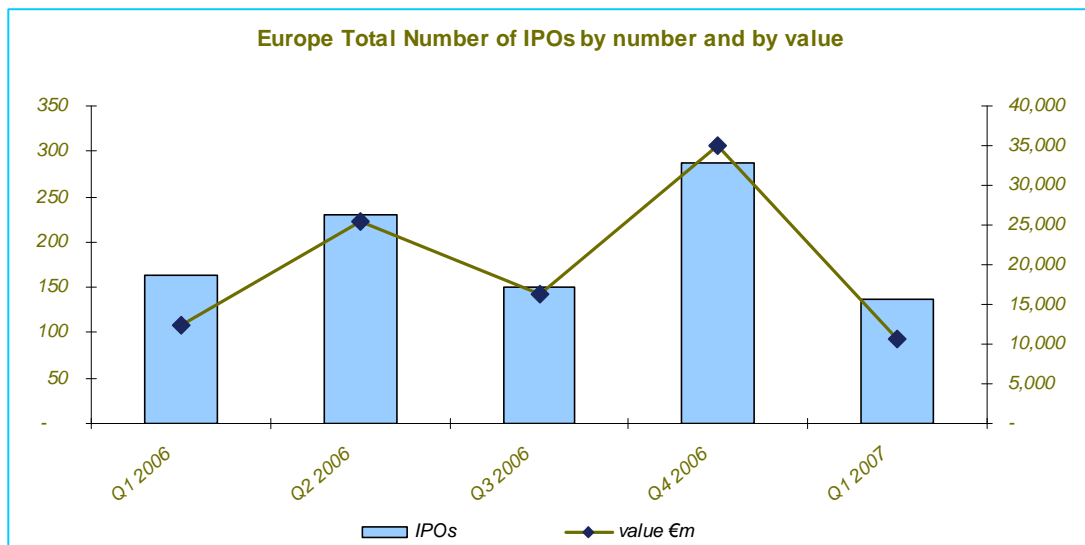


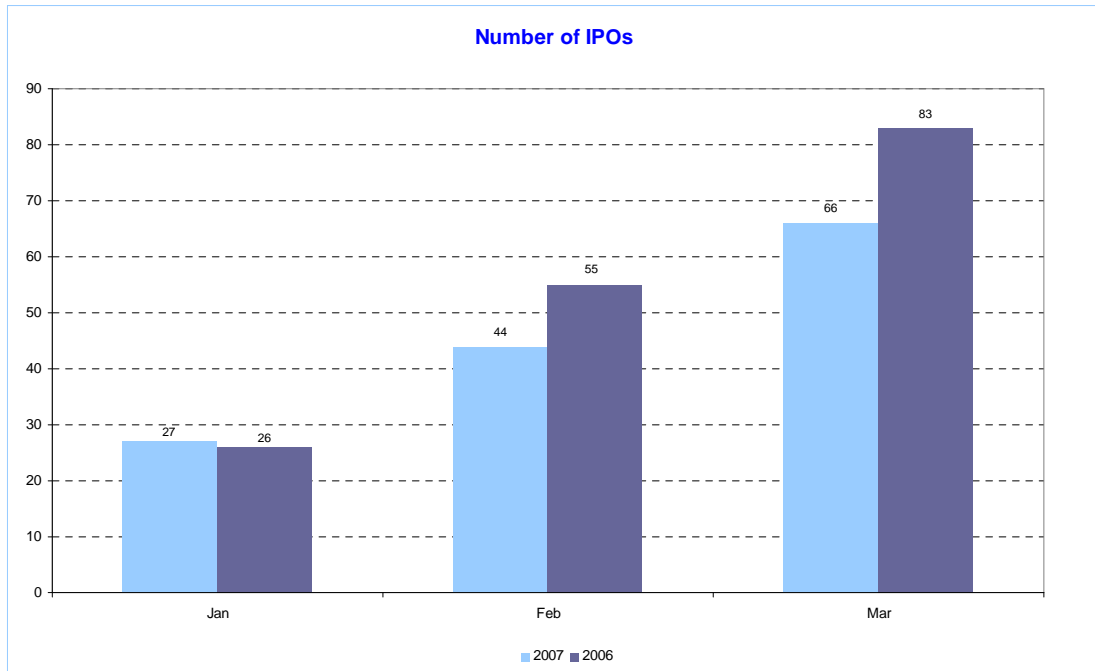
## IPO Watch Europe Survey Q1 2007 (January – March): Full Analysis

