

Swissquote announces its intention to go public on the swiss stock market

Swissquote Group Holding Ltd, today announced its intention to enter the SWX New Market before the summer of 2000. Swissquote Group Holding is one of the most important Swiss companies in the area of web services. Through two core activities: brokerage services and online financial data delivery, as well as web design, it has unmatched skills in Switzerland for the development of Internet solutions and products. The initial public offering (IPO) on the SWX New Market will enable Swissquote to finance the rapid development of its various activities in Switzerland and abroad.

Interactive Financial Services

The brokerage company Swissquote Trade Ltd, in collaboration with the private bank Rüd, Blass & Cie Ltd, a wholly-owned affiliate of Zurich Financial Services Group, offers a fast, attractive and reliable online trading service for all securities listed on the Swiss stock exchange. Swissquote Trade's clients have the opportunity to manage their assets either by phone or directly on the site www.swissquote.ch.

As Switzerland's most visited financial site, www.swissquote.ch registers a daily average of 120,000 users who consult 2.5 million pages. Since its launch in 1997, www.swissquote.ch, managed by Swissquote Info Ltd, has become the reference site for financial information in Switzerland.

Web Strategy and Web Design

Marvel Communications Ltd develops and creates web sites for important Swiss companies and international organisations. From strategic consulting services through technological analysis, Marvel provides tailored web and E-business solutions to meet the requirements of prestigious clients, such as the International Olympic Committee (www.olympic.org), the Federal Office of Communications (www.ofcomauktion.ch), Peugeot Suisse (www.peugeot.ch) Nespresso (www.nespresso.com), Generali Assurances (www.generali-assurances.ch) and Rabo Robeco Bank (www.raborobecobank.ch).

In 1999, Swissquote Group Holding Ltd tripled the number of its collaborators. Today, the company based in Gland (VD) employs more than 80 people. The bank Julius Baer & Co. Ltd. has been selected to lead the IPO.

Web sites of Swissquote Group Holding Ltd affiliates:

www.marvel.ch

www.swissquote.ch

(Brokerage services provided by Swissquote Trade are accessible from the site swissquote.ch, by clicking on "Info").