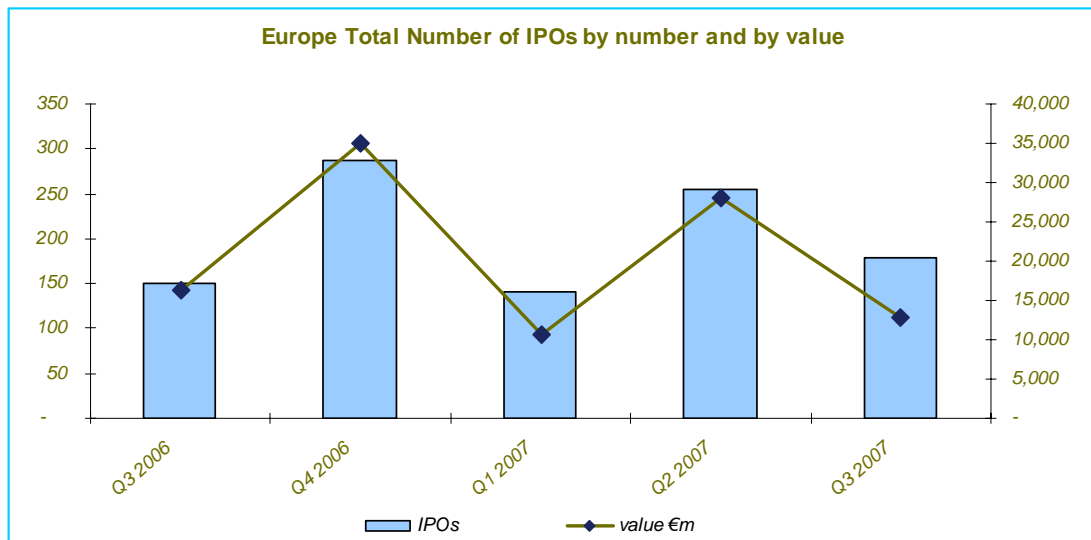


## IPO Watch Europe Survey Q3 2007 (July – September): Full Analysis

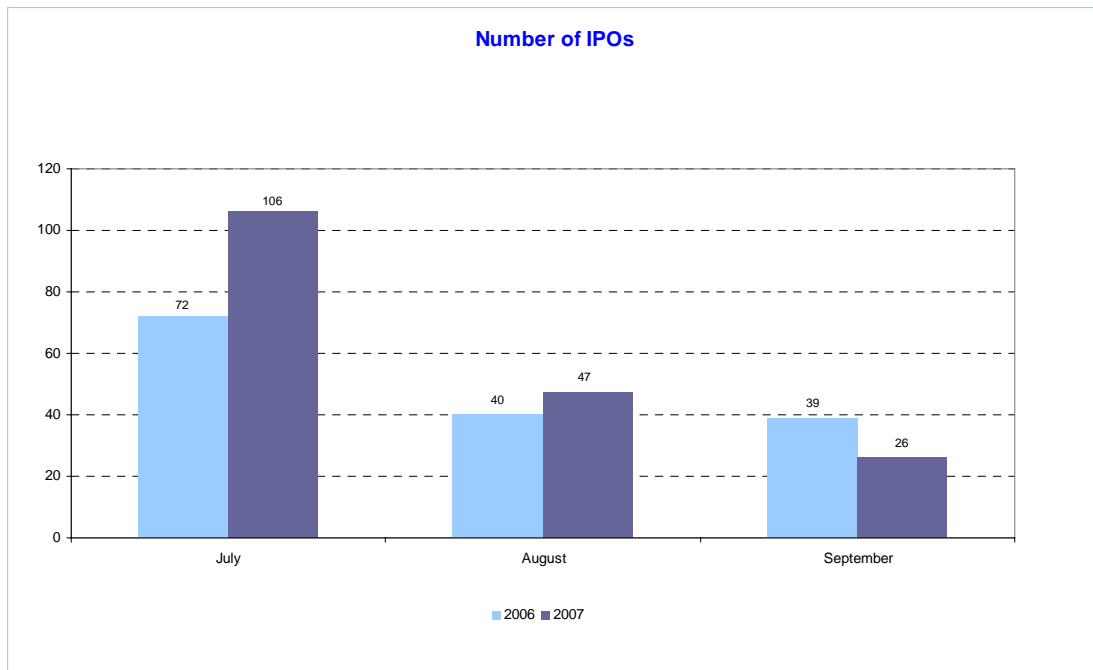
PricewaterhouseCoopers latest IPO Watch Europe survey, tracking volume and value of IPOs on Europe's main stock exchanges, traditionally shows lower activity in the quieter third quarter. The third quarter of 2007 has seen an increase in volume but a reduction in value of IPOs compared to the same quarter in 2006, while as anticipated both volume and value are significantly down compared to the second quarter of 2007.

