

## DEAR REALTIME READERS

The Swiss financial centre is striking a balance between tradition and innovation. The theme of this year's Finance Forum in Zurich also appears to have inspired the imminent and far-reaching changes in the local financial infrastructure. The financial services companies SWX Group, SIS Group and Telekurs Group will merge at the beginning of 2008 to form Swiss Financial Market Services. The bundling of resources that will accompany this move is aimed at increasing the innovative strength of the Swiss financial centre and enhancing efficiency across all areas of business. As a result, new and existing clients in the Swiss and international markets will enjoy the benefits of an optimised service offering. The merger of these strong and experienced partners to create a single provider will also help to boost the competitiveness of the Swiss financial centre in the long term.



Telekurs Financial continues to attach great importance to targeted client communication. A comprehensive client survey achieved a response rate of 10% among our Swiss and international clients and provided important findings on this topic. The survey revealed that the clients of Telekurs Financial would like to receive more daily updates and information in electronic form. Accordingly, Telekurs Financial has decided to align the contents of its *realtime* magazine to the needs of its clients as far as possible. You are therefore reading the final printed issue of *realtime*. However, this is only a partial farewell: our readers will still be able to find out about interesting product innovations and will always have a current overview of the growing range of data available from Telekurs Financial. We will also keep you constantly informed of the ways in which a global financial data provider will capture opportunities in the future market environment. The complete findings of the survey are available on our website at: [www.telekurs-financial.com](http://www.telekurs-financial.com)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your loyal interest in our publication.

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