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## Swiss National Bank releases new 1000-franc note

Fifth banknote in latest series showcases Switzerland's communicative flair

The Swiss National Bank (SNB) will begin issuing the new 1000-franc note on 13 March 2019. Following the 50, 20, 10 and 200-franc notes, this is the fifth of six denominations in the new banknote series to be released. The current eighth-series banknotes remain legal tender until further notice.

The inspiration behind the new banknote series is 'The many facets of Switzerland'. Each denomination depicts a typically Swiss characteristic, which is then illustrated graphically using a range of elements. The 1000-franc note focuses on Switzerland's communicative flair, as expressed by language, the note's key motif. Core design elements are the hand and the globe, which appear on every denomination in the new series.

As with the banknotes currently in circulation, the ninth series consists of six denominations; the colour scheme, too, remains the same. Accordingly, the main colour of the new 1000-franc note is purple. However, the format has been modified – the new notes are smaller and thus easier to handle. The innovative combination of complex security features and sophisticated design provides state-of-the-art anti-counterfeiting protection.

The 100-franc note, which will be presented on 3 September 2019 and enter circulation on 12 September 2019, will conclude the release of the ninth banknote series.

The new 1000-franc note will be issued from 13 March 2019 at the SNB counters in Berne and Zurich, as well as at the <u>SNB agencies</u> located in the head offices of 14 cantonal banks. Commercial banks and Swiss Post will begin issuing the new banknotes shortly thereafter.