In accordance with our earlier announcement we are now including investment companies in our analysis. The 2006 IPO data has been restated to include investment companies for comparison purposes.



There were 179 IPOs in the third quarter of 2007. This compares with 151 recorded in the same period of 2006 and 254 recorded in the second quarter of 2007. The volume of IPOs in the third quarter of 2007 shows a 19% increase compared with the same period last year, but a 30% decrease when compared with the activity in the second quarter of 2007.

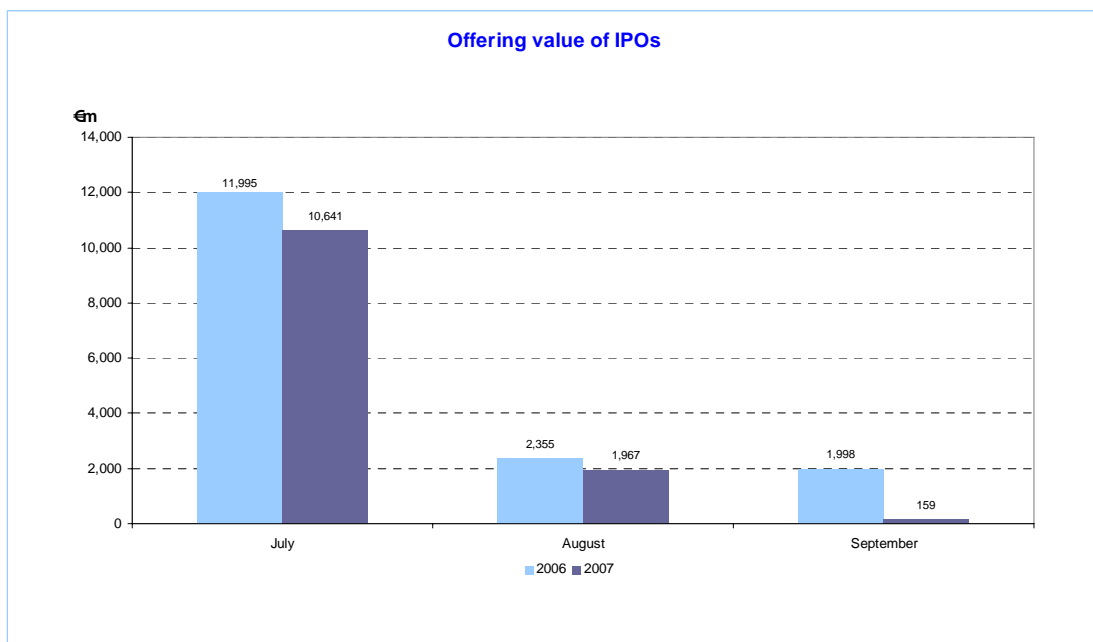
The relatively quiet nature of the third quarter of 2007 is illustrated by the fact that six exchanges (BME, Athens, Wiener Borse, SWX, Oslo and the ISE) together accounted for only five IPOs.