PricewaterhouseCoopers latest IPO Watch Europe survey, tracking volume and value of IPOs on Europe's main stock exchanges, shows lower activity in the traditionally quieter first quarter of 2007.

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



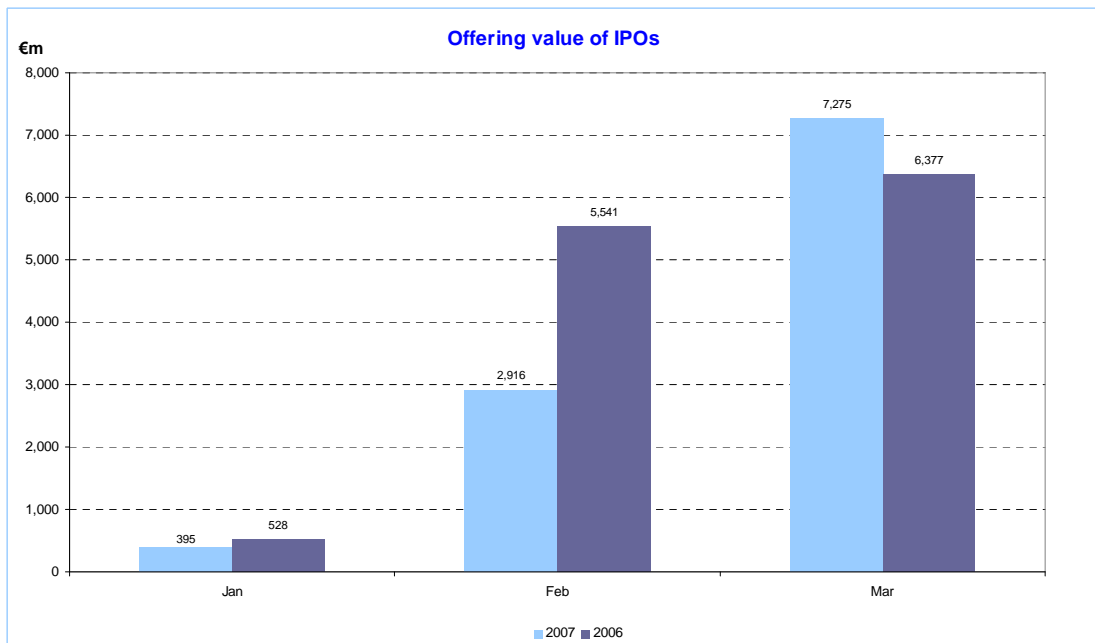
There were 137 IPOs in the first quarter of 2007 compared with the 164 recorded in the same period in 2006 and the 288 recorded in the fourth quarter of 2006. In volume terms, in the first quarter of 2007 there was a decrease of 16% in the number of IPOs compared to the same period last year and a 52% decrease when compared to quarter four of 2006.



The total offering value of IPOs was €10,586m in the first quarter of 2007, a decrease of 15% compared to €12,446m in the first quarter of 2006, and a decrease of 70% from €34,954m in the fourth quarter of 2006.

