

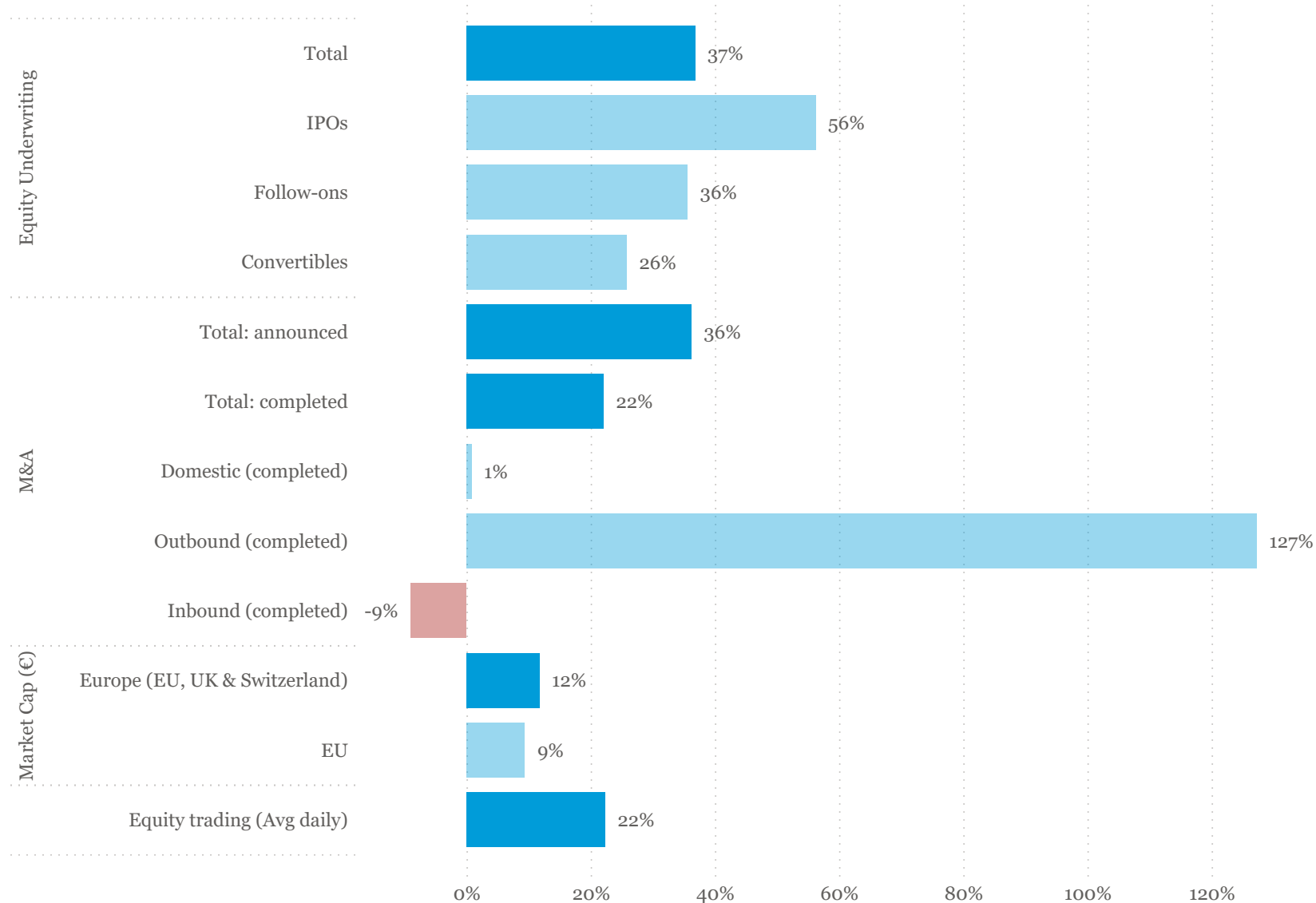
Q1 2026

Equity Primary Markets and Trading Report

European Market Data Update

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2026 Q1 YTD Variation of European Equity Activity



Source: Dealogic, ECB, FESE, WFE, xyt, local exchanges

European equity issuance strengthens in Q1, driven by strong IPO and follow-on activity

Equity underwriting on European exchanges increased by 37% year-on-year (YoY) in Q1 2026, on the back of a considerable rise in secondary equity offerings (36% YoY, and also the highest since Q2 2021) and in IPO issuance (56% YoY).

Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) on European exchanges accumulated €5.1bn in proceeds during Q1 2026, a significant increase from the €3.3bn issued in Q1 2025, which represents a 56% increase YoY.

In Q1 2026, IPOs have shown momentum particularly in Amsterdam and Frankfurt. European issuance has performed comparatively well in Q1 relative to regions such as China, Japan and Australia, which saw limited YoY growth.

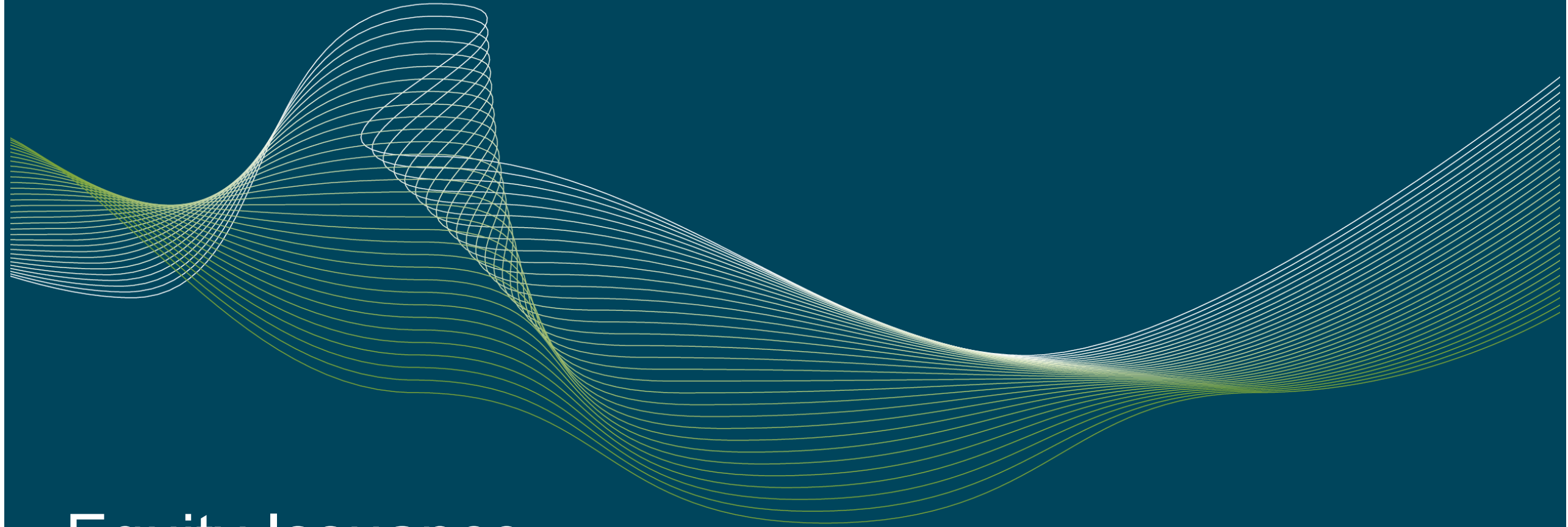
Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) rose when measured as completed value (22%), and when measured as announced value (36%).

Average daily equity trading on European main markets and MTFs increased 22% YoY. Market liquidity, as measured by turnover ratio (turnover value/market cap) increased significantly to 142.67% in Q1 2026.

Domestic market capitalisation of European listed shares stood at €19.7tn in Q1 2026, 11.93% above the value observed in Q1 2025.

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Equity Issuance

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Equity capital raised on European exchanges totalled €49.3bn in Q1 2026, representing a 36.6% YoY increase from the €36.1bn issued in Q1 2025.

Secondary offerings were the largest contributor to the total capital raised with €41bn issued in Q1 2026, a 36.7% YoY increase from €30bn in Q1 2025. Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) reached €5.1bn in Q1 2026, marking a considerable YoY rise from the €3.3bn issued in Q1 2025. Issuance of convertibles totalled €3.2bn during Q1 2026, up 28% from the €2.5bn raised in Q1 2025.

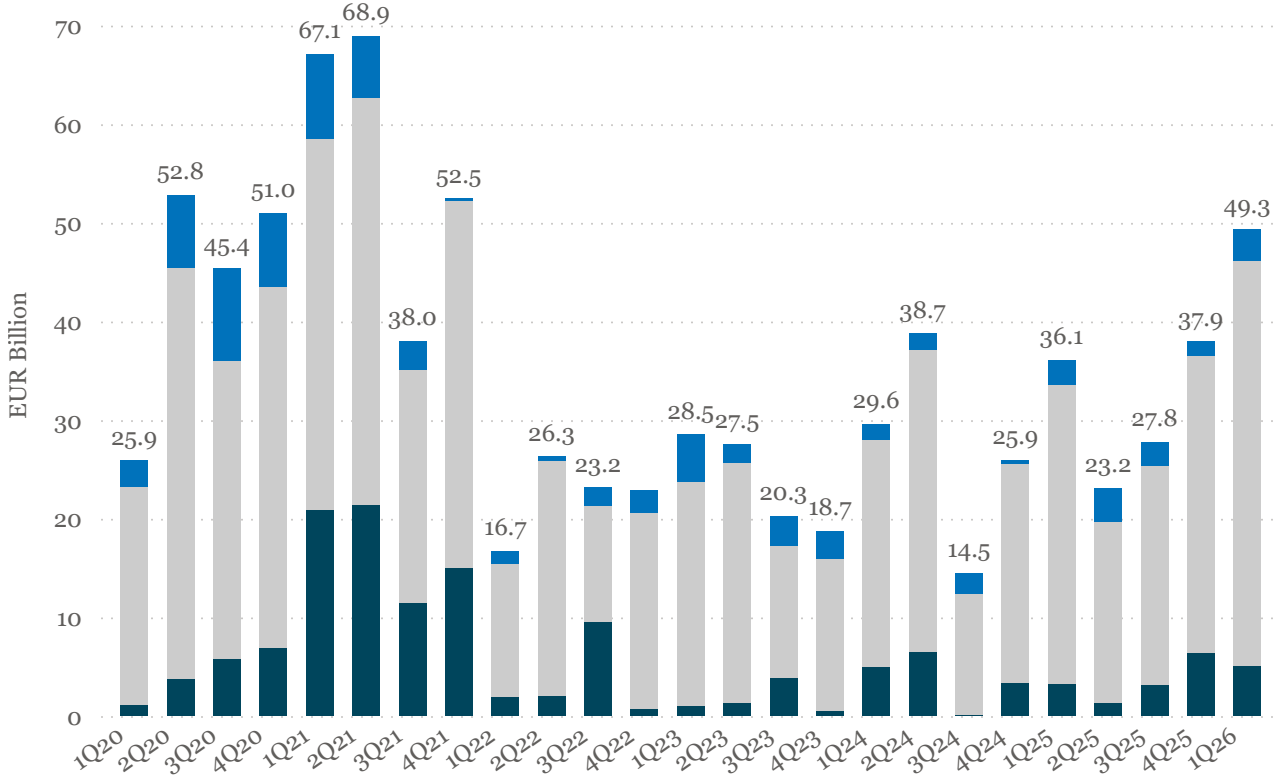
Equity issuance on Junior exchanges amounted to €4bn in Q1 2026, a substantial increase from €0.7bn in Q1 2025. Junior exchanges are venues with less onerous listing requirements which facilitates equity capital raising for small and medium-sized enterprises and younger companies.

Equity Underwriting on European Exchanges

The SIX Swiss Exchange led European equity underwriting in Q1 2026, with a total of €16.2bn raised. It was followed by the Madrid Stock Exchange and Paris Exchange, each recording €7.2 and €6.6 billion respectively in total equity issuance.

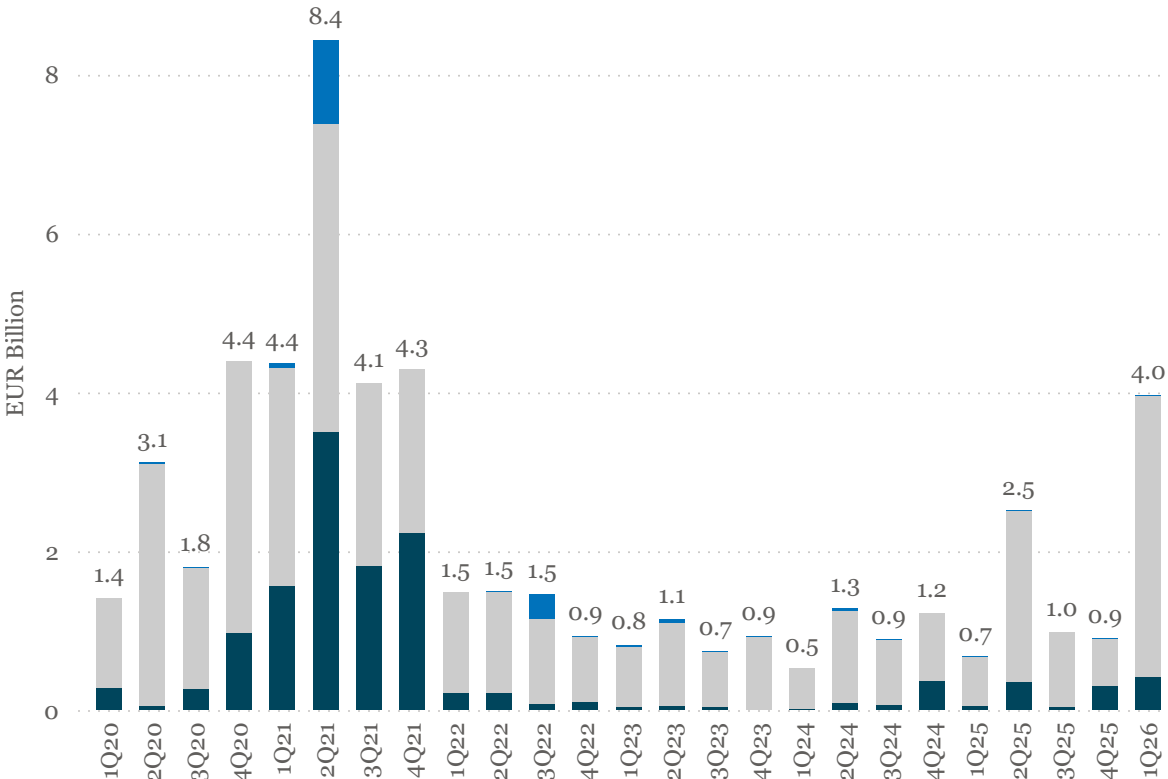
Equity Issuance on European Exchanges

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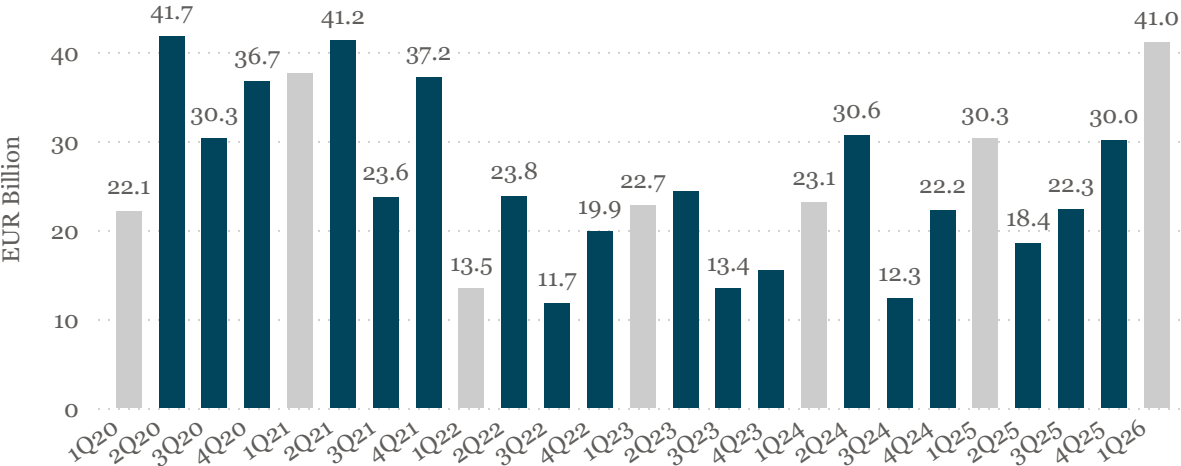
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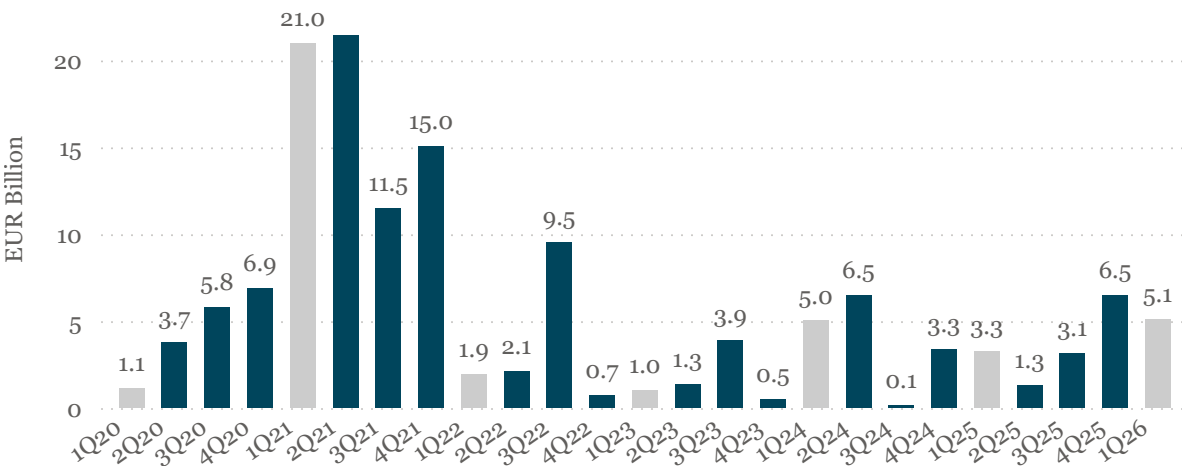


