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Euronext in Talks to Acquire Athens Stock Exchange in Key Expansion Move

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Athens / Brussels, July 1, 2025 Euronext, Europe's largest stock exchange group, has confirmed it is in advanced discussions to acquire the Athens Stock Exchange (ATHE), a move that could strengthen ties between Greece and European financial markets.

If the deal goes ahead, it would bring ATHEX into Euronext's growing network of exchanges, which already includes key markets in Paris, Amsterdam, Milan, Brussels, and Dublin. The acquisition is seen as part of Euronext's long-term strategy to create a more connected and competitive European capital market.

“Greece has made strong progress in modernizing its market,” said a senior Euronext representative. “Adding Athens to our network would support our goal of a more unified European financial system.”

What This Means for Greece

The Athens Stock Exchange has grown steadily in recent years, attracting interest from both local and international investors. Sectors like shipping, tourism, energy, and technology have shown strong performance, and the exchange has introduced modern trading systems and transparency reforms.

Joining Euronext could give Greek companies greater access to European investors, improved liquidity, and the latest financial technology.

“This could help bring more visibility and investment to Greek businesses,” said Maria Kourti, a financial analyst in Athens. “It also places Athens on a larger financial stage.”

Local and Regulatory Considerations

While Euronext has completed similar deals in the past, including its acquisition of Borsa Italiana, this agreement will still need approval from Greek regulators and EU authorities.

Greek officials have not issued a formal statement, but early indications suggest they may support the deal, as long as it protects national interests and market identity.

Euronext has previously said it values local independence within its network and would aim to keep ATHEX’s leadership and operations based in Athens.

“This is not just about ownership, it’s about partnership and long-term investment,” a source familiar with the talks said.

If successful, the acquisition could be finalized by early 2026. It would mark a new chapter for Greece’s financial sector and move Euronext one step closer to its goal of building a truly pan-European exchange platform.