	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Q4 2006
Total European listings comprise those with:			
- No money raised	23	20	35
- Money raised	114	144	253
<b>Average offering value (€m)</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>138</b>

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

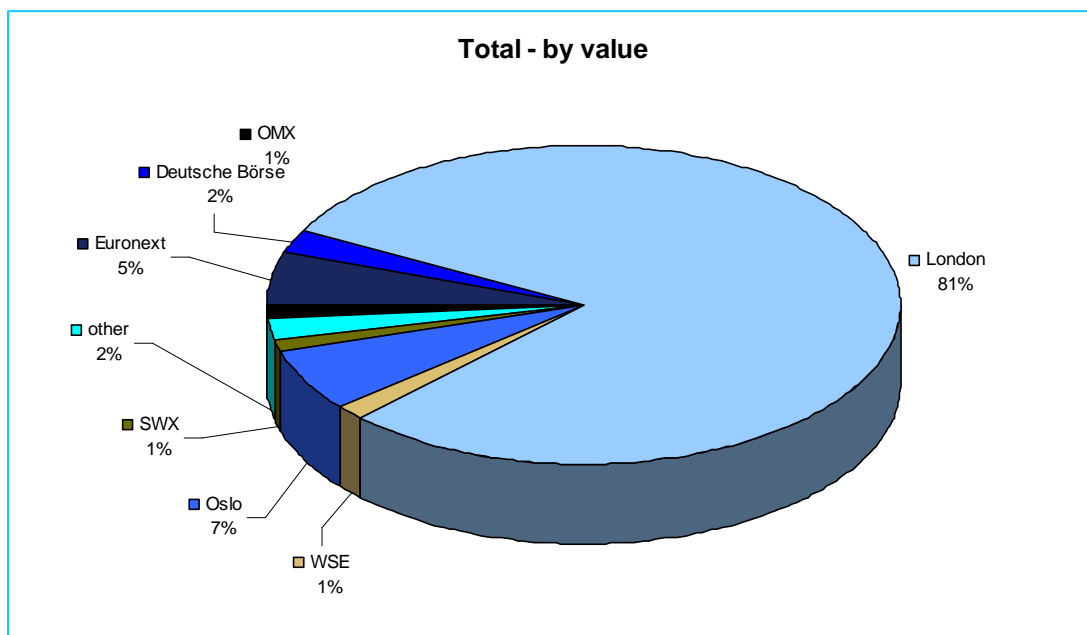


In terms of offering value, London was the largest market this quarter, raising €8,526m compared with €8,811m in the first quarter of 2006 and €15,303m in the fourth quarter of 2006.

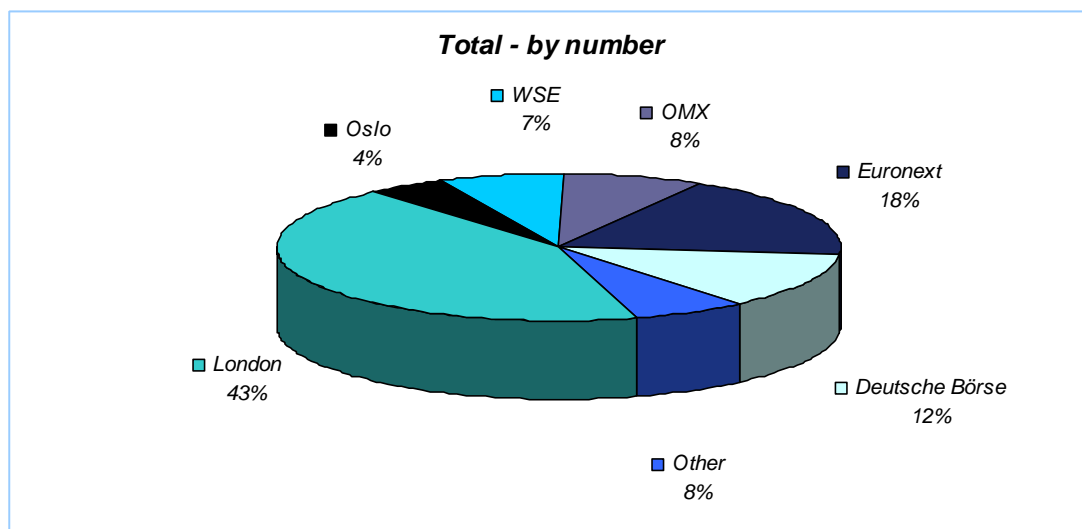
The significant decrease compared to the fourth quarter of 2006 reflects the seasonal trend while the decrease in volume on London compared to the first quarter of 2006 can be attributed to lower activity on London's exchange regulated market, AIM, with the Main Market experiencing an increase.

