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Belfius Bank awarded ‘Best Equity Finance House of the Year 2020’ by Euronext Brussels

Today, 19 January 2021, Belfius was awarded ‘Best Equity Finance House of the Year 2020’ by Euronext Brussels. This prestigious and coveted award confirms the bank’s strategic role in advising and offering its customers alternative financing solutions on the capital markets.

Just three years after embarking on a strategic partnership with the biggest European equity broker, Kepler Cheuvreux, Belfius has achieved its aim of emulating its success in Debt Capital Markets (DCM) in Equity Capital Markets (ECM).

3 of the 4 IPOs in Belgium in 2020

In 2020, Belfius was involved in the largest number of ECM deals on Euronext Brussels. During the course of the year, Belfius advised and managed no less than 15 equity transactions, ranging from initial public offerings (3) to capital increases via rights issues (2), as well as primary and secondary offerings of shares through accelerated bookbuilding (9) and convertible bond offerings (1):

- Real Estate: Atenor, Aedifica, Inclusio, VGP, Care Property and Care-Ion;
- Life Sciences: Nyxoah, Sequana Medical, Bone Therapeutics & Mithra Pharmaceuticals;
- Technology: UnifiedPost Group.

Thanks to these achievements Belfius Bank was rewarded with the Euronext Brussels Award for the “Best Equity Finance House 2020”. This prestigious award is a recognition of the experience and expertise that Belfius has built up in equity capital markets, for both large and small companies across all sectors. As a Belgian bank and insurance company with strong local roots, Belfius plays a strategic role for the Belgian economy, while contributing convincingly to the many success stories of our Belgian corporate clients.

Dirk Gyselinck, member of the Belfius Bank management board : *“The fact that in addition to the Trade Finance Award we have now received the prestigious Best Equity Finance House Award from Euronext Brussels is a very special moment and provides excellent recognition of the strategic path that Belfius has taken in becoming the bank of reference for corporate clients in Belgium.”*

Bruno Accou, Head of Financial Markets, Belfius Bank : *“We are extremely proud and delighted that Euronext Brussels has recognised these efforts. Three years ago, when we embarked on the strategic partnership with Kepler Cheuvreux, our aim was to become the market leader on the Belgian stock market. Today, our clear objective is to maintain that position. In 2020, there were 26 capital market transactions on Euronext Brussels. The fact that Belfius played a leading role in 15 of those transactions is indisputable proof of our leadership in equity capital market transactions. For that we*

would like to thank, first and foremost, the trust placed in us by our clients, as well as the motivation of our teams. Over the coming years, we will continue to make every effort to support Belgian companies in all of the markets where they operate.”

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