

Index reform Euronext Brussels

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Introduction

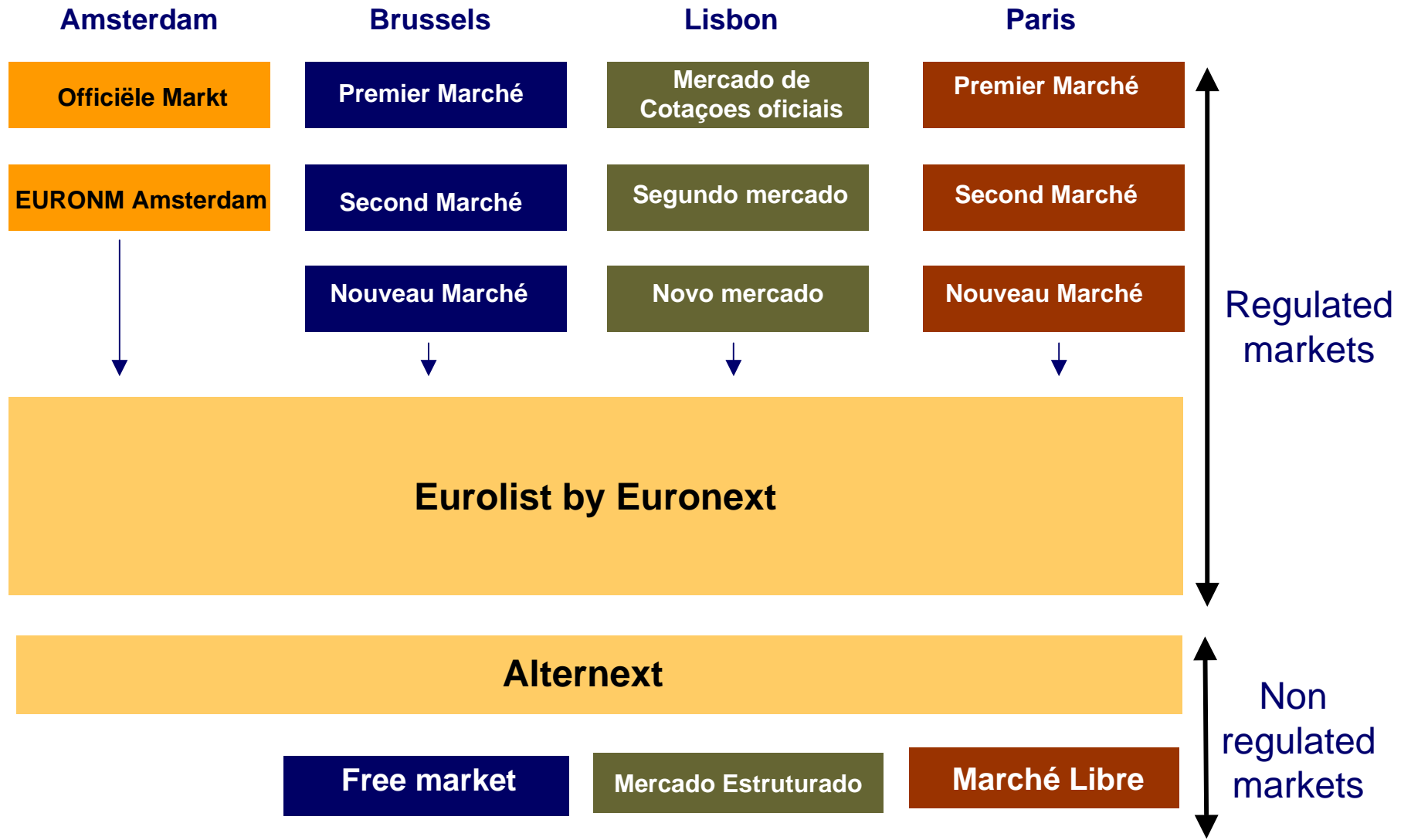
Midcaps – an essential asset

- 85% of domestic companies listed on Euronext show market capitalisation under €1 billion
- midcaps are a key source of new listings for Euronext

Needed: market structures better suited to midcaps

- to improve visibility and liquidity
- to give European companies opportunities to raise capital
- adopt a market structure that allows investors to track this market segment better
- strengthen and upgrade tools available to investors (indices)