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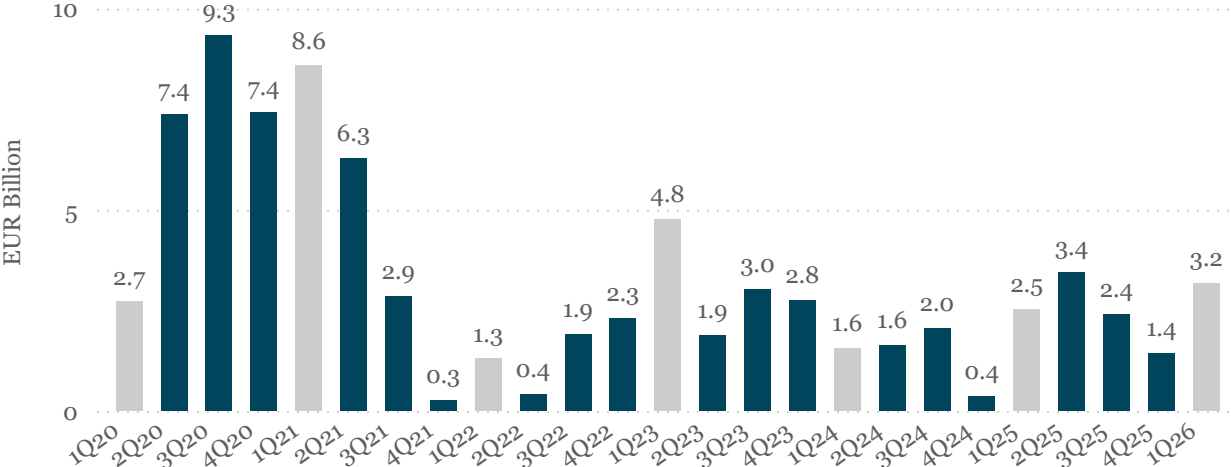
Follow-on Offerings



IPO Proceeds

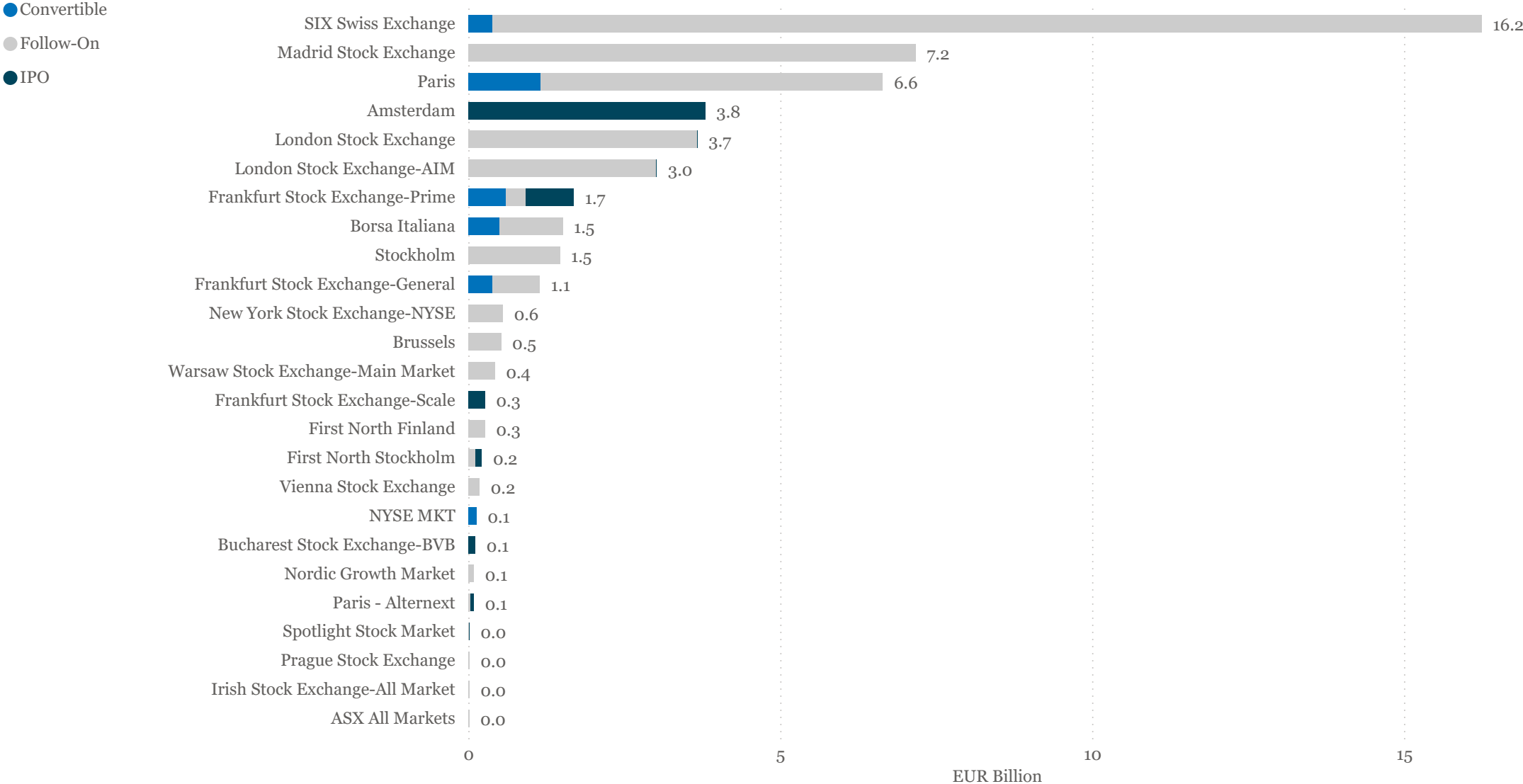


Convertibles



afme / Equity Issuance by Exchanges

Equity Underwriting on European Exchanges: IPO, Follow-ons and Convertibles (2026 YTD)



Source: Dealogic. Nasdaq US denotes apportioned amounts of European deals

IPO and Listings Tracker

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Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) on European exchanges accumulated €5.1bn in proceeds during Q1 2026. This represents a 56% increase YoY from the amount recorded in Q1 2025 (€3.3bn).

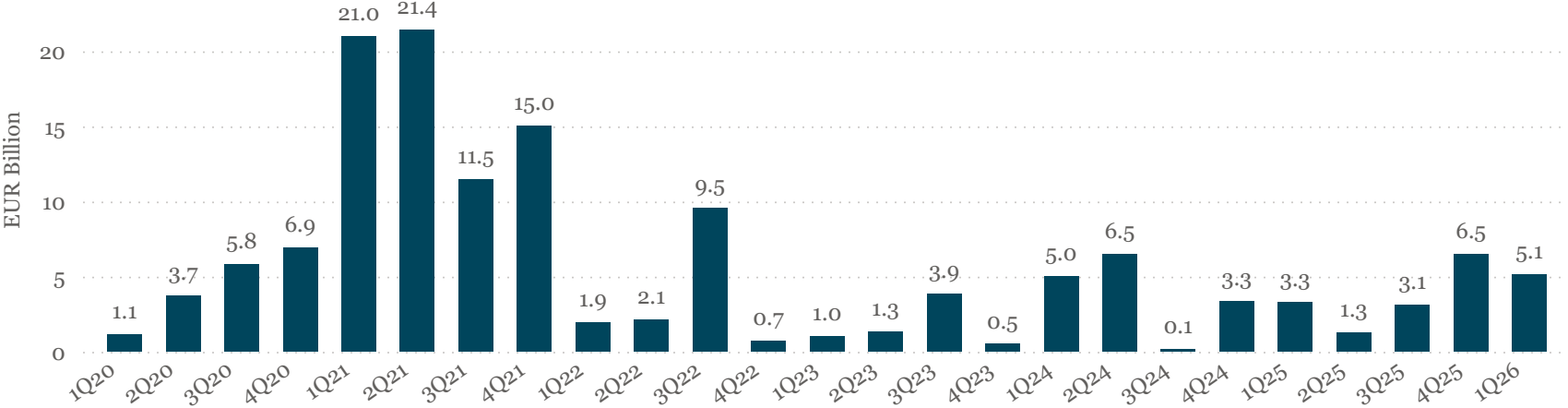
PE-backed IPOs issuances originated €0.7bn in proceeds during Q1 2026, a significant decrease compared to Q1 2025 where there was €2.1bn in proceeds recorded.

IPO activity on US exchanges raised €20.4bn in Q1 2026, a 72.9% YoY growth. IPO activity on the Japanese exchange decreased considerably during Q1 2026, collecting €0.2bn. The Australian exchange decreased slightly to €0.2bn during Q1 2026. The Chinese exchanges originated €3.6bn in IPOs, slightly higher than the €3.2bn recorded in Q1 2025.

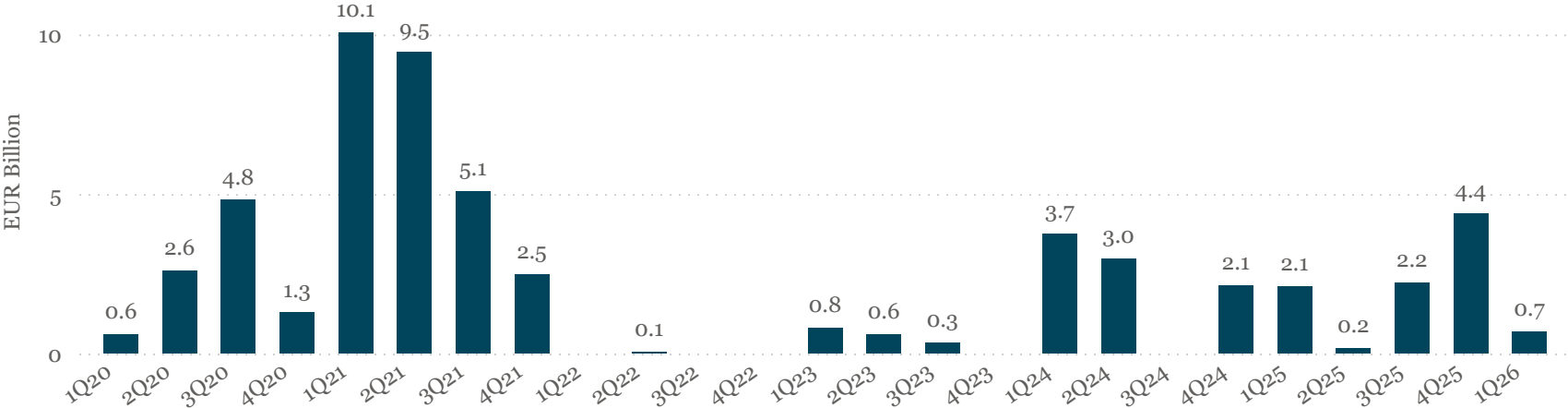
A total of 6,543 domestic companies were listed on European exchanges (EU, UK and Switzerland) as of Q1 2026. This represented a 1.7% decrease from 6,657 companies listed in March 2025.

As of March 2026, the FTSE Renaissance IPO Index Series shows a negative cumulative price return of recently listed companies in EMEA of 36% since 2020. This remains well below the price performance observed for major indices over the same period: the German DAX is up 64%, the French CAC up 39%, and the FTSE 100 up 54%. The price return is above the observed for recently listed companies in the US (-41%) and for HK/China (-52%) recently listed companies.

IPO Issuance on European Exchanges

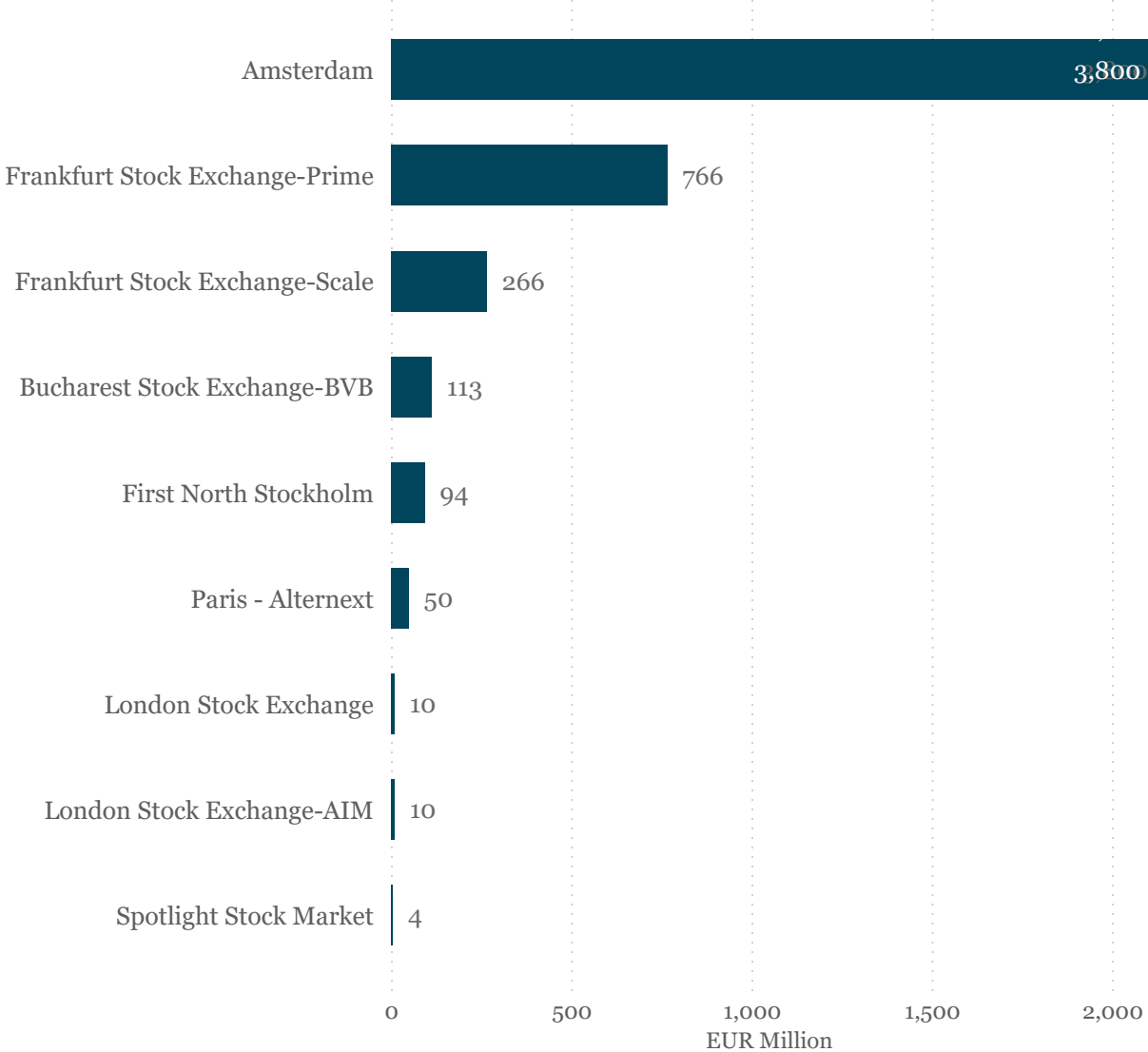


PE-backed IPO Proceeds

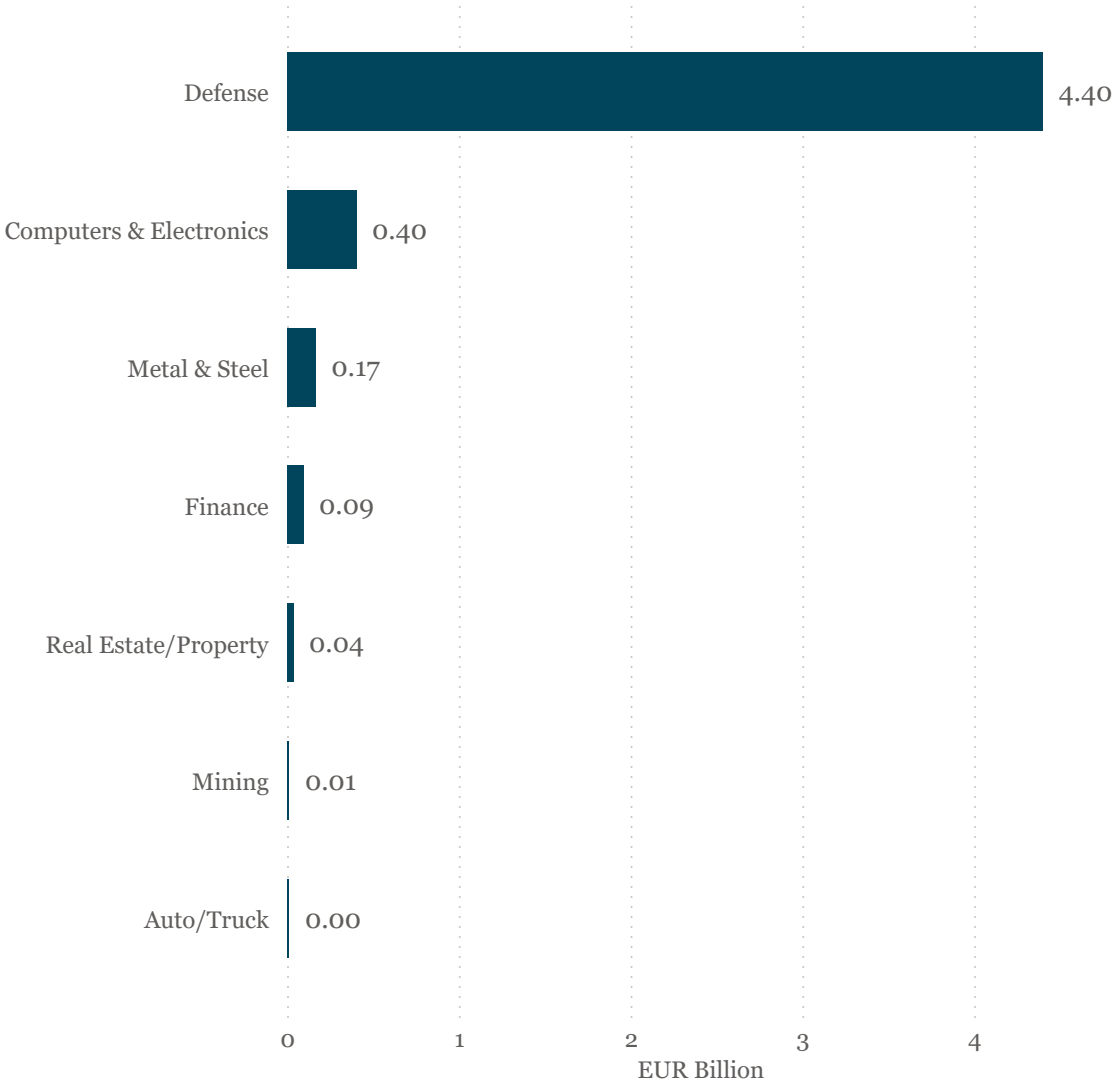


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IPO Proceeds by Listing Market (2026 YTD)



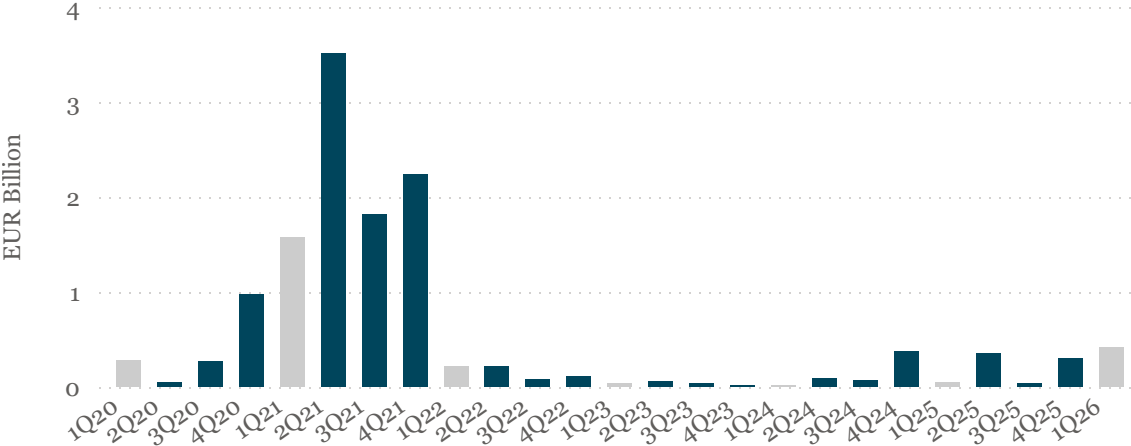
IPO Proceeds by Industry (2026 YTD)



