



Press release

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Leonteq acquires a stake in the Swiss stock exchange BX Swiss

BX Swiss has an additional shareholder: The leading financial services company Leonteq has acquired a 10% stake in the Swiss stock exchange. BX Swiss is a subsidiary of Boerse Stuttgart Group.

Leonteq maintains a close partnership with BX Swiss. Leonteq has been operating as an issuer since 2021 and has successfully been offering structured products in the regulated trading segment deriBX and listing exchange-traded products.

With the acquisition of a 10% share of BX Swiss by Leonteq for a single-digit million amount, the two financial institutions are laying the foundation for a long-term strategic partnership. BX Swiss will benefit from Leonteq's investment solutions ecosystem, which facilitates connectivity and collaboration with local and global financial market participants. In return, Leonteq will gain access to the ecosystem of Boerse Stuttgart Group, the sixth largest exchange group in Europe, and will be able to participate in the growth of Swiss exchange BX Swiss. Furthermore, the partnership aims to strengthen the position of regulated exchange trading.

«With a strategic partner like Leonteq, we can create ideal conditions for our partners. Together, we focus on the needs of self-directed investors in Switzerland and enable them to trade securities easily and cost-effectively, also thanks to our low-fee strategy.», says Lucas Bruggeman, CEO of BX Swiss.

«The investment of Leonteq as an international financial market player in our Swiss exchange BX Swiss underlines the European perspective of our exchange group and our growth ambitions in the capital markets business. The partnership will enable us to strengthen exchange trading in structured products and other asset classes in Switzerland and to implement innovative trading and fee models.», says Dr. Matthias Voelkel, CEO of Boerse Stuttgart Group and Chairman of the Board of BX Swiss.



Lukas Ruffin, CEO of Leonteq, stated: "BX Swiss is an attractive partner with whom Leonteq shares a strong fit in terms of client focus and innovation. We believe that exchange access and listing of investment products will continue to play an important role for our partners and clients. We are committed to further expanding our product offering and ecosystem, and a strategic stake in BX Swiss underpins our commitment to transparency, service and liquidity, a key focus for Leonteq since its foundation in 2007."

More information about BX Swiss: www.bxswiss.com

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About BX Swiss

BX Swiss AG is an established stock exchange based in Zurich. BX Swiss AG is part of the international Stuttgart Stock Exchange Group and is subject to the Financial Market Infrastructure Act and supervision by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA.

BX Swiss offers active investors a trustworthy and secure access to a broadly diversified portfolio of financial products ranging from structured products (deriBX), equities from over 30 markets in Swiss Francs, Wikifolio certificates, ETFs, ETPs on various cryptocurrencies, bonds and funds.

Swiss SMEs find an ideal trading platform at BX Swiss with the exchange trading segment SME Main Market through which they gain access to new investors as well as a diversified shareholder base.

With BX Swiss TV and BX plus, BX Swiss offers its own comprehensive knowledge and content platform, which provides market and stock exchange data in a clear and comprehensible manner, guarantees a high level of transparency, and promotes an interactive exchange.

About Boerse Stuttgart Group

Boerse Stuttgart Group is the sixth largest exchange group in Europe with strategic pillars in the capital markets business and in the digital and crypto business. It operates exchanges in Germany, Sweden and Switzerland. As a true pioneer, it has built the largest digital and crypto business of all the European exchange groups. Boerse Stuttgart has a workforce of 700 and premises in Stuttgart, Berlin, Stockholm, Zurich and Ljubljana.

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About Leonteq

Leonteq is a Swiss fintech company with a leading marketplace for structured investment solutions. Based on proprietary modern technology, the company offers derivative investment products and services and predominantly covers the capital protection, yield enhancement and participation product classes. Leonteq acts as both a direct issuer of its own products and as a partner to other financial institutions. Leonteq further enables life insurance companies and banks to produce capital-efficient, unit-linked pension products with guarantees. The company has offices and subsidiaries in 13 countries across Europe, Middle East and Asia. Leonteq AG has a BBB credit-rating by Fitch Ratings, was assigned with an AA ESG-rating by MSCI and is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX: LEON).

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