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## KBC Securities goes from strength to strength.

Euronext Brussels names KBC Securities 'Equity Finance House of the Year' and 'Belgian SME Brokerage House of the Year'.

KBC Securities recently boosted its ranks, with additional specialists bringing expertise and know-how in several areas. Today it was also named 2016 'Equity Finance House of the Year' and 'Belgian SME Brokerage House of the Year' by Euronext Brussels. These awards are granted by Euronext to the major players on the Brussels stock markets in the past year.

The Equity Finance House Award is based on the number of share transactions handled by the winner as well as their advisory role.

The Belgian SME Brokerage House of the Year Award goes to the brokerage house that accounts for the highest volumes on the SME segment (EnterNext) of the Euronext Brussels securities market.

Delighted with the awards, **Bartel Puelinckx, CEO of KBC Securities** had this to say: *'These awards show clearly that KBC Securities is the reference broker on the Belgian securities market. With a market share of some 75% we are the clear market leader in Belgium in equity capital market transactions like initial public offerings and capital increases. In addition, Bolero and KBC Securities Services ensure that we are a very strong and innovative player on the market, and initiatives such as Bolero Crowdfunding and the recently launched and successful Match'it platform for mergers and acquisitions transactions mean that we can also provide a service to SMEs throughout their lifecycle. I am very proud of our staff for these achievements.'*

These awards demonstrate the role KBC Securities plays in the Belgian economy. This position is now being further strengthened by focusing more on equity research in Belgium and the Netherlands, appointing a team specifically for the Family Offices, having a strong ambition as regards capital markets and mergers and acquisitions, expanding the sales teams in Brussels and New York, and recruiting a second biotech analyst. This will allow KBC Securities to further achieve its strategy in the future and become the reference for companies in all markets in which it is present.

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