

press release

Standard Chartered Private Bank Celebrates Diwali Festival in Dubai

Award-winning Indian Singer Shankar Mahadevan performs at the event

UAE - October 25, 2011 - Standard Chartered held a celebration to mark 'Diwali', the Indian festival of lights. The highlight of the celebration was a performance by award-winning Indian music composer and singer Shankar Mahadevan. The celebration also provided an opportunity to reflect on the joy of sight and to hear more about the Bank's efforts to combat curable blindness through its Seeing is Believing programme.

More than 230 clients, a host of VIPs and senior members of the Standard Chartered management attended the event. Also present at the event was V Shankar, CEO, Europe, Middle East, Africa and the Americas, Standard Chartered Bank and Chairman, Standard Chartered Private Bank and Stephen Richards Evans, Head of Standard Chartered Private Bank for Europe, Middle East, Africa, India and The Americas.

"We are really excited to celebrate this festival with our clients in a warm and intimate atmosphere. We think the evening is great for networking with our clients. As we share the view of our clients that with wealth comes responsibility, at this time of generous giving we also took the opportunity to step back and share our mutual concern for the problem of curable blindness in India and what we can do about it together. Our clients encouraged us very enthusiastically to work with them to achieve our Seeing is Believing objectives by 2020," said Stephen Richards Evans, Head of Standard Chartered Private bank for Europe, Middle East, Africa, India and the Americas.

Standard Chartered Private bank is one of the top 10 private banks in Asia and has 31 offices globally in 26 cities. For the MENA region, the Private Bank has a regional office in the DIFC and offices in Abu Dhabi and Beirut, as well as offices in Geneva, Jersey and London to serve our MENA clients internationally. The Bank is currently expanding its coverage and service to the major Gulf markets, including in the UAE, Saudi Arabia and the Northern Gulf.

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