



Press Release

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New owners for KBC Securities in Serbia and Romania

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KBC Securities continues to focus on Central and Eastern European market

KBC Securities has recently completed the divestments of its operations in Serbia and Romania, reaching an agreement on management buy-outs with local management. The impact of the transactions on KBC's earnings and capital is negligible given the size of the activities.

KBC Securities is a fully owned subsidiary of the KBC group and the refocus of its geographical footprint in Central and Eastern Europe is in line with the refocus of the group's overall strategy.

KBC Securities still has fully owned entities in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria, that offer a mix of investment services ranging from corporate finance to institutional brokerage and retail brokerage.

Moreover, through its fully integrated centres in Brussels, Prague, Budapest, Warsaw and Sofia, and its remote membership of local stock exchanges, KBC Securities will continue to provide international counterparties with a complete value chain of professional brokerage and custody services in the broader Central and Eastern European region (including Romania and Serbia), where it remains one of the biggest regional brokers.

Note for the editor:

About KBC Securities (www.kbcsecurities.com)

KBC Securities is the equity house of the KBC group. It offers services to customers through four business lines:

1. Corporate finance

These services refer to the origination, management and execution of:

- Equity capital market transactions: IPOs, SPOs, public and private placements of equity, equity-related investment products, block trades via accelerated book building, etc.
- Mergers and acquisitions: investment and divestment of companies, spin-offs, mergers, MBOs, MBIs, etc.
- Financial advisory services such as:
 - financial advice to companies considering acquisitions, divestments or business structuring and restructuring;
 - expert reports with regard to the valuation of a company or of a financial product or to delivering a fairness opinion;
 - advice with regard to the financial structuring of equity, balance sheets or planned deal financing;

2. Institutional sales and brokerage

These services to institutional clients include primary and secondary equity sales, sales trading, brokerage, market making and equity research.

3. Securities services:

The Securities Services team provides clients with the infrastructure to run global brokerage and custody operations. From rapidly expanding businesses looking for a top quality provider or companies seeking to outsource entire brokerage and custody operations, to companies looking to increase coverage in selected markets, KBC Securities develops solutions to suit every client's specific needs.

4. Retail brokerage

For retail customers, KBC Securities offers research information and execution venues through a number of (online) trading platforms.

About KBC Group NV (www.kbc.com)

KBC is a bancassurer that focuses on its home markets of Belgium, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria. Its head office is located in Brussels (Belgium), the heart of Europe. The group employs some 53 000 full-time staff and caters for around 12 million customers. KBC Group NV is listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels (ticker symbol 'KBC').

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