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SIX Securities Services announces new Head of Clearing and new Head of Clearing Relations

SIX Securities Services has appointed Urs Wieland as CEO of SIX x-clear Ltd. He succeeds Marco Strimer, who has led SIX x-clear Ltd for the past six years. In addition, Tomas Kindler, former Managing Director of LinkUp Markets, has joined SIX x-clear Ltd as the new Head of Clearing Relations.

To continue the momentum it has developed in the European clearing space, SIX Securities Services today announced that Urs Wieland, has taken over as CEO of SIX Securities Services' clearing arm.

Urs Wieland has been with SIX Securities Services since 1996, most recently as Head of Operational Risk Management and Deputy CEO of SIX x-clear Ltd. During this period, he has worked closely with Marco Strimer and has established the necessary insight, experience and relationships, and to prepare him for his new role.

In a departure from the previous model, the new form of SIX x-clear Ltd will enable Urs Wieland to focus on continuously improving risk management and compliance activities, while ensuring the smooth and reliable running of day-to-day operations.

To support Urs Wieland in this new approach, SIX Securities Services has appointed Tomas Kindler, former Managing Director of LinkUp Markets, to take on the responsibilities of clearing relationship management and new business development.

Urs Wieland and Tomas Kindler will both focus on expanding international business and executing the interoperability agreement concluded in May this year.

Thomas Zeeb, CEO of SIX Securities Services, commented: "On behalf of SIX Securities Services, I would like to thank Marco Strimer for his remarkable

contribution and achievements over the past six years as CEO of SIX x-clear Ltd. The current strong position of SIX x-clear Ltd is due mainly to his and his team's perseverance. Though I am personally going to miss Marco Strimer's enthusiasm and support, I am pleased to make this announcement. It demonstrates that we have established the depth of leadership and management skills within the organization to enable us to promote Urs Wieland from within our own ranks, and to continue offering solid and reliable solutions in an area subject to increasing industry scrutiny.

Tomas Kindler brings years of relationship management experience and industry expertise from his years at Clearstream and, more recently, at LinkUp Markets. I look forward to working with both Urs Wieland and Tomas Kindler as part of a strong management team driving SIX Securities Services and SIX x-clear Ltd forward to meet future challenges."

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