



# Press Release

## Standard Chartered: Beware of Fraudulent Investment Solicitation

Standard Chartered (“the Bank”) has detected of the circulation of images and advertisements on social media channels that impersonate the use of the Bank’s name, logo, and images of its executives and or staffs to solicit investment. The campaign, which targeted Thai investors in particular, lured individuals to the Line group and applied AI technology to impersonalise the Bank’s staff and executive as the trainer and guest during the training.

The Bank hereby confirms that those advertisements and/or solicitation are not true and the Bank does not involve in such acts. The Bank has no policy to solicit investments through social media, has not authorized any such advertisements, and does not offer investment training, briefings, or exclusive investment opportunities via social media platforms or private messaging groups, including LINE or Open Chat. Please be informed that Standard Chartered has ceased its retail business operation and wealth management in Thailand since 2017.

The Bank is closely monitoring the situation and is cooperating with relevant platform providers to restrict and remove fraudulent content to prevent potential harm to the public, together, the Bank has taken and will continue to fully take legal action against the perpetrators.

The Bank therefore urges customers and the public to exercise caution when receiving information from suspicious or fake accounts. Please do not be misled by any invitation or scheme to invest in any form, or any contact that impersonates the Bank, uses its name or logo, or the images of its executives. Please be advised to rely on verified and official sources and to remain vigilant against all forms of investment scams.

1. Do not trust the message you receive.
2. Do not join any Line group or any campaign, impersonating as Standard Chartered.

### About Standard Chartered

We are a leading international banking group, with a presence in 54 of the world’s most dynamic markets. Our purpose is to drive commerce and prosperity through our unique diversity, and our heritage and values are expressed in our brand promise, here for good.

Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong stock exchanges.

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