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Initial rating of SIX Group by Standard & Poor's

**Standard & Poor's has published an initial credit rating for SIX Group
According to this assessment, SIX Group is rated AA-.**

As an internationally active provider of financial market infrastructure and services, SIX Group commissioned the renowned rating agency Standard & Poor's (S&P) to rate the entire enterprise as well as assess SIX Group's individual subsidiary companies. SIX Group came into being in January 2008 through the merger of the three former financial center infrastructure companies SWX Group, SIS Group and Telekurs Group.

SIX Group was awarded an S&P credit rating of AA-. The two Group subsidiary companies SIX SIS and SIX x-clear which are active in the securities services and regulated as banks, each received an AA rating.

In its substantiation statement, S&P paid tribute to the key role SIX Group plays as the operator of Switzerland's financial market infrastructure, its solid balance sheet structure and low level of debt, as well as its degree of diversification, which reduces the Group's reliance on the capital market.

Urs Rügsegger, CEO of SIX Group, commented on the S&P rating as follows: "We are proud of this high rating from S&P. Especially for an infrastructure operator that stands as counterparty in many large transactions, this rating is of central significance."

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SIX Group

SIX Group operates Switzerland's financial market infrastructure and offers on a global scale comprehensive services in the areas of securities trading, clearing and settlement, as well as financial information and payment transactions. The company, which emanated from the merger of the SWX Group, Telekurs Group and SIS Group at the start of 2008, is owned by its users (150 banks of various size and orientation) and, with its workforce of approximately 3,700 employees and presence in 23 countries, generated 2009 an operating income in excess of 1.25 billion Swiss francs.

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