

Quick facts

General

Standard Chartered PLC, listed on both London and Hong Kong stock exchanges, ranks among the top 25 companies in the FTSE-100 by market capitalisation. The London-headquartered Group has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Its income and profits have more than doubled over the last five years primarily as a result of organic growth and supplemented by acquisitions.

Standard Chartered aspires to be the best international bank for its customers across its markets. The Bank derives more than 90 per cent of its operating income and profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, generated from its Wholesale and Consumer Banking businesses. The Group has around 1,750 branches and outlets located in over 70 countries. The extraordinary growth of its markets and businesses creates exciting and challenging international career opportunities.

Leading by example to be the right partner for its stakeholders, the Group is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. It employs 75,000 people, nearly half of who are women. The Group's employees are of 115 nationalities, of which 60 are represented among senior management.

Consumer Banking has diversified by building wealth management, personal loans, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and consumer finance onto its traditional strengths in mortgages and credit cards.

Wholesale Banking has been transformed through a client-led strategy, adding services such as credit derivatives, debt capital markets and corporate advisory to its long-standing cash management and lending business. Our strong growth, supplemented with strategic and disciplined acquisitions and alliances, continues to deliver results and create shareholder value.

History

Founded: 1853 when the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was established by James Wilson, who also founded The Economist newspaper. The Standard Bank of British South Africa was established in 1863, and the two banks merged in 1969.

First branches: Shanghai, Calcutta and Mumbai in 1858, followed by Hong Kong and Singapore in 1859.

Headquarters: Standard Chartered has been based in the City of London financial centre since the Bank's foundation. The head office address is:

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Figures (as at 5 August 2008)

Employees: 75,000

Employee nationalities: over 115

Branches and outlets: over 1,750 (including subsidiary, associates and joint ventures)

Markets: over 70 worldwide

Top performance markets by operating income: Hong Kong, Korea, Middle East, India, and Singapore

Financial results (as per Interim Results August 2008)

Operating income up 33 per cent to \$6,987 million from \$5,263 million in H1 2007 (H2 2007:\$5,804 million)

Profit before taxation up 31 per cent to \$2,586 million, compared with \$1,980 million in H1 2007(H2 2007: \$2,055 million)

Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders up 30 per cent to \$1,785 million, compared to \$1,370million in H1 2007 (H2 2007: \$1,443 million)

Total assets up 34 per cent to \$397 billion from \$297 billion at H1 2007 (H2 2007: \$330 billion)

Normalised earnings per share up 19.6 per cent at 120.4 cents from 100.7 cents in H1 2007(H2 2007: 96.9 cents)

Stock exchange listings: London (top 25 FTSE 100 company) and Hong Kong

Sustainability

At Standard Chartered, we take a long-term view of the consequences of our actions and we are committed to building a sustainable business. We also recognise the need to minimise the social and environmental impact of economic growth, and for good governance.

Strategic intent

In 2003, Standard Chartered set out its strategic intent to be the world's best international bank, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The Bank's brand promise is to be Leading by Example to be The Right Partner. Underpinning the strategic intent are Standard Chartered's five values: Responsive, Trustworthy, Creative, International and Courageous