Standard Chartered is built on teamwork, partnership and the diversity of our people.

Standard Chartered employs almost 60,000 people worldwide, representing over 100 nationalities. Today, our top management is made up of over 50 nationalities. Diversity and Inclusion lies at the heart of our values and is integral to our journey to become the world's best international bank. Our diverse teams help to fuel creativity and innovation, supporting the development of innovative products and services for our customers. Diversity and Inclusion is a fundamental part of the Group's culture and remains a long-term priority for Standard Chartered.

What we stand for

Strategic intent	The world's best international bank Leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East						
Brand promise	The Right Partner – Leading by Example						
Values	Responsive	Trustworthy		Creative	International		Courageous
Approach	Participation Focusing on attractive, growing markets where we can leverage our relationships and expertise		Competitive Positioning Combining global capability, deep local knowledge and creativity to outperform our competitors			Management Discipline Continuously improving the way we work, balancing the pursuit of growth with firm control of costs and risks	
Commitment to stakeholders	Customers Passionate about our customers' success, delighting them with the quality of our service	Our People Helping our people to grow, enabling individuals to make a difference and teams to win		Communities Trusted and caring, dedicated to making a difference	Investors A distinctive investment delivering outstanding performance and superior returns		Regulators Exemplary governance and ethics wherever we are

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