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Standard Chartered participates at The Third Abu Dhabi Investment Forum in London

Bank holds a workshop on Debt Capital Markets

UAE, 19 October, 2010 – Standard Chartered announced today that it will be participating at The 3rd Abu Dhabi Investment Forum which will take place on 20 October at Excel, London. As a leader in the Debt Capital Markets in the GCC and the UAE, Standard Chartered will hold a **Workshop on Debt Capital Markets** to discuss the latest trends, developments and outlook of the industry which, in the UAE and the region, is witnessing significant growth and development. In addition, as lead sponsors, Standard Chartered's Chief Economist, Dr. Gerard Lyons will be participating in the opening Panel Discussion titled: **"Abu Dhabi in a recovering Global Market"**.

Commenting on the prospects of Abu Dhabi, Jeremy Parrish, Chief Executive Officer, UAE, Standard Chartered said:

"Abu Dhabi is a core market for Standard Chartered and it is regarded as one of the most promising markets in the region. Throughout the crisis, Standard Chartered stood by its clients in Abu Dhabi demonstrating its commitment to the Emirate and the Country. We are confident of prospects for the UAE in general which is well positioned for faster recovery from the implications of the financial crisis, lead by the economic strength of the capital. As lead sponsors, we are really glad to extend our support to this forum which reinforces the position of the Emirate as a world-class investment destination."

The Debt Capital Market workshop will discuss recent developments in the Abu Dhabi capital markets. The workshop will explore market activity to date and discuss factors contributing to the current status of the market and consider the market's future direction and growth. Combining views from issuers and investors, the workshop will provide a robust discussion of key achievements, and the challenges and opportunities for market participants.

The Abu Dhabi Investment Forum will highlight the unique challenges and opportunities facing Abu Dhabi's economy in the year ahead. The economic vision and accelerated diversification in the non-oil sectors have made the emirate one of the world's most dynamic economies, emerging from the crisis with an important role to play.

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