The total offering value of IPOs was €12,767m in the third quarter of 2007, a decrease of 22% compared to the €16,348m raised in the third quarter of 2006, and a decrease of 54% when compared with the second quarter of 2007 which saw a total offering value of €27,974m. The decrease in offering value compared with the third quarter of 2006, despite an increase in volume, is partially attributable to the size of offering value of the largest transactions. The average offering value of the top five IPOs in quarter three 2006 was €2,312m (which included the Rosneft IPO which was over €5bn), compared to €739m in the third quarter of 2007.

	Q3 2007	Q3 2006	Q2 2007
Total European listings comprise those with:			
- No money raised	28	31	40
- Money raised	151	120	214
<b>Average offering value (€m)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>131</b>

Average offering value has been calculated based on total offering value over the number of listings raising money.

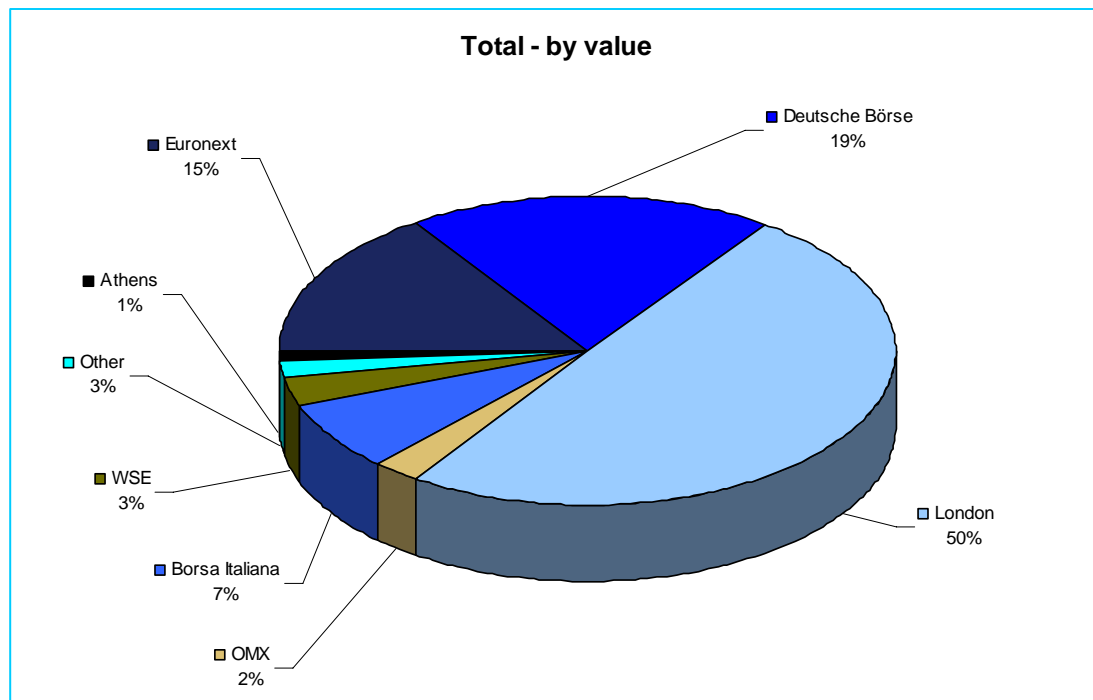


In terms of offering value, London was the largest market this quarter raising €6,354m compared with €11,681m in the third quarter of 2006 and €14,808m in the second quarter of 2007.

There has been a slight increase in the volume of IPOs in London compared to the same quarter in 2006 rising from 77 to 79 IPOs, but a fall in terms of total offering value. In particular, the volume and value of transactions has been very low in September 2007, this may reflect a rise in investor caution in the equity markets as a result of the issues affecting the global debt markets. The volume and value of London IPOs have fallen compared to the second quarter of 2007 following the usual trend of less market activity over the summer months.

