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## EURONEXT, NYSE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSING MERGER

**Miami, Florida – May 24, 2006** – On Monday the NYSE Group, determined to have a substantial presence for exchange transactions in Europe, made a bold decision as demonstrated by its offer to acquire Euronext for \$10.2 billion.

Euronext has selectively marketed its value and financial products in the Western Hemisphere for quite some time. In 2002, Euronext actively participated in a speaker's forum at the Caribbean Latin America Action conference in Miami, Florida. Other participants included The Miami Stock Exchange and the Chairmen of the Jamaican and Dominican Republic Stock Exchanges, respectively.

With the anticipated acquisition of Euronext by the NYSE, other acquisitions are expected to take hold in Latin American and the Caribbean basin. The financial analysts are speculating that shoring up the financial sectors in South and Central America are pivotal to global commerce. Miami Stock Exchange President Robert Dobiecki predicts, "Market experts will be looking closely at opportunities to grow business in these geographic locations and compete with great fervor to ensure that stability, prosperity and technology remain at the forefront of business-to-business development. Governmental relations and public policy must also stay the course."

On the Net:

The Miami Stock Exchange: <http://www.ms4x.com>

Euronext: <http://www.euronext.com>

NYSE Group Inc: <http://www.nyse.com>