



Abrar A Anwar joins StanChart Malaysia as CEO

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Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia has appointed Abrar A Anwar as its managing director and CEO with effect from November 1.

Anwar, the outgoing CEO of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, has 26 years of experience in corporate and investment banking across Bangladesh, India and the UK, the bank said in a statement yesterday.

He joined Standard Chartered Bangladesh in January 2011 and led the corporate client coverage businesses until 2014, almost doubling the franchise's income during that period.

He was made CEO of the bank in Bangladesh in January 2015, according to the statement.

Anwar set up the first syndication and structured finance business in Bangladesh for ANZ Grindlays Bank.

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The Bangladeshi banker has also facilitated successful transactions for the energy and power, infrastructure, telecom, aviation, domestic and export-oriented industries, the bank said. "Abrar is an excellent candidate to helm the bank's business in Malaysia," said Anna Marrs, Standard Chartered's regional CEO for Asean and South Asia.

"His leadership skills, deep industry knowledge, and great rapport with clients will help to drive our business strategy and performance in Malaysia."

Prior to joining Standard Chartered Bangladesh, Anwar was the managing director and head of global corporate and commercial banking at Citibank NA, Bangladesh and head of specialist finance and advisory services at ANZ Grindlays Bank.

Anwar achieved an MBA degree from the Institute of Business Administration under Dhaka University.

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