

PRESS RELEASE

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ING Commercial Banking named Best Benelux Broker for fourth time in a row at Extel Awards 2013

ING announced today that market players awarded ING Commercial Banking the title of best stockbroker in the Benelux for the fourth consecutive time. At the Extel Awards ceremony this afternoon, the bank was deemed to be best in class in equity sales and corporate access, bringing international investors together with listed companies in the Benelux. The award is based on the assessments made by international professional investors of their brokers' services.

The award reflects the success of ING's strategy to offer Benelux-based companies the best possible access to international capital markets, allowing international investors to benefit from easy access to the management of these companies. In today's turbulent times, the quality of the service also proved a deciding factor.

"In tough market conditions, it is crucial that companies in the Benelux maintain good access to worldwide investors", says Mark Pieter de Boer, Head of Equity Markets of ING Commercial Banking. "Being voted the best equity broker for the fourth time in a row shows that we are able to respond to market circumstances, which ultimately benefits our clients when attracting capital. ING was also most valued for bringing together international investors and listed companies from the Benelux. We are very pleased to receive this important mark of recognition from institutional clients."

ING supports its corporate clients in the Benelux by bringing them in contact with institutional investors via roadshows, investor days and conferences, such as the recent 'Pan European Days' in New York, organized by NSYE Euronext.

"The award also highlights our role as primary dealer," says De Boer. ING was recently involved in a range of important deals, such as facilitating capital raising for SBM Offshore, Kendrion, Boskalis, KPN and Cofinimmo. Furthermore, ING has recently played a key role in listings for two companies, Gemalto and Core Laboratories, on the Amsterdam stock exchange. ING is also involved in the planned IPO of bpost, the Belgian postal company.

The Extel Awards are based on the results of the annual Extel Survey by Thomson Reuters, which allows professional investors to evaluate the services of their brokers. This pan-European survey is the largest of its kind, with over 7,500 respondents from 62 countries and more than 250,000 individual votes cast. More information on the Extel 2013 results

<http://www.extelsurveys.com/ExtelSurveysHome.aspx>

ING received the highest scores in the Benelux in the following categories:

- Score overall: no 1.
- Sales: no 1.
- Corporate access: no 1
- Trading: no 2.
- Research: no 2.

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