

# press release

## **Standard Chartered appoints Brad Levitt Group Head of Capital Markets, Wholesale Banking**

11 January 2006, Singapore - Standard Chartered Bank today announced the appointment of senior investment banker Brad Levitt as Global Head of Capital Markets, Wholesale Banking, with effect from 1 January 2006.

Brad, who was the Bank's Managing Director and Head of Asian and Middle East Fixed Income for the last eight years, takes over from David Worth, who left last month.

In his new role, based in Singapore, he will be responsible for the Bank's global capital markets business, including fixed income, asset-backed securitisation, loan syndications, credit derivatives and convertible bonds businesses.

On his appointment, Mike Rees, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered's Wholesale Banking, said: "Brad has made a remarkable contribution over the past few years and built a great business achieving a top 2 rating for Asia – ex Japan – for 2005.

“The business has grown substantially and maintains a strong leadership positioning in Asia and the Middle East, and continues to expand its platform and product capability, adding both new geographies and product capabilities.”

Standard Chartered leads in innovative solutions and product capabilities in loan syndications, ABS and fixed income businesses, consistently ranking in the top 3 in league table positioning and winning deals from much bigger players.

Brad, who has extensive experience in finance and banking, including almost 20 years in investment banking and capital markets, said of his new role: “We have built the foundation for a cohesive, client-driven debt business over the past 7 years. Now, we would like to take the business to the next level, providing both our issuers and investors with a more comprehensive, solutions driven product set. We aim to be the capital markets bank of choice in Asia, the Middle East and Africa.”

Brad joined Standard Chartered Bank in 1998 and was previously responsible for managing and running all aspects of the Bank’s fixed income business in both North Asia, Southeast Asia (including India) and the Middle East, including Sales, Trading, Origination and Structuring.

He has led the Bank's pan-Asian Fixed Income business to become a leading player in the Asian capital markets, clinching numerous awards for the Bank, including Best Domestic Bond House from IFR (2005), Best Asian Currency Bond House from The Asset (2005) and Best Local Currency Bond House from Finance Asia (2005). The Bank has also made it to the top of the local currency debt league tables in numerous countries (top foreign bank in 2005 in India, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines and Indonesia) as well as pan-Asia.

In addition, the Bank’s ABS team has been recognized as the top Asian ABS house for 2005 with awards from Finance Asia and The Asset.

Brad received his BA in Economics from University of California, Davis and earned an MBA in Finance from the Anderson School at UCLA. In addition, he is a qualified Chartered Financial Analyst.

### **Anton Martin appointed Global Head of Global Investor Sales**

Standard Chartered Bank also announced the appointment of Anton Martin to head Global Investor Sales in Capital Markets, with effect from 1 January 2006. He reports to Brad Levitt.

Anton was the Hong Kong-based Global Head for Distribution, since he joined Standard Chartered in 2001.

In his new role in Singapore, Anton will be responsible for the distribution of the Bank's products including foreign exchange, bonds and asset-backed securities to Banks and Investors and Intermediaries. Additionally, his team will handle the sale of investment products to global corporates.

Said Anton of his new appointment: "I am tremendously excited about the opportunity to lead the way in bringing new ideas and products to our clients from the geographies that are increasingly drivers of global growth."

On the direction and strategy for Global Investor Sales, he said: "As Standard Chartered offers an ever increasing range of products growing in complexity, it has become very clear that in order to be the right partner for our clients we need to be organised to their buying centres."

He added: "The challenge will be keeping up with our clients' needs and appetites for products and ideas from the Bank's core areas of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. We have an opportunity to further demonstrate our leadership and passion for our core geographies."

Anton, an ex-British tank commander who speaks fluent Cantonese, has a degree in Economics from the University of East Anglia. He has over 10 years of experience in loan sales and syndications in the UK.

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**Note to Editors:**

**Standard Chartered – Leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East**

Standard Chartered is one of the world's most international banks, employing over 40,000 people, representing 80 nationalities, across its network. Standard Chartered operates in over 1,200 locations (including subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures) in more than 50 countries in the Asia Pacific Region, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the United Kingdom and the Americas.

Standard Chartered PLC is listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and is in the top 25 FTSE-100 companies, by market capitalisation.

It serves both Consumer and Wholesale Banking customers. Consumer Banking provides credit cards, personal loans, mortgages, deposit taking and wealth management services to individuals and small to medium sized enterprises.

Wholesale Banking provides corporate and institutional clients with services in trade finance, cash management, lending, securities services, foreign exchange, debt capital markets and corporate finance.

Standard Chartered is well-established in growth markets and aims to be the right partner for its customers. The Bank combines deep local knowledge with global capability. The Bank is trusted across its network for its standard of

governance and corporate responsibility as well as its commitment to making a difference in the communities in which it operates.

Standard Chartered's Asian Fixed Income team has a strong track record in Asia, winning prestigious awards, such as Best Domestic Bond House from IFR (2005), Best Asian Currency Bond House from The Asset (2005) and Best Local Currency Bond House from Finance Asia (2005). The Bank has also made it to the top of the local currency debt league tables in numerous countries (top foreign bank in 2005 in India, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines and Indonesia) as well as pan-Asia. In addition, the Bank's ABS team has been recognized as the top Asian ABS house for 2005 with awards from Finance Asia and The Asset.

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