

# press release

# Nirukt Sapru appointed Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank - Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos

**28 October 2013, Hanoi, Vietnam** - Standard Chartered Bank today announced the appointment of Nirukt Sapru as its new CEO for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. He will be based in Vietnam from October 23rd, 2013.

Nirukt succeeds Louis Taylor who has taken up a new role with the Bank in London after three year assignment in Vietnam.

Nirukt has over 25 years of investment and commercial banking experience in both Europe and Asia. Prior to this assignment Nirukt had regional responsibility for Client Coverage, Wholesale Banking in Australia, The Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Mauritius, Brunei, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Nepal & Bangladesh.

"I am looking forward to working closely with our various stakeholders to further build our franchise in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos", said Nirukt Sapru. "My priority will be continuing to support our clients and customers, our regulators, our employees and the communities we serve. I hope to reinforce our brand promise of being Here for People, Here for Progress, Here for the long run and being Here for Good. We are committed to putting that at the heart of all what we do".

"There are some interesting opportunities for Standard Chartered Bank in Vietnam and more generally in the Mekong region, both in Consumer banking and Wholesale banking. The Vietnamese economy continues to be one of the fastest growing in Asia. Like every economy globally, it has its own challenges but the longer term prospects remain very positive."

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