

MEDIA INFORMATION

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THOUSANDS OF CITY WORKERS COMPLETE STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE AND HELP ACHIEVE FUNDRAISING MILESTONE



London's Square Mile was transformed into a 5K running circuit tonight as the City welcomed 6,500 runners from over 350 companies for the annual Standard Chartered Great City Race. It was the event's largest ever field of runners and helped Standard Chartered reach a fundraising milestone of US\$50 million for Seeing is Believing, a global initiative that tackles avoidable blindness and the race's official beneficiary.

The competitive race was a familiar tale with Legal and General's Phil Wicks returning from injury to capture his fifth title in a lightning quick time of 14 minutes 54 seconds, with Jonathan Stead from Addleshaw Goddard second and Daniel Poulton from ABN Amro third in the men's category.

Wicks' wife Emily from Punter Southall put in an imperious performance in the women's



category to seize her fourth consecutive title in a time of 16 minutes 14 seconds. The victory means the couple achieved 'the double' for the third time, the last being in 2010. Lara Bromilow from HSBC Bank came second and Emily Gelder from Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Now in its eighth year, the race is firmly established as the City's premier corporate running challenge, attracting all the major firms from the banking, legal, accountancy, insurance and media sectors. With £5 from every entry going to Seeing is Believing and Standard Chartered matching this pound for pound, the 2012 race helped raise US\$100,000 (after matching) towards the initiative which is on the way to raising US\$100 million by 2020.

Standard Chartered's team of nearly 400 runners included CFO Richard Meddings, CRO Richard Goulding and CEO Europe Richard Holmes.

Also running tonight were celebrities from the worlds of sport and entertainment. The Sky Sports duo of Sarah-Jane Mee and Natalie Pinkham, and Coronation Street actor Oli Mellor completed the course, with Pinkham and Mellor running blindfolded, to raise awareness and funds for Seeing is Believing. 5-times Paralympic running gold medallist Noel Thatcher MBE and BBC's Mike Bushell also took part.

Visually impaired Team GB 2012 Paralympic hopeful Jack Roughan were also present at the race while Seeing is Believing's global ambassador Sir Ranulph Fiennes started the race.

Speaking at the race, Richard Holmes, CEO Europe at Standard Chartered Bank, said: "I would like to thank everyone involved for making this year's race such an overwhelming success despite the rather wet weather. There's been a real sense of excitement around the City in the build-up to this evening. This event is one of those rare occasions when the City community comes together and the atmosphere this evening reflects that.

"That alone is a great reason to support this race but its impact is far wider. Another sell-out entry has helped us reach the halfway stage of our ambitious but achievable target of raising US\$100 million for Seeing is Believing by 2020. Funds raised this evening will go directly to an eye care project in Zambia where, given a sight saving cataract operation costs just £20, it's difficult to overestimate the positive impact it will have."

A full list of team and individual results can be found at the race website www.cityrace.co.uk on Friday 13 July.

All results are provisional and subject to ratification.

To find out more about Seeing is Believing and the race please visit

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