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## THOUSANDS OF CITY WORKERS RACE THROUGH THE SQUARE MILE IN THE STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE 2015

The 11<sup>th</sup> Standard Chartered Great City Race took place this evening with just under 5,000 runners from 350 companies taking part in the 5km race. This year Standard Chartered Bank's Group CEO, Bill Winters, started the event accompanied by Paralympic Silver medallist, Libby Clegg and Olympic Gold medallist, Jonathan Edwards.

Lara Bromilow, from HSBC was the first female to cross the line with a time of 17:38. Following her first win at the Standard Chartered Great City Race, Lara said "As it is my first race win I'm delighted. I managed to find the shade around the course to make the most out of the conditions."

Phil Wicks from Allianz, made it eight race wins at the Standard Chartered Great City in a time of 14:43. After crossing the line, Phil commented on his formidable race win, "It's a fantastic event and I've lost count of how many times I've competed here but I'm elated to have won again."

Competitors in this year's race have raised over US\$100K for the official race beneficiary, Seeing is Believing and Standard Chartered Bank has committed to match all the funds raised, doubling the impact of the runners' contribution. The intention is to allocate the funds to the East Africa Seeing is Believing Child Eye Health programme.

The hugely popular race attracts competitors from major businesses in the banking, legal, accountancy, insurance and media sectors. As part of Standard Chartered Bank's support of the work of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, Lord Holmes of Richmond, the Trust's Ambassador, also ran with his running partner around the City's Square Mile. Standard Chartered's team of 400 runners included CEO Europe, Richard Holmes.

When asked about his thoughts on the event, Richard Holmes commented: "It's a fantastic event each year, however it doesn't get any easier running and I think 2015 was one of the hardest races



I've completed. Congratulations to Phil Wicks and Lara Bromilow for their superb performance and thank you to all the runners for their support for Seeing is Believing."

A full list of team and individual results can be found by visiting the Standard Chartered Great City Race website [www.cityrace.co.uk](http://www.cityrace.co.uk) on Friday 10 July 2015.

All results are provisional and subject to ratification.

Official images of the race will be posted on the Standard Chartered Great City Race Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/standardcharteredsccityrace](http://www.facebook.com/standardcharteredsccityrace)

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### **About Seeing is Believing**

Seeing is Believing is a global initiative to help tackle avoidable blindness, and is a collaboration between Standard Chartered and the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and leading eye care organisations. It raises funds for investment in eye care projects that have long-term impact in areas of high need.

Seeing is Believing contributes to 'VISION 2020: The Right to Sight', the global initiative for the elimination of avoidable blindness led by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the IAPB. To date, Seeing is Believing has raised over USD75 million for blindness initiatives and plans to raise a further USD25 million by 2020.

Seeing is Believing is the largest cash contributor to VISION 2020 through IAPB. As part of the Seeing is Believing programme, Standard Chartered pledges to match all donations until the target of USD100 million is reached.

### **The Standard Chartered Great City Race**

Standard Chartered has been the main sponsor of the Great City Race since its launch in 2005. The race is the leading 5km corporate city based running challenge, and over 5,000 runners from 350 corporate teams participate (made up of four or more runners).

This year the Standard Chartered Great City Race will take place on Thursday 9 July, starting at 19:15 at the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC). During the race the streets in London's financial district are closed and the route takes runners past some of the most iconic buildings and landmarks within the City of London.

It is a not for profit race and Seeing is Believing is the official 2015 beneficiary.

For further information please visit [www.cityrace.co.uk](http://www.cityrace.co.uk)

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