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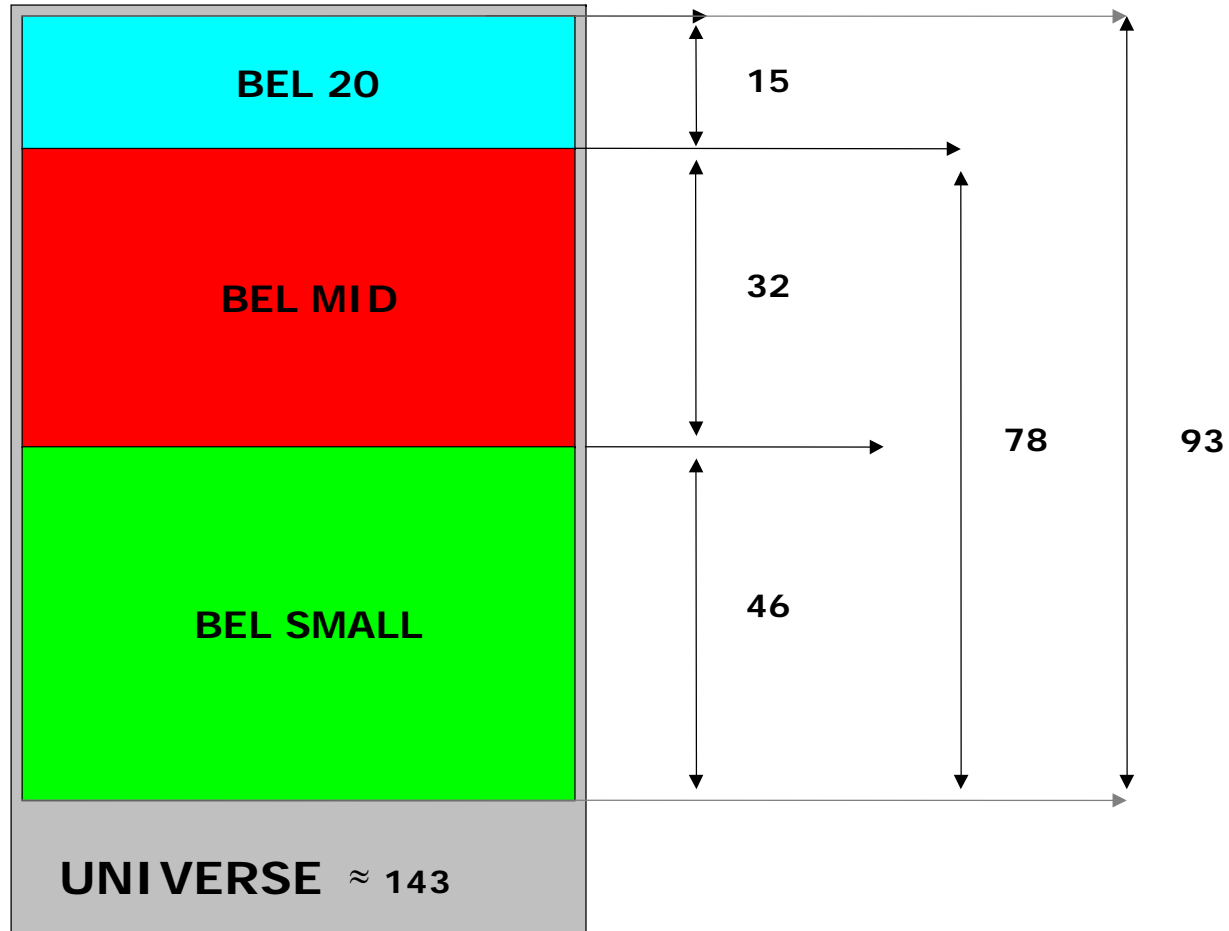


New index range

A methodology defined with investors using European standards

- need for consistency and tradability
- weighting by free float capitalization
- coverage: indices dovetailing one into the other (homogenous set)
- transparency and objectivity: review by index committee

New structure of Euronext Brussels indices



Representativity vs universe

(based on figures of end November 2004)

	Total market capitalization	Free float market capitalization
BEL 20	77,86%	82,83%
+ BEL MID	95,00%	95,67%
+ BEL SMALL	97,86%	97,75%

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Main characteristics

- 20 shares maximum, 10 minimum
- minimum free float market cap: Bel 20 index level at review multiplied by 500.000 €
- End November: 2.850,95 = 1.425 million €
- FF velocity: in 30%, out 25% (no change)
- annual review (no change)
- cap on individual shares: 15% (was 25%)
- basket index (no change)

