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## **KBC Securities recognized with 3 Euronext awards and 1 BELIR award**



- KBC Securities is recognized as Equity Finance House of the year, Belgian Broker House of the year, and SME liquidity provider of the year by Euronext Brussels.
- KBC Securities (KBCS) was also awarded with the title of Euronext Broker of the year by the Belgian Investor Relations Association (BELIR).
- It's the second year in a row KBCS is awarded with the title of Equity Finance House of the year. They've been honored with this title 5 times during the past 7 years.
- The Euronext Brussels awards, is the award ceremony where the best performing listed companies and market members are celebrated.

- **The Equity Finance House Award is based on the number of equity transactions listed on Euronext Brussels, weighted for the amount, advisory role and type of transaction involved.**

These awards demonstrate KBC Securities' commitment to deliver the best possible service to its clients. Thanks to the track record and experienced team, these clients put their trust in KBC to realize critical equity capital market transactions. KBC is once again recognized as the reference in Belgium to provide equity research, sales trading, corporate access and liquidity providing services to listed companies.

KBC Securities' abilities to provide these services and to execute complex transactions in a challenging market is the result of a strong client focus and excellent execution capabilities. The cooperation with other KBC entities (Corporate Banking, Family Capital Solutions, Private Banking/Wealth, Bolero) and the local decision making are also key success factors.

**Frederik Vandepitte, CEO KBC Securities likes to stress:** *"The fact that we have won the Equity House of the Year award 5 times in the last 7 years proves that we are the reference in our home market. 2022 was a rollercoaster year, but we nevertheless managed to deliver great results. For example, we advised DEME, Elia, VGP and Biocartis and executed very strategic transactions for them. In total 2022 brought us 14 Equity Capital Market Transaction, raising €1,8 billion, next to that we organized 876 investor meeting, and ranked top 3 in trading of 64 Belgian companies. In these volatile markets we continue to focus on building close relationships with existing and new clients, leveraging on the capabilities and track record of our teams, to deliver the best possible service. A big THANK YOU to the KBC Securities and KBC team members for their dedication and hard work. "*

**Thomas Roelens, Head of Corporate Finance,** adds: *"We had a wonderful year across different franchises real estate, life sciences and local champions. With one of the largest and most experienced teams in the market we executed a record number of transactions in equity capital markets and mergers and acquisitions. Let us now build on this momentum to support clients to realize their strategic and financial goals in 2023 and beyond."*

**Patrick De Baets, Head of Equities KBC Securities explains:** *"The extraordinary events we witnessed over the last three years have had a substantial impact on our clients. Our Equity teams have successfully adapted KBC Securities' equity service offering in order to adhere to both investor and corporate needs in these challenging times. The BELIR award proves that KBC Securities is a strong partner for Corporate and Investor clients in offering first class equity services. I am convinced that we will continue to be a trusted partner for all our stakeholders in 2023 and the years to come.'*

The Cash Markets Belgian Brokerage House of the year award is granted to the Belgian member who accounted for the highest volumes on the Euronext Group securities market. KBC Securities' flow is carefully traded with superior local market expertise, also through disruptive times.

The Liquidity Providing team has become the reference in the Belgian market and have grown their list of liquidity providing mandates to 36 over the year. And for the fifth time in a row the team is rewarded for their efforts with the Cash markets SME Liquidity Provider award for the highest liquidity providing volume on companies with market cap <1 billion €.

The Belgian Investor Relations Association (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, equity sales, as well as the overall information they were provided with.

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