

Security and transparency are the hallmarks of NYSE Euronext's debt trading platform

NYSE Euronext's debt market is rapidly expanding. In the US, the all-electronic NYSE Bonds trading platform operates the largest centralized bond market of any US exchange, offering price transparency for a broad range of bonds. Across the Atlantic, NYSE Euronext is home to a well-diversified and robust European debt market, comprising bonds, medium term notes and money market instruments.

## Europe

By trading debt instruments on NYSE Euronext, traders are participating in one of the most transparent and efficient secondary markets in the world. Its dedicated debt market has over 4,000 securities listed and available for trading.

NYSE Euronext has adopted the Classification of Financial Instruments (CFI Code), an international ISO standard, to provide investors with comprehensive information on all instruments listed and traded on the exchange. The NYSE Euronext offering comprises:

- Money Market Instruments,
- Medium Term Notes,
- Bonds, including fixed rates, floating rates and zero coupon,
- Bonds with warrants attached,
- Asset-backed securities,
- Index-linked bonds,
- Covered bonds,
- Convertible bonds.

### A streamlined and efficient trading facility

NYSE Euronext offers a streamlined and efficient secondary trading facility. In December 2008, the debt markets segment was the first to successfully migrate to the new common trading platform, the Universal Trading Platform. This system facilitates fair and transparent price formation and provides investors with ultra low latency order execution and centralized liquidity. The platform is able to process a full range of order types and sizes within a single order book. This single order book, implemented in January 2009, has further enhanced liquidity by eliminating fragmentation and concentrating orders and trades on the same trading line using fungible ISIN codes.

### Many benefits of trading on NYSE Euronext

- Trading is possible during the whole day: trading hours from 09.00 to 17.35 CET (Central Order Book opened from 07.15 to 17.40 CET).
- Trading takes place on a price-driven continuous basis or through an auction mechanism. Auctions take place once or twice a day (according to the venue and any issuer requests), in order to improve price discovery for less liquid securities.
- By grouping together securities by their relevant domiciliation, their instrument type (government bonds, agency and municipal bonds, corporate bonds, etc.), their trading mode, trading hours, thresholds and interruptions, each instrument is in the most appropriate group.

### Post-trade services

It is not just the trading facilities, but also NYSE Euronext's post-trade services offer that ensure the quality of the secondary market. Together with its partners LCH.Clearnet and Euroclear, NYSE Euronext provides full Straight Through Processing (STP), from execution to clearing and settlement.

- LCH.Clearnet brings an extensive track record in central counterparty services, including multilateral netting.
- Euroclear offers access to the world's largest settlement system for domestic and international securities, with an extensive presence in Continental Europe.

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## US

In the US, the all-electronic NYSE Bonds trading platform operates the largest centralized bond market of any US exchange, offering price transparency for a broad range of corporate (including convertibles), agency and government bonds. The main volume is in corporate debt, with some 94% in straight or non-convertible bonds, and 6% in convertible debt issues.

### NYSE Bonds

The NYSE Bonds trading platform provides an efficient and transparent way to trade bonds. The platform incorporates the design of the current NYSE Arca all-electronic trading system. This system is based upon a strict price-time priority and provides investors with the ability to readily obtain transparent pricing and trading information, enabling them to make better investment decisions. The system has been expanded to include the bonds of all NYSE-listed companies and their subsidiaries without the companies having to list each bond issued.

#### HOW DOES NYSE BONDS WORK? SOME CHARACTERISTICS

The NYSE Bonds order book displays cumulative bids and offers, displaying the full depth of the book. Orders are matched on a strict price-time priority basis. NYSE Bonds conducts two daily bond auctions: The Opening Bond Auction at 04:00 a.m. ET and The Core Bond Auction at 09:30 a.m. ET. Orders not executed in either auction become eligible for continuous trading immediately after the auction. Transactions occurring on the NYSE Bonds system are locked-in trades and are reported with accrued interest to DTCC.

All trade settlement is in the regular way (three day settlement), and the bonds traded are CNS eligible.

The NYSE Bond platform can be accessed by eligible NYSE members or sponsored non-members. To increase transparency, NYSE Bonds now offers NYSE Web Book. NYSE Web Book is a free web based application offering real time price, market depth, and last same information on specific bond issues. You can view the NYSE Web Book at [www.nyse.com/bbook](http://www.nyse.com/bbook). The NYSE Bond Web Book provides the unique and exclusive opportunity to view a continuous stream of real-time NYSE Bond depth of book. The data feeds are also available through various quote vendors.

### NYSE Amex Bonds

All NYSE Amex (formerly the American Stock Exchange) listed bonds are currently traded on NYSE Amex Bonds, an electronic platform based on NYSE Bonds. NYSE Amex listings include numerous equity and index linked certificates that have debt CUSIPs (security identification codes). Like NYSE Bonds, this trading platform incorporates the design of NYSE Arca's comprehensive matching technology, allowing NYSE members to enter orders to buy or sell bonds electronically. The NYSE Bonds Web Book also applies for NYSE Amex Bonds, so also the entire depth of this market can be seen on a real-time basis.

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