



Press Release

Standard Chartered PLC's new Group Chair visits Hong Kong on her first international trip, highlighting the strategic importance of the city

18 June 2025, Hong Kong – Maria Ramos, Group Chair of Standard Chartered PLC, visited Hong Kong to attend a series of meetings and events, marking her first market visit since assuming the new role in May. This visit underscores the strategic importance of Hong Kong franchise to the Group.

During her visit, Maria met with various stakeholders, including clients, colleagues, partners, and regulators, to gain insights into market trends and the immense growth momentum of Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. The visit further strengthened the Group's partnerships in the region to better seize future development opportunities.

Maria Ramos commented, "Hong Kong is Standard Chartered's largest market across our footprint, contributing one third of the Group's profit in 2024. With Hong Kong acting as a 'super-connector' between Mainland China and international markets, it provides a number of distinct advantages for businesses and investors. Our unique cross-border network and exceptional wealth management and digital solutions ensure we are well positioned to support our clients in seizing the opportunities in Hong Kong and across the Greater Bay Area."

Benjamin Hung, President, International, Standard Chartered, **Judy Hsu**, CEO, Wealth and Retail Banking, and Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered, **Mary Huen**, CEO, Hong Kong and Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered, alongside the local leadership team, hosted a welcoming reception for Maria. During the session, the Hong Kong team presented Maria a set of meaningful gifts – a Chinese calligraphy artwork and a traditional seal featuring her Chinese name “羅睿思”. The character “睿” symbolises wisdom and foresight, while “思” denotes thoughtfulness and strategic vision, which also reflects Standard Chartered's commitment to future success.

Photo Caption

Photo 1 : Benjamin Hung, President, International, Standard Chartered (second from the left), Judy Hsu, CEO, Wealth and Retail Banking, and Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered (first from the right), and Mary Huen, Hong Kong and Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered (first from the left), welcome Maria Ramos, Group Chair of Standard Chartered PLC (second from the right), on her first visit to Hong Kong after taking up the new role.

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

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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