# I. IPOready

EURONEXT'S PRE-IPO PROGRAMME 2023

**NORWAY** 





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# PREPARING COMPANIES TO ATTRACT CAPITAL AND INVESTORS TO SUPPORT THEIR STRATEGY

**IPOready Norway** is one of the pre-IPO programme launched by **Euronext** covering the full IPO process, including the legal perspective, IPO valuation, equity story, financial communication, corporate governance and post-listing requirements. The programme is run by Oslo Børs in partnership with Pareto Securities, Thommessen, PwC and Crux Advisers, and builds on the success of such programmes in the other Euronext markets over the last eight years.

The objective of the programme is to equip participating companies with an in-depth understanding of all sources of finance available to them and determine which is most suited to their needs. On completion, the participating founders and entrepreneurs will have the skillsets required to get their businesses investment ready, refine their pitch for investors and form a valuable network of peers, advisors and investors.

## PROGRAMME PARTNERS

## Crux Advisers

Crux Advisers is a capital markets advisory and professional IR services firm. Our multidisciplinary team of seasoned advisers and IR talents help top management and boards formulate their capital markets story and communicate effectively to attract capital, people and partners. We enter into long-term partnerships with our clients to help them build meaningful relationships with capital markets stakeholders and succeed only when the value of our clients' companies is recognised by stakeholders. Crux has a growth strategy founded on developing industry-leading IP and deploying IR best practice methodology, tools and technology.

Crux Advisers was founded in 2005, we are based in Norway and operate across the Nordics, Europe, North and South Americas.



Pareto Securities is an independent full-service investment bank with a leading position in the Nordic capital markets, a strong international presence and global placing power across industry sectors.

Pareto Securities is headquartered in Oslo, Norway, with more than 450 employees located in offices in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, USA, Singapore and Australia.





We are more than 276,000 people in 157 countries, and are among the leading professional networks in the world. In Norway our 2,000 employees from Kristiansand to Tromsø help hundreds of companies listed on different stock markets all over the world. We help organisations and individuals to succeed.

In 2019 we provided service to 85% of the Global Fortune 500 companies and more than 100,000 entrepreneurial and private businesses.

by delivering quality in assurance, tax and

We live for others to succeed

advisory services.



# THOMMESSEN

Thommessen is one of Norway's leading business law firms with offices in Oslo, Bergen, Stavanger and London. Thommessen has a leading position within capital markets transactions in Norway and has one of Norway's largest and most experienced teams assisting clients both with IPOs and with the whole range of legal issues relevant to listed companies. Every year Thommessen is involved in a significant number of IPOs on Oslo Børs and Euronext Expand (previously Oslo Axess).

Thommessen understands clients and their opportunities and challenges, so that they reach their goals. The advice is clear, well-founded and practical, and stems from a broad understanding of the factors that affect clients' interests: the business, the technological, the social, the political and the global.

# HOW WILL THE PROGRAMME **BENEFIT ME?**

Together we will share our knowledge of what it takes to grow into a successful listed company, delivering the best possible stakeholder value creation. We will support you along your strategic and financial journey, and help you learn more about:

- How the capital markets work and how your company can use them practically and efficiently
- How to develop your capital market strategy and the use of different financing sources available to publicly listed companies
- How to report and communicate with investors and other stakeholders and raise your business's public profile
- How to plan, prepare and structure your business to get ready to attract investors and raise new capital

Throughout the duration of IPOready, you will be able to connect with growing companies and expert partners based in Norway, while participating in the academic campuses will give you an international perspective and allow for rich networking opportunities.

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Companies with growth ambitions and a clear strategy that:

- are likely to consider a stock exchange listing within 1 -3 vears
- can commit two senior executives (typically CEO, CFO, founder) for the duration of the programme

#### WHAT IS THE COST OF THE PROGRAMME?

The fee to participate in IPOready is NOK 50,000 for two senior executives from each company. The fee covers all training, mentoring and course material and is payable upon acceptance of a place in the programme. This fee does not include travel costs to participate in the international academic campuses or in the Oslo workshops.



#### HOW DO LAPPLY?

Online applications open until 4 November 2022 euronext.com/raise-capital/sme/ ipo-ready/norway

#### WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

Representatives from Oslo Børs and the programme partners will review all applications and make the final choice of companies suitable to participate in IPOready. The selection process will take into account how well applicants are perceived to fit with other participants in the programme, in terms of sector, growth pattern and past evolution.

#### WHAT ARE THE MAIN ADVANTAGES?



understand capital markets, strategic financing options and which options are most suitable for your business



get your business investment-ready and understand the fundraising process



build a network of investors, advisors and සුදුන් entrepreneurs

## PROGRAMME **OVERVIEW**

IPOready Norway provides three modules of knowledge sharing: academic campuses, workshop sessions and individual coaching. From January to June, participants will attend European events and local group sessions, as well as one-to-one training sessions for customised advice

#### **EUROPEAN CAMPUSES**

Two campuses are organised in collaboration with prestigious European business schools, to encourage networking between partners and participants on all Euronext pre-IPO programmes. These campuses include plenary keynotes, group workshops and insights from entrepreneurs, as well as interactions through breakout sessions, and discussions with entrepreneurs.