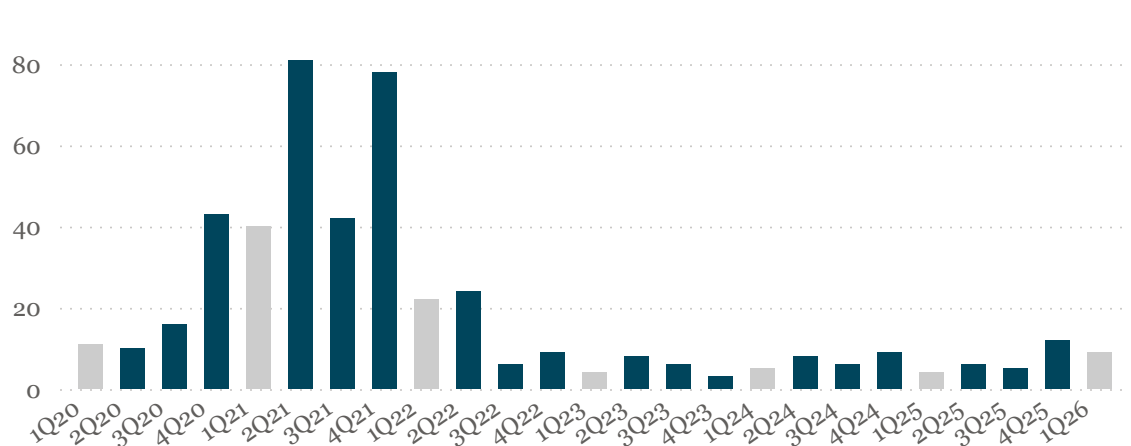
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afme / IPO on Junior Exchanges

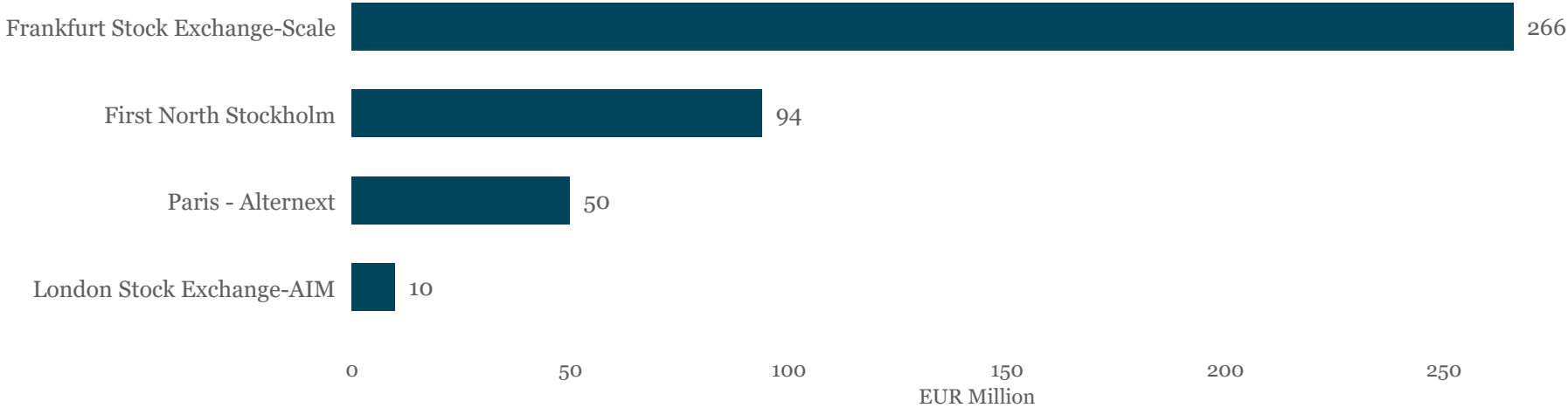
IPO Proceeds on European Jr Markets



Numbers of IPOs on European Jr Markets



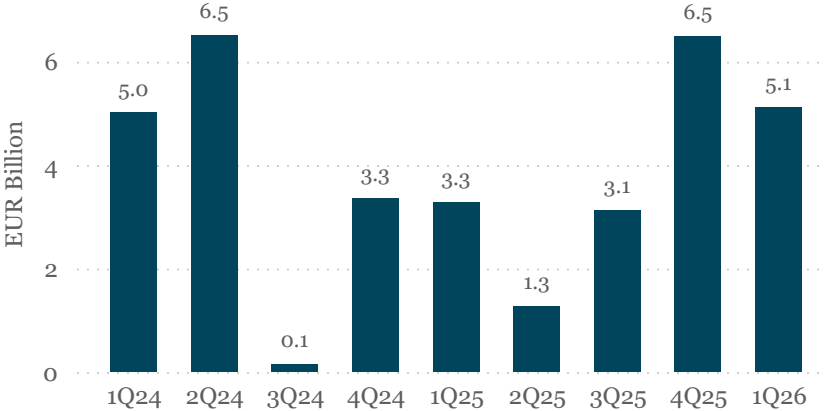
IPO Proceeds on Jr Markets by Exchange (2026 YTD)



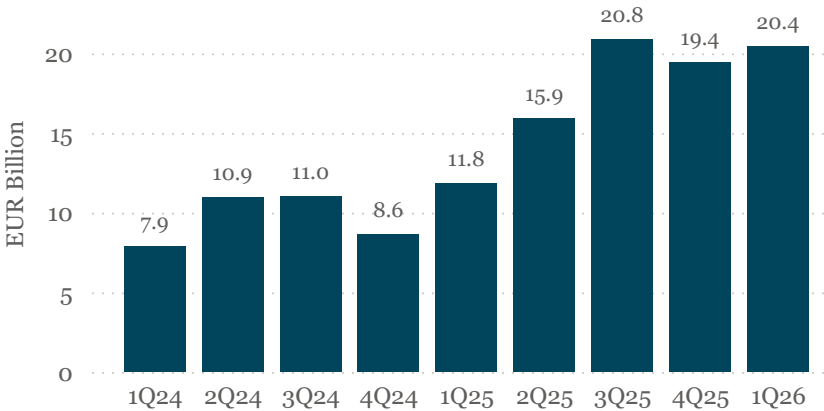
afme / IPO Global Tracker

IPO Issuance by Location of Exchange

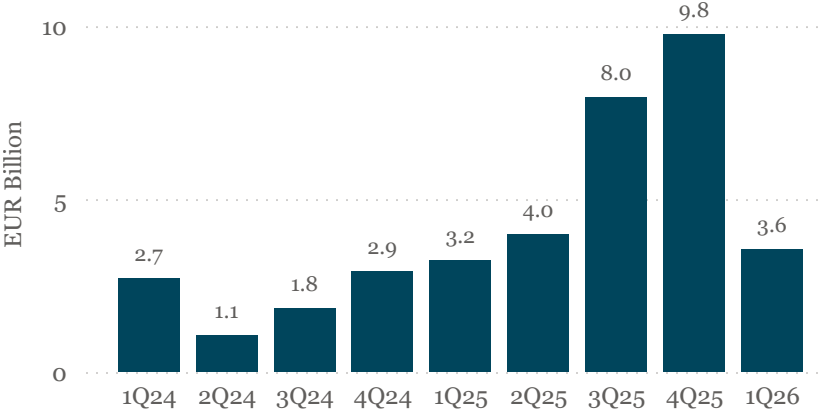
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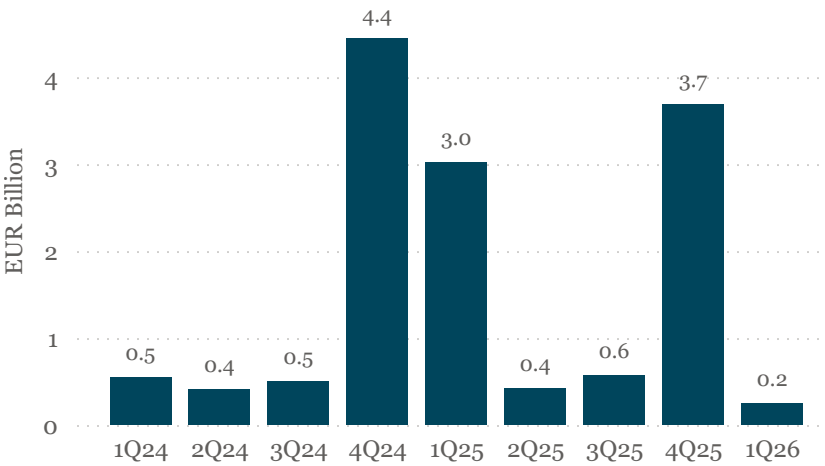
United States



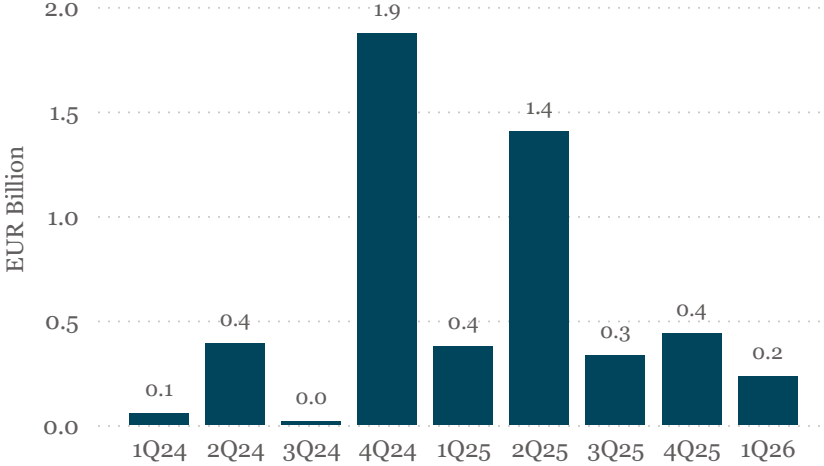
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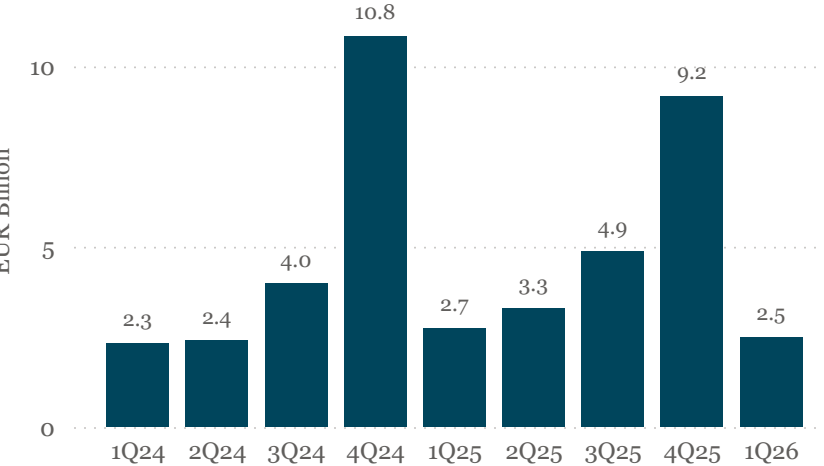
Japan



Australia



India



Source: Dealogic

afme / Price Performance of Recent IPO Companies

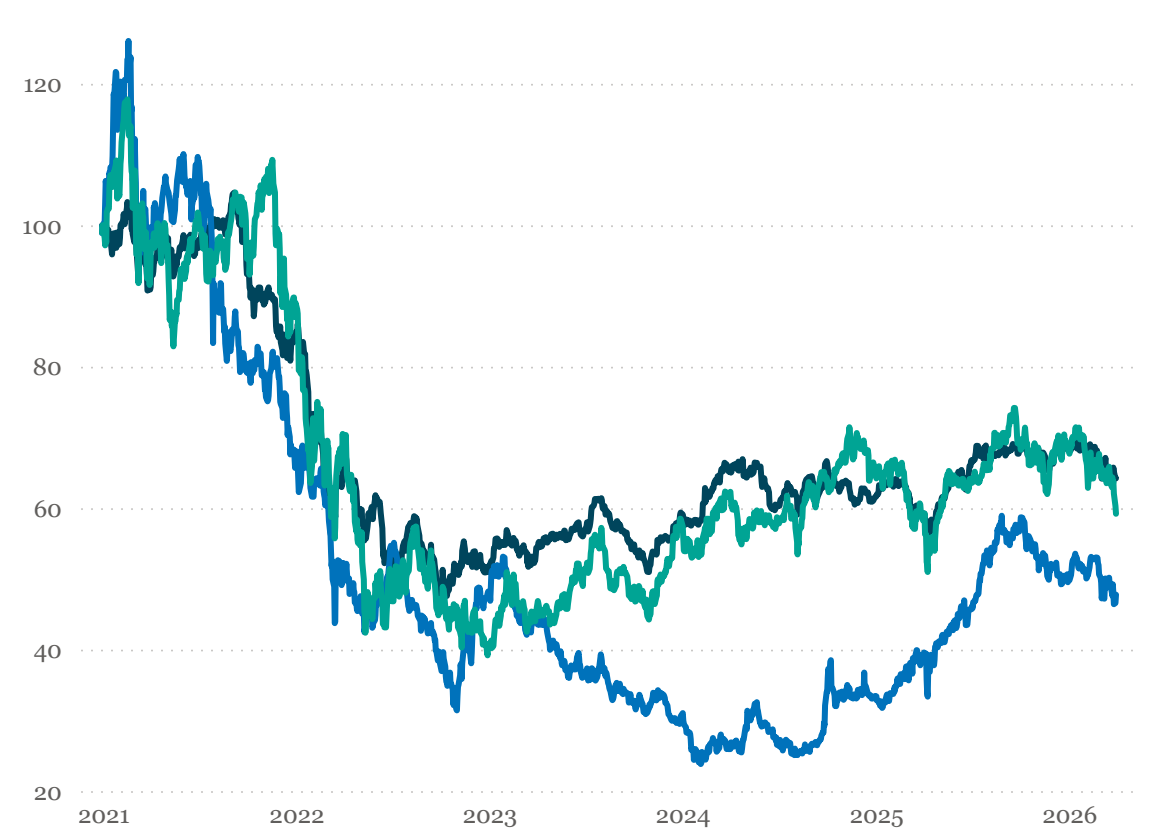
Price Performance of Selected Stock Indices (31 Dec 2020 = 100)

● EMEA IPO index ● CAC 40 ● DAX 40 ● FTSE 100



Price Performance of Selected FTSE Renaissance IPO Stock Indices (31 Dec 2020 = 100)

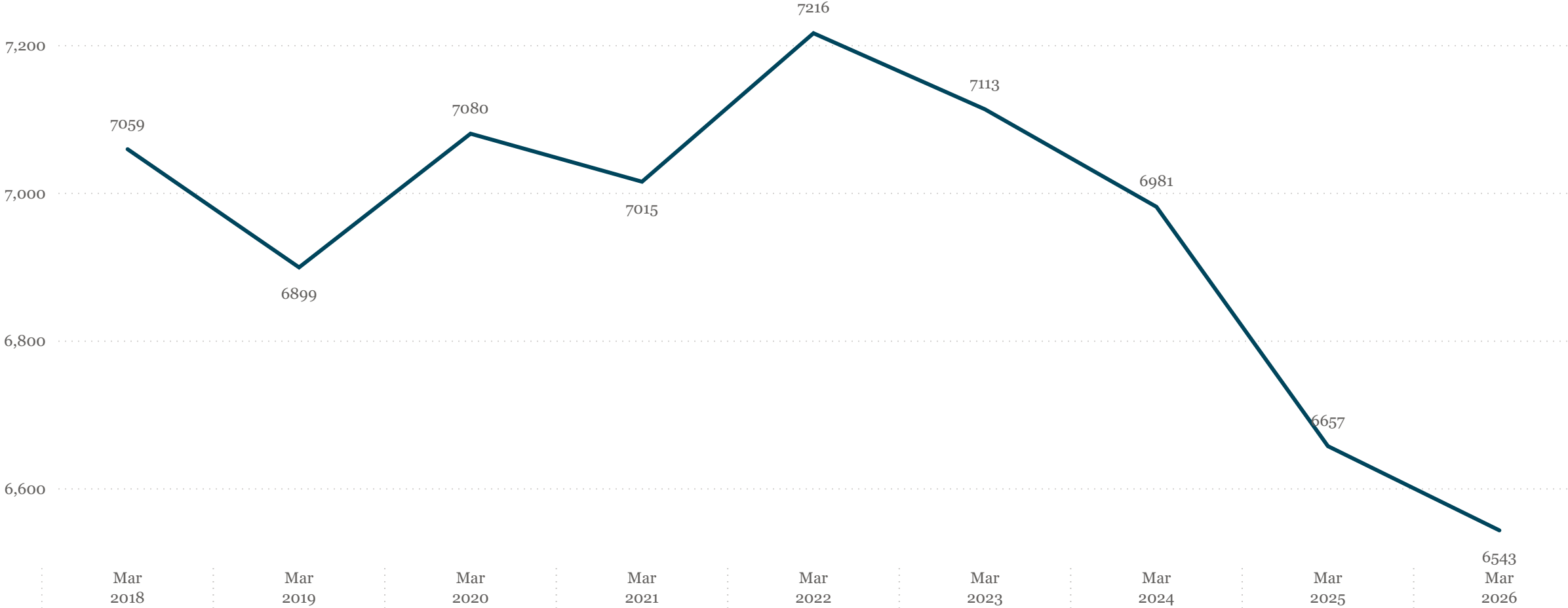
● EMEA IPO index ● Hong Kong/China Top IPO ● US IPO index



The FTSE Renaissance IPO Index Series tracks the price performance of IPOs in EMEA, the United States and the Asia Pacific region. Qualified IPOs are added to the indexes on a quarterly basis and removed c. 3Y after their first trading day.

