



## Media Release

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### Change in the chairmanship of the SIX Board of Directors

**Peter Gomez is to pass on his mandate as Chairman of the Board of Directors of SIX to a younger pair of hands. He will do so at the general meeting of shareholders at the end of May 2013, following an orderly process to find a successor. Peter Gomez successfully implemented the merger of the three predecessor companies into SIX in a difficult environment. The Board is proposing as his successor Alexandre Zeller, who has had a long and successful career in banking at the national and international levels.**

After seven years as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Swiss financial centre infrastructure operator SIX, Prof. Dr. Peter Gomez (65) has decided to pass on his mandate to a younger pair of hands. He will do so at the general meeting of shareholders at the end of May 2013, following an orderly process to find a successor. Subsequently, Peter Gomez would like to once again devote himself more to publishing and academic projects.

Peter Gomez became Chairman of the Board of the former stock exchange operator SWX in 2006. In 2008, he initiated the merger of the three infrastructure companies SWX, SIS and Telekurs into what is now SIX. The merger into SIX was implemented successfully in a difficult environment. Today, SIX represents a competitive and secure infrastructure that provides optimum support to the Swiss financial centre and is well-established in the international marketplace. As Chairman of the Board of Directors, Peter Gomez has made a major contribution to the strategic positioning of SIX as an independent and growth-oriented company.

The Board of Directors would like to take the opportunity today to thank Peter Gomez for his great and tireless dedication to a leading, stable and future-oriented financial centre infrastructure in Switzerland.

The Board of Directors of SIX proposes as his successor Alexandre Zeller, who most recently held the position of CEO at HSBC Private Bank (Switzerland) and Regional CEO of its Global Private Bank EMEA (Europe, Middle-East and Africa). Prior to that, he was CEO of the Banque Cantonale Vaudoise for several years. Alexandre Zeller has many years of experience in banking at both the national and international levels, combined with in-depth knowledge of the commercial, retail and private banking business.



**Peter Gomez, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SIX:** "After seven years at the helm of the financial centre infrastructure, this is exactly the right time for me to step aside. SIX today occupies a strong competitive position internationally. The merger was successfully implemented, and a strategy for the future has been mapped out. These are solid foundations for the successful further development of SIX. However, until the reins are handed over next May, my full commitment will continue to be required."

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