

Press release



In the photo: Governor Eli M. Remolona, Jr., Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (5th from Left); Patricia Buenaventura Nichol, Partner and Office Head, Bain & Company, Philippines (3rd from Left); From Standard Chartered Bank (L-R): Edward Lee, Chief Economist and Head of FX for ASEAN and South Asia; Tet Sangil, Head of Financial Institutions; Mike Samson, Chief Executive Officer; SC Philippines; Jeff Wong, Head of Macro Trading, ASEAN; Toni Bautista, Head of Financial Markets; and Tee Mahatharadol Head, Markets FI Sales ASEAN (ex SG).

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Standard Chartered Bank hosts 2026 Markets Forum

Standard Chartered Bank (Standard Chartered) Philippines recently hosted its inaugural Markets Forum at Shangri-La The Fort, Taguig City, convening government leaders, industry experts and market practitioners for a discussion on global market trends, capital markets development and emerging investment opportunities in 2026.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Eli M. Remolona, Jr. delivered the keynote address highlighting the role of the BSP in deepening the Philippines' capital markets to strengthen monetary policy transmission and broaden investor participation. He noted that more developed fixed income and corporate bond markets would support better price discovery, diversify funding sources, and help build a more resilient financial system. Standard Chartered Chief Economist and Head of FX, ASEAN and South Asia Edward Lee also presented the bank's global outlook and how businesses can withstand the current test of resilience and navigate in an unsettled world.

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A panel discussion moderated by Toni Bautista, Head of Financial Markets, Standard Chartered Philippines, explored global and ASEAN investment and funding themes. Panellists included Patricia Buenaventura Nichol, Partner and Office Head, Bain & Company Philippines; Jeff Wong, Standard Chartered Head of Macro Trading, ASEAN; Tee Mahatharadol, Standard Chartered Head, Markets FI Sales ASEAN excluding Singapore; and Mike Samson, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Philippines.

Geopolitical and trade shifts are reshaping supply chains, investment flows and business strategies. ASEAN continues to offer compelling opportunities as global trade corridors evolve. "Today's market environment is characterized by both complexity and opportunity," said Mike Samson, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Philippines. "As we continue to navigate a volatile world, it is important to sharpen our understanding of the forces shaping our future and improve the decisions we make because of them."

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