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Number of listed companies on European exchanges*

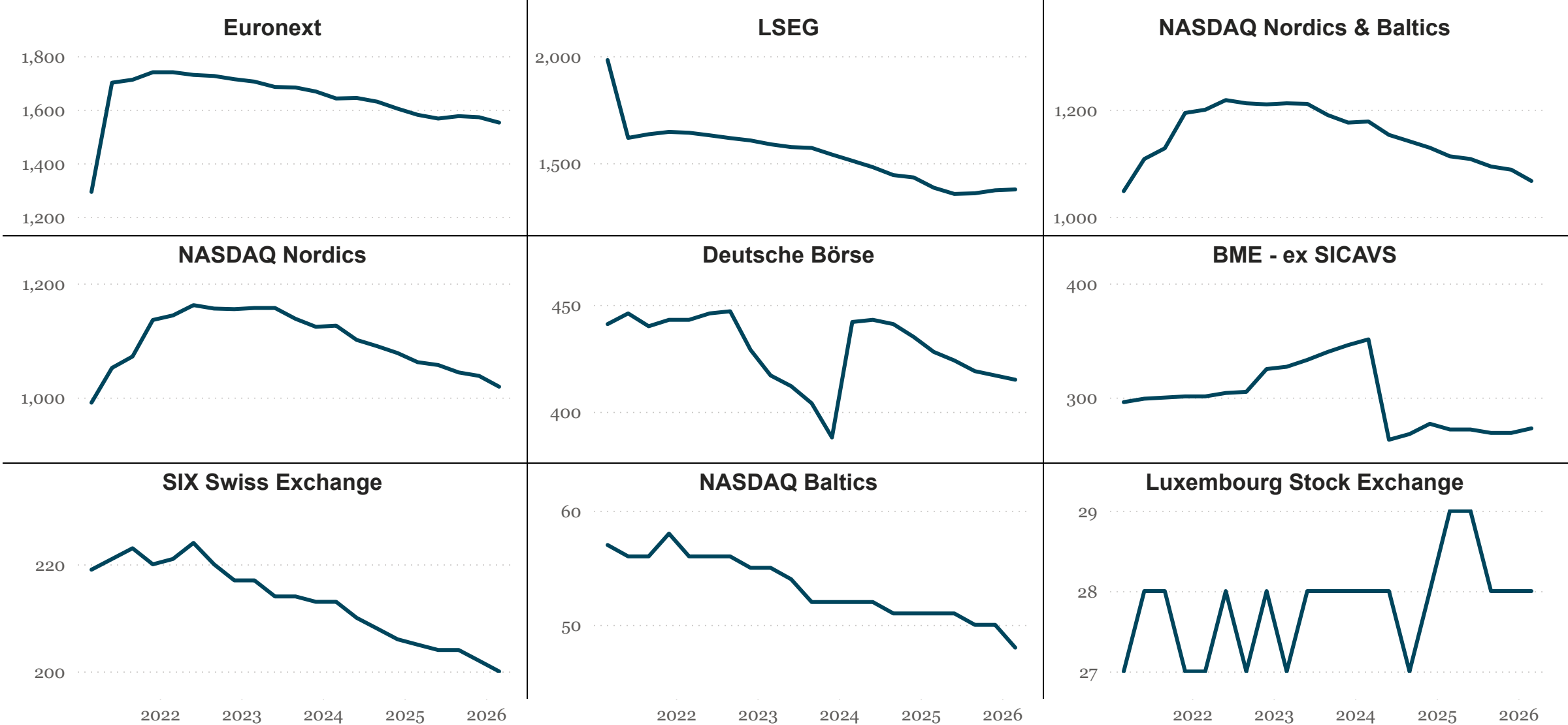


* EU, UK, Swiss exchanges

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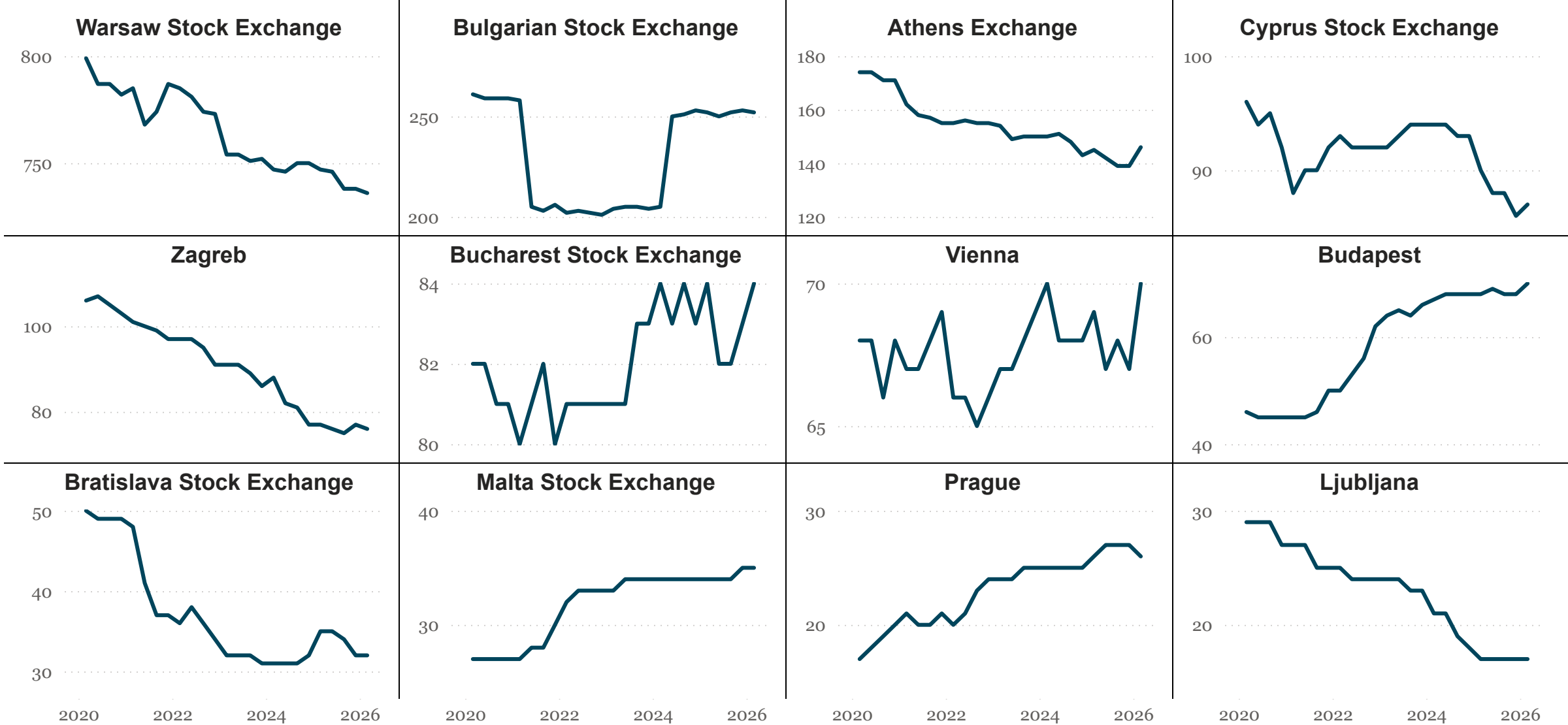
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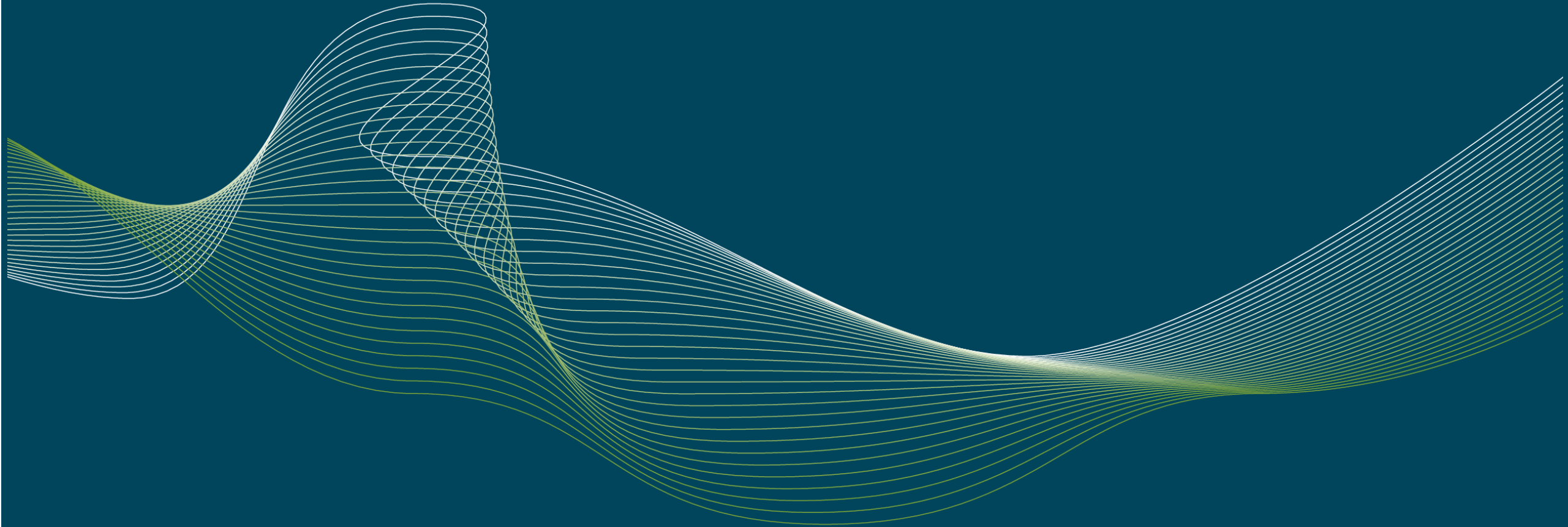
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Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A)

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European completed M&A totalled €242bn in deal value in Q1 2026, a 21.6% increase from the amount reported in Q1 2025 (€199bn).

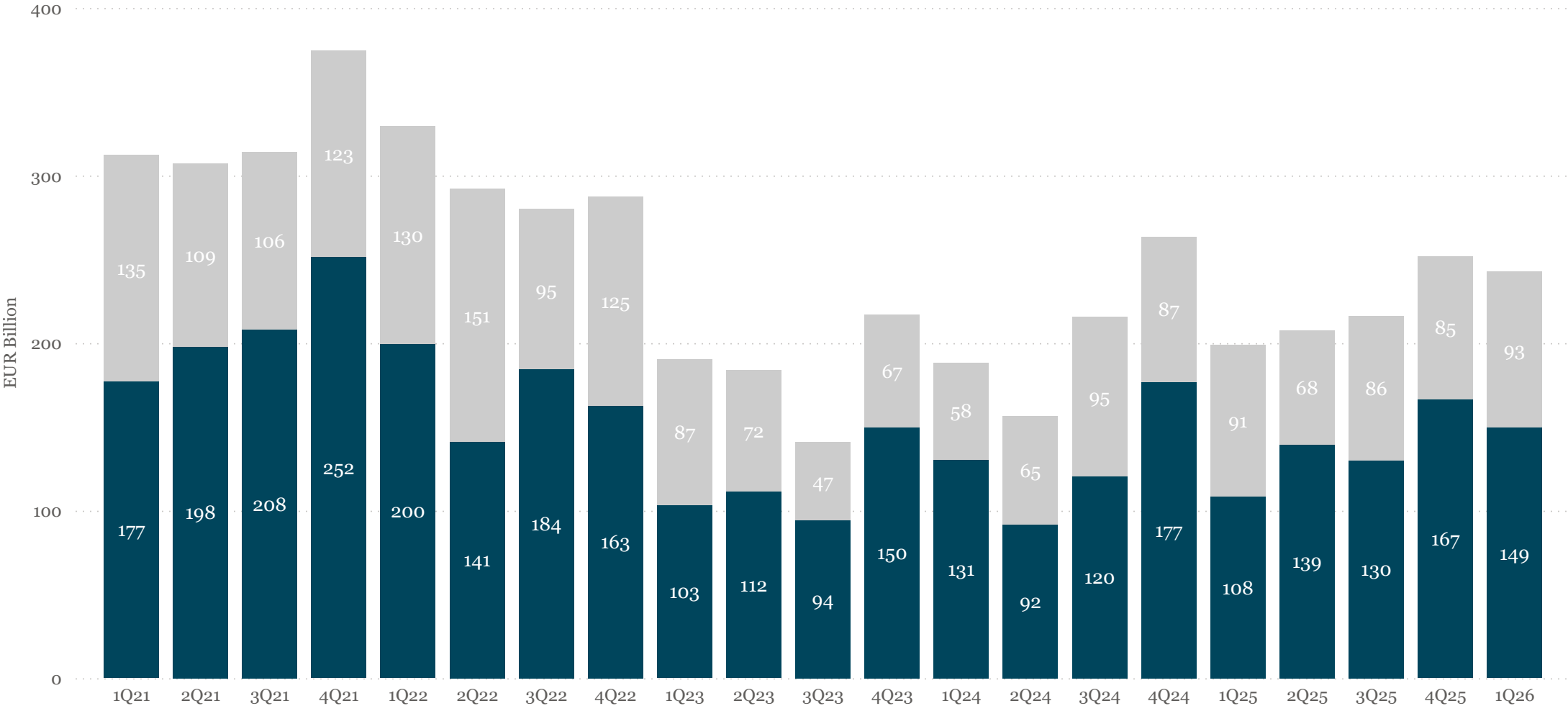
PE-backed sponsor deals accumulated €93bn in Q1 2026 (38.4% of the total), a 2.2% increase compared to the €91bn issued in Q1 2025 (45.7% of the total).

Announced M&A deals totalled €350bn in Q1 2026, a 36% increase from €257bn accumulated in Q1 2025.

afme / M&A by Deal Type

Completed M&A by Type of Deal

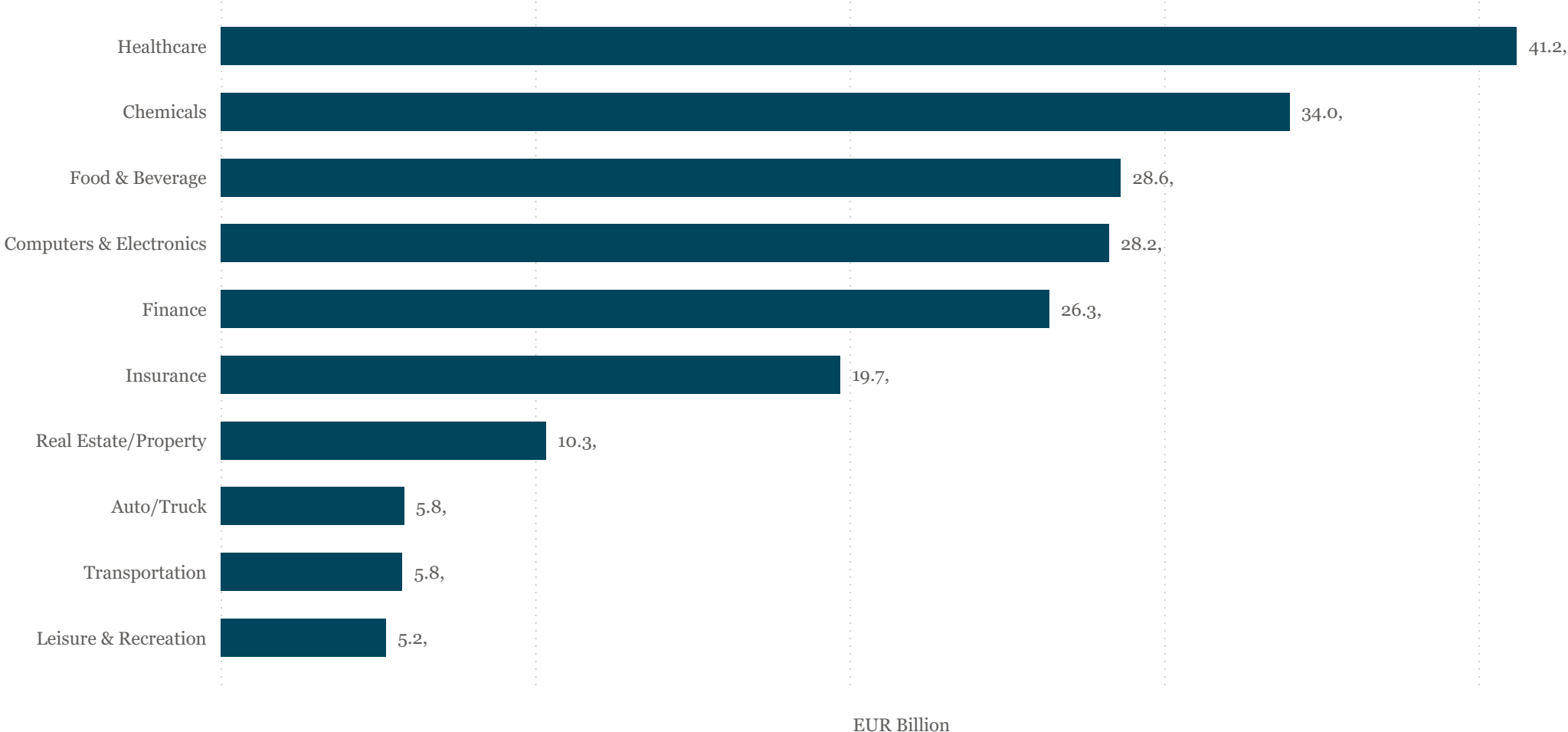
● Sponsor ● Strategic



Source: Dealogic

afme / Completed M&A by Industry

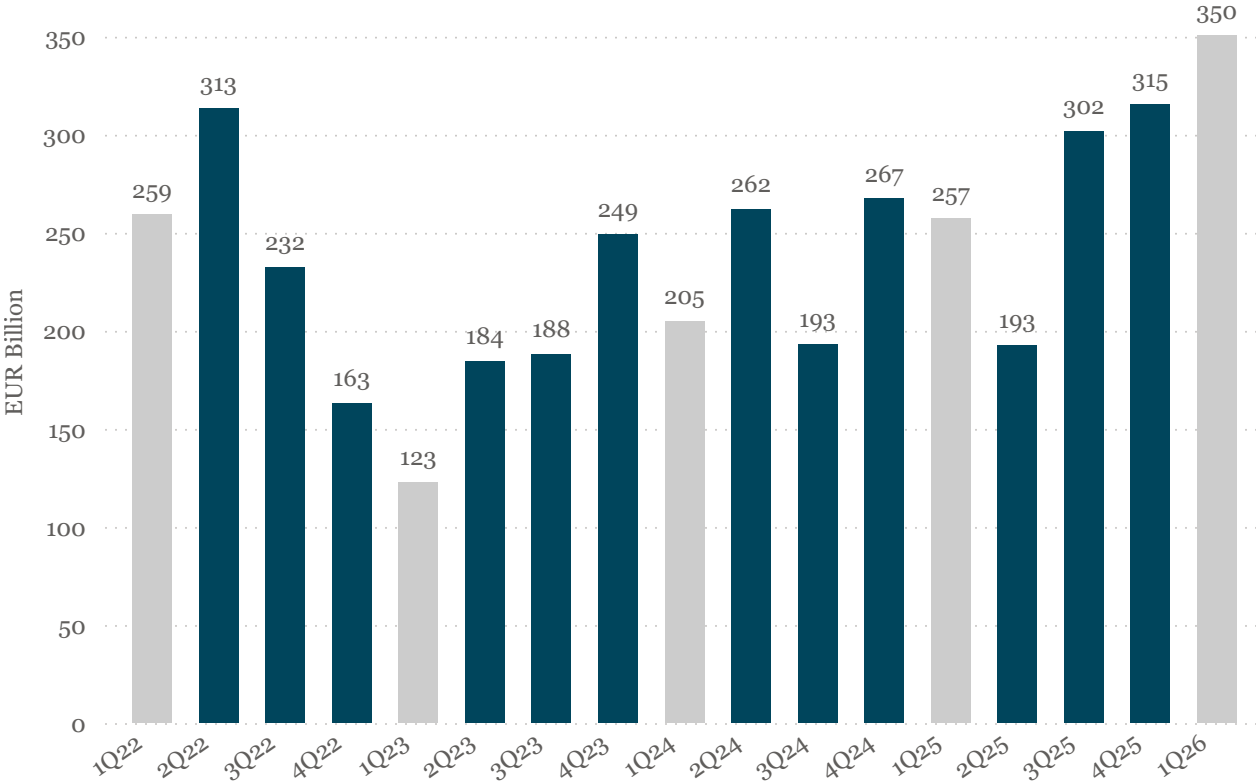
Top 10 Industries for Completed M&A (2026 YTD)



