

## press release

## Standard Chartered Offers Execution-to-Custody Solution

Allows Investors to seamlessly tap Stock Connect

13 November 2014 – Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd ("Standard Chartered Hong Kong") announced the anticipated launch of their execution-to-custody solution, offering equities trading, clearing and the safeguarding of assets for Global Custodians and Investor clients who are preparing for the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

This integrated solution enables Standard Chartered through Standard Chartered Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd ("Standard Chartered Securities") as an executing broker and Standard Chartered Hong Kong as a custodian to be able to meet the pre-trade checking requirement under the Stock Connect scheme, while reducing broker counterparty risk and allowing Investors to meet their global regulatory demands. This innovative platform will benefit an array of Investors from multiple jurisdictions as they look to build exposure to the China A-share market.

May Tan, Standard Chartered Hong Kong CEO said: "We are very proud of the collaboration across Standard Chartered on Stock Connect, which is a significant step in the opening of China's capital account. The bank is well-positioned to provide our investors, global custodians and broker clients, a best-in-class solution for China access. With a dedicated task force across the bank, we stand ready to support our clients by working with regulators and key industry groups across multiple jurisdictions to support the launch of the Stock Connect."

Lisa O'Connor, Standard Chartered's Head of Securities Services, Northeast Asia and Greater China, Transaction Banking said: "In collaboration with Standard Chartered Securities, Standard Chartered's Third Party Clearing solution provides a

seamless execution and custody service for our Global Custodian and Investor clients. This means that our clients no longer need to pre-deliver their securities to their broker, which removes one of the key impediments to trading on the northbound leg of Stock Connect. This hugely exciting development positions us to support our clients seeking greater access to the Chinese A-share market"

As a leader in CNH market position and liquidity, Standard Chartered Hong Kong, with a well-established deposit base in both HKD and CNH holds a market-maker role in both HKD and CNH pricing. The bank has been appointed by the HKMA as the Primary Liquidity Provider for the CNH and is one of the banks behind the Trading Support Facility offered by HKEx for CNH share settlement, demonstrating the bank's strong market share in the CNH spot and forward markets.

In addition, Standard Chartered has leading research capabilities covering the Chinese economy, equities, FX, rates and credit. The bank's China equity research covers 293 China and Hong Kong stocks across all sectors, with a strong focus on high-quality growth stocks and a growing A-share stock coverage.

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