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Key figures of SWX and virt-x for March 2006: Turnover hits new all-time high

On SWX and virt-x last month, securities with a total value of CHF 231.3 billion changed hands, thereby marking a new record high for monthly turnover. In comparison to February - the previous record month – trading activity surged by a further 25.6 %. Responsible for this advance was the sharply increased turnover in shares and securitised derivatives. For example, the value of shares traded during month was almost double that of the March 2005 reading. In terms of price developments, robust gains were recorded particularly in small- and mid-cap stocks. The SMIM® achieved the best performance in March 2006, rising by +6.14 %.

Trading days: 23

	Turnover in mio. CHF	Variation against previous month	Variation against same month in previous year	No. of trades
Equities incl. funds	209'713	29.5 %	98.3 %	1'942'827
Bonds CHF	13'607	-8.3 %	-17.5 %	29'663
International Bonds	1'686	-5.7 %	14.5 %	14'102
Securitized Derivatives	4'454	4.5 %	83.3 %	192'054
Exchange Traded Funds (ETF)	1'884	43.1 %	49.5 %	9'100
Total	231'344	25.6 %	81.6 %	2'187'746

	Monthly close	Performance since end of previous month	Performance year-to-date
SMI®	8'023.3	1.66 %	5.79 %
SMIM® Price	1'312.7	6.14 %	15.88 %
SMI Expanded® Total Return	1'218.3	2.42 %	6.87 %
SPI®	6'163.4	2.51 %	7.33 %
SPI Extra® Total Return	1'707.8	5.15 %	15.87 %
SXI Life Science® Total Return	1'682.7	3.36 %	6.32 %
SXI Bio+Medtech® Total Return	1'850.5	3.30 %	9.06 %
SBI® Total Return	129.1	-1.27 %	-1.65 %

More detailed information is available in the statistical monthly report

www.swx.com/market/statistics/monthly_data

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