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EURONEXT LAUNCHES SUITE OF ESG PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO EMPOWER SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

- **Introducing the new Euronext ESG 80 index and derivatives**
- **Aligning Europe's leading Low Carbon 100 index to the Paris Agreement**
- **Expanding Euronext ESG bonds offering**
- **Launching new ESG services and solutions for listed companies**
- **Endorsing the UN Global Compact's Ocean principles**

Amsterdam, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, London, Oslo and Paris – 17 June 2020 – Euronext today announced the launch of a new suite of ESG-focused products, services and initiatives, designed to provide a robust framework of tools for European capital markets to fuel sustainable growth. Today's announcement represents a significant step forward in Euronext's three-year strategic plan, "Let's Grow Together 2022", in which ESG was identified as a key strategic pillar.

Introducing new Euronext ESG 80 index and derivatives alongside aligning Europe's leading Low Carbon 100 index to the Paris Agreement

Euronext has partnered with Vigeo Eiris Moody's to design a new ESG index, the Euronext Eurozone ESG Large 80, which tracks the Eurozone's 80 best-performing Large Cap companies that are strong on social and governance criteria and leading the transition to a low carbon economy. This new index responds to investors' need for a public climate action benchmark in the Eurozone.

On 1 June 2020, Euronext introduced its first futures derivatives contracts based on an ESG index. The ESG 80 futures provide effective hedging tools and allow more investors to gain exposure to the sustainable economy in the Eurozone. At launch, it is supported by four market makers, BNP Paribas, DRW, Optiver and Société Générale.

Today, Euronext, with its partners CDP, Carbone 4 and Vigeo Eiris Moody's, is pleased to announce that Europe's oldest and most successful low carbon index, the Low Carbon 100, is now aligned with the current draft of EU regulation on low carbon benchmarks in conformity with the Paris Agreement objectives, whose framework is to be officially adopted later this year. Through Exchange Traded Funds provided by BNP Paribas, the index provides investors with a ready-to-use tool to support the environmental objectives required by the Paris Agreement i.e. a 7% year-on-year reduction of CO2 emissions, a limit of 1.5°C global temperature rises by 2050 and exclusion of fossil fuel companies.

Euronext currently provides clients with a comprehensive range of over 40 ESG index families based on a transparent and rules-based selection process, with input from expert partners in their fields such as Carbone 4, CDP, ISS-ESG and Vigeo Eiris Moody's.

Expanding Euronext Green Bonds to ESG Bonds

Capitalising on the success of the Euronext Green Bonds offering introduced last November, with almost 70% increase in the number of issuers since launch, Euronext is expanding this offering to other ESG-related

bonds, including blue, social, sustainability and sustainability-linked bonds. Euronext is the only exchange consolidating ESG bonds listed in multiple locations onto one highly visible section, thus providing a means for issuers to showcase their ESG credentials and for investors to rapidly identify ESG bonds. To date, 231 ESG bonds from 95 issuers are featured on the new Euronext ESG Bonds section.

Euronext is the world's number one bonds listing venue and has over €165bn of ESG bond issuances listed on its markets. €54.3bn of green bonds were listed on Euronext last year and represented almost one fifth of global green bonds issued in 2019.

Launching new ESG Services to support listed companies in their ESG transition

As investors increasingly factor ESG criteria into their investment strategies, Euronext has developed a suite of innovative solutions for listed companies through its Euronext Corporate Services offering. These tailor-made ESG Advisory services enable issuers to reach new investors by clarifying their ESG strategy for capital markets and building their ESG profile with relevant reporting and improved governance. Additional services include digital tools for virtual roadshows and remote governance, contributing to enhancing the investor relations and board management experience, and reducing the environmental impact from business travel.

In January 2020, Euronext introduced a set of guidelines on ESG reporting for issuers. Drawing on recommendations from the UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative, the guidelines are designed to help listed companies structure their approach to ESG. Euronext has initiated, through FESE¹, a collective European task force to agree on common ESG measurement and reporting standards across all European exchanges.

Bolstering the Blue Economy

As an Official Supporter of the United Nations' Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative since 2015, Euronext firmly commits to the UN's "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". Euronext is adding a new Sustainable Development Goal to the seven SDGs it has embraced in its ESG roadmap: "Goal 14: Life Below Water". On 2 June 2020, Euronext became the first exchange to sign the nine Ocean Principles with the ambition to take a leading role in advancing the Blue Economy. Euronext contributed to the UN Global Compact Sustainable Oceans Business Group formalising the UN Blue Bond principles, available since April 2020.

Stéphane Boujnah, Euronext CEO and Chairman of the Managing Board, said: *"Today is an important milestone in executing the ESG roadmap of our three-year strategic plan 'Let's Grow Together 2022'. Euronext can significantly advance the European sustainability agenda through its unique role in financing the real economy, connecting local economies with global capital markets. Our ESG product strategy ensures investors can deploy their capital efficiently and transparently to support high-impact projects and companies. Furthermore, we are proud to be the first stock exchange to endorse the UN Global Compact's nine Ocean Principles. Protecting our oceans and supporting marine conservation will be vital to repairing our ecosystems and bolstering the Blue Economy."*

A conference call and a webcast will be held today 17 June 2020, at 10.00am CET (Paris time) / 9.00am BST (London time)

Presentation available from : www.euronext.com/en/esg-empowering-sustainable-growth (scroll down)

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¹ FESE is the Federation of European Securities Exchanges.

Live Webcast:

A live audio webcast and replay after the call will be available via [this link](#) and on Euronext's ESG webcorner.

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