



Press Release
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RECORD RUNNER NUMBERS TURN OUT FOR STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE

The streets of the City of London were filled by more than 6,000 runners tonight as nearly 400 corporate teams contested the third running of the annual Standard Chartered Great City Race.

Coming out on top in the men's category was Phil Wicks of Legal and General in a scorching time of 14min 07secs, while Stephanie Robson of Steege won the women's race, setting a red hot pace and finishing in just under 18mins.

Said Wicks, *"That was an amazing experience. The crowds lining the streets all the way around were massive and gave me amazing encouragement. I normally race on the track but it was certainly incredible to run through the City and I now can't wait to come back and do it again next year."*

Echoing those sentiments was Stephanie Robson who said, *"That was brilliant. There were lots of people all along the course all telling me how I was doing. I've just got over an injury so I'm thrilled to have won."*

Cheering all the runners on was The Standard Chartered Great City Race ambassador, Colin Jackson, who also acted as the official race starter. Joining the huge crowds of runners, who were all raising money for charity, was television presenter Beverley Turner and former 5000m world record holder Chris Chataway.

Commented former 110m hurdle world record holder, *"It's amazing to see so many people turning out for the race and to see the City packed with runners rather than traffic. The race is a wonderful initiative and a great incentive for City workers to get fit and active."*



"You can see clearly from how much fun everyone has been having tonight that exercise can be enjoyable, particularly if you do it as a team, which is what the race is all about – getting fit by doing some sport with your friends."

With the streets of the City closed off to traffic the huge field started at the Honourable Artillery Company on City Road and passed the iconic London landmarks the Bank of England and St Paul's Cathedral, before heading back up to the HAC.

Said Standard Chartered European CEO, Brendon Hopkins, *"The race has once again proved an overwhelming success. The fact we hit our runner subscription targets so early is testament to just what a popular event this has become."*

"The race fits well with our global sponsorships which include marathons in six major cities across Asia, Africa and the Middle East. We try to encourage a healthy working environment and its wonderful to see that we have 400 staff running here tonight."

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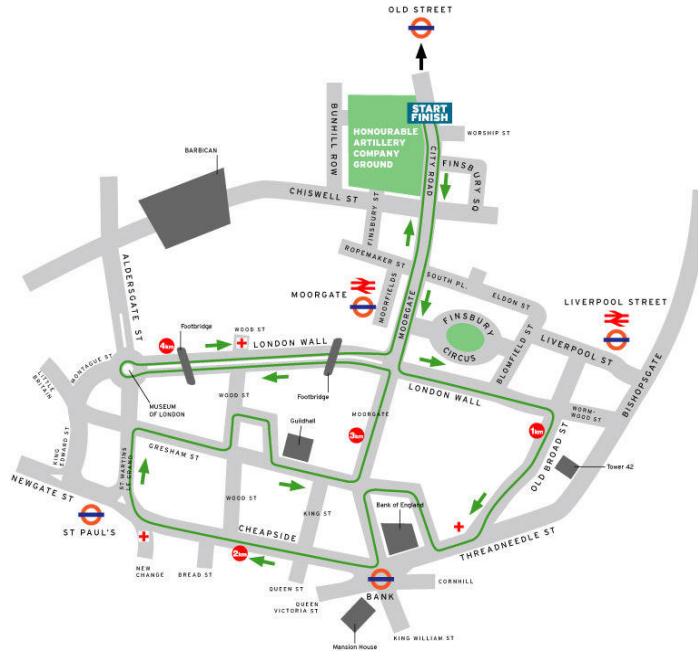
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New Race Route Map:



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