One representative from each participating IPOready company will be invited to join.

#### 3 WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Together with our partners, Oslo Børs will organise interactive workshop sessions in Oslo. Topics will include:

- How public markets and Oslo Børs support growth and value creation
- Why and when to go public
- IPO and listing preparations best practices
- Succeeding as a publicly listed company

#### INDIVIDUAL COACHING

During the programme, each participating company will be eligible for a one-to-one coaching session with the IPOready partners and Oslo Børs. This is a unique opportunity for companies to identify and discuss their main challenges with experienced professionals and receive tailored advice.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO NOVEMBER 2022

EUROPEAN CAMPUS #1 ROTTERDAM KICK-OFF

JANUARY

3 SEMINARS HOSTED BY **OSLO BØRS** 

MARCH TO MAY

INDIVIDUAL **COACHING SESSIONS** 

FUROPFAN CAMPUS #2 LISBON

JUNE 2023







# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



#### MODULE 1

# Growing a successful company

25 January IPOready Norway kick-off and dinner event, starting in the afternoon of 25 January.

26/27 January

#### European campus:

- Leading strategic growth
- Ownership strategy
- Sustaining high growth
- Breakout sessions including:
- Identity and legitimacy of the firm
- Digital strategy and analytical capabilities
- Recruiting and retaining talented people
- Scaling beyond borders

## Rotterdam Weds 25 - Fri 27 January

Erasmus School of Economics

#### MODULE 2

## How to prepare your business for an IPO

The right market for your company

What investors look for

Legal preparations

Quality financial reporting

IR and communication towards an IPO

ESG as part of your overall strategy

#### MODULE 3

# Getting the most out of your IPO

IPO process and timeline

Valuation and investor landscape

IPO offer and marketing

IR and communication strategy:

- Preparing communication
- Visibility

#### MODULE 4

# Succeeding as a publicly listed company

Playing by the rulebook for listed companies

Successful reporting for a newly listed company

Using your financial options

Investor communication and delivering on your promises

#### MODULE 5

# Governance & Post Listing

#### European campus:

- Manage your relationships with the financial market
- Key challenges for technology companies
- Breakout sessions including:
- Business model innovation
- Tech4Good Future and Impact
- Leadership for impact

# Closing Dinner at Oslo Børs

## Lisbon Thurs 22 - Fri 23 June

NOVA School of Business & Economics

# Oslo Børs

## Oslo Tuesday 7 March

Pareto Securities

#### Oslo Tuesday 18 April

Thommessen

## Oslo Thursday 1 June

PwC

## ACADEMIC CAMPUSES **TOP-TIER BUSINESS SCHOOLS**

Together with top-tier business schools, Euronext organises campus sessions to bring together participants from all of our pre-IPO programmes - IPOready and TechShare.

One representative from each IPOready participant company will be invited to join the campus sessions with international companies and experts. The campuses are organised with leading European business schools to encourage discussions with entrepreneurs and interactions through break-out sessions and plenary keynotes.











PANEL DISCUSSIONS







**IPOready** TechShare



# TESTIMONIALS FROM **PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS**



Anders Hagestande, CFO Villa Seafood

IPOready provides you with knowledge that is difficult to gain elsewhere. I found the programme interesting and very educational. Although I have studied finance, I learned a lot by participating in the IPOready programme.



Øyvind Heradstveit, CFO FourPhase

The decision to go public would be a significant undertaking for our company. Through the IPOready programme, we have gained a good understanding of what is required in terms of systems, resources and associated risks. Significant preparations need to be in place in order to be IPOready!



Tatiana Moguchaya Brandt. CFO Earth Science Analytics

IPOready is about learning, access to the right network, and expertise. It is definitely a preparation for a potential IPO in the future.



Ove Thu. CFO Villa Seafood Group

We want to learn from the best: at IPOready Norway, all the speakers, both the partners and the invited quests, are extremely hiah-level.

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aggregated market capitalisation

exchanges

128k+

listed securities 6,000+

institutional investors

cutting-edge trading platform Optiq®

FURONEXT: A VIBRANT FRANCHISE OF LISTED SME AND TECH COMPANIES

Oslo Børs has listed 130 companies from a wide range of sectors over the past year and provides them with an active platform for raising capital.

A wide community of SMEs

1,500+

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SMEs

listing venue for SMEs in Continental Europe

€78bn

raised by SMEs through equity since 2017

€45m

raised on average by SMEs at IPO since 2017

€1.1tn

aggregated market capitalisation for the Tech sector

**1500** 

LISTED SMEs

**ENERGY** LISTINGS

700+ LISTED TECH COMPANIES

**SEAFOOD** LISTINGS

more than 1,900

LISTED COMPANIES



# Apply to join the IPOready progamme online at:

euronext.com/ipo-ready/norway

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