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Standard Chartered Saadiq sweeps nine awards at The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2009

**Awards cement the Bank's position as the leading Islamic financing bank
in Asia, Africa and the Middle East**

28 June 2009 – Standard Chartered Saadiq took the lead with the most awards at The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2009. The Bank was among the top winners, bagging nine awards to reinforce its position as the leading bank for Islamic Finance. Saadiq's footing in the region as the best international Islamic bank remains strong as this year's award tally has already crossed 20 including the following latest awards.

The nine awards are:

- **Best Islamic Investment Bank**
- **Best Islamic Investment Bank, Middle East**
- **Best Sukuk House**
- **Best Islamic Trade Finance Bank**
- **Best Sovereign Sukuk** (Government of Ras Al Khaimah, AED 1 billion Sukuk al-Ijara)
- **Best Islamic Project Finance Deal – Saudi Arabia** (Ma'aden Phosphate Co., US\$1.764 billion Islamic project finance deal)
- **Best Structured Islamic Financing** (Brunei Gas Carriers, US\$505 million Islamic financing facility)
- **Most Innovative Islamic Financing Deal** (Brunei Gas Carriers, US\$505 million Islamic financing facility)

- **Most Innovative Islamic Financing Deal** (Tadamun Services 300 million ringgit Islamic Trust Certificate)

These accolades highlight Standard Chartered Saadiq's ability to execute several landmark deals as well as bringing the best-in-class Shariah compliant financial services to its stakeholders.

V. Shankar, member of the Standard Chartered Group Management Committee and Group Head, Origination and Client Coverage, Wholesale Banking, said, "We are absolutely delighted with these wins. The awards are testament to Standard Chartered's unparalleled capital market capabilities in the structuring, underwriting and distribution of Islamic Finance transactions. As the preferred partner for Islamic Finance, Standard Chartered has grown from strength to strength. Leveraging on our Islamic origination and extensive experience in markets across Asia, Africa and the Middle East, we have continued to lead the way and will continue to build on this positive momentum to play a dominant role in key Islamic markets."

Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Saadiq, Afaq Khan, commented on the wins, "Our aim has always been to deliver on market firsts while remaining customer centric. We have been setting new benchmarks within the Islamic Banking industry across our footprints through our origination capabilities and wide product suite. It is our commitment to the market as well as with our stakeholders unwavering support that has made these wins possible."

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Standard Chartered aspires to be the best international bank for its customers across its markets. The Group derives more than 90 per cent of its operating income and profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, generated from its Wholesale and Consumer Banking businesses. The Group has over 1,600 branches and outlets located in over 70 countries. The extraordinary growth of its markets and businesses creates exciting and challenging international career opportunities.

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