

press release

Standard Chartered launches first-ever global running event along the Belt and Road

31 JANUARY 2019, Hong Kong – Standard Chartered announced the launch of the Standard Chartered Belt & Road Relay, the first-ever global running event spanning the Belt and Road Initiative, with the aim of highlighting the Bank's continued commitment to Belt and Road, and the positive impact of the initiative to communities and businesses globally.

The Relay will be led by eight staff athletes from Standard Chartered, selected from the Bank's diverse footprint in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe and the Americas. These athletes will participate in running events across 44 Belt and Road markets within a 90-day period.

Commenting on the launch, **Bill Winters, Group Chief Executive, Standard Chartered**, said, "The Belt and Road Initiative is the most ambitious and far-reaching project of its kind in the world today. We are present in two-thirds of Belt and Road markets, and our rich heritage, deep local knowledge and unparalleled connectivity mean that we're ideally placed to help our partners, clients and communities to make the most out of the initiative. By traversing these markets on foot and engaging local clients, governments, media and communities, our Standard Chartered Belt & Road Relay athletes will showcase our commitment to be the One Bank for the Belt and Road."

The Standard Chartered Belt & Road Relay will kick off in Hong Kong on 17 February, in conjunction with the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, which is one of the biggest sports events in the city with over 74,000 runners, and end in Beijing on 11 May, after the Belt and Road Forum.

Mary Huen, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Hong Kong, said, "As an international financial centre, Hong Kong plays a key role in providing the best-in-class financial services to support the Belt and Road projects. With a strong history of 160 years in the city, Standard Chartered Hong Kong is well-placed to help clients seize the enormous opportunities brought by the initiative. We are pleased to kick off the Relay in Hong Kong, highlighting the importance of this market to the Standard Chartered Group."

The Belt and Road initiative is core to Standard Chartered. In 2017, the Bank committed additional financing for Belt and Road projects of at least USD 20 billion by 2020, and was involved in more than 50 Belt and Road deals worth more than USD 10billion across a range of products and services.

To follow the progress of the Standard Chartered Belt & Road Relay, or for more information on the Belt and Road Initiative, please visit www.sc.com/beltandroadrelay.

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Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong Stock Exchanges as well as the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges in India.

The history of Standard Chartered in Hong Kong dates back to 1859. It is currently one of the Hong Kong SAR's three note-issuing banks. Standard Chartered incorporated its Hong Kong business on 1 July 2004, and now operates as a licensed bank in Hong Kong under the name of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered PLC.

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