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**Standard Bank celebrates success in Euromoney's Annual Africa Research Poll**

Standard Bank has been awarded Best Research House in Africa for Economics and also achieved atop three position in a further four categories: Consumer Goods/Retail, Strategy, Banking and Finance and Construction/Cement. The Euromoney Annual Africa Research Poll is based on a survey of investors and end-users, who nominated their preferred research providers in order of quality of research by sector in sub-Saharan Africa.

Standard Bank produces economic and global markets research covering developed, emerging and frontier markets, with particular emphasis on Africa. Located across the globe, Standard Bank's analysts and strategists provide expert opinion on matters related to the real economy as well as foreign exchange, credit, commodities and interest rate markets.

Goolam Ballim, Chief Economist and Global Head of Research for Standard Bank, says "These accolades are testament to the bank's research capabilities spanning politics, economics and market themes. Research that offers investable ideas is a core activity for Standard Bank. Our clients find the Africa-focused research particularly insightful."

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