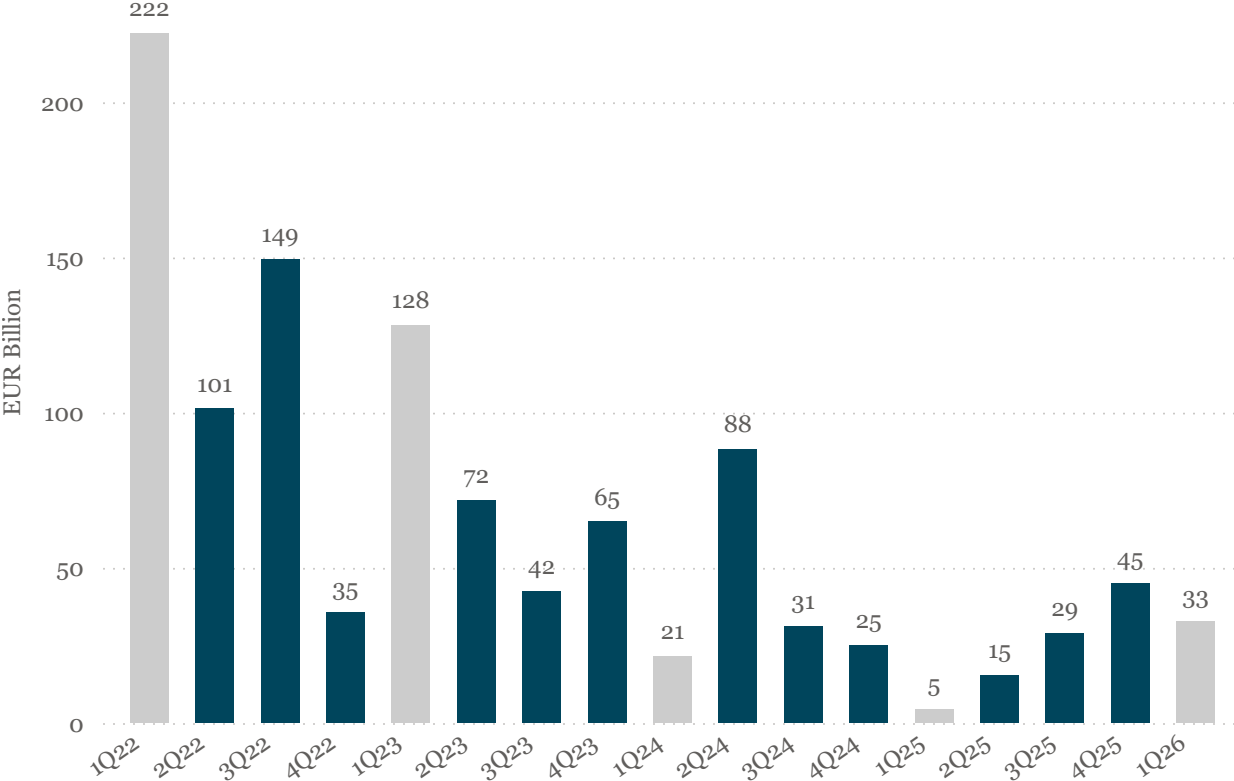
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Announced M&A



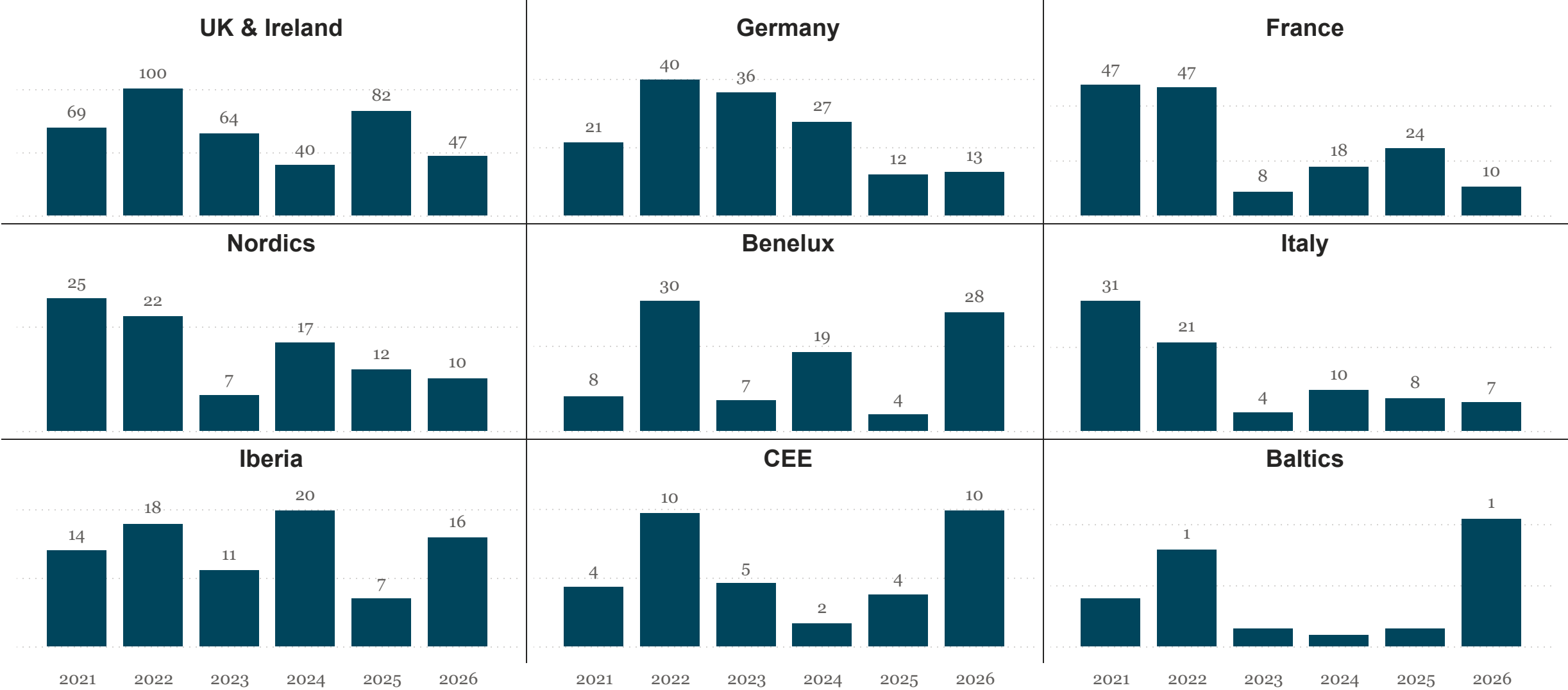
Withdrawn M&A



Source: Dealogic

afme / M&A Regional Growth

Regional M&A Trends: Completed Deal Value (2026 YTD, EUR bn)



Source: Dealogic

Secondary Markets

afme / Secondary Markets

In Q1 2026, turnover value of equity products traded in Europe increased 19.8% YoY. This includes addressable trading on all venues, systematic internalisers and OTC.

Turnover ratio, calculated as annualised turnover value relative to market capitalisation, increased significantly to 142.67% in Q1 2026. This represents a 9.48% YoY increase since Q1 2025.

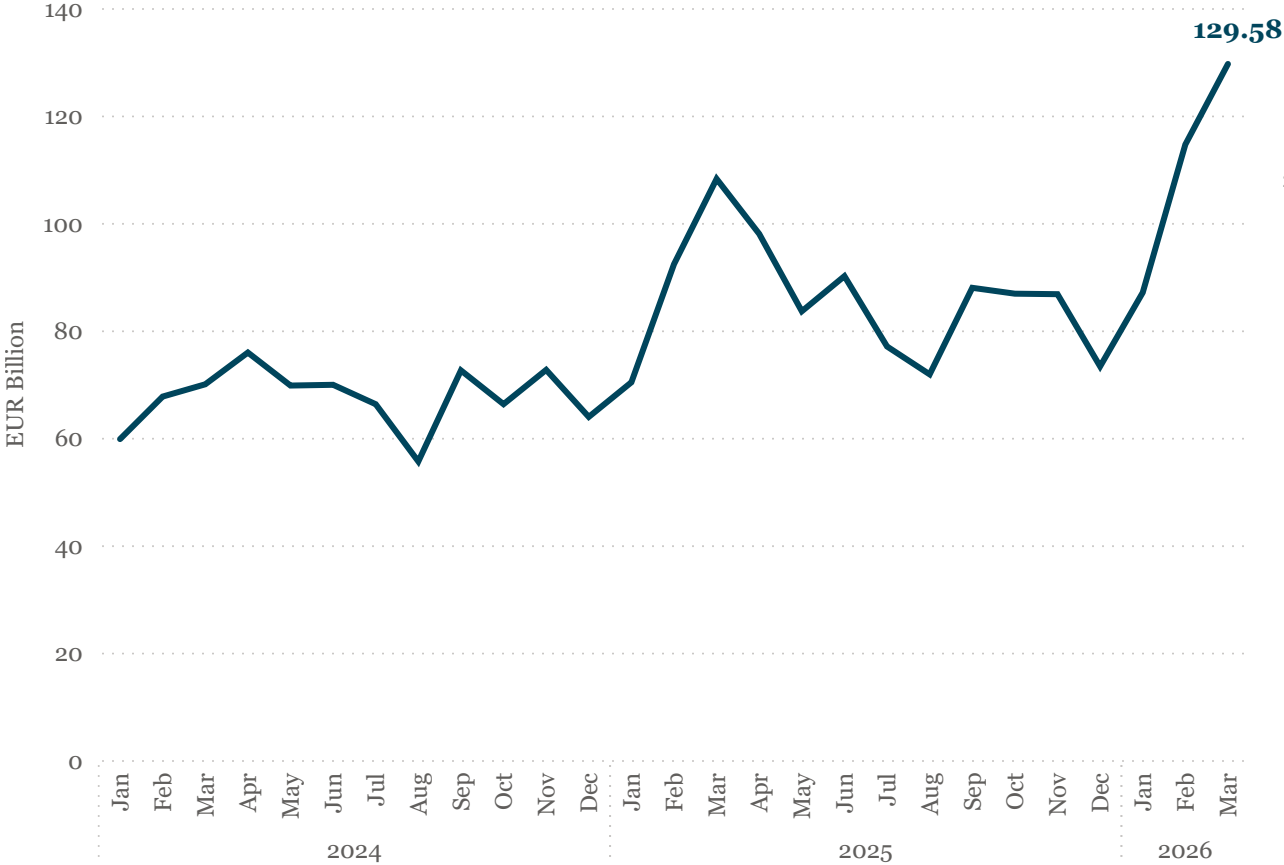
Bid-ask spreads for selected European equity indices, including CAC40 and DAX40 constituent companies, reached 4.14bps and 5.72bps in Q1 2026. Notably, the FTSE100 bid-ask spreads peaked at 6.67bps in March slightly higher than the peak of 6.38bps reached in April 2025, primarily driven by market reactions to the introduction of tariffs announced by the U.S. Government.

The market capitalisation of European listed shares (EU, UK and Switzerland) experienced a minor increase standing at €19.7tn by the end of Q1 2026, representing an 11.93% increase YoY from Q1 2025.

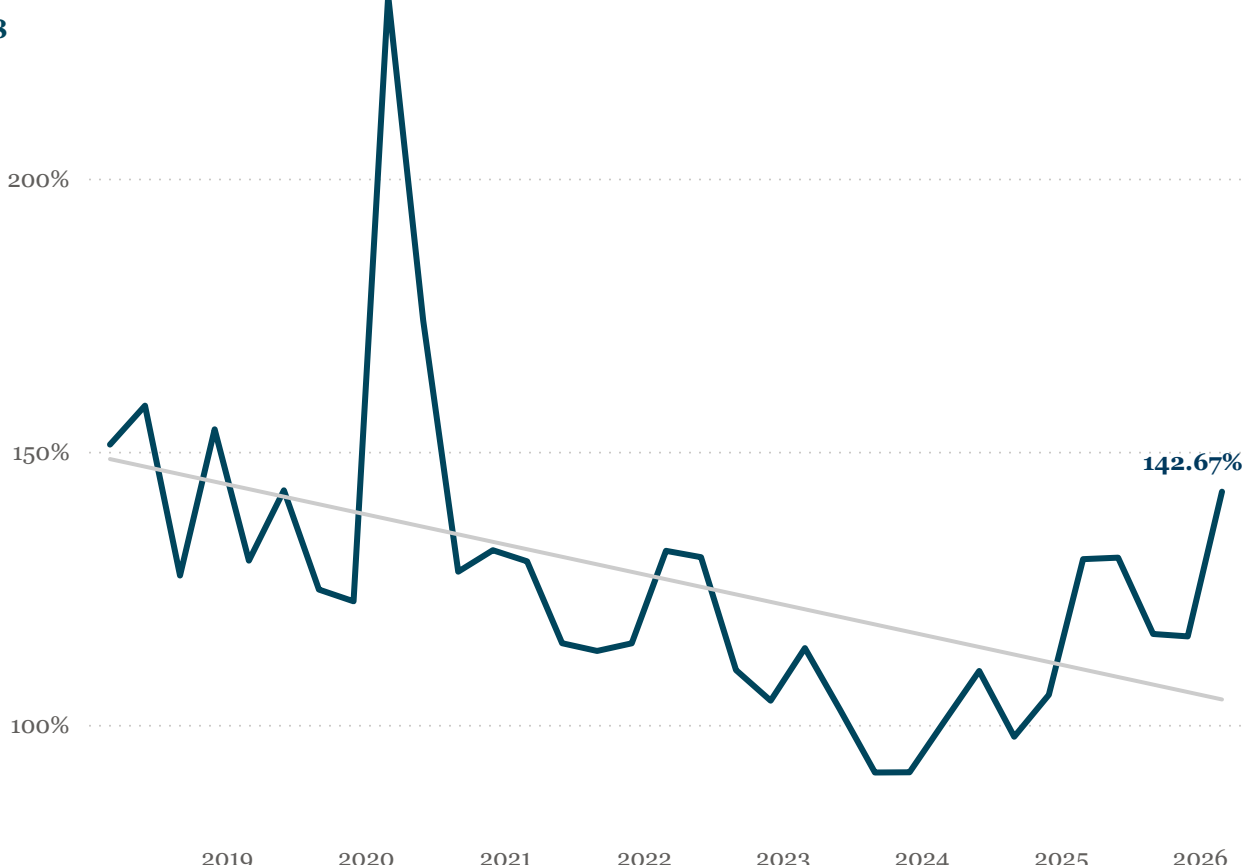
Following methodology adjustments introduced by the data provider in Q2 2025 to the calculation of addressable liquidity, figures related to average daily turnover value and turnover ratio have been revised in this edition.

afme / European Turnover Ratio

Average Daily Equity Turnover Value on European Exchanges and MTFs



Turnover Ratio (annualised turnover value/ market cap)