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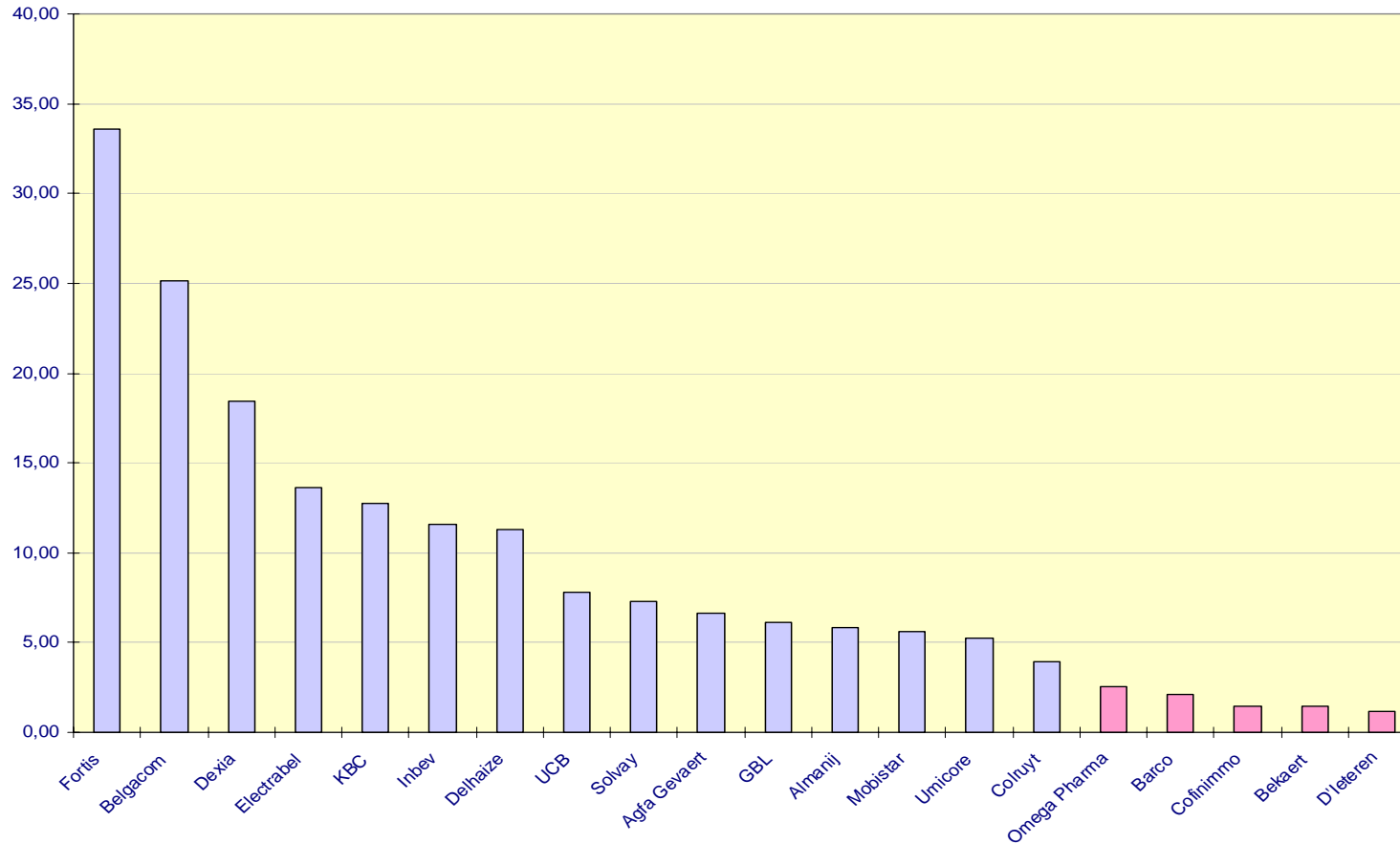
Selected companies simulation end November 2004

	name	FF mkt cap billion€	weight	adapted FF mkt cap (billion €)	in %
1	Fortis	25,8	28,05%	11,7	15,00%
2	Dexia	11,8	12,85%	11,7	15,00%
3	Electrabel	8,3	9,03%	8,3	10,70%
4	KBC	6,1	6,62%	6,1	7,84%
5	Belgacom	5,4	5,89%	5,4	6,98%
6	Delhaize	5,4	5,87%	5,4	6,95%
7	Solvay	5,3	5,72%	5,3	6,77%
8	Inbev	4,8	5,17%	4,8	6,13%
9	GBL	4,1	4,41%	4,1	5,22%
10	Almanij	4,0	4,31%	4,0	5,10%
11	UCB	3,4	3,70%	3,4	4,38%
12	Agfa Gevaert	2,3	2,52%	2,3	2,99%
13	Colruyt	1,9	2,06%	1,9	2,44%
14	Mobistar	1,8	1,94%	1,8	2,30%
15	Umicore	1,7	1,88%	1,7	2,22%

Why these changes?

