

# Euronext NV

## Europe Satellite\*

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<b>Country</b> FR	<b>Market capitalization (bn)</b> EUR 8.1	<b>Perf. since reco. (%)</b>
<b>Sector</b> Financial Services	<b>Free float</b> 81.5%	Euronext NV 51.0
<b>Factset</b> ENX-FR	<b>Closing price</b> EUR 75.74	Sector 24.4
<b>ISIN</b> NL0006294274	<b>ESG Risk score*</b> 18.7 Low risk	

### Profile

Euronext (ENX) is a pan-European stock exchange offering a diversified range of products and services to financial and corporate clients including trading (39% of revenue; equities, derivatives and forex), listing (19%), advanced data services (19%), post-trade (18%) and technology solutions (5%). The group is market leader in equity trading across its original six European markets of France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal, Norway and Ireland as well as number one for listings of European debt, funds and tech SMEs. ENX represents more than 1,500 listed companies with a combined market capitalisation of €3.8trn.

### Strengths/opportunities

- Has won market share and diversified revenue streams through acquisitions.
- Very good track record in cost management.

### Weaknesses/threats

- Revenue highly sensitive to equity trading volumes.
- Regulatory risk if states interfere with transaction pricing or introduce taxes.

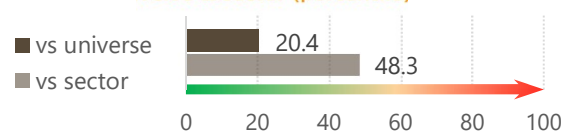
### Investment case

- Capital market transactions are increasingly regulated and supervised (MiFID II). Major listed stock exchange operators like ENX have the benefit of a form of "official" guarantee from regulatory and political authorities. This has enabled them to recapture a portion of the equity trading that had migrated to private platforms like MTFs (multilateral trading facilities).
- As well as benefiting from a positive underlying trend in equity trading volumes, the eurozone's leading stock exchange operator is well placed to gain from the increased volatility that affects financial markets at times of uncertainty.
- The platform's main activity is equity and derivatives trading. However, ENX also offers a whole range of execution and IT services that generate a steadier income stream. This portion of the group's business is gradually increasing, making its overall profile less cyclical.
- Euronext has successfully completed a number of acquisitions over the past few years, including in particular the Irish Stock Exchange, Oslo Børs, Nord Pool, VP Securities and Borsa Italiana. The latter will be EPS-enhancing immediately and is set to generate double-digit synergies from year 3.

### Valuation

Despite a strong market run over the past few quarters, Euronext is trading at a 20% P/E discount to its main competitors. This is in no way warranted given a dividend yield 40% higher than the sector.

### ESG risk vs. universe & sector (percentile)\*



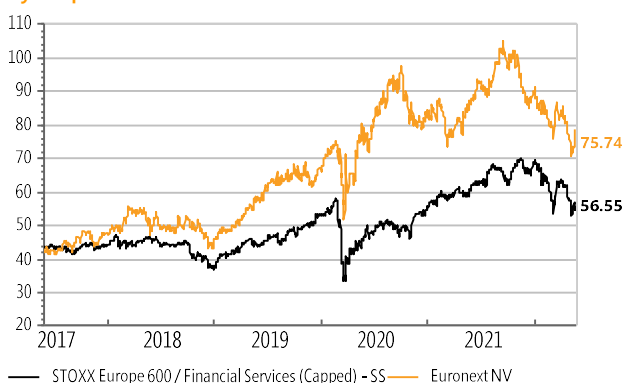
EUR	12/2021	2022e	2023e
Sales revenue (mio)	1'386	1'510	1'564
Sales growth	56.7%	8.9%	3.6%
EBIT adjusted (mio)	713	743	788
% of sales	51.5%	49.2%	50.4%
Net income (mio)	413	488	527
Net income growth	31.0%	18.1%	8.0%
FCF/Sales	38.4%	40.0%	40.6%
Net debt/Ebitda	2.6x	2.5x	2.1x
Dividend yield	2.5%	2.9%	3.2%
PE	21.2x	14.0x	13.2x
P/BV	2.1x	2.1x	2.0x

Factset estimates

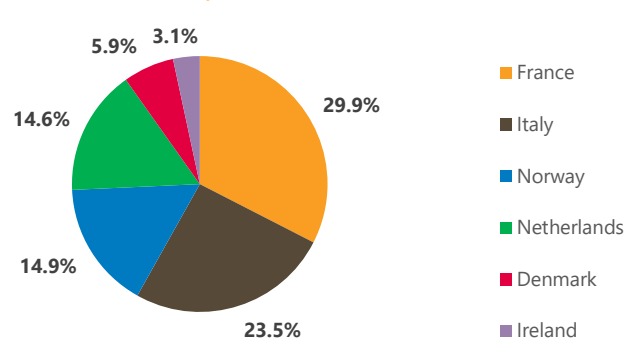
### ESG - risks and key points

- ENX handles large amounts of confidential data and is exposed to risks relating to data security and privacy. However, the right measures have been put in place and the risk is fairly low.
- The group relies on a skilled workforce that has to be looked after. Management's handling of this issue is average and the risk is low.
- Management of ethical risk (insider trading and mkt manipulation) by the group's management is average but the risk is low.

### 5-year performance vs sector



### Sales breakdown - 12/2021



\*: see overleaf

Source: Factset, Sustainalytics

# Glossary

## Satellite

From 2015, B&Cie separates its investment recommendations into Core Holdings (higher organic growth potential, high free cash flow, ROCE in excess of the cost of capital and balance sheet efficiency throughout the cycle) and Satellite Recommendations, which do not meet the above criteria but are likely to outperform in the short-to-medium term.

## ESG Risk Score

At B&Cie, we take particular care to ensure that the companies in which we recommend investing are sustainable. Accordingly, our selection process takes account of risks relating to environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. This approach is underpinned by research from Sustainalytics, the global leader in ESG and corporate governance analysis, whose methodology aims to identify major controversies and risks and assess a company's ESG risks relative to both its sector and the investment universe as a whole. The corresponding score is expressed as a percentile: the lower the overall risk score, the lower the risk within the investment universe.

## b-Digital, b-Transition & b-Well

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