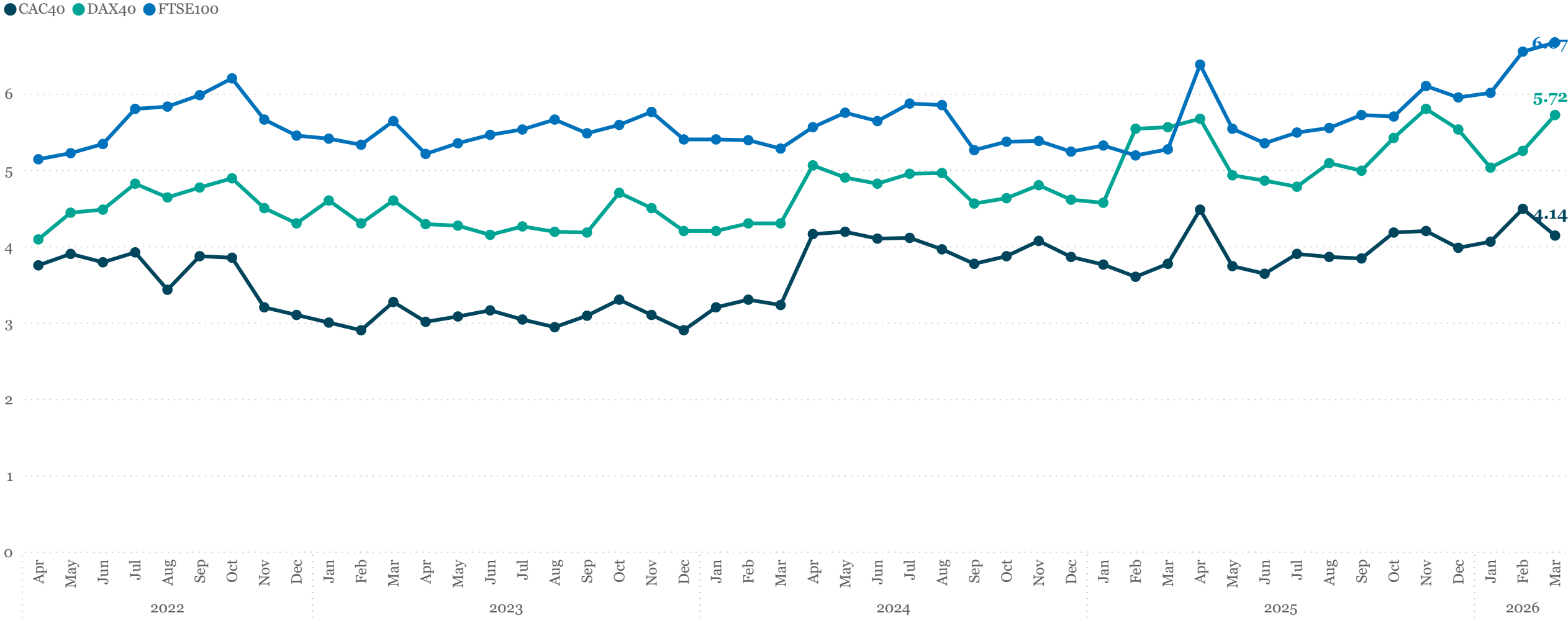


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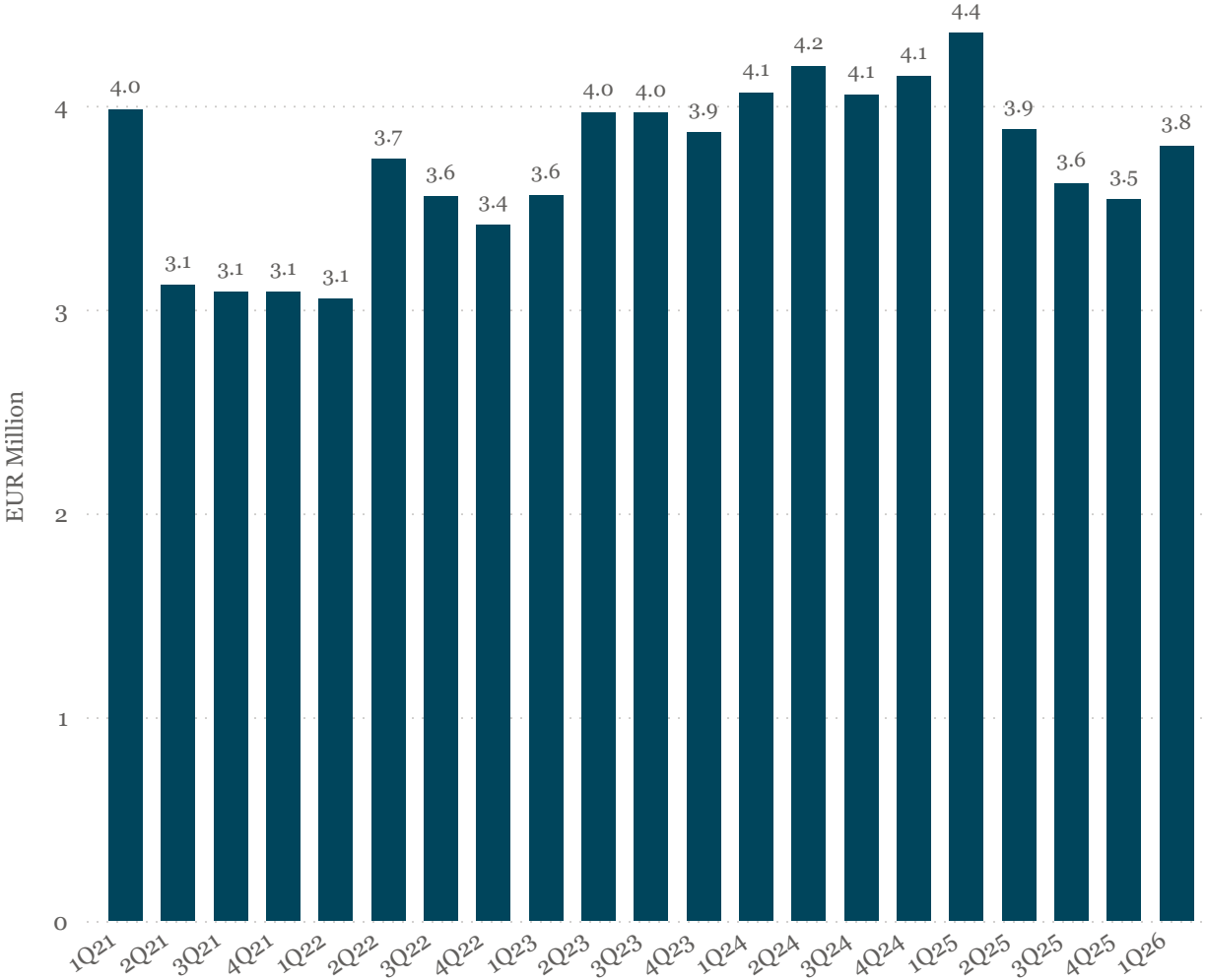
afme / Bid-Ask Spread for Selected European Indices

Market Spreads in Basis Point for Selected Equity Indices (primary venue, value weighted average spread, €5K)

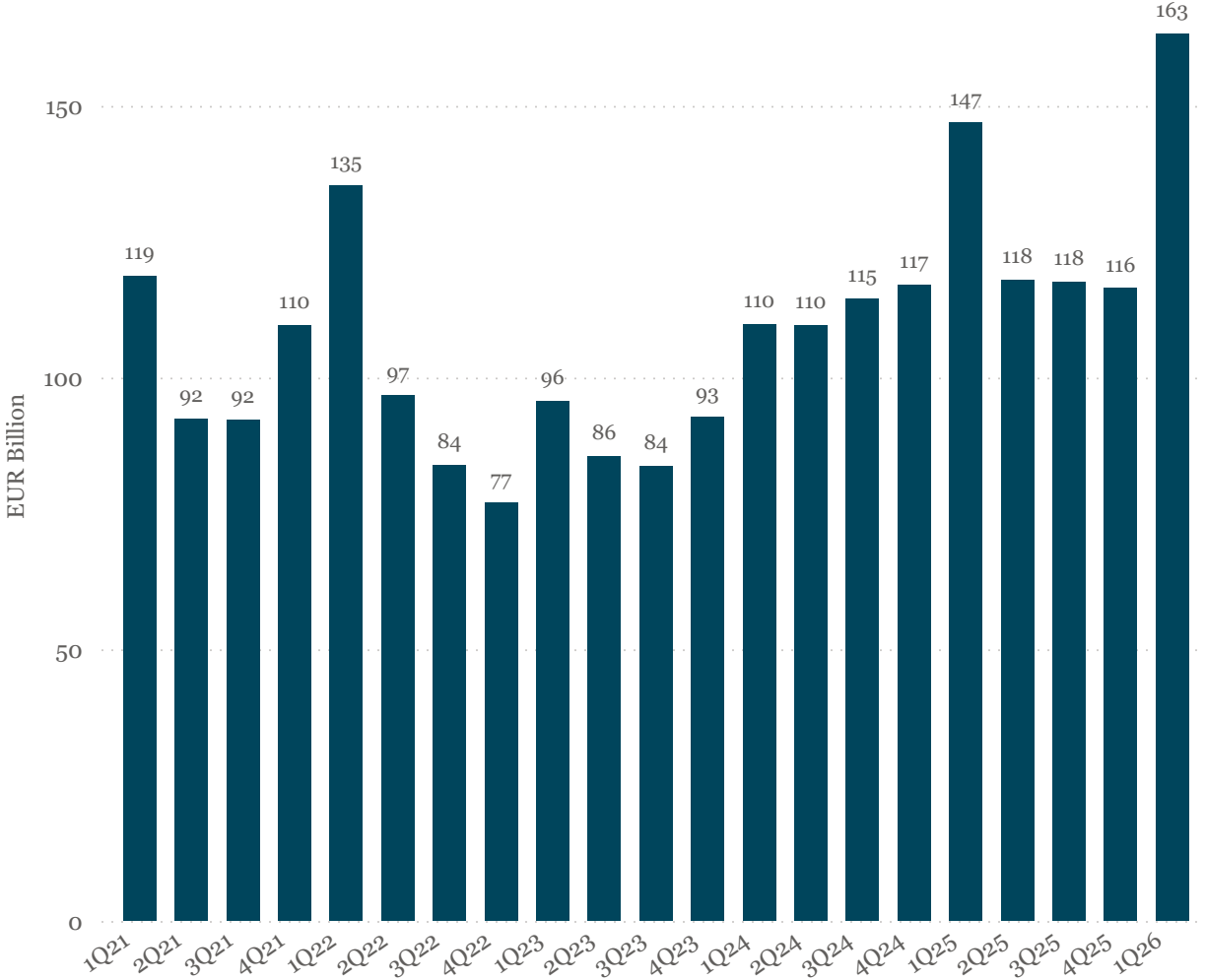


Source: xyt

Block Trades: Average Value per Trade



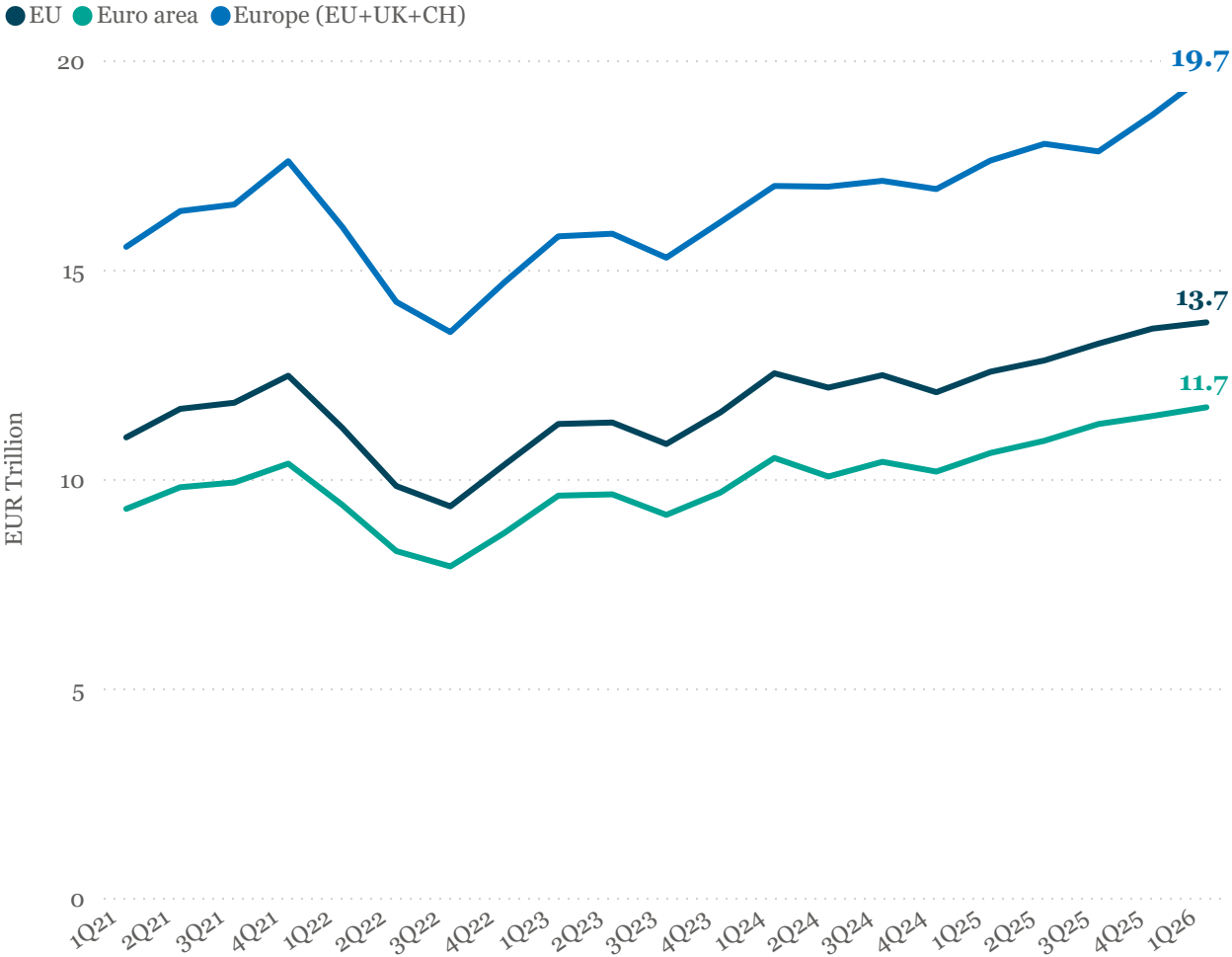
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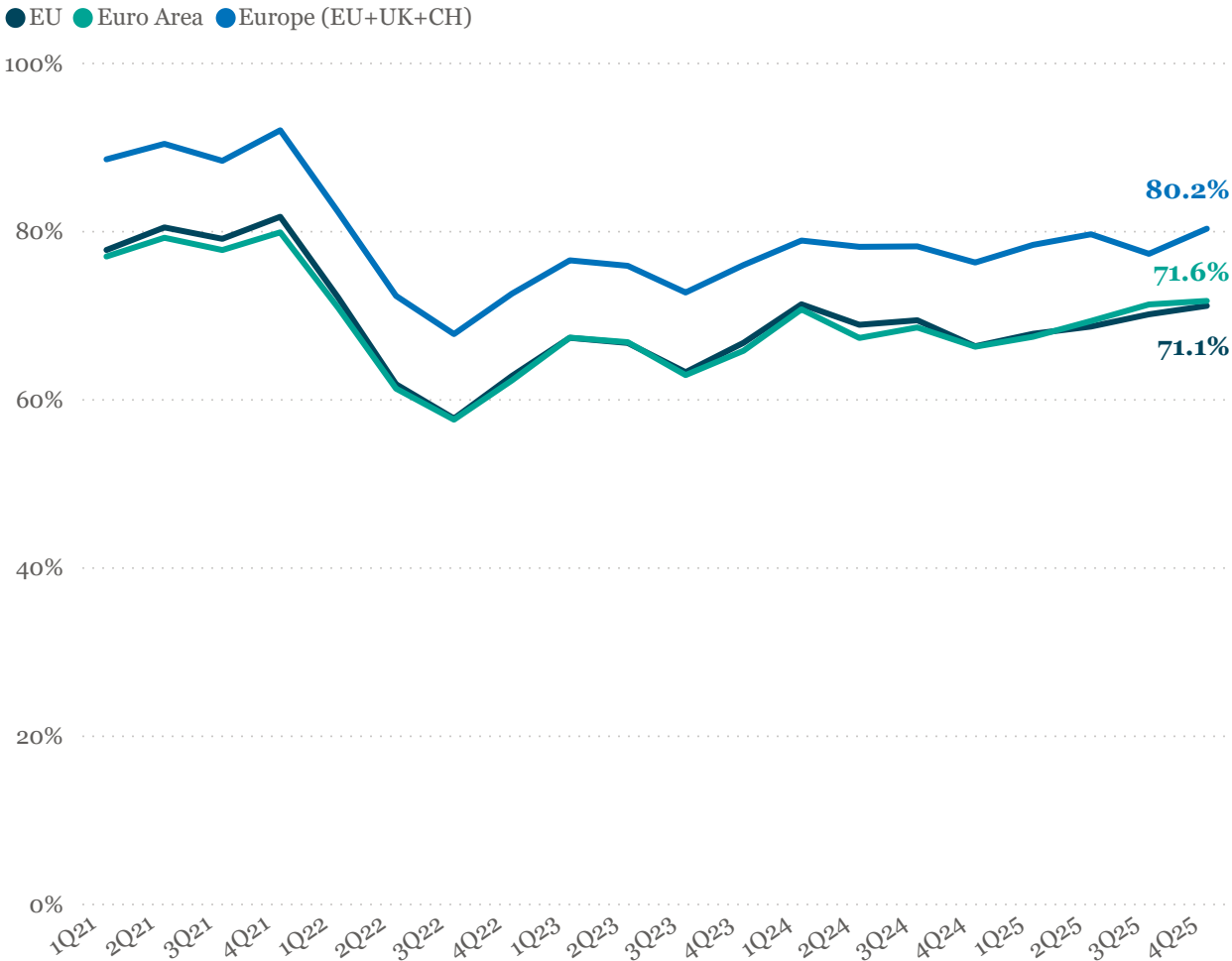
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afme / Market Capitalisation of Domestic Listed Shares

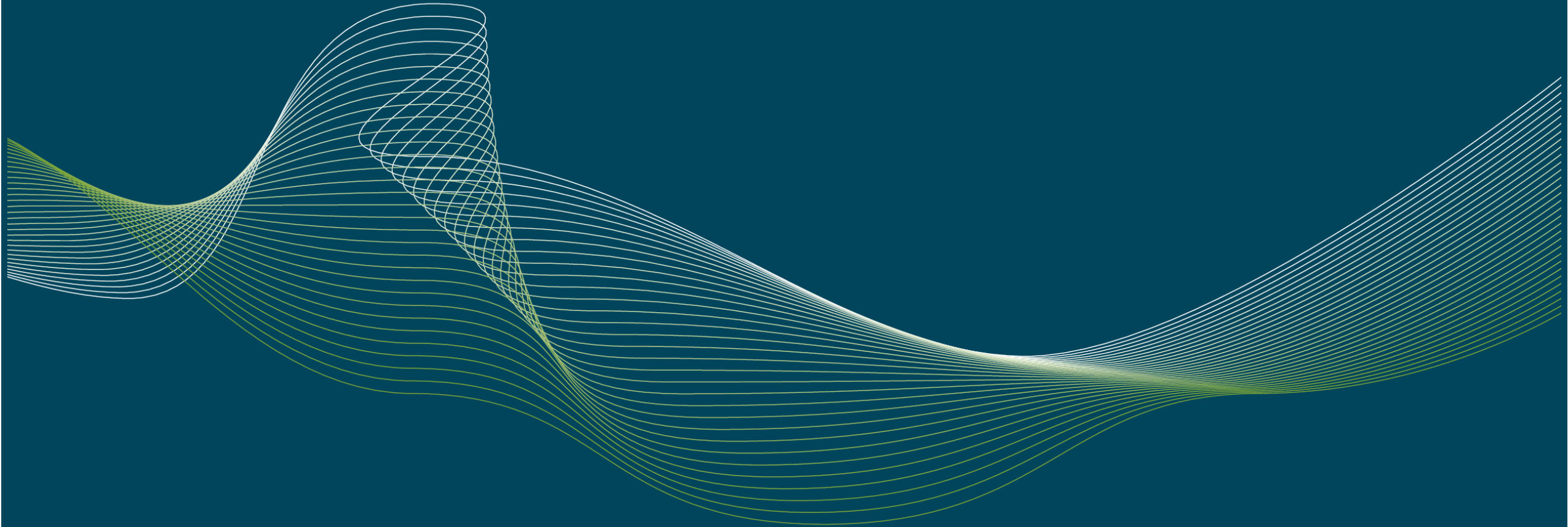
Market Capitalisation (EUR tn)



Market Capitalisation as % GDP



Source: FESE, WFE, ECB, Eurostat and national exchanges



Equity Trading Market Structure

afme / Equity Trading Market Structure

According to xyt data, on-venue trading represented 64% of the total addressable liquidity in Q1 2026. Volume traded off-venues on systematic internalisers and pure OTC represented the remaining 36% of the total addressable liquidity.