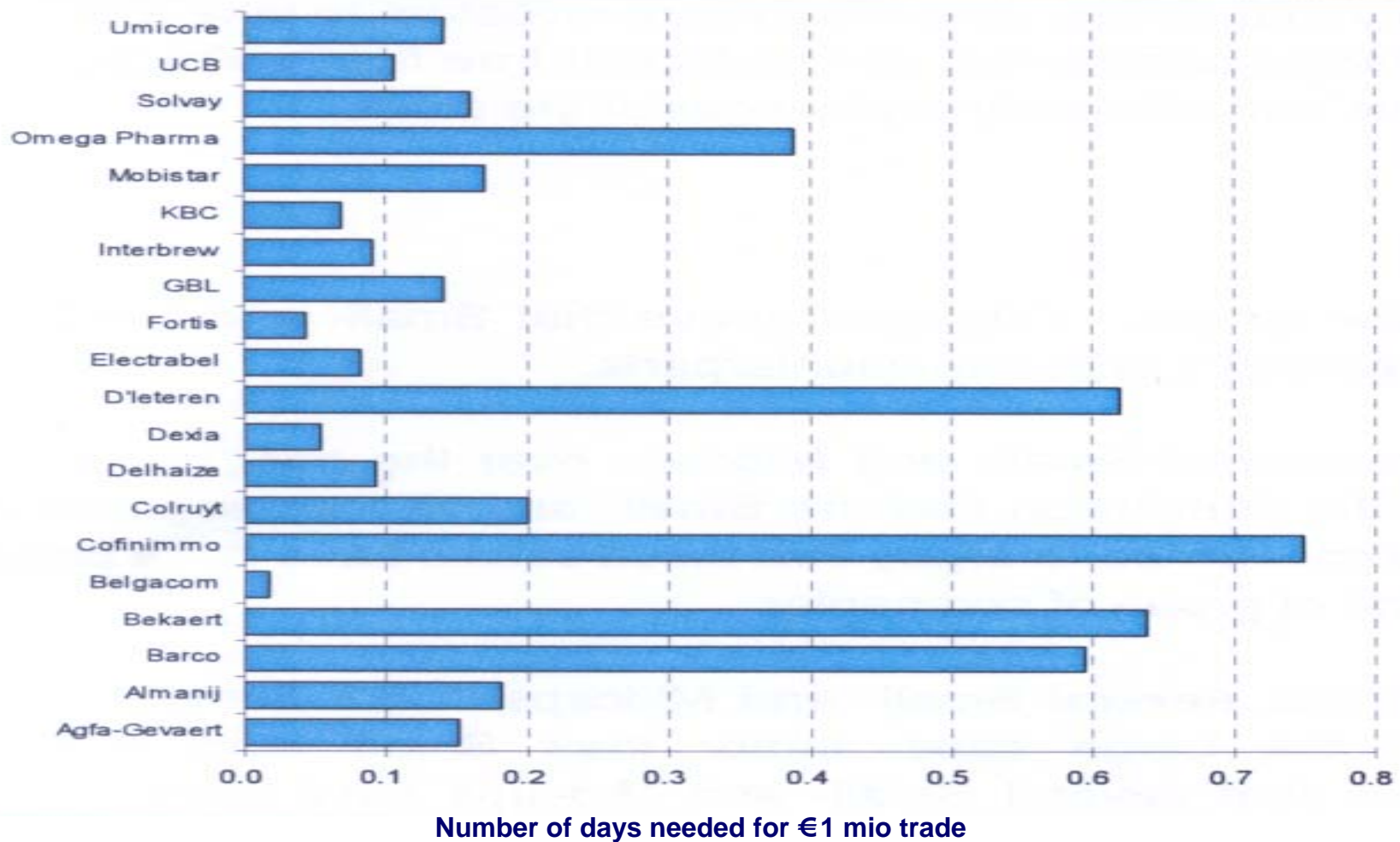
➤ To create a more tradable index

Avg Daily Turnover in Mln EUR



Why these changes?

