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## **Standard Chartered hosts Emerging Markets Traders Association Forum in Dubai**

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6 March 2011, Dubai, UAE - Standard Chartered Bank announced today that it will be hosting the Emerging Markets Traders Association's (EMTA) forum which will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of March in Dubai. The event will be attended by more than 150 top executives and traders of the Bank's clients from the region. The Dubai forum is part of the Trader's association series of forums which also take place in New York, London, Latin America and Asia. Dubai is the first Middle East location for this popular series.

The EMTA Forum provides a platform for discussion on the challenges and opportunities in the new world order and the way in which emerging market economies can work towards achieving a sustainable balanced growth. The one day event will discuss the dramatic political changes taking place in the MENA region and their economic impacts and will feature a sell-side and buy-side panels debating on the prospects and trends for the emerging markets. Attendees comprise of traders, research analysts, sovereign wealth funds and retail investors from the region and globally.

**Dan Azzi, Co-Head of Wholesale Banking, Middle East North Africa and Pakistan, Standard Chartered said:**

"Standard Chartered has set a clear strategy to focus on emerging markets and our support to this forum comes in line with our efforts to develop the financial markets environment in the MENA region. As part of our commitment to the region, we have been investing in our Financial Markets capabilities by investing in our infrastructure, bringing best international practice and developing an Arab talent pool capable of leading the industry in the region."

The first panel which will discuss the prospects of the emerging markets will be moderated by Mario Maratheftis, Head of Research for MEPA, Standard Chartered with panelists comprising of Farouk Soussa from Citi, Alia Moubayed from Barclays Capital, Simon Williams from HSBC, Okan Akin from Royal Bank of Scotland and Mikhail Galkin, VTB Capital.

The buy-side panel, which will discuss the current trends in the emerging markets will be moderated by Abdul Kadir Hussain from Mashreq Capital with panelists comprising of Dino Kronfol from Algebra Capital, Paul Oliver from Emirates Investment Authority, Robin Forrest, Ashmore Investment Management and Tony Hchaime, D.E. Shaw & Co.

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