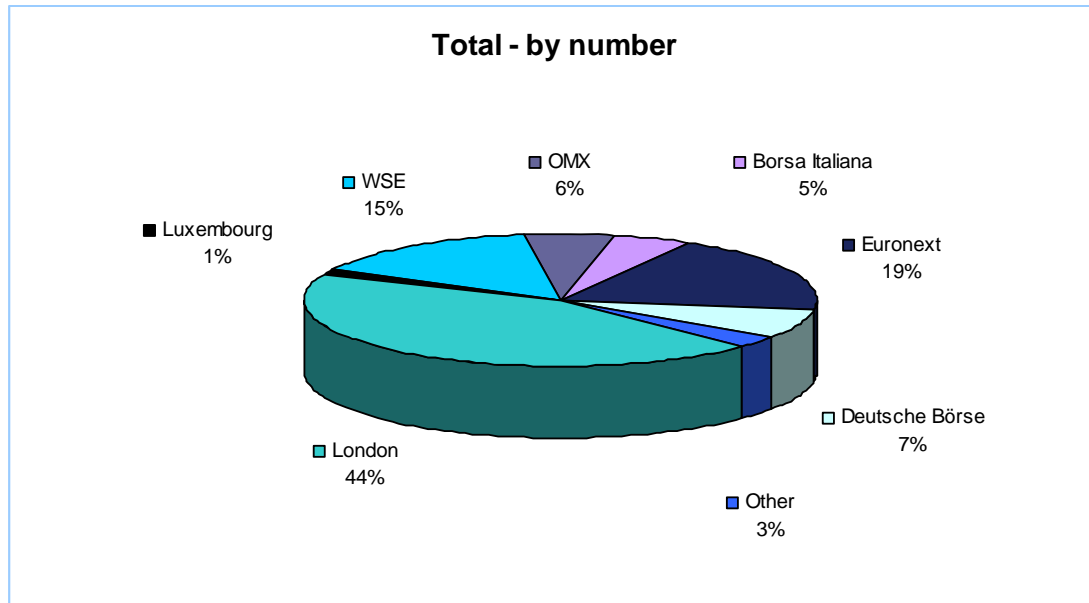
The largest IPO in the third quarter of 2007 was on the Prime Market of Deutsche Börse, Tognum AG, a supplier of engines and propulsion systems, which raised €1,800m. The next four largest IPOs all listed on London's Main Market, these were the Guaranty Trust Bank, a Nigerian bank, which raised €558m, Alliance Bank JSC, a bank in Kazakhstan, raising €524m, Vimetco NV, an industrial and investment group focusing on the aluminium industry, raising €428m and Third Point Offshore Investors Ltd, an investment company raising €387m.

The average offering value for European IPOs raising new money reduced by 38% to €85m in the third quarter of 2007 compared with €136m in the same period last year, also down from €131m in the second quarter of 2007. The average offering value in the third quarter of 2006 reflected some notably large transactions including the Rosneft IPO which raised over €5bn and the IPO by Standard Life which raised €3,240m.



The London markets continued to lead by volume and value of IPOs with a 44% share of all European IPOs. London's share of the total European IPO market decreased when compared to the same quarter in 2006 when it hosted 51% of European IPOs, but increased compared to the previous quarter when it hosted 40% of European IPOs.

Activity on the London AIM market in terms of volume fell compared to the same quarter in 2006 with 56 IPOs in the third quarter of 2007 compared with 66 IPOs in the third quarter of 2006. AIM's share of the European IPO market fell from 44% in quarter three of 2006 to 31% in quarter three 2007 but increased compared to its share of 26% in the previous quarter.



### International listings on European markets

The European markets continued to attract non-European companies in the third quarter of 2007, with a rise in the total number of international IPOs compared to the same quarter in 2006. In total, there were 25 IPOs by non-European companies raising a total of €2,731m, compared to 19 international IPOs raising €5,833m in the third quarter of 2006. Companies chose London, Luxembourg, OMX and Oslo as their destination.