- To offer the required liquidity

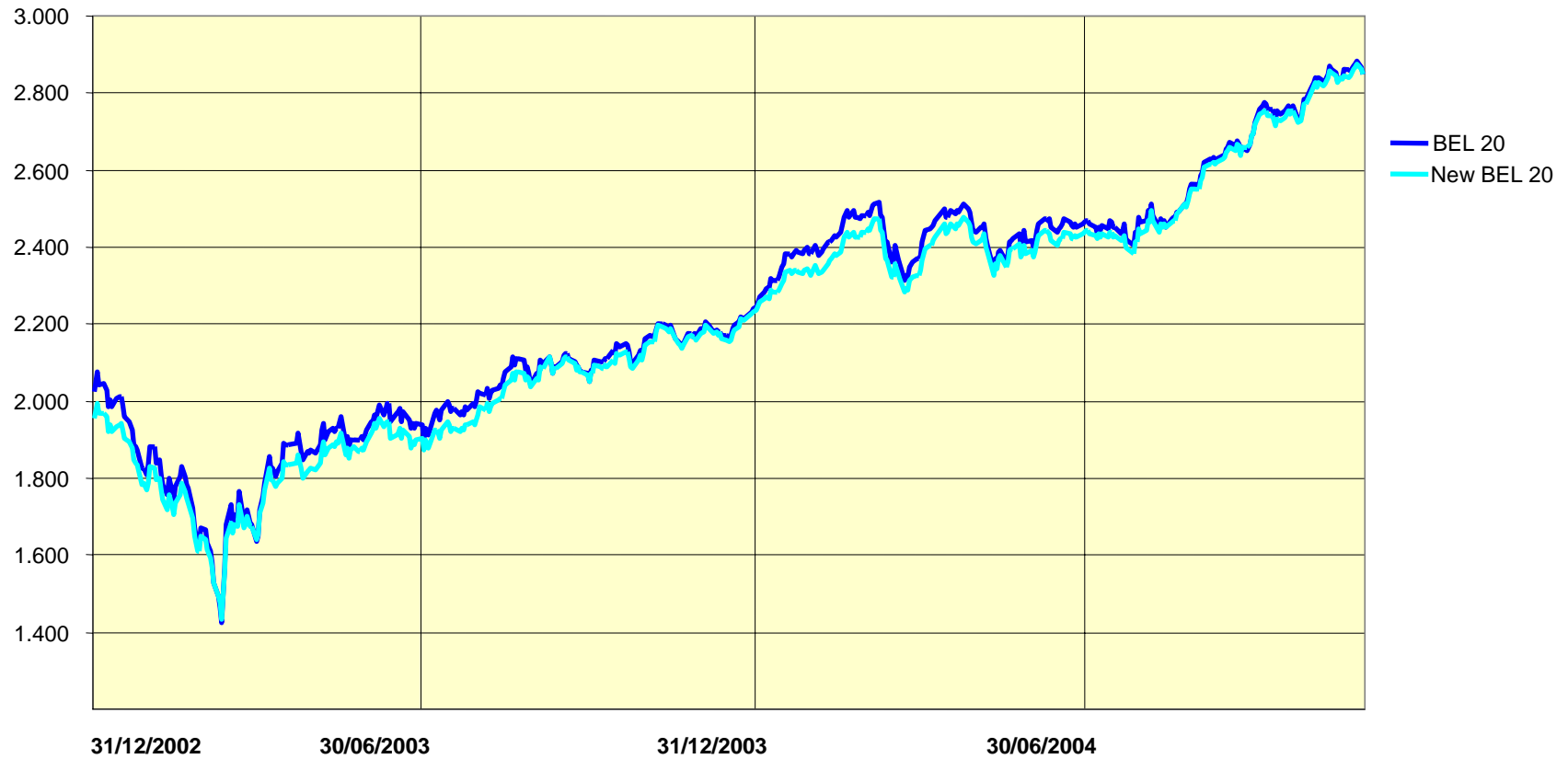


Source: KBC Securities, Bloomberg

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Backtrack compared to current Bel 20

Correlation: 99,87 %



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Backtrack and comparison with Euronext 100



