

**Standard Chartered Bank retains top rank for PHP and USD bonds
in Bloomberg H1 2019 League Table**

Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), the oldest international bank in the country, retains its leadership as the top bookrunner for PHP and USD bonds in the Philippines. According to Bloomberg, SCB continued to maintain the top position in the H1 2019 debt market league tables, garnering a market share of 35%. SCB also remains the lead issuer of Philippine-issued USD Bonds, holding 16% of the market share and generating a total deal value of USD 535.7 million.

SCB has also maintained its leadership in PHP Bank Bonds space, being involved in 63% (PHP 142 billion out of the PHP 225 billion) of bank bond issuances in the market since the release of BSP Circular 1010, a set of regulations governing the issuance of bonds and commercial papers. SCB was also the sole arranger for 37% (PHP 83 billion) of the total volume of PHP Bank Bonds issued.

SCB's strong and highly-awarded capital markets franchise both in the domestic and international markets has enabled the bank to become the partner of choice for issuers in the country, including the Republic of the Philippines. SCB has been a strong ally and long-term partner of the Republic, actively supporting all of the government's USD transactions in the international capital markets since 2011.

Chief Executive Officer Lynette V. Ortiz highlights Standard Chartered Bank's dedication to crafting innovative financial solutions for its clients. "We will continue to leverage on our deep local expertise, capabilities and relationships, bringing the extensive network of SCB to ensure the best outcome for our clients."

Standard Chartered Bank's extensive expertise in crafting pioneer solutions has catapulted the Bank into becoming a leader in the debt capital markets space. In 2019, SCB was awarded Top Corporate Issue Manager / Arranger (Bank Category) by the Philippine Dealing System Awards and Best Bond Advisor in Philippines by The Asset Awards in 2018.

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