



Press Release

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RECORD NUMBERS OF EAGER CITY WORKERS SIGN UP FOR 2008 STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE

Entries for this year's Standard Chartered Great City Race, London's premier 5k team running challenge, are now closed after eager city workers snapped up the limited places in record time with still just under a month to go until race day on 17th July.

The legal industry again leads the way with the most teams registered out of the 384 total but they are closely followed by the banking sector with insurance, media and accountancy coming in at 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively. Teams must have at least four runners with the top quartet's times being taken to calculate their overall finishing time. Companies from a variety of sectors have signed up including a team of 40 from global accountancy giant KPMG, 63 runners from law firm Linklaters and a 23 strong team from Legal and General Investment Management. These three teams all came 1st place within their respective accountancy, legal and insurance fields in 2007 and will be gunning for similar success this year. The full percentage breakdown is as follows:

Legal Sector	36.1%
Banking Sector	15.8%
Insurance Sector	7.2%
Media Sector	6.5%
Accountancy Sector	2.3%
Other	32.1%

Over the past few years the race has grown in stature and attracted teams from a variety of companies including international commodities broker Sucden who have entered again for the third year in a row. **Andy Fox**, team Captain from Sucden, commented, *"Being our third straight year of competing in The Standard Chartered Great City Race I can say there really is no better way of keeping fit whilst encouraging team work and cohesion amongst our 25 participating employees. As will be the case with many of the companies competing we work in a fast paced environment so*





participating in races like this is the perfect way of balancing your lifestyle enabling you to keep a level head in the boardroom."

Brendon Hopkins, CEO Europe, **Standard Chartered Bank**, added, *"The fact that runner entries have closed earlier than ever before is proof that The Standard Chartered Great City Race is constantly growing in profile and status. Having taken part in the race last year I can truly say that the race has a unique atmosphere with over 6,000 runners pounding the streets of the city as others are coming home from work."*

The race, which supports Breakthrough Breast Cancer and takes place on 17th July, is a unique 5k team race which passes by some of London's most notable landmarks including the London Stock Exchange and St Paul's Cathedral. Last year the race attracted over 6,000 entries, raising over £75,000 for Breakthrough, and its popularity is set to soar even further this year as teams from the banking, accountancy, legal, insurance and media fields all battle it out to be crowned with their coveted industry prize. Further details about the race can be found at www.cityrace.co.uk

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For further information on the race and interview opportunities please contact:

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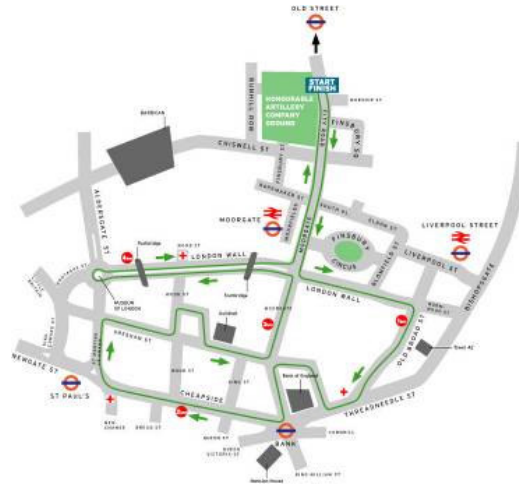
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Race Route Map:



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Breakthrough Breast Cancer is the UK's leading charity committed to fighting breast cancer through research, campaigning and education. The charity needs to raise £25 million each year for the next three years to support its vital work.

Breakthrough Breast Cancer is delighted to be the beneficiary of this fantastic event and your support is greatly appreciated. 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.

Over 44,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and it claims the lives of more than 1,000 women every month.

To find out more about fundraising for Breakthrough call 020 7025 2483 or email running@breakthrough.org.uk

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