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Standard Chartered brings international investors to meet issuers from the Middle East

Bank initiative to encourage investment flows into the region

UAE, 18 October, 2011- Standard Chartered announced today that it has conducted a no-deal investor roadshow for international investors from Asia, Europe, the UK and US, who visited over 20 issuers from Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Manama and Doha. The initiative was aimed at facilitating investment flows across the Bank's footprint of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

The roadshow is part of a regular programme that offered bond investors the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the region and deeper insights into Middle East market dynamics, including investment opportunities and risks. It also offered them the chance to meet with researchers, academics and government officials. Meanwhile, issuers benefit from the opportunity to engage in dialogue with international investors and broaden their relationships with the buy-side.

Deepak Kohli, Regional Head of Debt Capital Markets, Standard Chartered Middle East and South Asia, said:

"These high profile investor roadshows have been successful in capturing the attention of international investors about the opportunities available in the region. The Middle East is one of Standard Chartered's core markets and we believe in the opportunities that this market has to offer for regional and international investors,"

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Standard Chartered has been at the forefront of the debt capital markets industry in the region and plays a key role in encouraging investment in the credit markets, arranging many of the Middle East's highest profile debt issues. The Bank uses flexible and innovative tools to create tailored funding and investment alternatives to meet the specific needs of issuers and investors.

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