New Bel 20 complies with CFTC broad based index conditions

name	adapted weight	in %	daily turnover	
Fortis	11.668.418.405	15,00%	26.410.359,69	
Dexia	11.668.418.405	15,00%	19.152.554,04	
Electrabel	8.322.278.575	10,70%	13.826.732,06	
KBC	6.095.349.443	7,84%	18.122.438,82	
Belgacom	5.426.627.025	6,98%	20.189.103,77	
Delhaize	5.404.780.896	6,95%	14.196.828,06	
Solvay	5.267.011.904	6,77%	7.493.570,82	
Inbev	4.766.352.126	6,13%	14.495.429,49	30,77%
GBL	4.059.106.556	5,22%	7.297.875,71	24,64%
Almanij	3.968.368.740	5,10%	7.611.796,36	19,43%
UCB	3.406.951.818	4,38%	9.867.680,52	14,32%
Agfa Gevaert	2.323.230.000	2,99%	8.421.328,53	9,94%
Colruyt	1.895.761.124	2,44%	4.621.235,93	6,96%
Mobistar	1.787.064.618	2,30%	7.056.294,42	4,52%
Umicore	1.729.736.400	2,22%	7.366.611,59	2,22%
CFTC broad based index				Bel 20
10 components minimum				15
each component < 30%				15%
Top 5 = maximum 60%				55,51 %
lowest 25 % daily turnover > 30 million \$				52.242.823 €

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Sector distribution (30.11.2004)

name	FF mkt cap (bn €)	weight	adapted FF mkt cap (bn €)	new weight	sector	weight	previous method	weight difference
Almanij	3,97	4,31%	3,97	5,10%				
KBC	6,10	6,62%	6,10	7,84%				
Dexia	11,84	12,85%	11,67	15,00%				
Fortis	25,85	28,05%	11,67	15,00%	Banks	42,94%	49,84%	-13,85%
Umicore	1,73	1,88%	1,73	2,22%	Non ferrous metals	2,22%	2,62%	-15,13%
Inbev	4,77	5,17%	4,77	6,13%	Food and Beverages	6,13%	4,98%	23,04%
Solvay	5,27	5,72%	5,27	6,77%	Chemicals	6,77%	5,50%	23,11%
Colruyt	1,90	2,06%	1,90	2,44%				
Delhaize	5,40	5,87%	5,40	6,95%	Retail	9,39%	8,03%	16,87%
GBL	4,06	4,41%	4,06	5,22%	Holding	5,22%	4,24%	23,07%
UCB	3,41	3,70%	3,41	4,38%	Pharmaceuticals	4,38%	4,41%	-0,69%
Agfa Gevaert	2,32	2,52%	2,32	2,99%	Technology	2,99%	3,29%	-9,22%
Mobistar	1,79	1,94%	1,79	2,30%				
Belgacom	5,43	5,89%	5,43	6,98%	Telecommunications	9,27%	7,53%	23,15%
Electrabel	8,32	9,03%	8,32	10,70%	Utilities	10,70%	8,69%	23,11%

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Main characteristics

- free float market cap:
more than Bel 20 x 50.000 € and not included in Bel 20
- End November = 142,5 million €
- FF velocity: 10%
- cap on individual shares: 10%
- free float adapted market cap index
- quarterly review
- base: current Midcap index on 31/12/2004

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Selected companies as at end November 2004 (1/2)

	name	mkt cap (million €)	FF Band	FF mkt cap (million €)	FF Velocity	weight
1	Sofina	1.901	55%	1.046	13,22%	7,32%
2	Cofinimmo	1.149	75%	862	49,01%	6,03%
3	Cie Nat. à Portefeuille	2.848	30%	854	27,07%	5,98%
4	RTL Group	8.420	10%	842	24,09%	5,89%
5	Barco	862	95%	819	66,49%	5,74%
6	Almancora	3.272	25%	818	65,72%	5,73%
7	Omega Pharma	1.084	75%	813	97,79%	5,69%
8	Bekaert	1.294	60%	777	66,48%	5,44%
9	Befimmo	768	90%	692	20,99%	4,84%
10	CMB	1.525	45%	686	125,68%	4,80%
11	Banque Nationale de Belgique	1.273	50%	637	21,79%	4,46%
12	Ackermans & van Haaren	854	70%	598	17,06%	4,19%
13	Tessengerlo	852	55%	469	42,66%	3,28%
14	Financière d'Obourg	1.490	30%	447	10,94%	3,13%
15	Brederode	727	55%	400	16,85%	2,80%
16	D'Ieteren	785	50%	393	47,78%	2,75%

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Selected companies as at end November 2004 (2/2)

17	Deceuninck	496	60%	298	43,27%	2,08%
18	Innogenetics	366	80%	293	19,42%	2,05%
19	Telindus Group	300	80%	240	41,79%	1,68%
20	GIMV	794	30%	238	30,07%	1,67%
21	Option	264	85%	225	119,78%	1,57%
22	Melexis	423	50%	212	44,99%	1,48%
23	Solvus	347	60%	208	58,49%	1,46%
24	WDP	267	70%	187	27,76%	1,31%
25	Docpharma	213	85%	181	50,69%	1,27%
26	EXMAR	321	50%	160	58,19%	1,12%
27	Cie Bois Sauvage	254	60%	152	21,63%	1,06%
28	Moustier sur Sambre	272	55%	150	13,60%	1,05%
29	Icos Vision	187	80%	150	73,25%	1,05%
30	Intervest offices	298	50%	149	26,35%	1,04%
31	Roularta	493	30%	148	52,89%	1,04%
32	EVS Broadcast Equipment	223	65%	145	100,06%	1,02%
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Why reform the Bel Mid ?

