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Key CCP Figures for First Week of Trading

Following the successful launch of Europe's first truly pan-European CCP structure on 5 May 2003, virt-x Exchange, the London Clearing House (LCH) and SIS x-clear, the Swiss central counterparty (CCP), today announced the following key figures for the first week of trading:

- Number of trades cleared: 186,970
- Percentage settled on due date: 99.7%
- Total value of business in the first week €8.474 bn



About virt-x

virt-x Exchange Limited, a part of the SWX Group, is a Recognised Investment Exchange supervised by the Financial Services Authority. virt-x is the home market for the Swiss Market Index securities and also offers direct, real-time access to trading in the constituents of all the major pan-European blue chip indices, facilitating sector and index trading. virt-x has an integrated trading, clearing and settlement model which simplifies the process of trading pan-European blue chips and provides scope for significant reduction in cross border transaction costs.

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