

# press release

## **Standard Chartered’s “Fighting The Current” Global Research Briefing 2019 In Colombo**

**15 FEBRUARY 2019** – Standard Chartered’s Global Research Team will address an exclusive group of the Bank’s clients on Wednesday, 20 February. They will present their views at a session titled “Fighting the Current” as part of the bank’s Global Research Briefing 2019 tour. The event will feature an expert panel of economists and strategists from across the world covering a range of global and local topics including a Global economic outlook, Europe outlook and Sri Lanka outlook for 2019. The team will be meeting with key public sector stakeholders to garner insights into the Sri Lanka economy and global dynamics.

“It is a great privilege for us to be a part of Standard Chartered’s Global Research Briefing and I am confident that the forum will provide some essential insights into global business and economic trends in the year to come. Our client service agenda focuses not only on providing banking and financial services to our clients but also to provide the opportunity for them to access industry related information on economic trends and market dynamics.” Said Bingumal Thewarathanthri, CEO Standard Chartered Sri Lanka.

The programme in Sri Lanka includes David Mann - Global Chief Economist, Saurav Anand – South Asia Economists and Divya Devesh – Head of ASA FX Research. David is based in Singapore and oversees macroeconomic views for the Global Research Team. He was previously Chief Economist for Asia. David joined the Bank in London in 2000 and was a founding member of the Standard Chartered FX Strategy team in 2002, moving to Hong Kong as a senior FX Strategist in 2005. He was previously based in New York, responsible for covering the US economy, managing the Latin America team and providing clients with the Bank’s views on Asia in the US time zone. In 2001 he was awarded the Rybczynski Young Economist Prize for work on the Malaysian Ringgit Barometer. David appears regularly in the media. He holds a BSc in economics from the University of Warwick and an MSc in finance from the University of London (Birkbeck College).

Saurav is responsible for macroeconomic coverage of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, as well as some aspects of India. He joined Standard Chartered in 2009 in Mumbai as an Equity Research Analyst and was primarily responsible for covering the Indian telecom, media, and oil and gas

sectors. Saurav holds an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, and an engineering degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. He also holds FRM certification (GARP – USA) and has cleared CFA Level II.

Divya covers Asia FX strategy, based in Singapore. He provides views on the latest developments in FX markets and recommends trade ideas and hedging strategies for institutional and corporate clients. He is also quoted regularly in the media on financial-market developments. Divya was ranked by Bloomberg as the most accurate forecaster for EM Asia FX for 2016. Prior to his current role, he was a G10 FX strategist for the Bank, focusing on JPY, AUD and NZD. He holds a Bachelor's degree in computer science from Indian Institute of Technology, and an MBA from Indian Institute of Management. He is a CFA charter holder.

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