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Standard Chartered UAE leads on first Financial Markets Forum

Over 300 top executives attend forum on sustainable balanced growth

8 February 2010, Dubai, UAE - Standard Chartered Bank's first Financial Markets Forum for the year takes place today in Dubai with over 300 top executives of the Bank's clients from the region participating. The Dubai forum is the first of the Bank's leadership forums scheduled to take place in New York, Mumbai, London and Hong Kong in the first half of the year.

The Financial Markets Forum 2010, to be held in the Bank's key markets across Asia, Africa and the Middle East, will provide a platform for discussion on the challenges and opportunities in the new world order and the way in which economies can work towards achieving a sustainable balanced growth.

Exclusively for Standard Chartered clients, the event presents a cohesive programme that will provide participants with valuable insight, outlook, commentary and networking opportunities to further understand the current unprecedented market challenges and seize opportunities to outperform in the current climate.

The Forum will also provide the Bank's clients a platform to interact directly with the Financial Markets senior management and product specialists, gaining local insights and global expertise while having their immediate banking concerns addressed.

Speaking at the event are Dr. Nasser Saidi, Chief Economist for Dubai International Financial Centre, Dr Gerard Lyons, Chief Economist from Standard Chartered Bank and senior executives from the region's rating agency, private and public sector surrounding the theme "A New World Order: Sustainable Balanced Growth".

Nassim Nicholas Taleb, the international literary essayist, scholar of randomness and risk, derivatives trader is the guest speaker at the Dubai Forum.

Lenny Feder, Group Head of Financial Markets, Standard Chartered Bank said:

"The Standard Chartered Financial Markets Forums have been created specially to bring our senior management even closer to our clients in our key markets throughout Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Through the global financial crisis, we

have stayed open for business and supported our clients through the challenges. Our expertise and deep understanding of the local markets ensure we are able to tailor world-class and innovative solutions for our clients that enable them to unlock and more effectively manage their risks and liquidity. These Forums are an important platform to not only discuss these solutions and better understand our clients' requirements but to also share information about the current trends in an ever dynamic industry."

Standard Chartered has a history of nearly 90 years in the Middle East, The forum demonstrates that the Bank is committed to the local financial market and continues to grow its business in the region.

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Standard Chartered aspires to be the best international bank for its customers across its markets. The Bank 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 1600 branches and outlets located in over 70 countries. The extraordinary growth of its markets and businesses creates exciting and challenging international career opportunities.

Leading by example to be the right partner for its stakeholders, the Group is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. It employs more than 70,000 people, nearly half of whom are women. The Group's employees are of 125 nationalities, of which 68 are represented among senior management.

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