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# TECHSHARE PREPARES GROWING NUMBER OF PROMISING TECH COMPANIES FOR MARKET SUCCESS

Euronext's pan-European training programme for non-listed fast-growing Tech businesses welcomes a new cohort of 68 companies, a 45% increase over last year.

Amsterdam, Brussels, Lisbon and Paris – 29 September 2017 – Euronext is pleased to announce the launch of the third edition of TechShare, a unique educational programme that familiarises high-potential European tech companies with capital markets. On 29 - 30 September, 2017 at HEC Paris business school, and in March 2018 at Belgium's Vlerick Business School, Euronext and its programme partners will welcome representatives of TechShare's latest cohort of innovative Belgian, Dutch, French and Portuguese businesses.

The selection process for the 68 successful candidates, versus 47 last year, included a thorough analysis of their technological innovations, business models and strategies. The 2017-18 TechShare participants are comprised of 16 Belgian, 14 Dutch, 32 French and 6 Portuguese companies operating in a variety of sectors, such as digital technologies, life sciences, and green industries. Collectively, they represent €500 million in turnover and more than 6,500 employees. Over a 10-month period, their representatives will benefit from technical workshops, one-on-one coaching sessions organised by partners as well as two on-site sessions at HEC Paris and Vlerick Business School.

To accompany the TechShare entrepreneurs in the next stage of their growth plans, 48 partners join Euronext this year, including 14 new ones. Chosen for their expertise in their respective fields of activity, partners will familiarise entrepreneurs with market expectations and provide advice on how to prepare for a successful listing.

Since the launch of TechShare, two programme participants have completed their initial public offering on Euronext markets, financing the continued growth of their companies: Osmozis, an operator of multiservice WiFI networks, and Balyo, specialised in handling truck automation.

Gerard Tremblay, Chief Executive Officer of Osmozis, said: "We are very proud to be the first company having graduated from the TechShare programme to go public, by listing on Euronext Growth Paris. This financing round represents a key stage in our company's development, raising our profile and funding a new cycle of profitable growth."

Fabien Bardinet, Chief Executive Officer of Balyo, added: "Choosing to pursue an IPO has been one of the most important decisions of my professional life. Only a few months after the listing I can already measure the significant benefits, not just in terms of our cash position, but also the positive impact the increased market visibility has had on our daily business. The TechShare programme was instrumental in understanding the implications of our decision, and without it we would probably have passed on this great opportunity."

Stéphane Boujnah, Chairman of the Managing Board and CEO of Euronext, said: "We are delighted to kick off another year for TechShare in collaboration with our valued partners who have been instrumental in its proven effectiveness among entrepreneurs. This unique networking and coaching programme enables them to confidently navigate the financing ecosystem. Euronext is fully committed to providing European Tech companies with the access to capital markets necessary for their long-term growth, as demonstrated by our recent announcement to expand our Tech offering outside our core countries."

## **Appendix**

For more information on the class of 2017/2018, see the enclosed press kit.

For more information on TechShare, visit The TechCorner, Euronext's website dedicated to Tech financing through capital markets: <a href="https://tech.euronext.com">https://tech.euronext.com</a>

Watch the video teaser: <a href="https://youtu.be/VyX6sY6xXaU">https://youtu.be/VyX6sY6xXaU</a>

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The full list of partners, listed alphabetically by location, are:

## **Belgium**









































**France** 





































## **Netherlands**

















## **RUTGERS & POSCH**

## **Portugal**









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