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KASE Group approves Development Strategy for 2025–2027

The Boards of Directors of Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (KASE, Exchange) and KASE Clearing Centre JSC (together referred to as the KASE Group) have endorsed the Development Strategy for the KASE Group for the years 2025–2027 (the Strategy). **The Strategy aims to maintain the Group's leadership in the exchange markets of Central Asia by broadening the variety of exchange and clearing services, prioritizing customer needs, and enhancing the professionalism of the Group's team.**

The primary focuses of the Strategy will be the expansion of the key operations, the introduction of new products and services, and the enhancement of the IT infrastructure.

The Strategy will uphold the course of the development strategy for 2022-2024, taking into account modern challenges.

The Exchange's development strategy for 2022–2024 focused on deepening the financial inclusion, i.e. providing more affordable and diverse products for various investor categories; developing the capital market infrastructure – improving the existing markets and expanding instruments for issuers and investors; introducing innovative technologies and digitalization.

Over three years, the trading volume on all markets has increased by 2.2 times reaching 389.1 trln tenge by the end of 2024. The capitalization of the equity market has increased by 14.3%, totaling 32.9 trln tenge. As of January 1, 2025, KASE Index was 5,578.10 points, demonstrating an increase of 52% since the beginning of 2022.

Major accomplishments were attained due to organized efforts aimed at **broadening the investor base by engaging retail investors, effectively executed IPOs and SPOs, increasing the variety of traded instruments, drawing in new issuers such as SMEs and microfinance organizations, and consistently enhancing the quality of services offered.**

In its updated Strategy, **the KASE Group aims to sustain its leading roles in key markets while enhancing the liquidity of government securities, stocks, and international equity markets by bringing in new issuers and investors. Additionally, it intends to broaden the variety of exchange products in response to emerging trends.**

One significant outcome of the implemented strategy was the establishment of a new infrastructure entity for Kazakhstan's capital market – KASE Clearing Centre JSC. This new infrastructure organization reflects the enhancement and increase in liquidity of the local stock market, offers opportunities for service provision in both over-the-counter and exchange markets within the region, and assists in attracting foreign investors. Furthermore, **the Clearing Centre aims to align its business processes with top international practices and standards, thereby achieving global recognition.**

The KASE Group will persist in enhancing a comprehensive domestic exchange framework to ensure transparency, reliability, and the overall efficiency of the financial sector's growth. Companies within the KASE Group have achieved acknowledgement from European regulatory bodies regarding their information disclosure practices and have successfully undergone certification for their business processes, adhering to ISO 9001 and 27001 standards. The Clearing Centre has earned an operational rating of A+, and compliance with the principles outlined for financial market infrastructures by the association of financial regulators (PFMI IOSCO) has been affirmed.

As part of the new Strategy, the KASE Group aims to adhere completely to international standards, boost rating evaluations, and elevate the reputation of Kazakhstan's stock market in international rankings.

In order to accomplish the designated tasks, the KASE Group will undertake efforts to advance its IT infrastructure, focusing on technological upgrades and innovative growth, along with enhancing the efficiency of IT services. Additionally, it is intended to execute R&D projects aimed at creating and evaluating innovative solutions utilizing AI, Cloud, and Blockchain technologies.

KASE plays an essential role in advancing standards for the disclosure of ESG information and in fostering sustainable financing within the domestic stock market. In November 2024, KASE joined the Net Zero Financial Services Providers Alliance, highlighting the Exchange's dedication to supporting the worldwide shift towards carbon neutrality and establishing a sustainable financial framework. A primary focus of KASE's involvement in the alliance will be to create tools and standards for clear reporting of carbon emissions data, encourage ESG financing, and minimize the Exchange's own carbon footprint.

As part of the Development Strategy for 2025-2027, the KASE Group will persist in its mission to enhance the exchange infrastructure, ensuring transparency, reliability, and efficiency in the progress of Kazakhstan's financial sector.

For reference

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC stands as the premier exchange in Kazakhstan, bringing together stock, money, currency, and futures markets, while also functioning as an operator of financial indicators and a source of exchange information. The comprehensive nature of the KASE platform enables trading participants and their clients to engage in transactions across multiple markets using various financial instruments, facilitating optimal liquidity management and the execution of investment strategies.

KASE Clearing Centre JSC is a subsidiary of Kazakhstan Stock Exchange, which carries out clearing and settlement functions, and also provides central counterparty services on all KASE markets.

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