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Support for the merger of Swiss market infrastructure providers**Moody's confirms top rating for SIS
SegalInterSettle and SIS x-clear**

Moody's Investors Service, one of the world's leading rating agencies, has confirmed the ratings previously awarded to SIS SegalInterSettle and SIS x-clear. Both companies retain the top grade Prime-1 for short-term deposits and Aa1 for long-term deposits.

The confirmation follows the announcement of the merger of the Swiss market infrastructure providers SWX Group, Telekurs Group and SIS Group. According to Moody's, the confirmation of the high rating is mainly motivated by the clear division of responsibilities to be maintained within the new, strong organisation and the outstanding technical infrastructure that the entire Group will continue to provide to the Swiss financial market.

The high rating also takes into account that SIS SegalInterSettle and SIS x-clear will be independent companies within the new organisation and that the ownership structure will essentially remain unchanged.

Moody's furthermore acknowledges that the merger will allow SIS SegalInterSettle and SIS x-clear to better respond to future market challenges. Peter Sami, CEO SIS Swiss Financial Services Group: "Moody's has recognised that the announced merger will sharpen the two companies' competitive edge. This gives us great satisfaction, of course."

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SIS Swiss Financial Services Group AG

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SIS SegalInterSettle AG offers the full range of securities settlement and custody services as it is both a central securities depository and an international central securities depository.

SIS x-clear AG acts as Central Counterparty for virt-x and is a centre of competence for risk management within the SIS Group. SIS x-clear is licensed as a bank under Swiss law and enjoys the status of a Recognised Overseas Clearing House in the United Kingdom.

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