

Euronext Brussels hosts annual New Year Event and celebrates Innovation and Growth

Brussels – 15 January 2026 – Euronext Brussels today hosted its annual New Year Event, organised in partnership with GUBERNA, the Belgian Institute for Corporate Governance. The event brought together key actors from Belgium’s financial ecosystem to celebrate and to recognise organisations for their strong performance and contribution to Belgium’s capital markets with the **Euronext Brussels Awards 2025**.

This year’s edition welcomed more than 500 participants, including leaders from the financial, corporate and public sectors. Speakers and panellists explored the central theme “*AI and the Transformation of Our Industry*,” addressing how technological innovation is reshaping our societies; from rapid structural changes across industries to emerging innovations, new business and investment opportunities, and the pressing need for greater integration of European capital markets.

Benoît van den Hove, CEO and Chairman of Euronext Brussels, said: “2025 has been an exceptional year for the Belgian market, with three new listings and record follow on activity with Belgian listed companies raising almost EUR5bn. The BEL 20 hit record highs for the first time in 17 years and then went on to surpass 5,000 points, a milestone that reflects the strength and resilience of our companies. Today, I am proud to celebrate this momentum and proud of the people who made it possible. At Euronext Brussels, we are committed to supporting companies as they grow, innovate and lead the way in transforming our industries. Yet, to ensure European businesses can continue to thrive and lead in areas like AI and technological innovation, greater integration across European capital markets remains essential.”

The **Euronext Brussels Awards 2025** reflects the resilience and growth of the Euronext Brussels community over the past year, highlighting the best-performing listed companies, market participants, and law firms.

Winners of Euronext Brussels awards 2025:

Award category	Gold	Silver	Bronze
BEL 20 Company of the Year	ELIA	UMICORE	KBC
BEL Mid Company of the Year	VASTNED	GIMV	SIPEF
BEL Small Company of the Year	EXMAR	WERELDHAVE BELGIUM	CFE
ECM Finance House of the Year	KBC SECURITIES	BNP PARIBAS FORTIS	DEGROOF PETERCAM
DCM Finance House of the Year	BNP PARIBAS FORTIS	BELFIUS	KBC SECURITIES
DCM ESG Finance House of the Year	BELFIUS	JEFFERIES	ING
Legal Firm of the Year	LINKLATERS	CLIFFORD CHANCE	ALLEN & OVERY
Cash Equity Brokerage House of the Year	MORGAN STANLEY INTERNATIONAL	JP MORGAN SECURITIES	HUDSON RIVER TRADING EUROPE
Belgian Cash Equity Brokerage House of the Year	KBC SECURITIES	BELFIUS BANK	LELEUX ASSOCIATED BROKERS
BELIR – Euronext Broker of the Year	KEPLER CHEUVREUX	KBC SECURITIES	DEGROOF PETERCAM
Cash Markets SME Liquidity Provider of the Year	KBC SECURITIES	BANQUE DEGROOF PETERCAM	VAN LANSCHOT KEMPEN WEALTH MANAGEMENT
Derivatives Markets Brokerage House of the Year	GOLDMAN SACHS INTERNATIONAL	MORGAN STANLEY EUROPE SE	UBS EUROPE SE
Derivatives Market Maker of the Year	SUSQUEHANNA INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES LIMITED	ALL OPTIONS INTERNATIONAL BV	MARKET WIZARDS BV

Notes to Editors:

These awards are based exclusively on measurable figures.

Performance for listed companies means the strongest increase in market capitalisation within the indicated peer group over the year 2025.

- **BEL 20 Company of the year** award is granted to the BEL20 company with the strongest increase in market capitalisation over the year (combined effect of evolution of share price and number of listed shares).
- **BEL Mid Company of the year** award is granted to the BEL Mid company with the strongest increase in market capitalisation over the year (combined effect of evolution of share price and number of listed shares).
- **BEL Small Company of the year** award is granted to the BEL Small company with the strongest increase in market capitalisation over the year (combined effect of evolution of share price and number of listed shares).
- **ECM Finance House of the year** award is based on the number of equity transactions listed on Euronext Brussels, weighted for the amount, advisory role and type of transaction involved.
- **DCM Finance House of the year** award is based on the number of bond transactions listed on Euronext Brussels, weighted for the amount, advisory role and type of transaction involved.
- **DCM ESG Finance House of the year** award is based on the number of ESG bond transactions listed on Euronext Brussels, weighted for the amount, advisory role and type of transaction involved.
- **Legal Firm of the year** award is based on the number of Debt Capital Markets (DCM) and Equity Capital Markets (ECM) transactions listed on Euronext Brussels, weighted for the amount, advisory role and type of transaction involved.
- **Cash Equity Brokerage House of the year** award is granted to the trading member who accounted for the highest volumes on the Euronext Brussels securities market.
- **Belgian Cash Equity Brokerage House of the year** award is granted to the Belgian trading member who accounted for the highest volumes on the Euronext Brussels securities market.
- **BELIR – Euronext Broker of the Year** award is granted to the Belgian broker obtaining the highest performance score in a survey conducted among listed companies by BELIR, the Belgian Investor Relations Association. Listed companies were asked to assess analyst coverage, corporate access, and equity sales, as well as the overall information they were provided with.
- **Cash Markets SME Liquidity Provider of the year** award is granted to the trading member who accounted for the highest liquidity providing volume on companies with market cap < €1 billion.
- **Derivatives Markets Brokerage House of the year** award is granted to the trading member who accounted for the highest number of contracts traded on the Euronext Brussels derivatives market.

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In November 2025, Euronext successfully acquired a majority stake in the Athens Stock Exchange (ATHEX), further expanding its footprint and strengthening its pan-European market infrastructure.

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