

# Eurofins celebrates 25 years of laboratory excellence and 15 years of value creation since its IPO

Eurofins ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in value creation compared to all 280 companies listed on the Paris Stock Exchange since September 1997

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Eurofins celebrated on Monday evening the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation and 15 years of creating value since its IPO. *Dr. Gilles Martin*, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), hosted guests from the capital markets who have followed the Company from its Initial Public Offering (IPO) in October 1997, and throughout its development in the last 15 years. During the celebrations, *Professor Chris Brooks, PhD*, Director of Research at the ICMA Centre – Henley Business School at the University of Reading in the UK, presented a research paper examining in detail the link between accounting measures of a firm's success and its share price performance. Professor Brooks' research shows the eventual substantial rewards for investors who fund a company's acquisitions and development strategy and hold their shares for at least 5 years. Specifically, he presented data showing Eurofins' total shareholder returns compared to all other 280 firms that have been listed on the Paris bourse over the 15 years that the Company has been traded. The research found that Eurofins ranks highest in terms of both its total returns to shareholders (over 5,000% compounded) and its risk-adjusted returns among all companies that were listed on the Paris Bourse for the whole period\*.

**Comment from Dr. Gilles Martin, CEO**: "The inherent value of our activities, both in terms of their positive impact on health, safety and the environment, and as reflected in the value we generate for our shareholders, drives our passion to continue to build a unique laboratory infrastructure and deliver the best quality service to all our clients. It reinforces our commitment to this mission as we embark on the next phase of our growth: to double in size by 2017."

To access the documents presented during Eurofins' Anniversary celebrations, click on the following links:

Eurofins Scientific Corporate Presentation: 15 Years of Value Creation (http://www.eurofins.com/media/5484401/eurofins corporate presentation 15 years of value creation.pdf )

Eurofins Scientific 25th Anniversary Brochure

(http://www.eurofins.com/media/5484404/eurofins\_scientific\_25th\_anniversary\_brochure.pdf)

Professor Brooks' Research Paper: *Does the Stock Market Penalise Fast-Growing Firms?* (http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2171752)

Professor Brooks' Slide Presentation

(http://www.eurofins.com/media/5485972/professor\_brooks\_slide\_presentation.pdf)

\*Excluding one Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) fund with very limited trading, and hence low volatility in risk-adjusted returns

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#### Notes for the editor:

### Eurofins – a global leader in bio-analysis

Eurofins Scientific is the world leader in food and pharmaceutical products testing. It is also number one in the world in the field of environmental laboratory services and one of the global market leaders in agroscience, genomics and central laboratory services.

With over 12,500 staff in more than 170 laboratories across 33 countries, Eurofins offers a portfolio of over 100,000 reliable analytical methods for evaluating the safety, identity, composition, authenticity, origin and purity of biological substances and products. The Group provides its customers with high-quality services, accurate results on time and expert advice by its highly qualified staff.

Eurofins is committed to pursuing its dynamic growth strategy by expanding both its technology portfolio and its geographic reach. Through R&D and acquisitions, the Group draws on the latest developments in the field of biotechnology and analytical chemistry to offer its clients unique analytical solutions and the most comprehensive range of testing methods.

As one of the most innovative and quality oriented international players in its industry, Eurofins is ideally positioned to support its clients' increasingly stringent quality and safety standards and the expanding demands of regulatory authorities around the world.

The shares of Eurofins Scientific are listed on the NYSE Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ISIN FR0000038259, Reuters EUFI.PA, Bloomberg ERF FP).

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