London's Main Market hosted the top five largest IPOs of the quarter. The largest IPO was by the Irish paper packaging producer, Smurfit Kappa, which raised €1,495m; followed by the largest UK IPO, that of the British retailer Sports Direct International, which raised €1,384m. Two investment companies ranked third and fourth, 3i Infrastructure and BH Marco, raising €1,147m and €773m respectively. The fifth largest IPO of the quarter was that of Integra Group, an Oil & Gas firm with business operations in Russia which raised €505m.

The average offering value for European IPOs raising new money rose to €93m in the first quarter of 2007 compared with €86m in the same period last year. However, in contrast to the previous quarter the average offering value decreased by 33% from €138m in the record fourth quarter of 2006.



In terms of the number of transactions, London continued to lead, with a combined market share for the Main Market and AIM of 43% of all European IPOs. However, London's market share has decreased from the 65% in the first quarter of 2006. Although AIM continued to drive activity by number, overall IPO activity on AIM has decreased by 49% when compared to the first quarter of 2006 and 54% when compared to the fourth quarter of 2006.



#### International listings on European markets

The European markets continue to attract non-European companies in the first quarter of 2007. In total, there were 15 IPOs by non-European companies which all chose London as their destination. AIM attracted eight non-European IPOs: two each from the USA, Canada and the Cayman Islands; and one each from Australia and the British Virgin Islands. London's Main Market attracted three IPOs from British Virgin Islands, two from Russia and one each from the Cayman Islands and Barbados. The non-European IPOs in London raised €2,471m.

## Analysis of the European exchanges

Stock Exchange	Company IPOs Q1- 2007	Offering Value (€m) Q1-2007	Company IPOs Q1- 2006	Offering Value (€m) Q1- 2006	Company IPOs Q4- 2006	Offering Value (€m) Q4-2006
<b>TOTAL</b>						
London	59 **	8,526 **	107 *****	8,811 *****	134 ****	15,303 ****
Oslo Børs	6	689	2	116	8	370
Euronext	25	566	20	440	50	10,243
Deutsche Börse	17	252	12	480	32	2,997
WSE	10 *	152 *	-	-	14	673
OMX	11	149	6	1,024	33	1,636
SWX	2	127	1	317	4	1,803
Wiener Börse	3 *	114 *	-	-	3	501
Borsa Italiana	3	110	3	714	8	885
BME	-	-	-	-	2	543
ISE	3 **	- **	1 *****	43 *****	2 ****	512 ****
Luxembourg	-	-	12	544	-	-
Athens Stock Exchange	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Europe Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>10,586</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>12,446</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>34,954</b>
<b>EU REGULATED</b>						
London (Main)	18	6,950	23	5,193	44 ***	10,033 ***
Oslo Børs	6	689	2	116	8	370
Euronext (Eurolist)	9	426	7	349	25	10,085
Deutsche Börse	5	203	3	438	15	2,841
WSE	10 *	152 *	-	-	14	673
OMX	4	134	6	1,024	19	1,291
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Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>EU regulated sub-total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8,151</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>29,025</b>
<b>EXCHANGE REGULATED</b>						
London (AIM)	41 **	1,576 **	81 *****	2,852 *****	89 ****	5,155 ****
Euronext (Alternext)	11	140	9	90	17	145
Deutsche Börse (Entry Standard)	12	49	9	42	17	156
OMX (First North)	7	15	-	-	14	345
Euronext (Marche Libre)	5	-	4	1	8	13
ISE (IEX)	3 **	- **	1 *****	43 *****	1 ****	10 ****
London (PSM)	-	-	3	766	1	115
Luxembourg (EuroMTF)	-	-	12	544	-	-
<b>Exchange regulated sub-total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>4,295</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>5,929</b>
<b>Europe Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>10,586</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>12,446</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>34,954</b>
* Warimpex dual listed on WSE and Wiener Börse raising €99m						
** Total Produce dual listed in London (AIM) and Ireland (IEX) raising €nil						
*** Aer Lingus dual listed in London (Main) and Ireland (ISE) raising €502m						
**** Siteserv dual listed in London (AIM) and Ireland (IEX) raising €10m						
***** Agi Therapeutics dual listed in London (AIM) and Ireland (IEX) raising €43m						

The Oslo Børs ranked second (after London) by offering value; six IPOs have raised €689m in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the previous quarter where eight IPOs raised €370m. The largest IPO on Oslo was that of ElectroMagnetic GeoServices which raised €331m.

