

Quick facts

General

Standard Chartered is an international bank focused on the dynamic markets of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

The Bank has been headquartered in London since its foundation in 1853 and is listed on the London and Hong Kong stock exchanges.

Standard Chartered is balanced and diversified by business, product and geography.

Consumer Banking has diversified by building wealth management, personal loans, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and consumer finance onto its traditional strengths in mortgages and credit cards.

Wholesale Banking has been transformed through a client-led strategy, adding services such as credit derivatives, debt capital markets and corporate advisory to its long-standing cash management and lending business.

Our strong growth, supplemented with strategic and disciplined acquisitions and alliances, continues to deliver results and create shareholder value.

History

Founded: 1853 when the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was established by James Wilson, who also founded The Economist newspaper. The Standard Bank of British South Africa was established in 1863, and the two banks merged in 1969.

First branches: Shanghai, Calcutta and Mumbai in 1858, followed by Hong Kong and Singapore in 1859.

Headquarters: Standard Chartered has been based in the City of London financial centre since the Bank's foundation. The head office address is:

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Figures (as at 1 March 2008)

Employees: 73,000

Employee nationalities: over 115

Branches and outlets: over 1,700 (including subsidiary, associates and joint ventures)

Markets: over 70 worldwide

Top performance markets by operating income: Hong Kong, Korea, Middle East, India, and Singapore

Financial results (as per Annual Results February 2008)

Operating income: up 28 per cent to US\$11,06m dollars (2006: US\$8,620m)

Pretax profit: up 27 per cent to US\$4035m (2006: US\$3178m)

Normalised earnings per share: up 15.8 per cent to 197.6 cents (2006: 170.7 cents)

Stock exchange listings: London (top 25 FTSE 100 company) and Hong Kong

Awards

Every year Standard Chartered receives awards for innovation, excellence and business best in class.

Standard Chartered was awarded the 2007 Awards for Business Excellence using core competencies to combat HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria by the Global Business Coalition.

In July 2007, Euromoney awarded Standard Chartered Best Global Emerging Markets Bank as well as Best Bank for Africa and for Ghana.

At the Euromoney Islamic Finance Awards 2007 Standard Chartered won Most Improved International Islamic Bank.

Sustainability

At Standard Chartered, we take a long-term view of the consequences of our actions and we are committed to building a sustainable business. We also recognise the need to minimise the social and environmental impact of economic growth, and for good governance.

Strategic intent

In 2003, Standard Chartered set out its strategic intent to be the world's best international bank, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The Bank's brand promise is to be Leading by Example to be The Right Partner. Underpinning the strategic intent are Standard Chartered's five values: Responsive, Trustworthy, Creative, International and Courageous