London's Main Market attracted seven non-European IPOs raising €1,655m, with companies from South Africa, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Bahrain and Israel. AIM attracted 13 non-European IPOs, raising €958m, including companies from the USA, Canada, the Cayman Islands and Bermuda.

## Analysis of European Exchanges

Stock Exchange	Company IPOs Q3- 2007	Offering Value (€m) Q3-2007	Company IPOs Q3-2006	Offering Value (€m) Q3-2006	Company IPOs Q2- 2007	Offering Value (€m) Q2-2007
<b>TOTAL</b>						
London	79	6,354	77 ** **	11,681 *** **	102 ***	14,808 ***
Deutsche Börse	13	2,470	19	692	17	3,018
Euronext	34	1,969	25	2,519	38	2,008
Borsa Italiana	9	938	3	142	12	2,269
WSE	27	394	14	219	15	934
OMX	10	294	6	85	40	1,638
Athens Stock Exchange	1	131	-	-	-	-
SWX	1	107	-	-	3	163
ISE	1	50	4 ** **	12 *** **	4 ***	125 ***
Oslo	1	30	2	19	15	667
Wiener Börse	1	21	1	-	1	108
Luxembourg	2	9	-	-	4	614
BME	-	-	2	991	5	1,747
<b>Europe Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>12,767</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>16,348</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>27,974</b>
<b>EU REGULATED</b>						
London (Main)	23	3,618	11	9,971	36	11,059
Deutsche Börse	5	2,439	9	506	11	2,931
Euronext (Eurolist)	11	1,913	6	2,456	14	1,833
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<b>EU regulated sub-total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>9,794</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>14,389</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>22,842</b>
<b>EXCHANGE REGULATED</b>						
London (AIM)	56	2,736	66 ** **	1,710 *** **	65 ***	3,327 ***
OMX (First North)	5	86	-	-	26	507
ISE (IEX)	1	50	4 ** **	12 *** **	4 ***	125 ***
Euronext (Alternext)	6	40	10	59	12	169
Deutsche Börse (Entry Standard)	8	31	10	186	6	87
Euronext (Marche Libre)	17	16	9	4	12	6
Luxembourg (EuroMTF)	2	9	-	-	4	614
WSE New Connect	4	5	-	-	-	-
London (PSM)	-	-	-	-	1	422
<b>Exchange regulated sub-total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>5,132</b>
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* Boundary Capital Plc dual listed on London (AIM) and Ireland (IEX) raising EUR 25m.						
** Origin Enterprises Plc dual listed on London (AIM) and Ireland (IEX) raising EUR 100m.						
*** Amarin Corp Plc dual listed on London (AIM) and Ireland (IEX) no money was raised.						
**** Petroneft Resources Plc dual listed on London (AIM) and Ireland (IEX) raising EUR 12m.						

Euronext saw 34 IPOs in the third quarter of 2007 raising €1,969m. Compared to the same quarter in 2006, the number of IPOs has risen by 36% from 25 to 34 but there has been a fall in the total offering value of 22% from €2,519m for the same quarter of 2006. The largest IPO on Euronext was that of an investment company, Lehman Brothers Private Equity Partners Limited which raised €363m.

The Deutsche Börse saw a total of 13 IPOs during the quarter raising €2,470m. This represents a fall in volume of 32% from the 19 IPOs in the same quarter of 2006, however in terms of money raised there was a significant rise compared to the €692m raised in quarter three of 2006. This can be attributed to the largest European IPO in the quarter, that by Tognum AG raising €1,800m.

The Borsa Italiana hosted nine IPOs during quarter three of 2007, an increase of six compared to the same quarter of 2006 where it hosted three IPOs. Money raised increased more than six times from the €142m raised in quarter three of 2006 to €938m. The largest IPO was that by ENIA, a utilities company which raised €368m.

