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SIX achieves good results in the first half of 2016

- **Operating income in the first half of 2016 grows by 2.9% to CHF 913.3 million**
- **Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) up 9.6% to CHF 172.9 million**
- **Group net profit amounts to CHF 134.9 million (+5.8%)**
- **Successful implementation of strategy in the first half of 2016**

Given the challenging economic environment, SIX can look back on a good first half of 2016. Compared to last year, operating income, EBIT and Group net profit all rose. This improvement was partly the result of extraordinary proceeds from the sale of real estate but was also driven by the successful implementation of strategy. Turnover increased in all business areas except Swiss Exchange. In combination with ongoing cost discipline, this made for a further improvement in profitability. The diversified business model, which makes the company less dependent on specific business areas and markets, enabled a good result to be recorded despite the weak securities business.

In addition, in the first half of 2016 SIX substantially renewed and extended its range of services, with the successful start of the new repo trading platform, the relaunch of SIC, Switzerland's most important payment system, and the commencement of trading on XBTR, the bilateral trading platform for structured products. In parallel with these developments, work continues on preparing a comprehensive solution for the European regulation on key information documents (PRIIP KID) that comes into force at the beginning of 2017. SIX has also entered into negotiations on a merger of Paymit and Twint. Subject to the approval of the competition authorities, the planned merger is aimed at establishing an open, standardised payment solution for mobile and digital payment transactions in Switzerland.

SIX is pursuing the goal of offering services for the whole financial sector through a central infrastructure. This will create the basis for industrialized handling of indistinguishable activities of financial market participants.

Performance of the business areas in 2016

Operating income in the **Swiss Exchange** business area fell by 13.5% to CHF 95.5 million. At the same time, EBIT shrank by 38.5% to CHF 34.3 million. This sharp decline was attributable to structural changes (no contribution to results from the STOXX Ltd company sold in 2015). In addition, in the same period last year this business area benefited from livelier trading following the



SNB's discontinuation of the minimum exchange rate against the euro in January 2015. The number of stock exchange trades fell by 3.6%, with trading turnover down by 8.7%. At 64.2%, the average market share in trading with Swiss blue chip stock was down on the previous year's level (68.9%).

The **Securities Services** business area achieved the strongest growth of all the business areas in the first half of the year. However, this increase was mainly attributable to the sale of real estate on Brandschenkestrasse in Zurich. Operating income was below last year's level at CHF 5.1 million (-2.9%). After deducting the gain from the real estate sale (CHF 26.0 million), EBIT would be down on last year.

In the **Financial Information** business area, operating income rose 5.2% to CHF 201.5 million, while EBIT increased 7.2% to CHF 24.9 million. This was all the more gratifying because practically all product groups improved, with the positive performance of the reference data business in the UK and US markets making a particularly strong contribution to the result.

With margin improvements and volume growth, the **Payment Services** business area recorded slightly higher operating income of CHF 424.1 million (+1.0%). However, profitability increased significantly. EBIT rose by 23.8% to CHF 46.0 million. Acquiring transactions posted 14.7% growth, while processing transactions grew by 9.0%.

Segment information (in CHF m)	01.01.- 30.06.2016	01.01.- 30.06.2015	Dev.	Dev. %
Operating income				
Swiss Exchange	95.5	110.5	-14.9	-13.5
Securities Services	198.5	177.6	20.9	11.7
Financial Information	201.5	191.6	9.9	5.2
Payment Services	424.1	419.9	4.2	1.0
Global IT	198.9	154.4	44.5	28.8
Corporate and elimination	-205.2	-166.5	-38.7	-23.2
Total operating income	913.3	887.5	25.8	2.9
Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT)				
Swiss Exchange	34.3	55.8	-21.5	-38.5
Securities Services	46.6	30.9	15.8	51.2
Financial Information	24.9	23.2	1.7	7.2
Payment Services	46.0	37.2	8.9	23.8
Global IT	4.0	-4.3	8.4	193.4
Corporate	17.0	15.0	2.0	13.4
Total EBIT	172.9	157.7	15.2	9.6



Key figures SIX (in CHF m)	2016	2015	Dev. %
Income statement	01.01.-30.06.	01.01.-30.06.	
Total operating income	913.3	887.5	2.9
Total operating expenses	-746.9	-741.0	0.8
Operating profit	166.4	146.5	13.6
Share of profit of associates	1.5	14.1	-89.6
Net financial result	5.0	-2.9	275.8
Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT)	172.9	157.7	9.6
Group net profit	134.9	127.5	5.8
Balance sheet	30.06.	31.12.	
Total assets	12'691.2	8'755.8	44.9
Total liabilities	10'324.5	6'310.6	63.6
Total equity	2'366.7	2'445.3	-3.2
Cash flows	01.01.-30.06.	01.01.-30.06.	
Cash flow from operating activities	1'582.2	-984.2	260.8
Cash flow from investing activities	-3.7	-53.6	93.1
Cash flow from financing activities	-157.3	-151.9	-3.5
Workforce (in full-time equivalents)	30.06.	31.12.	
Total SIX	3'821.7	3'858.2	-0.9
Key ratios	01.01.-30.06.	01.01.-30.06.	
Earnings per share (in CHF)	7.13	6.67	6.8
EBIT margin (in %)	18.9	17.8	6.5
Return on equity (in %, average ¹)	15.7	11.4	37.6
Equity ratio ² (in %, average ¹)	77.6	73.8	5.0

¹ Average balance sheet items in the reporting period

² Total equity / (total adjusted liabilities + total equity)

The SIX 2016 Interim Report is available at www.six-group.com/interim-report

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SIX operates the infrastructure underpinning the Swiss financial sector and offers a comprehensive range of services around the world in the fields of securities trading and settlement, financial information and payment transactions. The company is owned by its users (approximately 130 banks of various orientation and size). Its workforce of over 4,000 employees and presence in 25 countries throughout the world generated operating income of CHF 1.8 billion and a Group net profit of CHF 713.7 million in 2015.

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