

## Media Release

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### **SIX Group wins two awards at the European Card Acquiring Forum 2011**

**The European Card Acquiring Forum (ECAF) was held for the fourth time in Berlin. SIX Group was the only company to win the coveted prize in two categories. Nick Santschi, SIX Pay CEO, was honored as "Acquiring Personality of the Year". SIX Card Solutions received the prestigious Processing Award.**

"SIX Card Solutions processes a variety of different transactions, from e-commerce to the airline business, and the acquiring of most main brands. Their single processing platform which provides maximum flexibility for multicurrency, multi-country and multi-brand services, and has proven to be successful for a vast scale of acquirers, ranging from local acquirers to large domestic acquirers", says Leon Dhaene, Chairman of the Guiding Hand Awards.

The objective of the ECAF is to provide a discussion platform for acquirers, merchants, card networks and regulatory authorities. It is the largest and most important card industry conference in Europe. The ECAF Awards seeks to honor the important role of acquiring by awarding prizes for the most outstanding innovations and achievements in various areas. The winners in the different categories received a "Guiding Hand" sculpture by the up-and-coming young artist, Sofie Muller of Belgium.

"I think this award is great," were the words Felix Aeschlimann, CEO of the Cards & Payments Division, used in his first reaction to the news. He went on to say, "awards like this demonstrate our potential to also count among the international market leaders in the cards business. We have what it takes and the other market players know it too."

Nick Santschi from SIX Pay was equally enthusiastic: "I received the award symbolically on behalf of the entire SIX Pay team, which I am honored to lead with my many years of experience in the cards business. I am equally pleased about the award won by our colleagues at SIX Card Solutions, because we need an extraordinary partner to realize our ambitious plans."

With its payment solutions for the hotel industry, SIX Card Solutions has also been nominated for the Florin Transaction Services Innovation Awards at the EPCA in Amsterdam to be held in April 2011. The increasing internationalization of the company is thereby being widely acknowledged by the industry.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bernhard Wenger, Media Relations.

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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 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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**SIX Card Solutions**

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**SIX Pay**

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