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# BELGIAN ISSUERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED EURONEXT'S PAN-EUROPEAN DAYS IN THE UNITED STATES

**Brussels – 5 June 2015** – Euronext Brussels is pleased to announce that the pan-European days were a major success for all Belgian companies participating in this event. The Belgian participants were Ackermans Van Haaren, Ageas, Barco, Befimmo, Bekaert, Cofinimmo, Elia, Fagron and KBC, representing a total market capitalisation of 45.081 billion euros. Institutional investors based in the United States are particularly important for Belgian issuers as they represent 36% of investments on Euronext Brussels.

Euronext, the primary exchange in the Eurozone, held this week its third pan-European days in the United States aimed at raising the profile of its European listed companies among US investors. It was attended by nearly 60 large issuers from across all the Euronext countries¹, representing above €400 billion (\$445 billion) in market capitalisation, and more than 350 US investors, over four days from 1-4 June. The event, which previously took place only in New York, was extended to cover Boston this year for the first time.

The event was held in the presence of the Belgian Minister of Finance, Johan Van Overtveldt, who participated in a debate with leading government officials from Euronext countries. The Minister insisted once again on the importance of the Brussels stock exchange as a capital raising centre to finance the real economy in Belgium.



Vincent Van Dessel, CEO of Euronext Brussels, commented: "This event is always warmly welcomed by Belgian issuers as it enables them to meet directly with a strong base of American institutional investors. We strongly believe it is our role as a stock exchange to give visibility to issuers through this type of events."

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