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NYSE Euronext viert 30-jarig jubileum AEX-Index

Beurs viert succes eerste Europese Blue Chip Index en opent consultatie onder stakeholders over indexmethodiek

Amsterdam, Brussel, Lissabon, Londen en Parijs – 4 maart, 2013: De AEX-Index®, de bekende graadmeter van de Amsterdamse beurs van NYSE Euronext, viert vandaag zijn 30^e verjaardag. De AEX® ging op 4 maart 1983 van start en was de allereerste nationale Blue Chip index in Europa.

De AEX-Index bestaat uit de 25 meest verhandelde ondernemingen op de Amsterdamse beurs. De index bevat ondernemingen uit het topsegment van de beurs, waaronder vele multinationals, zoals Royal Dutch Shell, Unilever, ING Groep, Royal Philips Electronics en ArcelorMittal. De AEX is de graadmeter voor het beursklimaat in Nederland en biedt internationale zichtbaarheid voor de ondernemingen die er deel van uit maken. Om dit zo goed als mogelijk te blijven weergeven met het oog op de toekomst zal er de komende maanden een consultatie plaatsvinden onder stakeholders, om te beoordelen of de huidige methodiek de komende 30 jaar nog volledig voldoet.

De AEX-Index werd destijds gelanceerd om derivaten op te verhandelen, zoals opties en futures. Door de jaren heen groeide het aantal diverse producten op de index echter snel. Momenteel zijn er al meer dan 1000 producten aan de AEX gekoppeld. In de afgelopen vijf jaar is het aantal producten gestegen met 238% en vergeleken met 10 jaar geleden zelf maar liefst met 900%. Gemiddeld worden er dagelijks 85.000 AEX opties (maand-, week- en dagopties) en 45.000 AEX futures* verhandeld op de Amsterdamse beurs van NYSE Euronext. Door de jaren heen zijn er ook varianten op de AEX ontwikkeld, waaronder de AEX® Equal Weight en de AEX® Low Risk.

“De AEX-Index is onlosmakelijk verbonden met de Amsterdamse beurs, al 30 jaar lang,” zei Cees Vermaas, CEO van NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. “Onze bekendste index bestaat uit internationaal toonaangevende namen, waarmee het laat zien dat de Amsterdamse beurs zich in het centrum begeeft van de internationale kapitaalmarkt. De AEX is een bijzonder goed verhandelde index en zorgt voor een grote zichtbaarheid van haar ondernemingen richting nationale en internationale investeerders. Dit jaar vieren we het 30 jarig jubileum van de AEX dan ook met grote trots, ‘thuis’ op Beursplein 5.”

Jan Maarten Slagter, directeur van de Vereniging van de Effectenbezitters (VEB), zei: *“De AEX brengt de beurs bij de mensen thuis – in één getal geeft de index de stemming op de Amsterdamse beurs weer, hapklaar voor nieuwsbulletin en economiekatern. De AEX is zo een niet meer weg te denken Hollands instituut. Van harte gefeliciteerd!”*

In 1983 stelde toenmalig optiebeursdirecteur Tjerk Westerterp de allereerste index samen op de achterkant van een sigarendoosje, in de trein tussen Luik en Luxemburg. Hij kwam tot 13 fondsen: ABN Bank, Ahold, Akzo, Amro Bank, Gist-Brocades, Heineken, Hoogovens, KLM, Royal Dutch,

Nationale Nederlanden, Philips, Unilever en Nedlloyd. De index heette destijds EOE-index (European Options Exchange). Later groeide dit lijstje uit tot 20 ondernemingen en uiteindelijk zouden het er 25 worden. Van de oorspronkelijke dertien ondernemingen zijn er nog altijd negen onderdeel van de index in dezelfde of in gefuseerde vorm.

De opening van de markt stond vanochtend geheel in het teken van de 30^e verjaardag van de index.

*Gemiddeld cijfer over afgelopen 3 jaar.

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