The WSE exchange saw a large increase in IPO activity compared to the same quarter in 2006, with 27 IPOs in quarter three of 2007 compared with 14 IPOs in quarter three of 2006.

This included four IPOs on the WSE New Connect exchange, a new exchange regulated market which opened in August 2007. The total offering value of IPOs on the WSE exchanges during the quarter was €394m, an increase of 80% on the €219m raised in the third quarter of 2007.

The OMX saw a rise in both the volume and value of IPOs in quarter three of 2007 hosting ten IPOs with a total offering value of €294m, compared to six IPOs which raised €85m in the same quarter of 2006.

Luxembourg hosted two IPOs in the quarter raising €9m both by Indian companies and both GDRs. This is an increase in activity compared with the third quarter of 2006 which saw no IPOs in Luxembourg and a continuation of the trend for Luxembourg to host Indian GDRs.

The Irish stock exchange had one IPO in the quarter raising €50m on the IEX market. This is a drop in the volume of activity compared to the third quarter of 2006 where the exchange hosted four IPOs raising €12m.

The Swiss exchange, SWX, hosted one IPO in the quarter which raised €107m.

The Wiener Bourse had one IPO in the quarter, that by Phion AG, raising €21m.

The Athens stock exchange hosted one IPO in the quarter raising €131m, that of Aegean Airlines, a Greek airline operator.

The Oslo exchange, Oslo Axess, hosted one IPO in quarter three of 2007, that by Transeuro Energy Corp which raised €30m.

The Spanish exchange BME had no IPO activity this quarter.

## Sector Breakdown

The most active sector was the Industrial Goods & Services sector with 35 IPOs, followed by Investment Companies with 30 IPOs and Technology with 13 IPOs. The number of IPOs within the Industrial Goods & Services sector increased to 35 compared to the 25 in the same quarter of 2006.

The number of IPOs by Investment Companies also showed an increase from 22 IPOs in quarter three of 2006, to 30 in quarter three of 2007. There was a significant decrease in the number of IPOs by Real Estate companies when compared to the second quarter of 2007, falling from 24 to six in the third quarter of 2007.

Sector	Company IPOs Q3- 2007	Company IPOs Q3- 2006	Company IPOs Q2- 2007
Industrial Goods & Services	36	25	44
Investment Companies	30	22	40
Technology	13	12	27
Travel & Leisure	12	9	9
Media	12	7	8
Personal & Household Goods	10	4	2
Construction & Materials	8	5	1
Financial Services	8	14	11
Oil & Gas	8	7	10
Real Estate	6	6	24
Pharmaceuticals & Biotech	5	4	11
Basic Resources	5	6	6
Mining	5	7	4
Retail	4	5	6
Insurance	4	2	2
Telecommunications	3	3	7
Automobiles & Parts	2	1	6
Banks	3	4	11
Utilities	2	0	7
Food & Beverage	2	0	7
Chemicals	1	0	4
Health Care	0	8	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>254</b>

## The US Exchanges

In the third quarter of 2007 the US exchanges saw an increase in IPO activity compared with the third quarter of 2006, with 44 IPOs compared to 32. The total offering value increased from €4,685m in the third quarter of 2006 to €8,402m in the third quarter of 2007, an increase of 79%. As in Europe however, the third quarter followed the trend of significantly lower volume and value of IPOs compared to the second quarter.

The largest IPO of the quarter was by MF Global Limited, a worldwide broker of futures and options, raising €2,129m on the NYSE. The second largest IPO was by VMWare Inc, a communications company, raising €702m on the NYSE

The US attracted eight international IPOs raising €3,688, including three from China and two from Europe.

