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STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE HITS MAXIMUM RUNNER NUMBERS

The Standard Chartered Great City Race has smashed its runner registration target, with over 6,500 people, representing over 450 UK businesses, applying to take part in the 5km run on Thursday 19th July.

Now in its third year, the race has proved overwhelmingly popular, and organisers have closed runner registrations ahead of schedule after the maximum runner limit was achieved this week.

With the race targeted at company teams of between 4-20 runners, it has attracted all the leading City based firms from the worlds of finance, banking, law, insurance and media, including global companies such as KPMG, Investec, Goldman Sachs, and Swiss Re.

David Bedford, Race Director of The Flora London Marathon and organiser of The Standard Chartered Great City Race, said, *“To hit our target ahead of schedule is a fantastic achievement. The race is only in its third year so to be attracting such large numbers is a great testament to the popularity of the event and the concept of getting teams of City workers to come out and run together.”*

“Last year we had just over 4,000 runners taking part and it soon became clear that this year was going to be even bigger and better. We have revised the race course slightly to ensure we can accommodate the huge swell in runner numbers and the sight of so many people streaming through the City next Thursday will be a wonderful spectacle.”

All proceeds from the race will be distributed directly to charity. The entry fee per runner is £25 with the race's official charity Breakthrough Breast Cancer receiving £5 of each entry. The surplus, after administration costs will be distributed by race organisers, London Marathon, to London based initiatives such as the Millwall Community Project and the Young At Heart Scheme.



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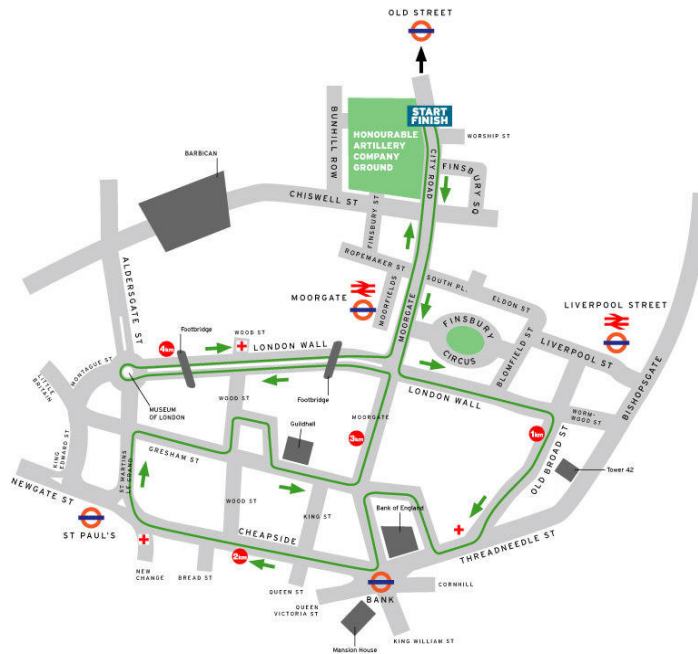
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New Race Route Map:





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We would like to encourage as many runners as possible to raise additional funds for this worthy cause by raising your own race sponsorship for the charity.

Fundraising is easy as you can create your very own online fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/cityrace or download a fundraising pack at www.cityrace.co.uk/fundraising/

To find out more about fundraising for Breakthrough call 020 7025 2478 or email running@breakthrough.org.uk

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