



# Press Release

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## **KBC Securities, the big winner of the Euronext Brussels Awards 2019**

### **Euronext Brussels names KBC Securities “Equity Finance House of the year”**

Yesterday KBC Securities was presented with three awards at the Euronext Awards 2019, including the prestigious "Equity Finance House of the Year" award. Euronext annually rewards the most important market players of the past year on the Brussels stock exchange.

KBC Securities was awarded in three categories. The "Equity Finance House Award" is based on the number of equity transactions that were issued by the winner and the advisory role it played in those transactions. The "Cash Market Belgian Brokerage House of The Year Award" is awarded to the Belgian Euronext member who realized the largest volume on the Brussels stock market. Finally, the "Cash Market SME Liquidity Provider of the Year" goes to the nominee who represents the largest liquidity-providing volume to companies with a market capitalization of less than € 1 billion.

**Luc Popelier, Chairman of KBC Securities' Board of Directors**, is proud of the three awards: *“The Euronext Brussels Awards are a recognition of the role KBC Securities plays in the Belgian economy. In addition, it illustrates the strong commitment of KBC Group towards this important franchise, which is a strategic complement to the Group’s Corporate Banking, Wealth Management and Retail Banking activities. This enables KBC Securities to further reach its goals and remain the reference for companies in KBC Securities’ sectors of focus.”*

#### **Recognition of strong expertise, driven by experienced teams**

**Frederik Vandepitte, CEO of KBC Securities**, adds: *“We are very proud that Euronext Brussels has again recognised our efforts. These awards clearly show that KBC Securities continues to be the reference broker on the Belgian stock market. In 2019, there were 31 capital market transactions on the Euronext Brussels. We played a leading role in a number of the most important and complex of these transactions - ranging from the IPO of Sequana, the rights issues of Elia, Aedifica en TINC, as well as the Accelerated Book Offerings of Biocartis and WDP. This illustrates that we remain the preferred partner for companies looking to raise capital. First and foremost, we can attribute this to the trust of our clients, but also to the efforts of our motivated and very experienced teams.”*

#### **Commitment to Equity Franchise**

**Frederik Vandepitte** concludes: *“In recent months, we have further strengthened our equity team, committing to the strategy of expertise that allowed us to win these awards. We have a strong real estate research team, with Wido Jongman en Joachim Vansanten. Gilles Delcroix has joined the sales team to focus on French and Swiss investors while Arjan Dorrestijn - based in New York - focuses on US investors. Finally, Jil Vande Velde joins KBC*

*Securities to lead our Corporate Access team and to reinforce the relations between listed companies and our dealing room. “*

## **Note to editors**

### **About KBC Securities**

KBC Securities is a major Belgian investment bank and a subsidiary of KBC Group NV. It advises companies about their strategic development and provides funding to facilitate it. It specializes in drawing up tailored solutions in a range of domains.

Public companies looking to raise fresh capital can count on KBC Securities' considerable capacity to place shares and bonds. In this regard, it is the undisputed market leader in Belgian capital market transactions. An experienced, locally integrated team knows the market inside out and is on hand to provide advice and assistance. KBC Securities also supports public companies through the provision of specialized services that are designed to enhance liquidity, visibility and strategic business operations.

Institutional investors can access financial services relating to the European and US markets. They can turn to a highly motivated team of experts who adopt a meticulous approach to their work and have an eye for detail.

KBC Securities offers a dynamic team of specialists, its network and expertise in mergers and acquisitions to private companies that are looking to make their next strategic move. Through its affiliation with Oaklins, the global market leader for advice to small and midcap companies, KBC Securities provides access to 40 countries and a network of 800 M&A experts who boast local sector knowledge.

Finally, KBC Securities also has specialized teams that offer structured finance solutions in the area of private equity, project and export financing and syndicated loans. Through its proprietary distribution channels, KBC Securities provides direct to KBC Group NV's retail and private banking client base. As a member of the KBC group, KBC Securities can offer the best of both worlds.

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