

# THE YEAR 2021 IN REVIEW

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## **Intro**

- Good afternoon!
- Thank you for joining our event today. Although I have not been able to come and greet you in person, I am delighted to welcome you in this traditional Xmas meeting.
- First, I would like to use the opportunity to thank you for your extraordinary efforts doing your job during the pandemic.

## **Integration process**

- Since we met virtually at the launch of the 2020 Market Report last year, a lot has happened. The integration of BME into the SIX Group has been very successful and is progressing well.
- SIX and BME have barked together on a new phase of growth from January 2021.
- The integration of our products and services allows us to generate value, grow revenues, and compete globally.
- Together, we can invest in opportunities that would have been unavailable to entities separately.
- Today, we are a truly integrated FMI player, and our business portfolio spans Listing & Trading, Securities Services, Financial Information, and Banking Services.
- Compared with other European capital markets' infrastructure providers, we operate a more diversified portfolio of activities.
- After the BME-acquisition, SIX is now the #3 player in European Capital Markets Infrastructure, #4 in securities trading, #4 in post-trade, and #2 in financial information.
- We really believe that we can strengthen both the Spanish and Swiss ecosystems as we bring new capabilities to BME and SIX participants and attract new global capital pools to Spain.

## **The importance of the technology and Sustainability**

- Innovation changes the rules of the game. The launching of the first digital bond registered on SDX few days ago is a good proof if it.
- As you know, SDX is the first fully licensed, 100% digital exchange.
- But it is not enough to develop and innovate in any old way.
- Growth must be sustainable. One example is the recent launch of the Gender Equality Ibox, the first index designed jointly by SIX and BME, of which we are particularly proud

## **Summary of 2021**

- Javier will then go into more detail on this interesting Market Report that has been produced, and which has become one of the main references and sources of information for you over the years.
- Just let me highlight some point as a summary of 2021:
  - In 2021 the vaccination process boosted growth and reduced markets volatility.
  - In recent weeks, however, the Omicron variant has reawakened uncertainty, and its impact has been felt in the markets
  - Despite the pandemic, all market infrastructures continued to function normally and made it possible for companies and public issuers to continue raising funding through listings, capital increases and bond issues.
  - In this way, markets continue contributing to the generation of growth.
  - Up to July, Spanish listed companies accumulated profits of €26.16 billion, leaving behind the losses of 2020. The figure is up 11.8% from that of 2019.
  - Strong global economic growth close to 6%, according to IMF, due to mass vaccination in Europe and the US.
  - Inflation rebounds to its highest level in decades. Monetary and fiscal policies remain expansionary.
  - Spain will be one of the strongest countries in the European recovery with GDP growth projected at 5.7% by 2021 and 6.4% by 2022, according to the same sources.
  - To sum up, again quite a complicate year in many aspects, affecting our personal life's, but with clear signs of economy recovery and markets rebounds.
  - Let's hope this positive trend continues in 2022

## **Q&A**

- I will be glad to answer your questions.

## **Farewell**

- Thank you again for being here today and for your excellent coverage of our company and the evolution of the markets
- I wish you Happy Holidays and a Prosperous 2022.
- I will now hand over to Javier to explain the details of the Report.