



## Media release

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### **SIX Swiss Exchange to simplify access for trading with foreign equities**

**On November 3, SIX Swiss Exchange will launch the Sponsored Foreign Shares trading segment in which international blue chip equities can be traded. Renell Wertpapierhandelsbank AG and ICF BANK AG Wertpapierhandelsbank will act as the first sponsors and thus as market makers.**

The Sponsored Foreign Shares trading segment on SIX Swiss Exchange will allow for more than 500 equities from 27 different countries to be traded. The broadly diversified clientele of SIX Swiss Exchange will thus have the opportunity to trade equities of the most important firms from the US, Germany, France, Japan and other countries directly on the Swiss stock exchange and in Swiss francs. The first two sponsors are Renell Wertpapierhandelsbank AG and ICF BANK AG Wertpapierhandelsbank.

The two sponsors can request approval from SIX Exchange Regulation for the trading of foreign equities with a primary listing on a recognized foreign stock exchange. At the same time, the sponsors undertake to comply with the reporting and maintenance requirements and to guarantee market making activities during the SIX Swiss Exchange trading hours. The admission of the securities takes place without issuer involvement and no obligations arise for them.

Christian Katz, CEO SIX Swiss Exchange, comments: "The Sponsored Foreign Shares trading segment is part of the "Over the Exchange" initiative from SIX Swiss Exchange, with which we are offering our clientele attractive new stock exchange services. The trading of foreign equities in Swiss francs on our stock exchange will provide all investors with the potential to significantly reduce both costs and risks."

Specialists from the sponsors Renell Wertpapierhandelsbank AG, ICF BANK AG Wertpapierhandelsbank and SIX Swiss Exchange will be providing additional information on the Sponsored Foreign Shares trading segment at a **launch event on 5 November 2014 at 11 am in the ConventionPoint** in the SIX Swiss Exchange building.

Press representatives are warmly invited to this event. Please address any enquiries about this and registrations for the event to [pressoffice@six-group.com](mailto:pressoffice@six-group.com).



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### **SIX Swiss Exchange**

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SIX 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 (approximately 140 banks of various size and orientation) and, with its workforce of more than 3,700 employees and presence in 24 countries, generated an operating income of 1.58 billion Swiss francs and a Group net profit of CHF 210.2 million in 2013.

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