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# Standard Chartered Vietnam named "Best Foreign Bank" second time

**Hanoi, September 3, 2015 -** Standard Chartered Bank Vietnam has been awarded the Best Foreign Bank in Vietnam by the London-based Global Banking and Finance Review in 2015. The award, which is given to the Bank for the second year, 2014 and 2015, recognises the Bank's excellent performance and its focus on innovation and strategic advancement.

Mr. Nirukt Sapru, CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Vietnam, said: "Winning the Best Foreign Bank in Vietnam Award for the second year in a row is a testimony to the strength of our business, the efforts of our staff and most importantly, the trust that our clients and customers have in us. Standard Chartered Bank has been building trust in markets all over the world for over 150 years and in Vietnam since 1904. We would like to thank our clients and customers, our business partners, our regulators for the strong supports which led us winning the award for the second year in a row. We will remain committed to investing for the future and delivering innovative and market-leading products and services to our clients and customers in Vietnam."

In May, the Bank was honoured to be named "Excellent Labour Collective" by the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam for the third year in a row in recognition of the Bank's contributions to the banking and finance industry in Vietnam. In January, the Bank helped build eight charitable houses and provided free eye care service for 900 school children in Tien Giang province. From last October to date, nearly 500 adolescent girls have benefited from the Bank-sponsored Goal project which helps empower them to play more active roles in their families and the community.

Having been one of the first foreign banks to incorporate with a local subsidiary since 2009, Standard Chartered is truly a local bank here in Vietnam today. The Bank provides a full suite of products and services which help support its clients and customers fulfil their business and personal ambitions.

"It is Standard Chartered's stated promise to be "Here for good" in all that we do in our business," Mr. Sapru added. "We are humbled that the services we provide to our clients and customers are rewarded with the recognition by the financial press and award bodies. This recognition will inspire us to an even greater level of services and commitment to all our clients and stakeholders and to continue to deliver on our promise of being Here for good."

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#### Notes to Editors

# Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited

In Vietnam, Standard Chartered's history can be traced back to 1904 when the Bank opened its first branch in Saigon (now is Ho Chi Minh City). We believe in the long term prospect of Vietnam and are fully committed to the Vietnamese market and our clients and customers since coming back to the country in 1990.

On August 1, 2009, we commenced operations in our locally incorporated entity – Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited, an important milestone of Standard Chartered's development in Vietnam. The bank currently has more than 850 employees and three branches (two in Hanoi and one in HCMC). The Head Office is based in Hanoi.

We bring our international expertise and experience in Asia, Africa and the Middle East to Vietnam, building a broad business that helps to develop the Vietnamese financial service sector as well as helping clients to develop their businesses. Standard Chartered has acted as the sole Sovereign Credit Ratings Advisor to the Vietnamese Government since March 2012.

The Bank provides a full suite of banking products and services for corporates, financial institutions as well as small and medium enterprises and individuals. We also play an active role in building the communities through many programs that promote social and economic development focusing on health, youth and financial education.

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