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Top rating for SIX Group subsidiaries

SIX SIS and SIX x-clear have been awarded the highest rating by Moody's

Moody's Investors Service, one of the world's leading rating agencies, has awarded both SIX SIS Ltd and SIX x-clear Ltd a top grade: Prime-1 for short-term deposits and Aa1 for long-term deposits. This demonstrates the repeated confirmation of a constantly high appraisal for the subsidiaries of SIX Group Ltd.

Moody's based the high evaluation of both companies, among other things, on strict risk controls and a generally low risk profile. Furthermore, both SIX SIS and SIX x-clear have been assigned clear functions and responsibilities within the new SIX Group. In this context, SIX Group is rated as a strong organisation with excellent technical capacities and high efficiency in processes.

Thomas Zeeb, CEO of the Securities Services division of SIX Group, said: "I am exceptionally pleased that we have, once again, received these high ratings. This is the proof that our business model can stand the test, even during difficult times."

A delighted Robert Rickenbacher, CEO of SIX SIS, said: "I am proud of this outstanding result and regard it as an important acknowledgement of the efforts put in by all our staff members. Furthermore, this rating denotes a further sign of confidence and high esteem for the Swiss financial centre, particularly in the current situation of buffeted financial markets."

Marco Strimer, CEO of SIX x-clear, said: "Moody's have recognised our endeavours to date. Above all, this rating confirms that we, as a Central Counterparty, contribute to a significant reduction of risk in the securities business. It clearly shows that the size of a company is not the only relevant factor. A high commitment to quality, a sound financial basis as well as technological and operational capabilities are just as crucial."

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SIX x-clear Ltd acts as Central Counterparty for SIX Swiss Exchange and SIX Swiss Exchange Europe and, within the Securities Services division, serves as competence centre for risk management. SIX x-clear is licensed as a bank under Swiss law and also enjoys the status of a Recognised Overseas Clearing House (ROCH) in the United Kingdom. SIX x-clear offers efficient and cost-effective central counterparty (CCP) and clearing services in the field of securities settlement. SIX x-clear Ltd is a subsidiary of SIX Group. SIX Group offers worldwide first class services in the fields of securities trading and settlement as well as financial information and payment transactions.

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