

Press Release

Standard Chartered hosts its flagship event “The Middle East Summit” in the UAE

Dr. Ben S. Bernanke addresses Bank clients

Dubai, 15 April 2018 - Standard Chartered hosted its signature Corporate and Institutional Banking Clients' event - The Middle East Summit - at Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai. The one-day event held exclusively for Standard Chartered Bank's clients, provided in-depth insight and analysis on the financial picture for the rest of 2018 and beyond.

The Macro-Economic briefing session kicked off on a high note welcoming around 200 clients to a stimulating array of discussions by an impressive line-up of speakers, inviting insightful debates and conversations.

In a thought-provoking panel discussion, Dr. Ben S. Bernanke, former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, delivered his observations and assessment on the current state of the economy, and the opportunities and challenges in the Middle East, Africa and rest of the world. The session was moderated by Razia Khan, Chief Economist, Africa and Middle East, Standard Chartered Bank. David Mann, Managing Director, Chief Economist, Standard Chartered Bank, also shared the Bank's views and insights at the event.

Commenting on his participation, Dr. Ben S. Bernanke said: "It is good to be back to the UAE. This event was a great opportunity to connect and interact with decision makers and thought leaders in this part of the world. I would like to thank Standard Chartered for inviting me to be part of their Global Forum discussions."

Sunil Kaushal, Regional Chief Executive Officer, Africa and Middle East, Standard Chartered Bank, Julian Wynter, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank, UAE, Sarmad Lone, Regional Co-Head, Global Banking, AME and Mohamed Salama, Head of Global Banking UAE, were present at the conference along with senior members of the Bank's management team in the region.

Sunil Kaushal, Regional CEO, Africa and Middle East said: "The Standard Chartered Middle East Summit has grown over the years into what is now a highly regarded client event in the region, evidenced by the strong interest and participation by our clients. In today's business environment, it is vital to make informed decisions based on information from trusted advisors that have strong global and local understanding of business and economic dynamics. It was a pleasure to hear from Dr. Bernanke this year where we brought together clients and partners to have insightful conversations and exchange views on topical issues, emerging trends and forces shaping the local, regional and global economies."

The Middle East is a strategic market for Standard Chartered Bank; its first branch was founded in 1920 in Bahrain. In 2018, the Bank is celebrating its 60th anniversary in the UAE. For almost 100 years, the Bank has built a strong network across the region and this plays to its strength. The Bank's regional headquarters are located in the Dubai International Financial Centre.

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