

Short profile of SIX Group

SIX Group operates the competitive infrastructure underpinning the Swiss financial center, catering to an ever-increasing global client base. Its business fields provide infrastructure services relating to securities trading, securities clearing and settlement, financial information and payment transfers. This includes the operation, regulation and monitoring of electronic exchange trading, the calculation of indexes, downstream settlement and custody processes of securities trading, the distribution of reference and market data, operational processes relating to the issuance and acceptance of credit, debit and prepaid cards, the settlement of cashless transactions and electronic bills, and interbank payment transactions in Swiss francs and euro.

SIX Group generates around one third of its income abroad and has a presence outside Switzerland in 22 countries, where almost one third of its employees work. The largest locations are in Zurich, Paris, Vienna, Stockholm, Stamford, CT (USA) and London.

SIX Group is owned by approximately 150 domestic and foreign banks, which are also its customers. The Group is subject to consolidated supervision by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA). Due to their systemic relevance, some of the IT applications operated by SIX Group are subject to supervision by the Swiss National Bank.

Image concept and cover picture

The 2010 Annual Report contains ten pairs of photographs illustrating what lies behind SIX Group's success and its clear strategic outlook: solution-oriented and productive interaction with clients. To add value for its clients, SIX Group requires an active exchange of ideas, an in-depth understanding of the challenges faced by clients, a good relationship – and the dialog that this represents. These surprising photographs are accompanied by quotes from some of SIX Group's clients and employees, as well as a short description of the business issue; together they highlight the success stories throughout the various areas of the Group.