- make the segment attractive and representative
- dovetail with the Bel 20
- create a benchmark for investors
- harmonise on Euronext level
- accord to European standards

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Backtrack and comparison with Next 150



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Main characteristics

- free float market cap:
between Bel 20 x 5.000 € and Bel 20 x 50.000 €
- End November: 14,3 million €
- FF velocity: 10%
- cap on individual shares: 10%
- free float adapted market cap index
- quarterly review
- base: Smallcap index on 31/12/2004

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Selected companies as at end November 2004 (1/3)

	name	mkt cap (million €)	FF Band	FF mkt cap (million €)	FF Velocity	weight
1	Van de Velde	314	40%	125	42,86%	5,43%
2	Retail Estates	130	95%	123	13,88%	5,32%
3	Quick	255	45%	115	44,46%	4,97%
4	IBA	201	55%	110	61,46%	4,77%
5	Leasinvest	165	60%	99	40,34%	4,29%
6	Recticel	242	40%	97	25,22%	4,18%
7	Econocom	186	50%	93	41,46%	4,01%
8	Wereldhave Belgium	307	30%	92	20,02%	3,99%
9	Immobel	145	60%	87	28,90%	3,77%
10	Sipef	110	75%	82	12,55%	3,57%
11	CFE	144	55%	79	16,20%	3,43%
12	Sioen	204	35%	71	21,78%	3,09%
13	Kinopolis	173	40%	69	39,33%	3,00%
14	Global Graphics	89	70%	63	44,01%	2,71%
15	Arinso	180	30%	54	44,64%	2,33%
16	Brantano	117	45%	53	27,97%	2,28%

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Selected companies as at end November 2004 (2/3)

17	Intervest	173	30%	52	30,31%	2,24%
18	Artwork Systems	199	25%	50	42,96%	2,15%
19	Picanol	106	45%	48	20,53%	2,07%
20	Home Invest	72	65%	47	26,51%	2,02%
21	Resilux	91	50%	46	15,46%	1,98%
22	VPK Packaging	215	20%	43	14,49%	1,86%
23	Quest For Growth	39	100%	39	15,12%	1,70%
24	Systemat	46	75%	35	25,62%	1,50%
25	Spector	50	70%	35	16,44%	1,50%
26	Atenor	85	40%	34	18,57%	1,48%
27	Duvel	130	25%	33	28,30%	1,41%
28	Distrigas	338	10%	32	275,38%	1,41%
29	Associated Weavers	37	85%	31	15,42%	1,36%
30	Punch International	85	35%	30	50,33%	1,28%
31	Iris	31	90%	28	24,33%	1,19%
32	IBt	32	85%	27	34,24%	1,19%

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Selected companies as at end November 2004 (3/3)

