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### PRESS RELEASE

### BNP PARIBAS AND SOCIETE GENERALE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SALE OF EURONEXT SHARES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RENEWAL OF THE REFERENCE SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT

BNP Paribas and Societe Generale (the "Sellers") announce today that they have successfully sold their excess stakes in Euronext NV ("Euronext" or the "Company") following the renewal for a further two years of the Reference Shareholders Agreement which is due to expire on 20 June 2017.

Approximately 4.4 million Euronext shares in aggregate, representing approximately 6.3% of the Company's share capital, were sold at a price of €45.0 per share in a private placement to institutional investors executed by way of an accelerated book-building process.

Following this transaction, the BNP Paribas group and Societe Generale will hold respectively 2.22% and 1.50% of Euronext's share capital, in accordance with the terms of the new Reference Shareholders Agreement which was announced yesterday, with a new two-year lock-up until 20 June 2019.

BNP Paribas and Societe Generale brought a key contribution to anchor Euronext's profitable growth strategy over the past three years, and are now pleased to renew their commitment to the Company on the occasion of the renewal of the Reference Shareholders Agreement for the next two years.

The settlement and delivery of the shares shall take place on 16 June 2017.

This private placement was lead-managed by BNP Paribas and Societe Generale acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners.

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