Transition from DVC to SVC

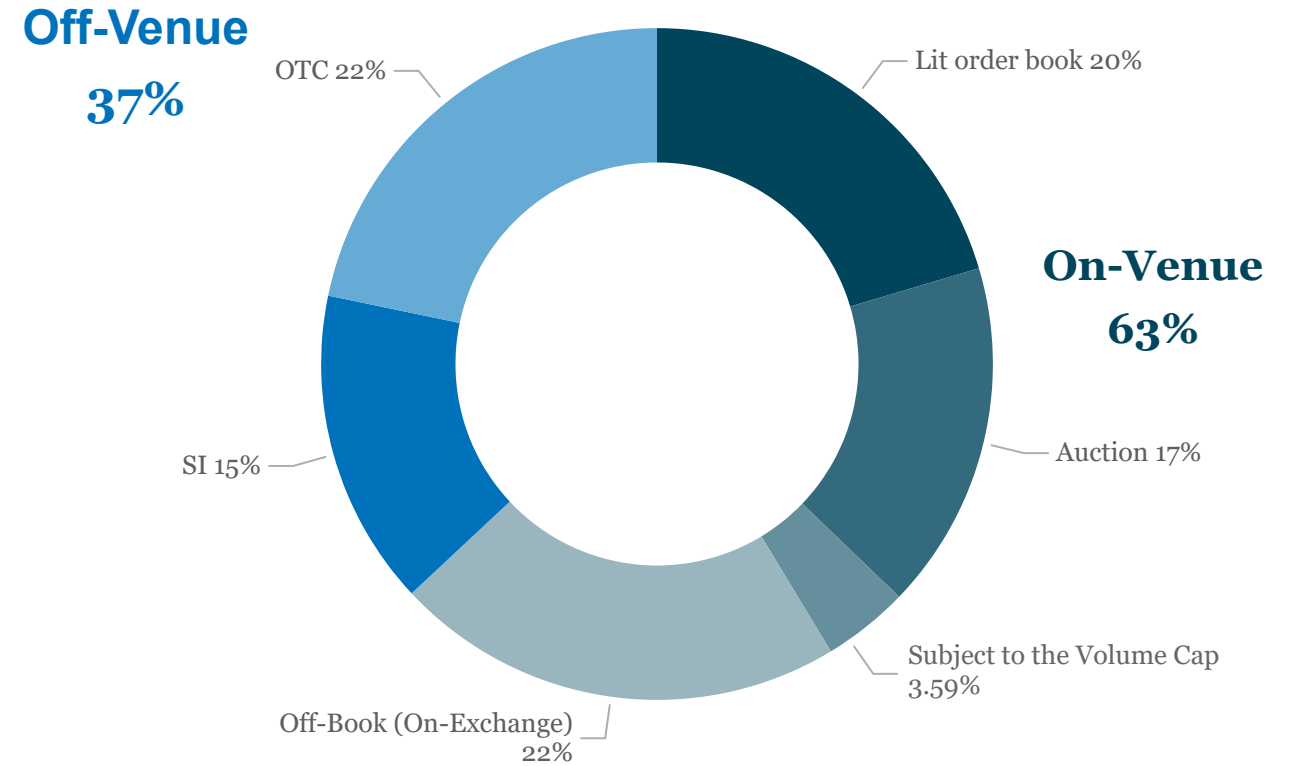
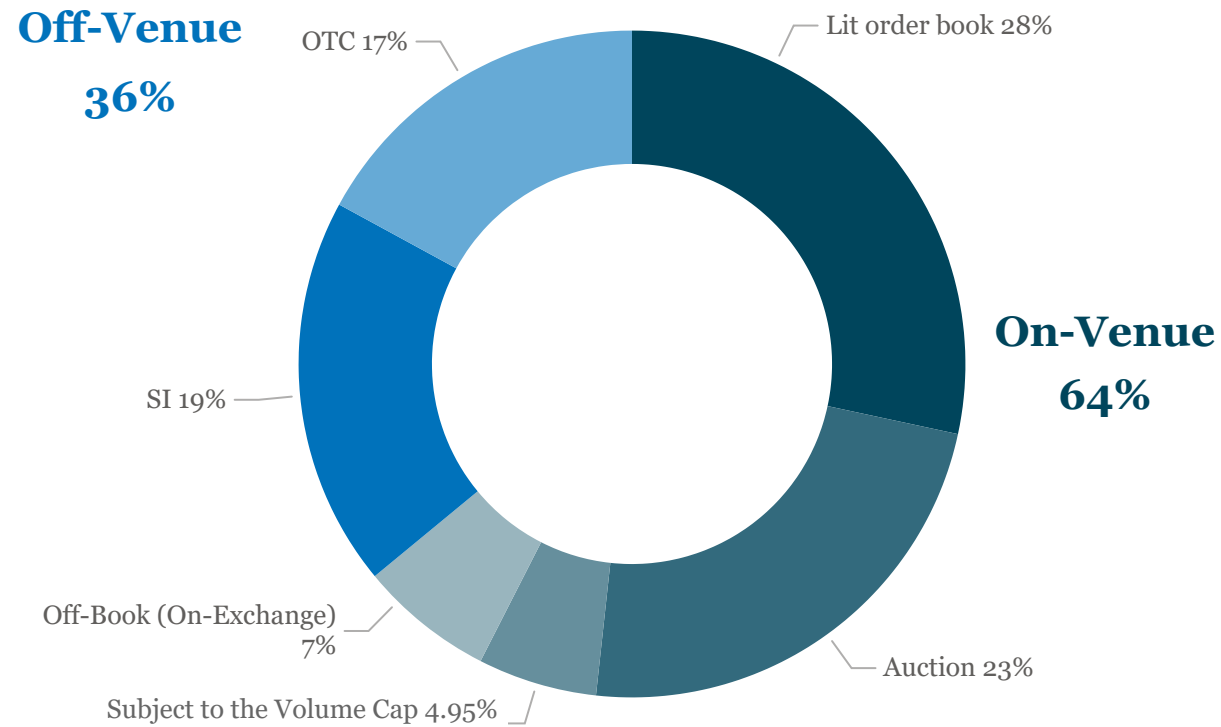
On 14 October 2025, the European market transitioned from the DVC regime to the newly implemented single volume cap (SVC), marking a significant shift in the regulation of trading waived from pre-trade transparency. While the DVC applied separate thresholds at both the EU and trading venue levels, the SVC consolidates these into a single, harmonised cap at the EU level.

Under the SVC, the number of instruments suspended at the EU level increased from 217 in December 2025 to 228 at the end of March 2026.

afme / Share of Pan-European Trading Value by Trading Mechanism

Adjusted for transactions not contributing to price formation

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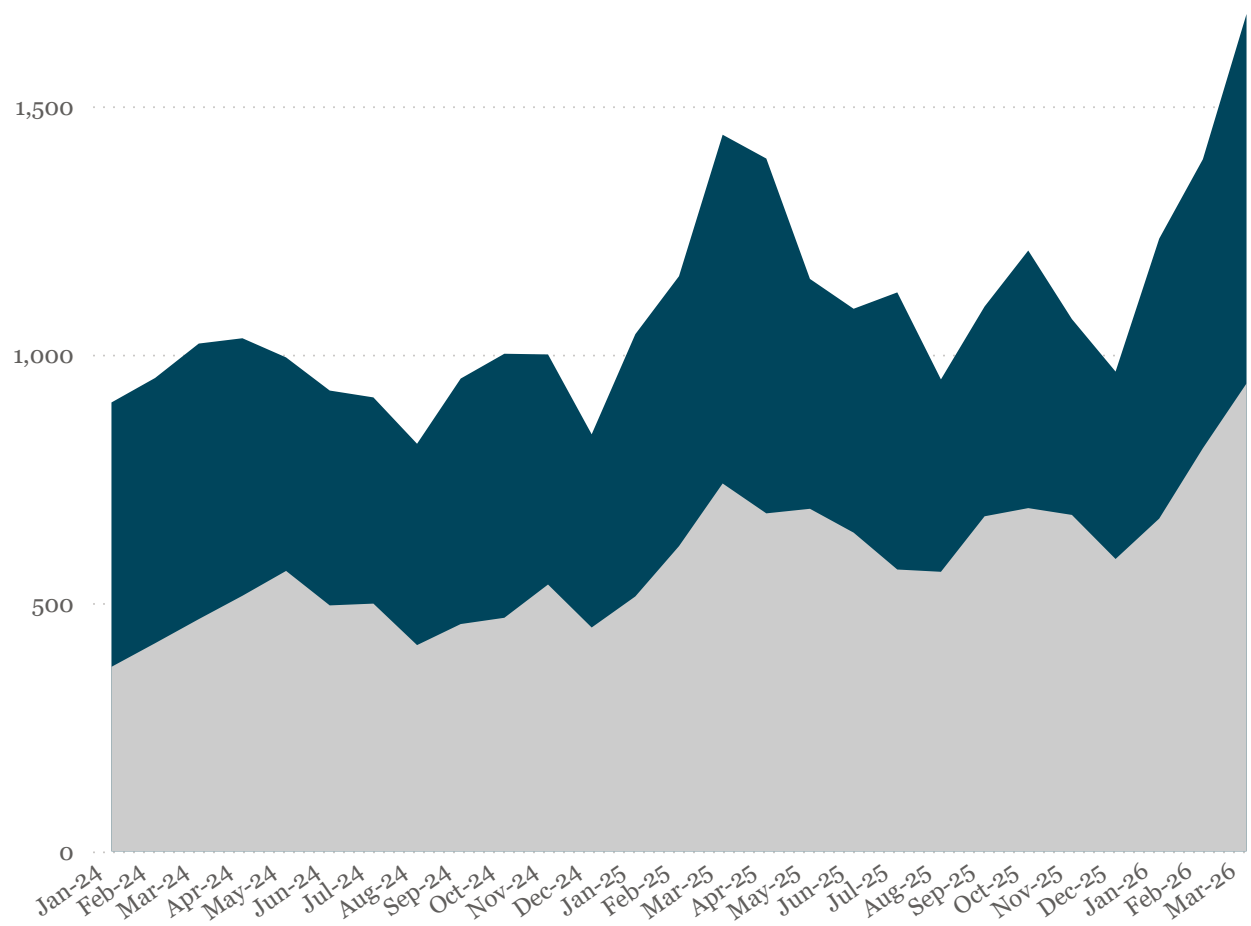
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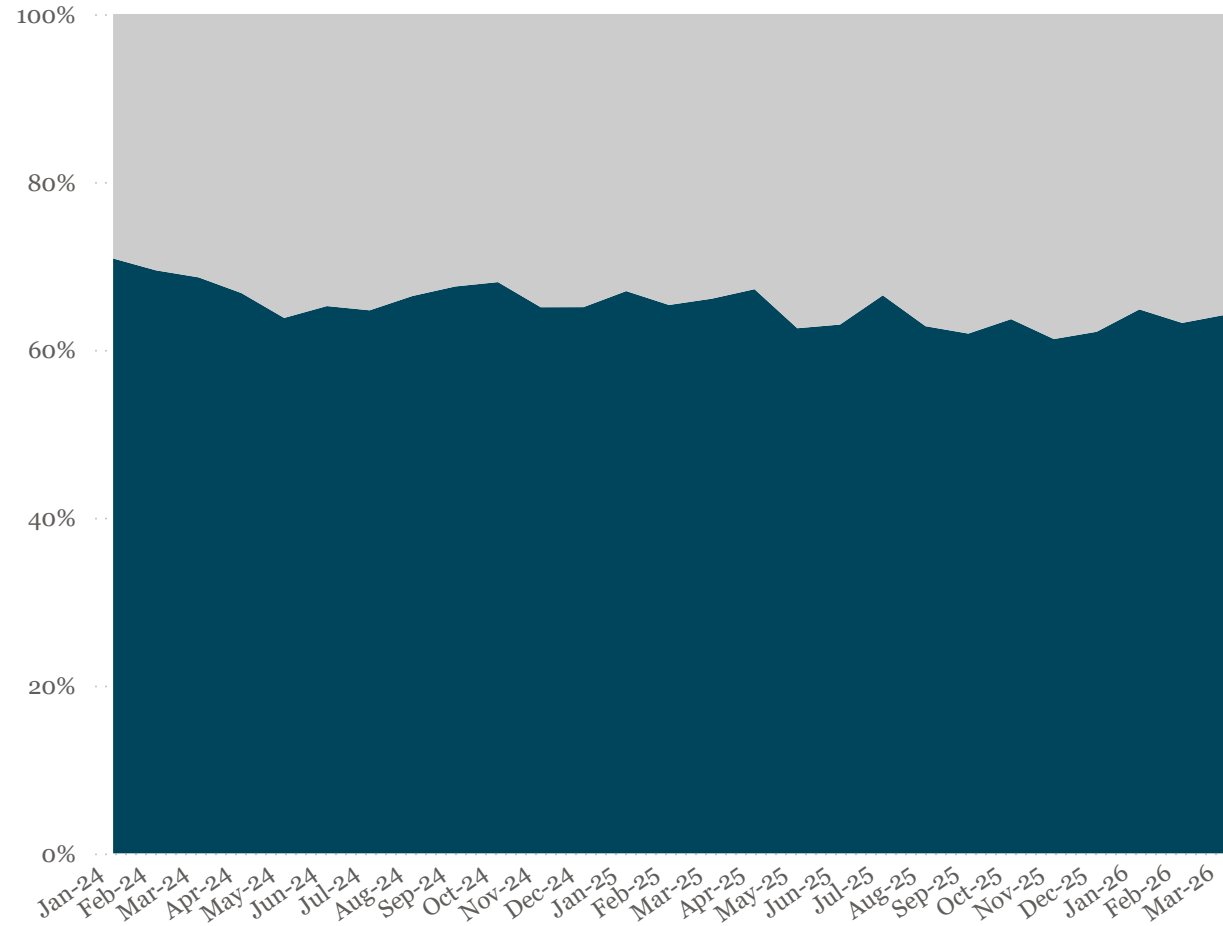
EUR bn per month

● On-venue ● Off-venue



% per month

● On-venue ● Off-venue

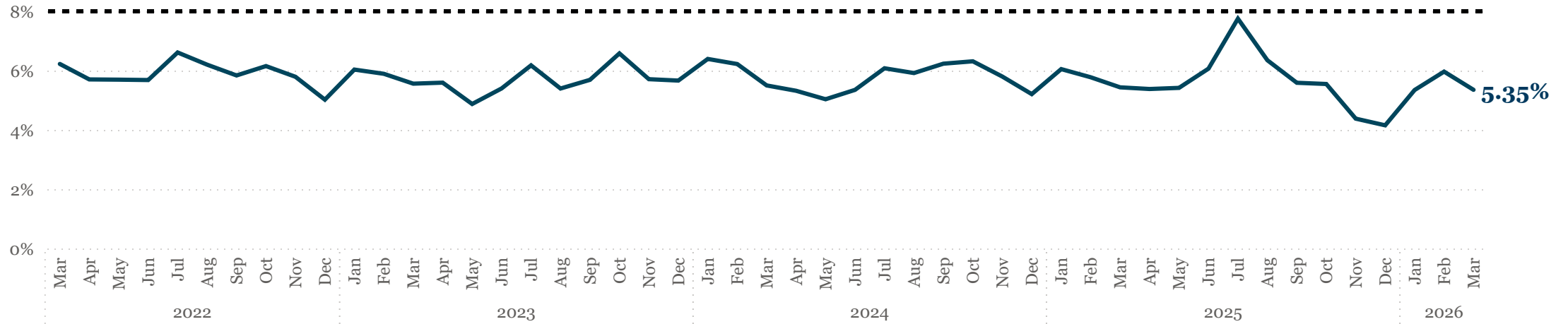


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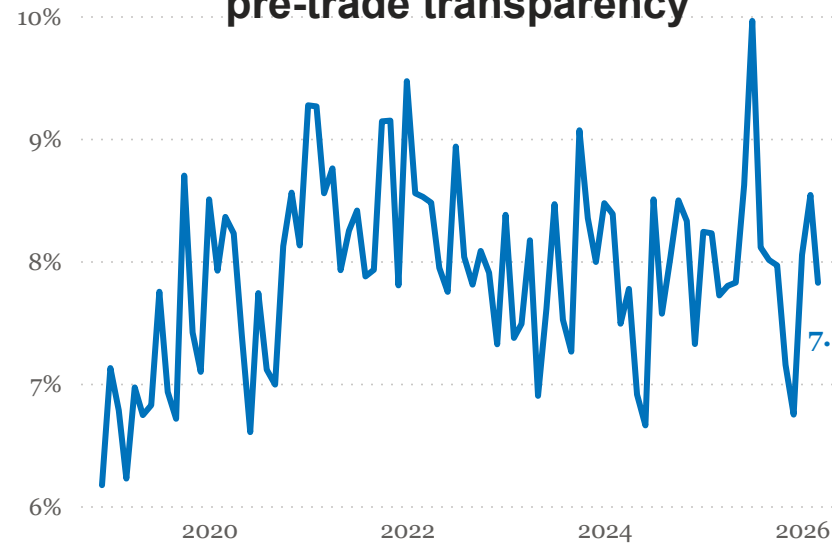
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afme / Proportion of trading subject to the SVC at 5.35%

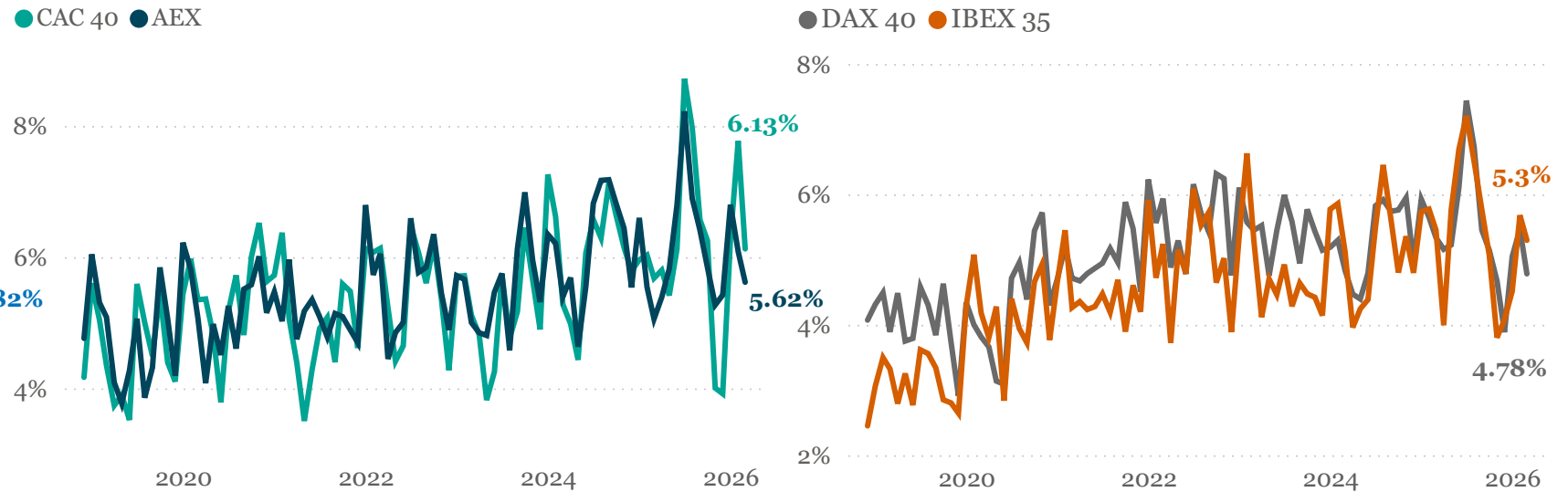
Trading subject to the SVC as % of total turnover



