

press release

Standard Chartered launches first-ever global running event along the Belt and Road

Kuala Lumpur, 8 March 2019 – Standard Chartered announced the launch of the Standard Chartered Belt & Road Relay, the first-ever global running event spanning the Belt and Road initiative, with the aim of highlighting the Bank’s continued commitment to Belt and Road, and the positive impact of the initiative to communities and businesses globally.

The Relay will be led by eight staff athletes from Standard Chartered, selected from the Bank’s diverse footprint in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas. These athletes will participate in running events across 44 Belt and Road markets within a 90-day period.

Commenting on the launch, Bill Winters, Group Chief Executive, Standard Chartered, said, “The Belt and Road Initiative is the most ambitious and far-reaching project of its kind in the world today. We are present in two-thirds of Belt and Road markets, and our rich heritage, deep local knowledge and unparalleled connectivity mean that we’re ideally placed to help our partners, clients and communities to make the most out of the initiative. By traversing these markets on foot and engaging local clients, governments, media and communities, our Standard Chartered Belt & Road Relay athletes will showcase our commitment to be the One Bank for the Belt and Road.”

The Standard Chartered Belt and Road Relay kicked off in Hong Kong on 17 February 2019 in conjunction with the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon and ends in China on 11 May 2019 after the Belt and Road Forum.

Abrar A. Anwar, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Malaysia adds, “The Belt & Road initiative is a strategic priority for the Bank. We have been collaborating with local partners in 45 countries along the Belt and Road routes to promote sustainable social and economic development. We believe our investment in this Relay is important to raise the awareness of our unique position and capabilities and support our clients and communities in Malaysia to benefit from the Belt and Road initiative. We are especially excited about the Belt and Road Relay, as our Malaysian colleague, Danny Chang, Head of Managed Investments and Products Management, is one of the eight athletes chosen to run in this amazing feat. The athletes will be passing through Kuala Lumpur on 8 and 9 March and we look forward to cheering them on.”

The Belt and Road initiative is core to Standard Chartered. In 2017, the Bank committed additional financing for Belt and Road projects of at least USD 20 billion by 2020, and was involved in more than 50 Belt and Road deals worth more than USD10 billion across a range of products and services.

To follow the progress of the Standard Chartered Belt & Road Relay, or for more information on the Belt and Road initiative, please visit www.sc.com/beltandroadrelay

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Standard Chartered

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