

Norwegian Block Exchange AS applies for listing on Euronext Growth

Aims to become the first listed crypto exchange in the Nordics

Oslo, 3 December 2021 – Norwegian Block Exchange (the "Company" or "NBX") has applied for listing on Euronext Growth and plans to become the first publicly listed crypto exchange in the Nordics.

“The future of the financial industry is built on blockchain technology. With our popular and growing crypto exchange, solid technology stack and competent and growing team, we are in a good position to realize our vision of becoming a leading provider of a broad range of financial services based on blockchain technology. As part of this, we have a clear plan to become the first digital asset bank in the Nordics and one of the first globally, said CEO of NBX Stig Kjos-Mathisen.

NBX was founded in 2018, by Bjørn Kjos, who also founded Norwegian Air Shuttle and Bank Norwegian. The idea was to make crypto currency easily available in a safe manner for everyone, as well as to establish cost efficient crypto-based payment systems. NBX is registered with the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway (Finanstilsynet) and intends to obtain a license as an e-money institution.

“Becoming an e-money institution is an important milestone towards becoming a bank, as it will enable us to offer payment services based on cryptocurrencies. We are building brick by brick towards a complete banking and transactions offer to the market, solely based on blockchain technology and cryptocurrency, said CEO Kjos-Mathisen.

NBX raised NOK 60 million in equity in December 2020 and will not raise additional capital in connection with the listing on Euronext Growth. The NBX stock has recently been traded at NOK 8 per share in the OTC market, which implies a market capitalization of approximately NOK 519 million. This represents an increase of 142 percent compared to the valuation at the last capital raise in December 2020.

“We are currently well-funded to be able to deliver on our ambitions for development of technology and products as well as customer acquisition in the near term. However, as a listed company, we will be relevant for a much broader investor base and be well equipped to utilize the equity market when more capital is required later. The listing represents another quality stamp for us, said Kjos-Mathisen.

First day of trade for the NBX share on Euronext Growth is expected in the near future. Pareto Securities AS is acting as advisor (the "**Advisor**") for NBX in connection with the listing on Euronext Growth. Advokatfirmaet Selmer AS is acting as legal counsel to NBX and AGP Advokater AS is acting as legal counsel to Pareto Securites AS. Corporate Communications AS is acting as communications advisor to NBX.

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About NBX:

- Truly Norwegian cryptocurrency exchange and custodian.
- Based in Oslo and registered with the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway,
- Offers an easy and secure access to cryptocurrency for everyone, focusing on the Nordic markets, but open for customers globally
- 25,000 customers at the end of September 2021
- Trading volume of NOK 929 million during the first nine months of 2021
- 21 employees & 10 consultants in 11 countries. Headquarters at Fornebu.
- Largest shareholders: Observatoriet Invest AS (Bjørn Kjos, 31.8%), Sparebanken Øst (9.9%), Kistefos Investment AS (9.3%), Nye Km Aviatix Invest AS (8.1%), Dasha Invest (5.0%) and MP Pensjon (4.7%)

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