



**Press Release**

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**RECORD RUNNER NUMBERS TAKE PART IN 2008 STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE**

**The streets of the City of London were filled by record numbers of runners as 6,500 City workers entered this evening's Standard Chartered Great City Race as nearly 400 corporate teams contested the fourth running of the annual 5km event.**

Coming out on top for the second year in a row in the men's category was Phil Wicks of Legal and General in a scorching time of 14min 16secs, while Deya Rivera Luna of JP Morgan won the women's race, setting a red hot pace and finishing in 18mins 21 seconds.

Men's winner **Phil Wicks** said, *"It was amazing out there. The conditions were quite windy but there was a great buzz. A lot of road races can be quite stale but this certainly is the best. It's fantastic to win it for the second time and looking forward to defending my title next year."*

Cheering all the runners on was The Standard Chartered Great City Race ambassador, **Colin Jackson**, who also acted as the official race starter and said, *"It is amazing to see so many people turning out for the race and to see the City of London packed with runners rather than traffic! It's fantastic what Standard Chartered and London Marathon have created here, encouraging so many people to get out from behind their desks and get fit."*

Standard Chartered's Incoming European Chief Executive **Richard Holmes** added, *"It is a great occasion which pulls workers from all sectors of the City together. This is my first year at The Standard Chartered Great City Race and I've been absolutely overwhelmed by what an incredible atmosphere there is, right from the warm up to all around the course."*

The race, which supports Breakthrough Breast Cancer started and finished at the HAC, 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 battled it out to be crowned with their coveted industry prize. Further details about the race can be found at [www.cityrace.co.uk](http://www.cityrace.co.uk)

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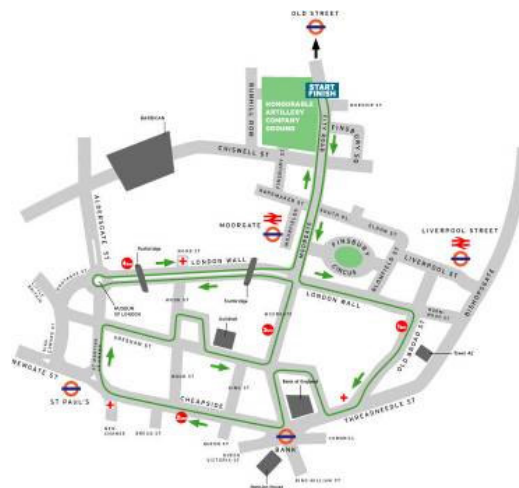
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Breakthrough Breast Cancer is the UK's leading charity committed to fighting breast cancer through research, campaigning and education. The charity needs to raise £25 million each year for the next three years to support its vital work.

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](mailto:running@breakthrough.org.uk)

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