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**LONDON'S SQUARE MILE HOSTS 6,500 CITY WORKERS FOR
THE 2010 STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE**

The streets of the City of London were teeming with nearly 6,500 runners and crowds of spectators this evening for The 2010 Standard Chartered Great City Race. London's premier 5km team running challenge weaved through the Square Mile past the historic landmarks of St Paul's Cathedral and the Bank of England.

Denise Lewis OBE, the former Olympic heptathlon gold medallist, proved to be a hugely popular race day ambassador, inspiring the field of runners at the start line before cheering them on as the race got underway at 7.15pm outside the Honourable Artillery Company.

Nearly 400 companies snapped up the places available for this year's race in record time, some six weeks before the event. In the race itself, the course record always looked unlikely to be broken in what proved to be difficult running conditions. A stunning performance from Phil Wicks saw the 4-time winner come agonisingly close though, eventually taking the men's title for Legal & General in 14 minutes 7 seconds, just one second outside his own race record. In the women's race, Emily Adams took the title for the second consecutive year for Punter Southall, crossing the finish line in an impressive time of 17 minutes 3 seconds.

Whilst a key focus of The Standard Chartered Great City Race is to promote teamwork, a healthy and active workplace and to help instil a sense of community within the City, the event also has a strong charitable connection. Seeing is Believing (SiB), the global initiative which helps tackle avoidable blindness across the globe, was once again proud to be the race's official community partner. To highlight the extensive number of eye care operations that the charity funds every year, members of Standard Chartered's Management Committee, including CEO Europe, Richard Holmes, paced the course wearing eye surgeon's outfits. Holmes was fittingly accompanied by the Seeing is Believing Global Goodwill Ambassador - the triple Paralympic gold medallist and world record holder for visually impaired marathon running - Henry Wanyoike and his guide Joseph Kibunja.

Commenting on the evening, **Denise Lewis**, said: *"This is the first time I've been to The Standard Chartered Great City Race to witness what a unique spectacle it is and to have the opportunity to*



encourage City workers to get out from behind their desks and get fit. From the moment the 6,500 runners started to arrive right through to the race itself, there has been a fantastic buzz and collective team spirit here at the HAC.”

David Bedford, Race Director of London Marathon and for The Standard Chartered Great City Race, commented: *“Our team always looks forward to The Standard Chartered Great City Race because it is an event unlike any other running challenge in the City. Every runner, whether they’re running competitively, in fancy dress or simply enjoying the opportunity to jog along the square mile’s closed-off streets past London’s historic buildings, adds to the event’s special atmosphere.”*

Richard Holmes, CEO Europe at Standard Chartered Bank, added: *“It has been a truly memorable evening and yet another landmark year for The Standard Chartered Great City Race with all 6,500 entries being snapped up within 8 weeks of opening. I’m sure I speak for not just our staff members but also every runner here today when I say how proud I am to get behind an event which has the ability to bring the City community together whilst raising money for a range of worthy causes.”*

A full list of team and individual results can be found at the race website www.cityrace.co.uk. All results are provisional and subject to ratification.

Top Three Men:

Phil Wicks – Legal & General	14 minutes 7 seconds
Toby Lambert – adidas UK	15 minutes 2 seconds
James McMullan – KPMG	15 minutes 12 seconds

Top Three Women:

Emily Adams – Punter Southall	17 minutes 3 seconds
Jenny Lundgren – Standard Chartered	17 minutes 51 seconds
Sam Amend – Symantec	17 minutes 56 seconds

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For further information on the race please contact:

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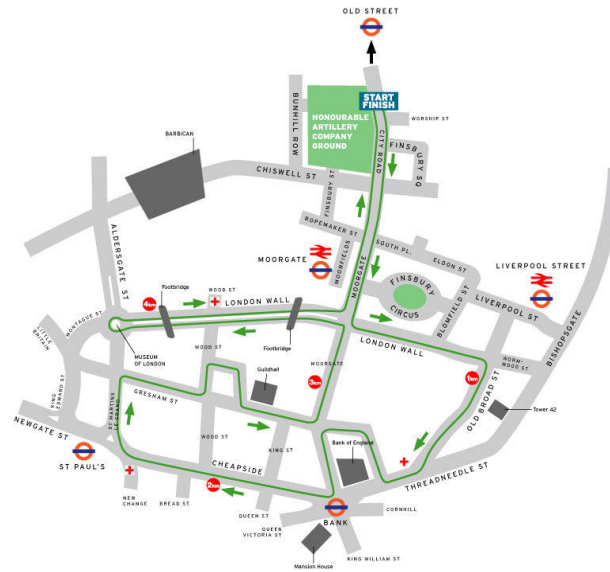
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Race Route Map:



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Started by Standard Chartered staff in 2003 as a way of celebrating the Bank's 150th anniversary, Seeing is Believing has raised over US\$17 million and impacted over 8 million people to date, including over 2.5 million who have benefited from sight restorations. The programme's latest commitment will invest a further US\$20 million by 2014 to provide comprehensive and sustainable eye care services to 20 million people in impoverished urban areas.

For more information, visit www.seeingisbelieving.org.uk