Euronext saw 25 IPOs raising €566m in the first quarter of 2007. This represents an increase of 25% in volume terms and an increase of 29% in offering value compared to quarter one of 2006. The largest IPO on Euronext was that of Outremer Telecom, which raised €118m.

The Deutsche Börse hosted 17 IPOs, which represented an increase from 12 in quarter one of 2006, however the offering value decreased from €480m to €252m in the same period. This performance was significantly lower than quarter four of 2006 which saw 32 IPOs raising €2,997m, including Symrise which raised €1,215m and was the fourth largest IPO of that quarter.

The OMX attracted 11 IPOs in the first quarter of 2007 which raised €149m. Seven of the 11 IPOs took place on the OMX's exchange-regulated, First North which was launched in June 2006 and raised €15m.

The Wiener Börse attracted 3 IPOs as in the first quarter of 2007, compared to no IPOs in the first quarter of 2006. This included Warimpex which also listed on WSE. A total of €114m was raised on this market.

WSE saw a significant turnaround in the first quarter of 2007. There were 10 IPOs raising €152m compared to no IPOs in the same period last year. The largest IPO of the quarter was that of Warimpex.

The Borsa Italiana hosted 3 IPOs as in the first quarter of 2006. The offering value, however, was lower at €110m compared to €714m in the first quarter of 2006, which included Ansaldo which raised €407m.

As in the fourth quarter of 2006 Luxembourg had no IPOs compared to 12 in the first quarter of 2006. The BME and the Athens Stock Exchange also attracted no IPOs.

### Sector breakdown

The most active sector was the Industrial Goods & Services sector with 22 IPOs, followed by Financial Services with 18 IPOs and Investment Companies with 17 IPOs. The largest movement was in IPOs of Investment Companies which decreased from 37 in Q1 2006 and 61 in Q4 2006, mainly impacted by the slowdown in IPOs on AIM which floated only 3 Investment Companies compared to 17 in Q1 2006 and 29 in Q4 2006.

Sector	Company IPOs Q1- 2007	Company IPOs Q1- 2006	Company IPOs Q4- 2006
Industrial Goods & Services	22	25	40
Financial Services	18	12	8
Technology	17	14	30
Investment Companies	17	37	61
Real Estate	10	3	15
Mining	8	9	10
Telecommunications	6	9	9
Personal & Household Goods	6	6	10
Retail	5	3	10
Pharmaceuticals & Biotech	5	7	10
Food & Beverage	5	5	5
Oil & Gas	4	3	12
Media	3	6	7
Utilities	3	-	7
Basic Resources	3	4	8
Construction & Materials	1	4	11
Travel & Leisure	1	7	8
Automobiles & Parts	1	-	5
Health Care	1	5	5
Insurance	1	1	3
Banks	-	3	8
Chemicals	-	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>288</b>

## The US Exchanges

In the first quarter of 2007 the US exchanges saw an increase of IPO activity with 64 IPOs compared to 56 IPOs in the first quarter of 2006. The total offering value decreased to €9,192m in the first quarter of 2007 from €9,939m in the first quarter of 2006, an 8% decline.

The NYSE hosted the largest IPO of the quarter, that of an investment trust, Currency Shares Japanese Yen Trust which raised €1,244m. The second largest IPO took place on NASDAQ; that of an advertising services firm, National Cinemedia, which raised €605m. The third largest IPO of the quarter went to NYSE where Fortress Investment Group raised €481m.

The US exchanges attracted nine international IPOs; three from China, two each from Israel and Greece and one each from Brazil and Philippines. In total international IPOs raised €1,374m.