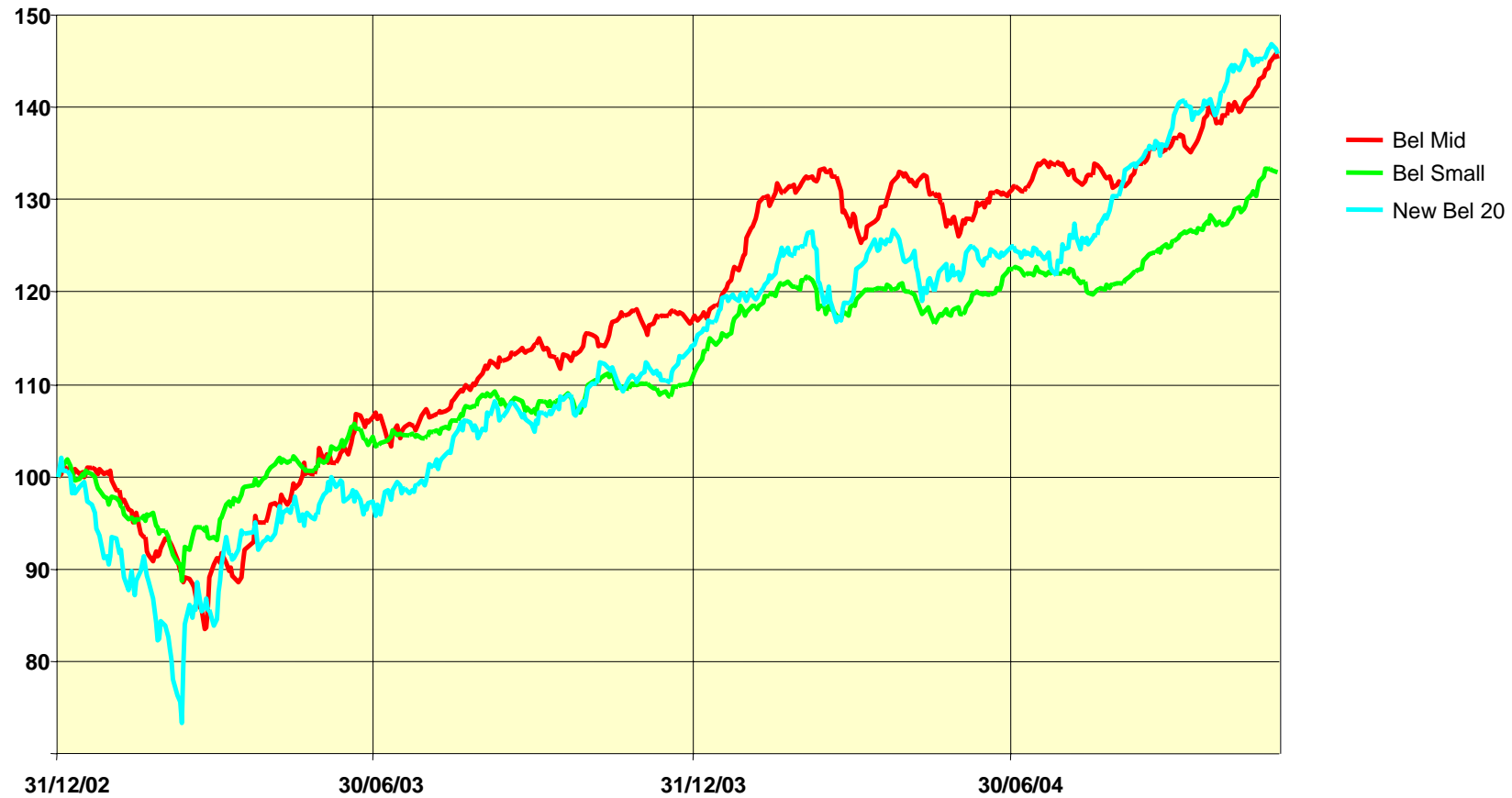
33	Lotus Bakeries	78	35%	27	26,40%	1,18%
34	Real Software	122	20%	24	290,81%	1,05%
35	LSG	60	40%	24	29,60%	1,04%
36	Fluxys	223	10%	22	267,50%	0,97%
37	Dolmen	89	25%	22	45,66%	0,96%
38	Saptec	86	25%	21	16,29%	0,93%
39	Keytrade Bank	81	25%	20	35,79%	0,88%
40	Nord Sumatra	80	25%	20	16,36%	0,86%
41	Miko	44	45%	20	18,42%	0,86%
42	Ter Beke	55	35%	19	23,85%	0,84%
43	Zenitel	27	70%	19	46,62%	0,81%
44	Co.Br.Ha	84	20%	17	11,66%	0,73%
45	Floridienne	47	35%	16	17,15%	0,71%
46	Fountain	27	60%	16	12,66%	0,70%
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Backtrack and comparison with DJ Euro Stoxx Small



New Belgian indices : two years' performance



Timetable index reform

- 30 November 2004 : Reference date for selection of Bel Mid and Bel Small constituents
- 14 December 2004 : Bel 20 rules approved by Steering Committee
- 31 December 2004 :
 - Replacement of Brussels Mid- and Smallcap constituents by new Bel Mid and Bel Small (return version)
 - Selection of new Bel 20 constituents
- 1 March 2005
 - Publication of new Bel Mid and Bel Small price versions (base = Mid & Small cap level 31/12/2004)
 - At close: reshuffle of the Bel 20

Timetable unique list

- 21 & 28 February 2005 : Euronext Paris completion of the changeover to Eurolist
- 4 April 2005 : Euronext Brussels, Amsterdam & Lisbon completion of the changeover to single Eurolist

