

# press release

# Standard Chartered Vietnam named "Most Favourite International Bank" for 7 years

**30 March 2015**, **Hanoi**, **Vietnam** – Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) has achieved the "Most Favourite International Bank" title in the Golden Dragon Awards 2014, a national high-profile programme recognising foreign enterprises with excellent performance and their contributions to the business and local communities in Vietnam.

Standard Chartered Vietnam CEO Nirukt Sapru said: "Being recognised as the "Most Favourite International Bank" for seven years is one of our significant achievements in the country. Deeply committed to Vietnam, Standard Chartered will continue to support the nation's efforts to attain sustainable economic growth and strive to offer more innovative banking products and services for our clients and customers. To that end, we bring our international expertise and experience in other growing markets to Vietnam."

As a leading international bank with a 110-year history in Vietnam, Standard Chartered has been at the forefront of driving innovation and the introduction of world class expertise in the country. In continually raising the bar for the entire industry, the Bank has helped to create a more robust financial services sector in Vietnam. The performance is instrumental to in bringing about the prestigious award for seven years.

Mr. Sapru elaborated: "In accepting this award, on behalf of the Bank, I would like to express our gratitude to our clients and customers for choosing to partner with us. I would also like to thank our various stakeholders without whom we would not have achieved this award. In particular I would like to thank our regulator, the State Bank of Vietnam and the Government, for their strong support. We would also like to thank our staff for their continued engagement and dedication."

Standard Chartered has also strengthened its position as the leading transaction bank for corporates in Asia and ranks second in trade finance globally, thus ready to better support companies to grow their business in the region and across the world.

The Golden Dragon Awards are presented annually by the Vietnam Economic Times, with titles voted by its board of editors and readers.

In 2014, the world leading Global Finance Magazine voted Standard Chartered Vietnam for the third year in a row as Best Internet Consumer Bank. It was also named the "Best Foreign Bank Vietnam 2014" by the Global Banking and Finance Review. In 2013 and 2014, the Bank was is proudly named by the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam as "Excellent Labour Collective" in recognition of the Bank's achievement in delivering strong performance, demonstrating effective compliance and its active engagement with communities. The Vietnamese Government's USD1 billion bond issuance last November, with Standard Chartered Bank acting as a lead arranger and joint book runner, has been named the country deal of 2014 by financial publication Asiamoney.

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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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