar, 07 August, 2011 – Standard Chartered Bank announced today that Sheikha Hanadi Nasser Bin Khaled Al Thani has been appointed as a Special Adviser to the Bank and a member of the Bank’s Gulf Advisory Council (GAC).

In her role on the GAC, Sheikha Hanadi will support V Shankar, CEO, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Americas, and Christos Papadopoulos, Regional CEO, Middle East. The GAC is a strategic advisory forum on the business, economic and political environment in the Middle East, providing insights that help the bank build lasting relationships with communities and businesses, and which aims to be positive force in driving continued growth within the region.

V Shankar said of the appointment: “We are delighted that Sheikha Hanadi has agreed to join the bank as special adviser. Sheikha Hanadi is well known for her significant contribution in developing Qatar’s economic and social presence in the Arab world. Her experience and visionary leadership will help deepen our commitment to building a sustainable business as a bank in the region.”

Sheikha Hanadi is the Founder & Chairperson of Amwal, CEO of AL Waab City Real Estate development project and Deputy CEO of Nasser Bin Khaled AL Thani & Sons Group.

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In 1998, she founded Qatar Ladies Investment Company (the now re-branded Amwal), the first investment company to receive a license from Qatar Central Bank to conduct Investment Banking, Asset Management and Wealth Management in Qatar.

In 2005, she founded AL Waab City a development over 1.2 Million square meters, with an initial cost of USD 1.8 Billion. AL Waab City is a fully integrated community that offers residential retail and commercial space surrounding a spacious urban Piazza offering Restaurants, Retail outlet and Entertainment facilities.

She is a fervent supporter of community activities and serves as trustee on the board of the Arab Women's International Forum and the College of Business and Economics at Qatar University, a member of the advisory board of The Arab Business Angels Network (ABAN), a founding member of Qatar National competitiveness council, the Chairperson of "INJAZ Qatar" and board member of "INJAZ AL Arab" the regional arm of "Junior Achievement Worldwide", Executive Board Member in "Silatech", and she is a board member in "Dana Gas".

She was named Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2005 and voted as personality of the year by Arraya, Qatar's leading newspaper, for her vision and contribution to the economy. She was named Woman CEO of the Year by the Middle East CEO Awards Institute in 2006, for her significant contribution in developing Qatar's economic and social presence in the Arab world., she was selected by Arabian business magazine to be one of the 100 world's most influential Arabs for the year 2007, she was also named the economic personality of the year 2007 by Qatar chamber of commerce and business council , Sheikha Hanadi was voted, by the Financial Times in 2008,

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among the top 20 global banking and finance women role models and in 2008 and 2010 she received the 'Businesswoman of the Year' award by ITP publishing Group.

Leveraging on her experience she has conducted and published several research papers on macro-economic issues in the GCC.

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