

TWINT gains a strong international partner

Worldline invests in TWINT

SIX and WORLDFLINE (euronext; WLN), the European market leader for payment and transaction services, yesterday announced a strategic partnership in card business. At the same time, WORLDFLINE is acquiring a 20% stake in TWINT. This international partnership puts TWINT – the number 1 in the Swiss mobile payment market – in an even stronger position for further expansion.

SIX and WORLDFLINE yesterday announced a strategic partnership for card business (merchant acceptance & acquiring and international card processing). At the same time, WORLDFLINE is taking a 20% equity stake in Swiss mobile payment solution TWINT. The transaction will be completed during the course of this year. TWINT's existing shareholders, the six largest Swiss banks plus SIX, are keeping their stakes in TWINT.

Søren Mose, Chairman of the Board of Directors of TWINT, says: "Our new pan-European partner, WORLDFLINE, has been working hard on creating a cashless society for many years. This partnership opens up whole new horizons for the further development of TWINT."

Gilles Grapinet, CEO of WORLDFLINE says, "Like TWINT, we strongly believe in the great potential of mobile payment solutions, especially when they are well supported by the local banking community. TWINT has established itself firmly in this market. We really look forward to working together on the further development of this remarkable solution for mobile payment."

TWINT is already the number one for mobile payments in Switzerland, with over 800,000 registered customers. TWINT lets people send money to other private individuals (P2P payments), make payments in e-commerce directly against their bank accounts, and pay for goods and services at the cash register. Around 50,000 points of sale already accept TWINT, and the involvement of WORLDFLINE will see this number rise quickly. Following the example of Coop Group, Digitec Galaxus, Spar and many other shops, Migros started accepting payment in combination with the Migros app a few weeks ago.

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TWINT is the Swiss banks' mobile payment solution. More than 70 Swiss banks already offer their customers TWINT. TWINT customers can pay direct and cashless from their bank account in e-commerce, at the cash register and at vending machines. It is also possible for money to be transferred between private individuals and for payment requests to be made. With TWINT, users also benefit from added-value services, including the ability to save customer loyalty cards, digital stamp cards and discount coupons. With more than 800,000 registered users, TWINT is the most widely used payment app in Switzerland. TWINT AG belongs to Switzerland's biggest banks, namely BCV (Banque Cantonale Vaudoise), Credit Suisse, PostFinance, Raiffeisen, UBS and Zürcher Kantonalbank, as well as the financial services provider SIX and now Worldline.

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