

press release

Standard Chartered Bank and Supercharger Limited bring FinTech Accelerator roadshow to Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City, 13 October 2016 - Standard Chartered Bank and Supercharger Limited, last week, held a roadshow in Ho Chi Minh City, bringing together key stakeholders in the FinTech ecosystem in Vietnam and hearing pitches from local FinTech companies interested in the Supercharger FinTech Accelerator 2.0 program. The roadshow drew over 60 local FinTech professionals and members of the Vietnam FinTech Club.

“SuperCharger FinTech Accelerator 2.0” is a 12-week innovation programme aimed at helping promising FinTech companies grow their footprint in Asia. For the second year running, SuperCharger FinTech Accelerator 2.0 will give participants access to market entry resources, outstanding mentors, unrivalled technology advice from industry experts and joint-venture opportunities. The selection panel will be looking out for FinTech companies that will shape the next trends in banking and FinTech, including innovative solutions for supply chain and trade finance, wealth management, distributed ledger technologies (DLTs), artificial intelligence (AI), and mobile and cloud technology.

After meeting with a number of local startups during the roadshow, Veronika Kuznetsova, Managing Director of SuperCharger, pointed out the valuable opportunity recognised: "We were very impressed with the technological talent in Vietnam and saw great potential for the local fintech businesses to accelerate their growth by gaining directly from the experience and access to our excellent programme partners, some of whom were there to provide live feedback during the sessions".

Standard Chartered Bank has been active in the FinTech space in Vietnam as a co-founder, along with Dragon Capital, of the Vietnam FinTech Club – which now has over 1000 members of its Facebook group.

Nirukt Sapru, Standard Chartered Bank CEO, Vietnam and ASA Cluster Markets said “Standard Chartered Bank is proud to bring the SuperCharger FinTech Accelerator roadshow to Ho Chi Minh City. As a bank with deep local roots, and over 110 years of history in Vietnam, we are keenly aware that Vietnam is emerging as a hotbed of innovation in the digital and mobile spaces, and FinTech is no exception. We are happy to be able to partner with the SuperCharger team and the Vietnam FinTech Club to bring this event to Ho Chi Minh City.”

Applications for SuperCharger FinTech Accelerator 2.0 are open from now until 20 October 2016. FinTech companies may apply online via www.fintechsupercharger.com. Throughout September and October 2016, roadshows are being conducted in a number of key cities in Asia including Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta and Bangalore.

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