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On 27 September 2012, the international derivatives market place Eurex Exchange signed a cooperation agreement with the Singapore Management University (SMU), Singapore's first public-funded autonomous university. Both partners will cooperate in the area of financial market education and research to increase the understanding and knowledge of the financial markets in Asia and Europe.

Eurex and its mother company Deutsche Börse AG have already established links and cooperation with a variety of well-known Asian universities, e.g. CUHK (Chinese University Hong Kong), SAIF (Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance) and NTU (National Taiwan University).

Through this new initiative, Eurex will support the simulated trading lab of the Quantitative Finance Group in SMU with market data for teaching and research. Additionally, Eurex experts will hold lectures as guest speakers and Eurex's products and real-time market data will be offered for teaching purposes. In addition, both Eurex and SMU intend to jointly issue research papers on industry-related topics.

We are excited and honored to be Eurex Exchange's first university partner in Southeast Asia. Access to high-quality market data in real-time will definitely enhance the value-proposition that we provide to all students of the SMU Master of Science in Quantitative Finance programme, which SMU jointly offers with Cass Business School of the City University London. The streaming of Eurex market data through CQG, a trading software used by professional traders, will surely enrich the learning experience, said Professor Francis Koh, Deputy Dean of the SMU Lee Kong Chian School of Business.

This new cooperation is a further important element of our Training & Education Initiative in Asia. We believe that it is essential to invest into education and to share information with Asia-based investors about the European markets and products, trading strategies and trends, added Roland Schwinn, Head of Business Development Asia & Middle East, Eurex.

Eurex Exchange is one of the world's leading derivatives exchanges, serving a growing global distribution network. It offers more than 1,700 products covering all major as well as alternative asset classes. Our marketplace based on innovative IT infrastructure is gateway to the most heavily traded euro-denominated equity index and fixed-income derivatives.

As part of Eurex Group, we provide access to a global liquidity network with daily trading volumes exceeding 10 million contracts together with the International Securities Exchange (ISE) and the European Energy Exchange (EEX). Eurex Exchange uses Eurex Clearing, one of the leading central counterparties globally.