

# press release

## **Standard Chartered joins the Dow Jones Sustainability Index**

**London - 14 September 2010** - Standard Chartered joins the ranks of 47 leading companies on corporate sustainability, having received a place on the coveted Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World) 2010. The bank was recognised for its high performance in stakeholder engagement, human capital development, risk and crisis management, financial inclusion and climate change governance.

The DJSI World is the most highly regarded sustainability index among the investor community. Competition to be included in the index is increasingly tough with the number of entries increasing by 20 per cent within the last two years. More than 40 companies were delisted from the index this year.

Companies hoping for inclusion on the annual index are examined closely against a wide range of criteria in the economic, environmental and social spheres. The economic sphere covers consistency in branding practices, the structure of the board, policies against corruption and the size of audit fees. Environmental factors range from water use and CO2 emissions to the quality of environmental audit. The social dimension takes account of employee consultation, gender pay equality and stakeholder engagement amongst others. In addition, a number of sector-specific criteria are applied.

Companies on the index are monitored throughout the year, ensuring that their practice matches up to their policy when responding to events.

Gill James, Group Head of Sustainability, said, "Building a sustainable business is key to achieving long-term profit and return for our shareholders. Standard Chartered has a longstanding commitment to benefiting the communities in which we operate, where we develop deep relationships with our clients, influence how they do business for the better, and growing a family of staff dedicated to achieving these goals. We are pleased to join other leading organisations that share this ambition."

For more information on the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes please visit [www.sustainability-indexes.com](http://www.sustainability-indexes.com).

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**Note to Editors:****Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East**

Standard Chartered PLC is a leading international bank, listed on the London, Hong Kong and Mumbai stock exchanges. It has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets and earns more than 90 per cent of its income and profits in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This geographic focus and commitment to developing deep relationships with clients and customers has driven the Bank's growth in recent years.

With 1,700 offices in 70 markets, Standard Chartered offers exciting and challenging international career opportunities for more than 80,000 staff. It is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. The Bank's heritage and values are expressed in its brand promise, 'Here for good'.

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