



Standard Chartered PLC

(Incorporated as a public limited company in England and Wales with registered number 966425)

Standard Chartered Bank

(Incorporated with limited liability in England by Royal Charter with reference number ZC18)

U.S.\$77,500,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme

This supplement (the “**Supplement**”, which definition shall include all information incorporated by reference herein) to the base prospectus dated 19 June 2018 (the “**Base Prospectus**”, which definition includes the base prospectus and all information incorporated by reference therein), as supplemented by the supplementary prospectuses dated 31 July 2018, 21 September 2018, 1 November 2018 and 30 November 2018, constitutes a supplementary prospectus for the purposes of Section 87G of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“**FSMA**”) and is prepared in connection with the U.S.\$77,500,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme (the “**Programme**”) established by Standard Chartered PLC (“**SCPLC**”) and Standard Chartered Bank (“**SCB**”) (each of SCPLC and SCB in such capacity an “**Issuer**” and together the “**Issuers**”). Terms defined in the Base Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

This Supplement is supplemental to, updates, must be read in conjunction with, and forms part of, the Base Prospectus and any other supplements to the Base Prospectus issued by the Issuers. This Supplement is for distribution to professional investors (as defined in Chapter 37 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (together, “**Professional Investors**”)) only. **Investors should not purchase the Notes in the primary or secondary markets unless they are Professional Investors and understand the risks involved. The Notes are only suitable for Professional Investors.**

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The purpose of this Supplement is to:

1. disclose the downgrade of the subordinated debt ratings assigned to SCPLC and SCB by Moody’s Investors Service Singapore Pte. Ltd, as further described below; and
2. incorporate by reference the announcement by SCPLC regarding the extension of SCPLC’s U.S. Deferred Prosecution Agreements, as further described below.

This Supplement has been approved by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority (“**FCA**”), which is the United Kingdom competent authority for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) and relevant implementing measures in the United Kingdom, as a supplement to the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus constitutes a base prospectus prepared in compliance with the Prospectus Directive and relevant implementing

measures in the United Kingdom for the purpose of giving information with regard to the issue of Notes under the Programme.

The Issuers accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuers (which have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

This Supplement includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Issuers. The Issuers accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Supplement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

Subordinated debt ratings assigned to SCPLC and SCB by Moody's Investors Service Singapore Pte. Ltd

On 22 December 2018, Moody's Investors Service Singapore Pte. Ltd ("**Moody's Singapore**") released an announcement stating that SCPLC's and SCB's subordinated debt ratings have been downgraded from Baa1 to Baa2.

Moody's Singapore is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**"). Moody's Singapore is affiliated to Moody's Investors Service Ltd which is established in the European Union and is registered under the CRA Regulation. In accordance with the CRA Regulation, Moody's Investors Service Ltd may endorse credit ratings issued by Moody's Singapore.

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. When an issue of Notes is rated, its rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to the Programme. The rating of certain Series of Notes to be issued under the Programme may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Extension of SCPLC's U.S. Deferred Prosecution Agreements

On 21 December 2018, SCPLC announced it has agreed to an extension of its U.S. Deferred Prosecution Agreements until 31 March 2019.

New Document Incorporated by Reference

The announcement by SCPLC dated 21 December 2018 entitled "*Extension of the U.S. Deferred Prosecution Agreements*" (by which SCPLC announced that it has agreed to an extension of its U.S. Deferred Prosecution Agreements), which has been previously published and which has been filed with the FCA, is hereby incorporated in, and forms part of, this Supplement.

General

To the extent that there is any inconsistency between: (a) any statement in this Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference into this Supplement; and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectus or the supplementary prospectuses dated 31 July 2018, 21 September 2018, 1 November 2018 and 30 November 2018, the statements in (a) above will prevail.

Save as disclosed in this Supplement or the supplementary prospectuses dated 31 July 2018, 21 September 2018, 1 November 2018 and 30 November 2018, there has been no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus since the publication of the Base Prospectus.