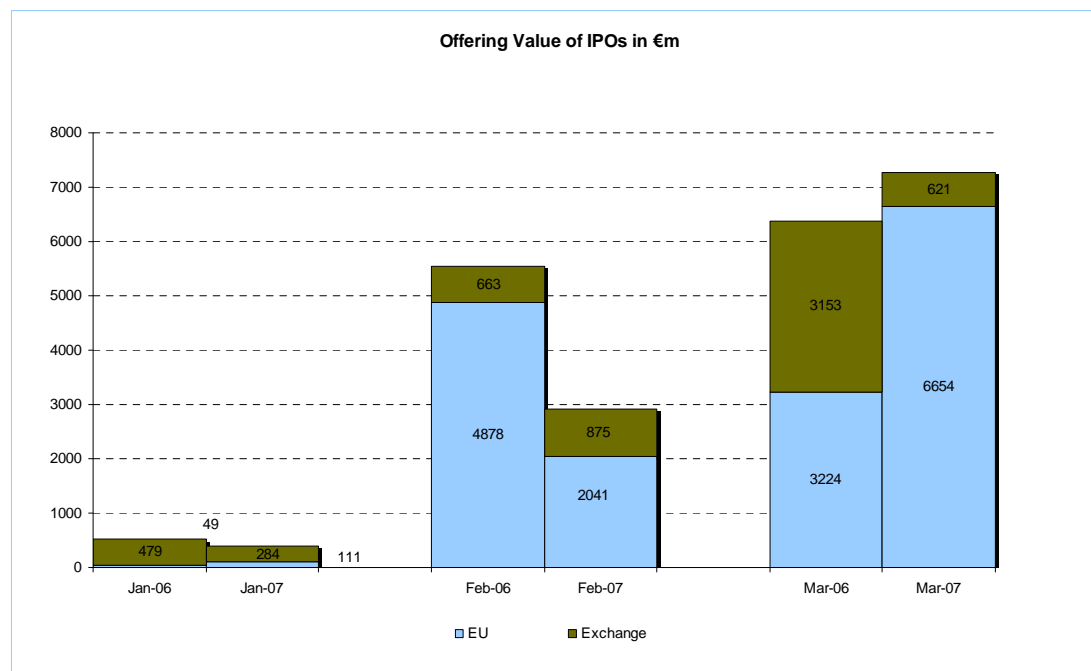
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NASDAQ	39	4,542	32	3,853	54	4,984
NYSE	11	3,581	16	5,367	27	9,710
AMEX	14	1,069	8	719	9	925
<b>US Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>9,192</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>9,939</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>15,619</b>

## Russia

Russian activity continues to be international. There were three IPOs on the Russian domestic market, however no money was raised; two of the three (Polymetal and Sitronics) also listed in London, together raising a total of €673m on London's Main Market. Due to a recent change of listing requirements in Russia, Russian companies which opt for a foreign IPO are also required to IPO on the domestic market.

## Additional data tables

### Split between EU regulated and Exchange regulated markets



### Five largest IPOs

Five largest IPOs of Q1 2007			
	€m raised	Sector	Market
Smurfit Kappa	1,495	Industrial Goods & Services	London
Sports Direct International	1,384	Retail	London
3i Infrastructure	1,147	Investment company	London
BH Marco	773	Investment company	London
Integra	505	Oil & Gas	London

Five largest IPOs of Q1 2006			
	€m raised	Sector	Market
Lotte Shopping	2,316	Retail	London
Comstar United Telesystems	823	Telecommunications	London
Macquarie Korea Infrastructure	615	Investment company	London
Trader Media East	462	Media	London
KappAhl	447	Retail	OMX

Five largest IPOs of Q4 2006			
	€m raised	Sector	Market
Natixis	4,220	Banks	Euronext
Petroplus	1,585	Oil & Gas	SWX
MW Tops	1,500	Investment company	Euronext
Symrise	1,215	Chemicals	Deutsche Börse
Experian	1,192	Industrial Goods & Services	London