

# press release

## **Standard Chartered wins two prestigious regional awards**

### ***Banker Middle East names the bank as “Best Foreign Bank” and “Best Mortgage/Home Finance House”***

21 June, 2010 – In recognition of its exceptional performance and leadership in the regional banking market, Standard Chartered won 'Best Foreign Bank in the Middle East' award and 'Best Mortgage/Home Finance House' award from renowned Banker Middle East Magazine. The awards were presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Banker Middle East Industry Awards recently held in Dubai. Standard Chartered was also shortlisted for the Best Islamic Bank, Best Islamic Finance House, Best Trade Finance House, Best PR Campaign, and Best Advertising Campaign Awards.

The Banker Middle East Industry Awards, recognised both corporate and individual distinctions amongst top performers in the banking industry. Winners were selected after a vigilant analysis of 150,000 votes from the magazine subscribers, online readers, senior executives and the general public.

Shayne Nelson, Regional CEO for the Middle East and North Africa at Standard Chartered, said:

"The Best Foreign Bank award is a testament to the exceptional performance that the Bank has achieved across its core businesses in the region. In the last 12 months, the Bank has introduced innovative products and services and continued to meet its customer and clients' finance needs, thereby filling the gap that some other banks had left in the market. Standard Chartered's strategy demonstrates a firm commitment to the Middle East."

Commenting on the Best Mortgage/Home Finance House' award, he added:

“This award recognises our approach which identifies and meets the specific needs and requirements of our customers. It also deepens our current motivation to continue investing in our franchise, enabling us to serve our customers even better.”

In addition to the the Banker Middle East awards, Standard Chartered recently won ‘Best FX House in the Middle East’ and ‘Best Investment Bank in the UAE’ at this year’s Euromoney Awards for Excellence. Standard Chartered has achieved consistent market outperformance with seven successive years of record profit.

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**Note to Editors:**

**Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East**

Standard Chartered PLC is a leading international bank, listed on the London and Hong Kong stock exchanges. It has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets and earns around 90 per cent of its income and profits in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This geographic focus and commitment to developing deep relationships with clients and customers has driven the Bank's growth in recent years.

With 1700 offices in 70 markets, Standard Chartered offers exciting and challenging international career opportunities for its 75,000 staff. It 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. The Bank's heritage and values are expressed in its brand promise, 'Here for good'.

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