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Standard Bank Named 'Best International Bank' By Industry Leaders

For the second time in three years Standard Bank Offshore has been named 'Best International Bank' in the annual International Fund and Product Awards, organised by leading industry publication Professional Advisor.

At an awards ceremony held in London last night, Standard Bank's Chief Executive of Personal and Business Banking International, Chris Sweeney and Head of IFA Distribution, John Hall, collected the award on behalf of the bank.

Standard Bank Offshore also received a highly commended in the 'Best International Structured Product' category and was shortlisted in the 'Best International Sales Team (IFA)'.

Chris Sweeney said: "We are very proud to have been named 'Best International Bank' for a second time in these highly prestigious industry awards. Being shortlisted in three categories is a reflection of our excellent product portfolio and the expertise of our people who continue to deliver outstanding service. Receiving a highly commended in the 'International Structured Products' category is also particularly pleasing because we have worked hard to provide products that are appealing to IFAs and their clients

He added: "These accolades are a very credible endorsement of the high standards we strive for within our business and go a long way in assisting us to raise our profile in the core markets in which we operate."

The International Fund and Product Awards are the only awards that recognise the achievements of the offshore financial services industry and the financial products and services that they distribute through IFAs internationally. The judging panel looked for the following attributes in winners: commitment to target market; appropriateness of

product range; use of technology and product innovation; and levels of service and support to distributors.

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Standard Bank

Standard Bank is a leading African banking group focused on emerging markets globally. It has been a mainstay of South Africa's financial system for over 145 years, and now spans 17 countries across the African continent. Its international expansion has taken it to 16 countries outside Africa including Brazil, Russia and China. The bank's headquarters are in Johannesburg and it is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

The Standard Bank Offshore Group has offices in Jersey, Isle of Man and Mauritius and provides a range of services for private and corporate clients including banking, wealth management, trust and company administration, asset management, investment services and fund administration.

Key facts and figures

- Standard Bank Group assets of approximately US\$162 billion (December 2010)
- Market Capitalisation of approximately US\$22.75 billion (December 2010)
- Present in 33 countries around the world
- Employs more than 50,000 people world-wide (including Liberty)

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