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Swiss have founded world's first international securities museum

"Wertpapierwelt" opens in Olten

Zurich, 10 July 2003 – Today, SIS Group's museum "Wertpapierwelt" has been inaugurated in Olten. As of 15 July, the world's first international securities museum will open its doors to the public. The unique exhibits on display represent a cross section of the four-hundred-year history of the joint stock company.

SIS Group's new building at Baslerstrasse 90 in Olten, Switzerland, houses the world's first international securities museum, "Wertpapierwelt". The museum is expected to attract visitors with an interest in history and the economy, but it also targets schools and universities, whose students have not had any prior contact with securities.

Around 400 years ago, in 1602, the first modern joint stock company was founded in the Netherlands. "The opening of the museum 'Wertpapierwelt' is a milestone in the history of securities," said Heinz Haeberli, CEO of SIS Group, at the opening. "SIS wants to ensure that the history of securities does not fall into oblivion. That is why we have acquired this collection. By opening this museum today, we have delivered our promise to make the collection available to all and sundry."

In September 2001, SIS Swiss Financial Services Group AG acquired the most significant collection of historical securities the world has known. The collection was placed under the care of the charitable foundation "Historical Securities". To date, the collection comprises more than 7,000 certificates, issued in over 100 different countries, thereby covering the history of securities in economic, financial and geographical terms.

The "Wertpapierwelt" museum will convey the highly diverse nature of the exhibits on hand by means of changing thematic exhibitions aimed at raising public awareness of the economic importance of the joint stock company from its beginnings to the present day.

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Museum "Wertpapierwelt"

"Wertpapierwelt" is the museum of the charitable foundation "Historical Securities",
an initiative launched by SIS Swiss Financial Services Group AG.

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Opening hours: every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; guided
tours for groups can be arranged. Further information: www.wertpapierwelt.ch