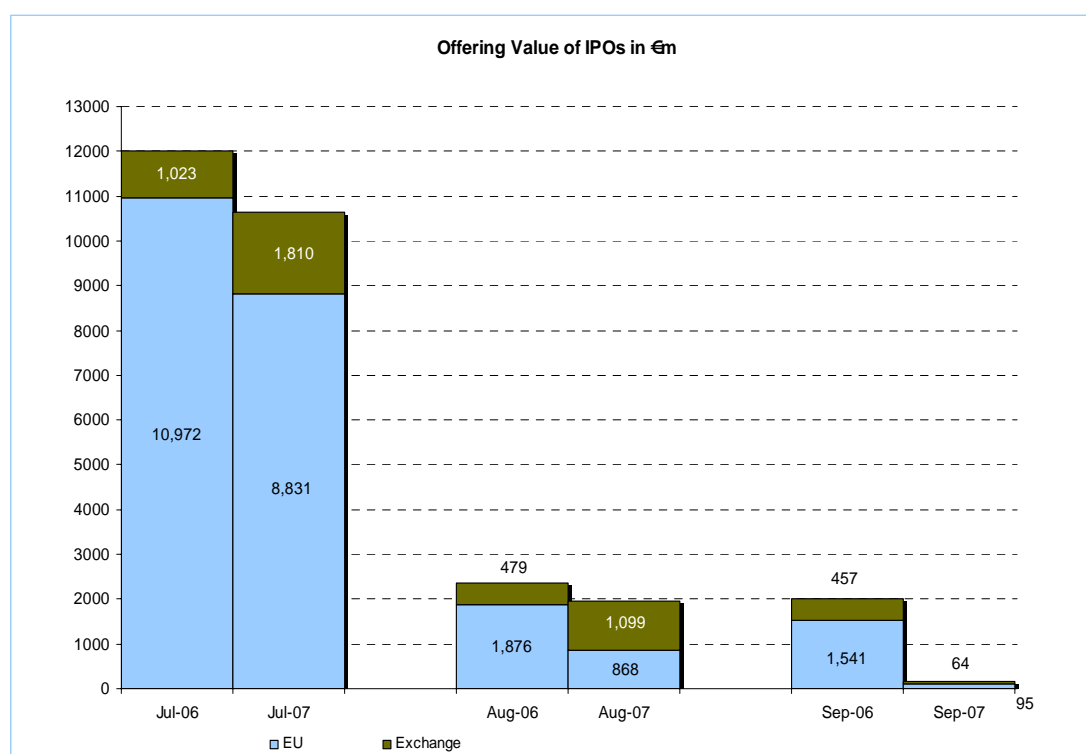
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NYSE	17	6,058	10	2,027	23	9,306
AMEX	4	360	2	232	10	1,969
<b>US Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>8,402</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4,685</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>15,598</b>

## Russia

During quarter three 2007 there were two IPOs on the Russian market, compared with five in the second quarter of the year and one in the same quarter in the prior year. Both of the IPOs were admissions, with no new money raised.

## Additional data tables

### Split between EU regulated and Exchange regulated markets



### Five Largest IPOs

<b>Five largest IPOs of Q3 2007</b>			
	€m raised	Sector	Market
Tognum AG	1,800	Industrial Goods & Services	Deutsche Börse
Guaranty Trust Bank	558	Banks	London
Alliance Bank JSC	524	Banks	London
Vimetco NV	428	Basic Resources	London
Third Point Offshore Investors Ltd	387	Investment Company	London
<b>Five largest IPOs of Q3 2006</b>			
	€m raised	Sector	Market
Rosneft	5,192	Oil & Gas	London
Standard Life Plc	3,240	Insurance	London
AP Alternative Assets LP	1,635	Investment Company	Euronext
BME	779	Financial Services	BME
ProLogis European Properties	715	Investment Company	Euronext
<b>Five largest IPOs of Q2 2007</b>			
	€m raised	Sector	Market
VTB Bank	4,724	Banks	London
AFI Development Plc	1,135	Real Estate	London
Prysmian SPA	1,080	Technology	Borsa Italiana
Rexel	1,056	Industrial Goods & Services	Euronext
Gerresheimer AG	880	Pharmaceuticals & Biotech	Deutsche Börse