● FTSE 100 % of trading waived from pre-trade transparency



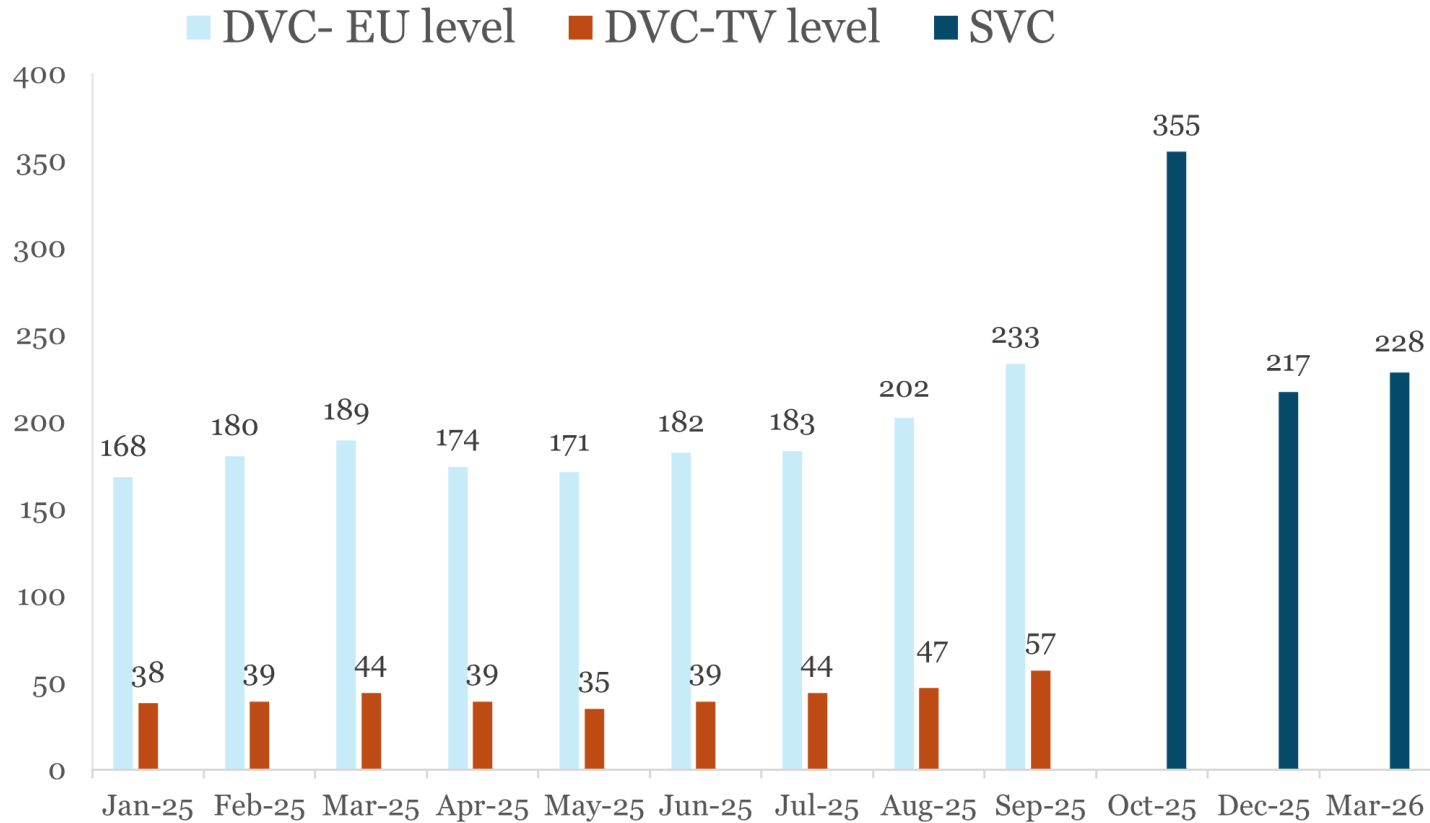
% of trading subject to the Volume Cap by indices



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afme/ Transition from DVC to SVC

Number of Suspended Instruments Under DVC and SVC



Transition to SVC

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afme / Single Volume Cap (SVC)

Number of equity-like instruments on
ESMA SVC files by ISIN location:

March 2026

Country	ISIN	Suspended	EU level
AT			3
BE			9
CY			1
DE			15
DK			17
ES			3
FI			13
FR			38
IE			5
IS			2
IT			8
LI			1
LU			2
NL			10
SE			83
Total EU			210
GB			3
RoW			15
Total			228

Valuations

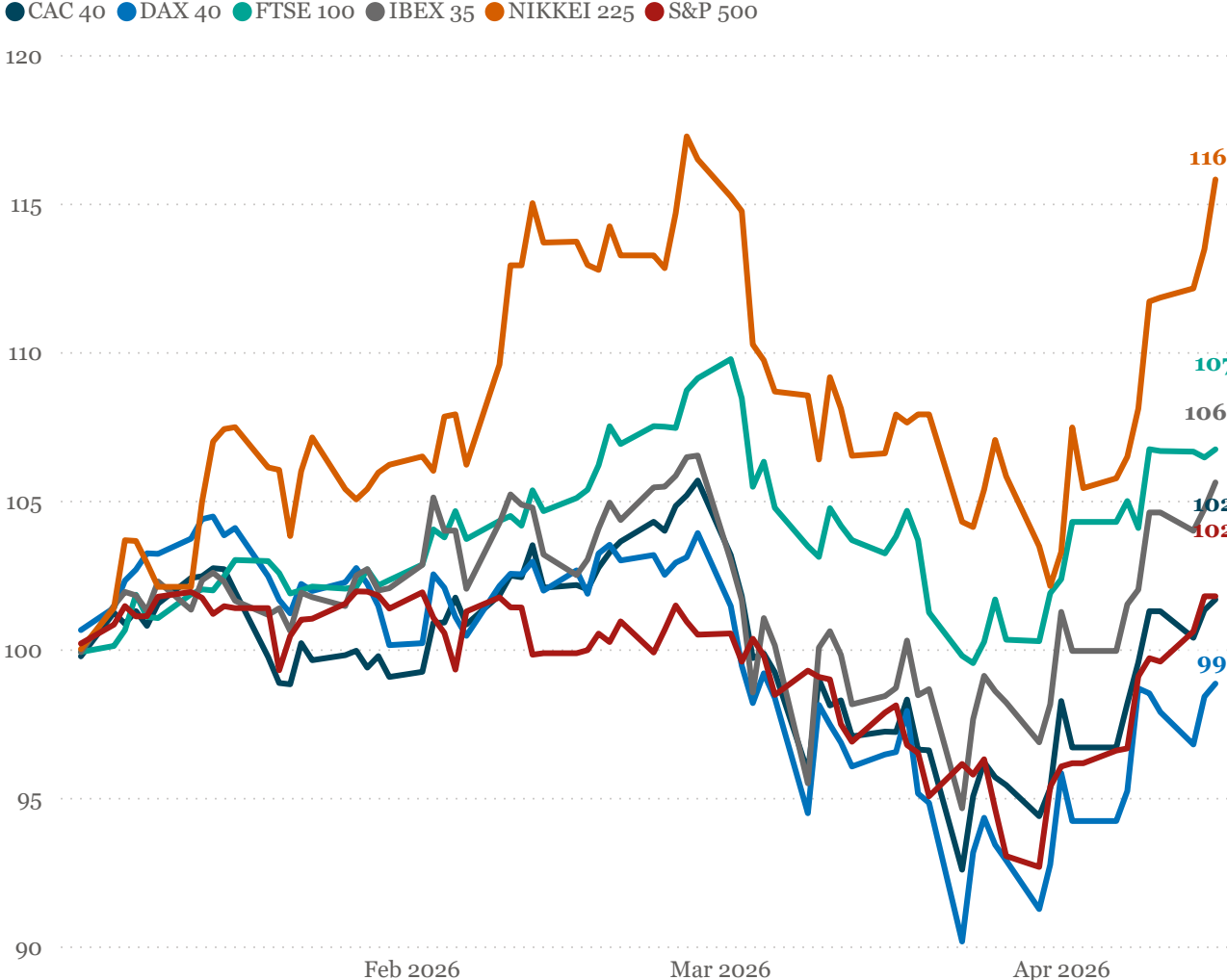
afme / Market Valuations

European equity indices continued to advance into Q1 2026, further extending the recovery that began after the April decline triggered by the U.S. tariffs introduction. The IBEX35 remained the top performer, up 59% YTD, as of mid-April, while the DAX40 advanced by 21%. The FTSE100 posted a solid 31% gain, outpacing the French CAC40, which rose by 14%. Outside Europe, the S&P500 climbed 18%, and Japanese equities (Nikkei 225) gained about 45%.

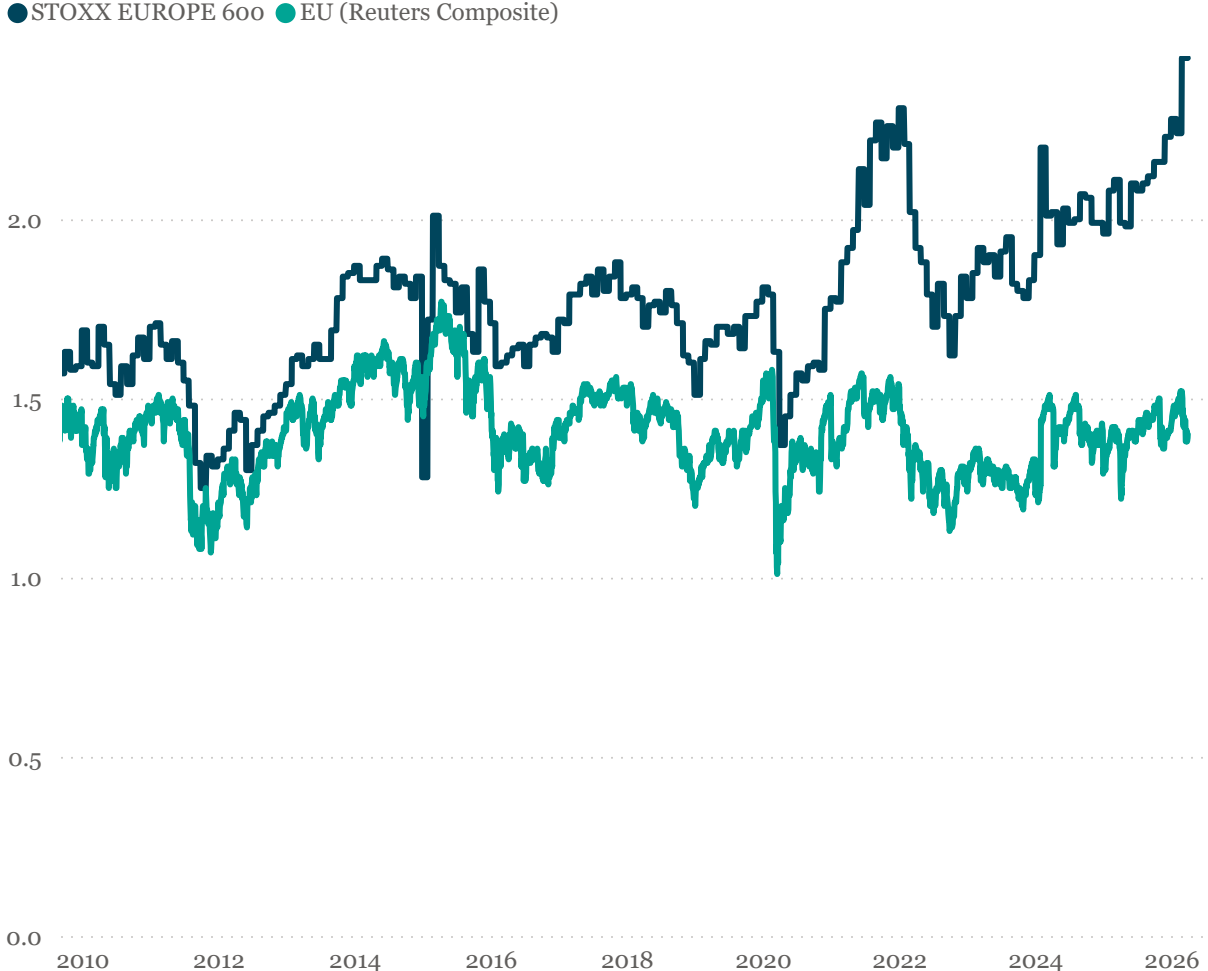
European stock prices volatility, as measured by VSTOXX, increased considerably during Q1 2026. After closing Q4 2025 at 14.7bps, the index increased to 30.7bps as of 2026.

afme / Price Indices and Valuation Multiples

Price Performance of Selected Stock Indices (31 Dec 2025 = 100)



Price-to-book Ratio of Stoxx 600 Constituent Shares and EU Average

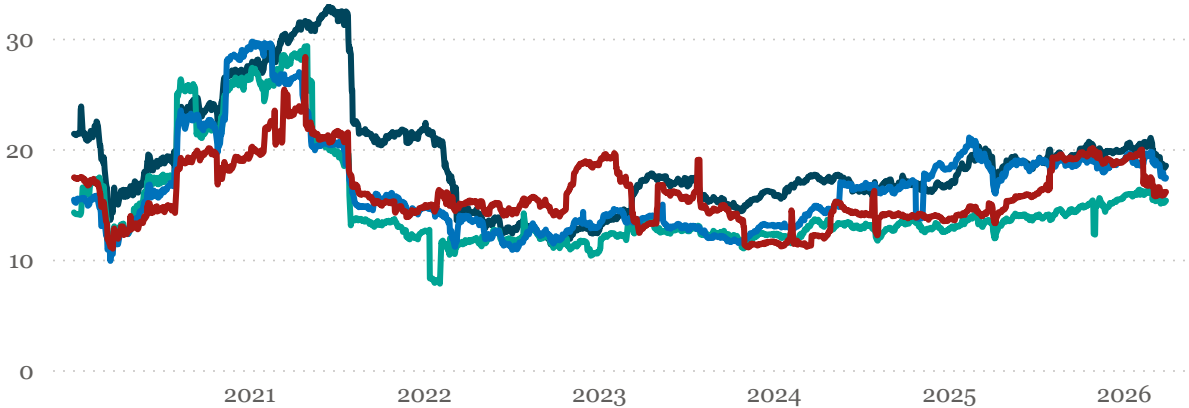


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afme / Valuation Ratios and Implied Volatility

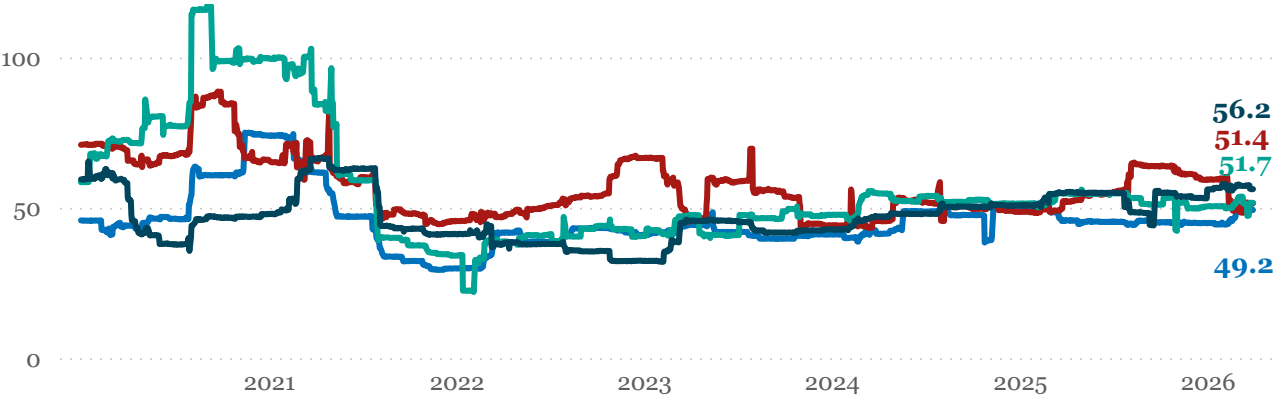
Price-to-earnings (PE) ratio

● CAC 40 ● IBEX 35 ● DAX 40 ● FTSE 350



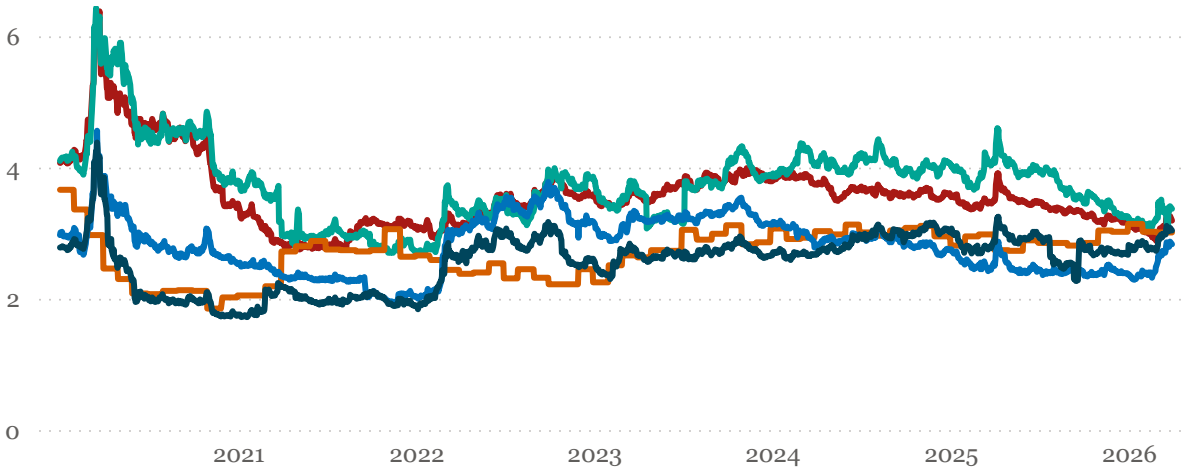
Dividend payout ratio (Dividends/Earnings per share)

● DAX 40 ● FTSE 350 ● IBEX 35 ● CAC 40

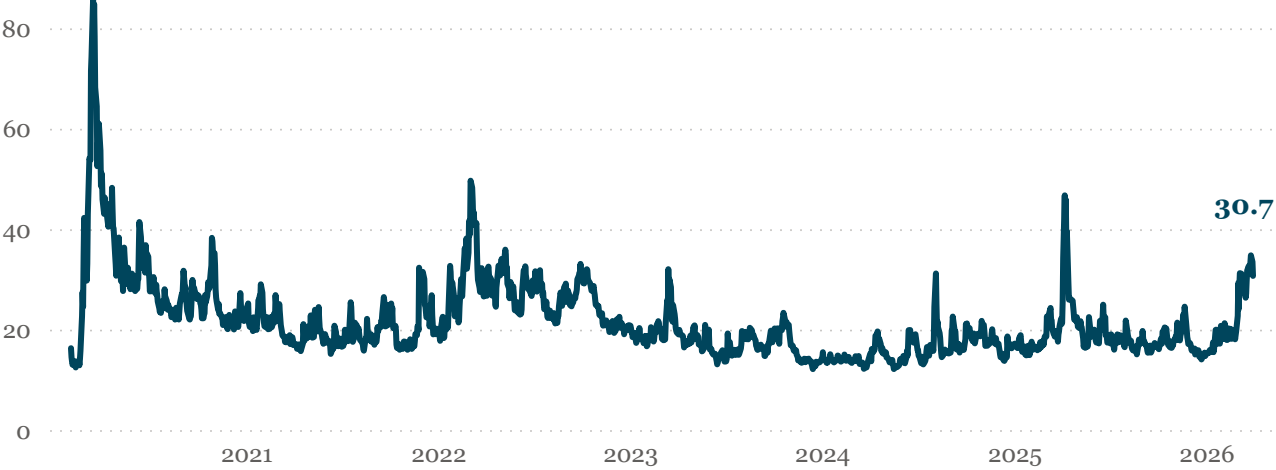


Dividend yield ratio (Dividend/Price)

● FTSE 350 ● IBEX 35 ● STOXX EUROPE 600 ● DAX 40 ● CAC 40



Implied volatility of Euro Stoxx 50 constituent shares (VSTOXX)



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