

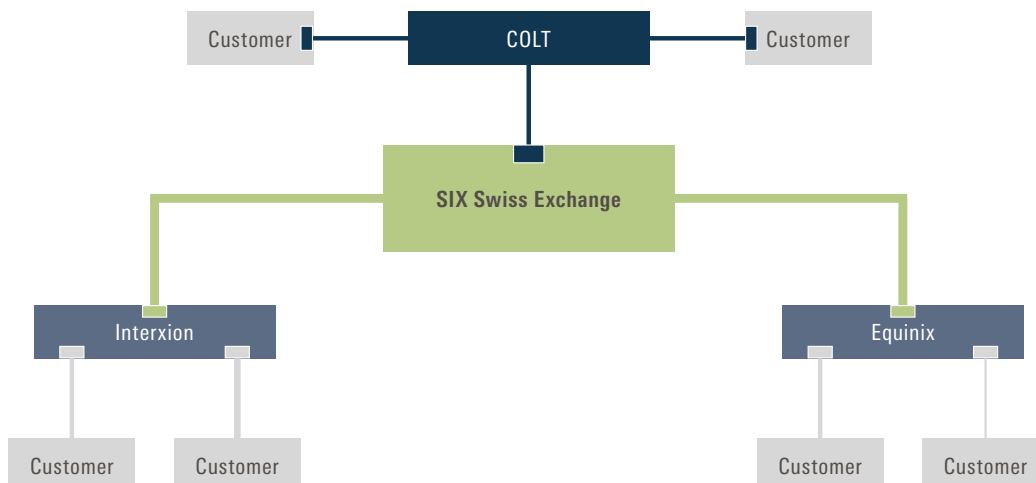
## Proximity Services – closer to the market

Participants of SIX Swiss Exchange who wish to benefit from latency in the microsecond range regardless of their geographical location can connect to the SWXess high-performance trading platform via designated Proximity Service Providers.



### Three proximity service providers

SIX Swiss Exchange offers participants a choice of three Proximity Service providers: COLT, Interxion and Equinix. With these service providers, participants using algorithmic trading strategies such as High Frequency Trading can benefit from the fastest connection to the SWXess trading platform from SIX Swiss Exchange. COLT offers a fully managed service that includes hosting participants servers and providing connectivity to the data center as well as dedicated low latency connectivity to the exchange. Interxion and Equinix offer hosting only services and are carrier neutral. Participants can tailor their connectivity requirements from a wide range of carriers. Dedicated low latent connectivity from their data centers to the Exchange is managed by SIX Group.



## SIX Swiss Exchange Proximity Service

Participants whose trading strategies require to be geographically as close as possible to the SIX Swiss Exchange matching engine can benefit from having their servers hosted at one of the Proximity Service Providers. Network latency to all components of the SWXess trading platform is minimized, with faster execution times and reduced market data transmission times.

## Tailored solutions

Demand for low latency connectivity has been increasing sharply. To meet this requirement, SIX Swiss Exchange recently expanded the number of proximity service providers with complete access to the SWXess trading platform. Since mid-2010, two new proximity providers – Equinix (based in the USA) and Interxion (based in the Netherlands) – have been available in addition to the existing provider COLT. With these offerings, participants can take advantage of proximity as well as choosing a solution that meets their requirements on flexibility and scalability.

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