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PROXY STATEMENT OF NYSE GROUP, INC.

PROSPECTUS OF NYSE EURONEXT, INC.

To the Stockholders of NYSE Group, Inc.:

NYSE Group and Euronext N.V. have entered into an agreement providing for a combination of their businesses under a new holding company named NYSE Euronext. Euronext's business will be brought under the new holding company through an exchange offer, and NYSE Group's business will be brought under the new holding company through a merger (which are together referred to in this document as the "combination"). The combination will create the first global exchange group, with the world's largest securities marketplaces on a combined basis and encompassing seven exchanges in six countries.

In the exchange offer, Euronext shareholders will be offered the right to exchange each of their shares, par value €6 per share, of Euronext for €21.32 in cash and 0.98 of a share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of NYSE Euronext. Instead of receiving this standard offer consideration, Euronext shareholders will have an opportunity to make either a cash election to receive all cash for their Euronext shares, or a stock election to receive all stock for their Euronext shares. These elections, however, are subject to proration to ensure that the total amount of cash paid, and the total number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issued, in the exchange offer to the Euronext shareholders, as a whole, are equal to the total amount of cash and number of shares that would have been paid and issued if all tendering Euronext shareholders received the standard offer consideration.

The merger will occur immediately after the successful completion of the exchange offer. In the merger, NYSE Group stockholders will have the right to receive one share of NYSE Euronext common stock for each of their shares of NYSE Group common stock. Shares of NYSE Euronext common stock that are issued to NYSE Group stockholders in the merger will be subject to the same transfer restrictions, if any, that the shares of NYSE Group common stock were subject to prior to the merger. The merger has been structured so that holders of NYSE Group common stock generally will not recognize any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the merger. Simultaneously with or as soon as possible after the merger, NYSE Euronext plans to effectuate a post-closing reorganization of Euronext and its subsidiaries that is intended to result in Euronext becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of NYSE Euronext.

Upon completion of the combination, and assuming that all of the outstanding Euronext shares are validly tendered in the exchange offer and not withdrawn, former NYSE Group stockholders and former Euronext shareholders will own approximately 59% and 41%, respectively, of the outstanding common stock of NYSE Euronext. Based on the current number of outstanding shares of NYSE Group common stock and Euronext shares, NYSE Euronext will issue approximately 269.7 million shares of NYSE Euronext common stock in the combination. NYSE Euronext intends to apply to list the NYSE Euronext common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (or the "NYSE") and on Euronext Paris, subject to official notice of issuance of the stock in the combination. NYSE Group common stock, which is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "NYX," will be delisted after the merger is completed.

The combination agreement requires that the combination be approved by the NYSE Group stockholders and Euronext shareholders. To obtain these approvals, NYSE Group will hold a special meeting of its stockholders on December 20, 2006, at which, among other business to be considered by NYSE Group stockholders, it will ask its stockholders to approve and adopt the combination agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby (and consider any other matters properly brought before the meeting). After the requisite shareholder approvals have been obtained, NYSE Euronext will file the exchange offer with the French *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* ("AMF") and the Belgian *Commission Bancaire*, *Financière et des Assurances* (the "CBFA") and commence the exchange offer. Information about the NYSE Group special meeting, the combination and other business to be considered by NYSE Group stockholders is contained in this document, which we urge you to read. **In particular, see "Risk Factors" beginning on page 31.** 

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the NYSE Group special meeting, please take appropriate action to make sure your NYSE Group common stock is represented at the NYSE Group special meeting. Your failure to vote will have the same effect as voting against the approval and adoption of the combination agreement. The NYSE Group board of directors recommends that the NYSE Group stockholders vote FOR the approval and adoption of the combination agreement.

John A. Thain

Chief Executive Officer NYSE Group, Inc.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities to be issued in connection with the combination or determined if this document is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This document is dated November 27, 2006, and is first being mailed to the NYSE Group stockholders on or about November 29, 2006.

#### CERTAIN FREQUENTLY USED TERMS

Unless otherwise specified or if the context so requires:

"Archipelago" refers to Archipelago Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries and, where the context requires, its predecessor, Archipelago Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and its subsidiaries;

"combination agreement" refers to the Combination Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2006, as amended and restated as of November 24, 2006, by and among NYSE Group, Euronext, NYSE Euronext, and Jefferson Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of NYSE Euronext;

"Euronext" refers to Euronext N.V., a company organized under the laws of the Netherlands or, as the context requires, any company succeeding Euronext N.V. upon the implementation of the post-closing reorganization, in each case, including its subsidiaries:

"NYSE" refers to (1) prior to the completion of the merger between the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. and Archipelago, which occurred on March 7, 2006, New York Stock Exchange, Inc., a New York Type A not-for-profit corporation and a registered U.S. national securities exchange, and (2) after the completion of such merger on March 7, 2006, New York Stock Exchange LLC, a New York limited liability company and a registered U.S. national securities exchange, and, where the context requires, its subsidiaries, NYSE Market, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and NYSE Regulation, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation;

"NYSE Arca" refers to NYSE Arca, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (formerly known as Archipelago Exchange, L.L.C.), and NYSE Arca, Inc., a Delaware corporation (formerly known as the Pacific Exchange, Inc.), and NYSE Arca Equities, Inc., a Delaware corporation (formerly known as PCX Equities, Inc.);

"NYSE Arca, Inc.," where that specific term is used, refers to the entity registered as a U.S. national securities exchange (formerly known as the Pacific Exchange, Inc.);

"NYSE Euronext" refers to NYSE Euronext, Inc., a newly formed Delaware corporation that will be renamed "NYSE Euronext" upon completion of the combination, and its subsidiaries; and

"NYSE Group" refers to NYSE Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please note that copies of the documents provided to you will not include exhibits. If you are a NYSE Group stockholder, in order to receive timely delivery of requested documents in advance of the NYSE Group special meeting, you should make your request no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on December 15, 2006 to MacKenzie Partners, Inc., 105 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016, call Toll-Free: (800) 322-2885, call Collect: (212) 929-5500, email: proxy@mackenziepartners.com.

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# NYSE GROUP, INC. Notice of Special Meeting of Stockholders To Be Held on December 20, 2006

To the Stockholders of NYSE Group, Inc.:

A special meeting of the stockholders of NYSE Group will be held at 11 Wall Street, New York, New York on December 20, 2006 at 8:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time. The items of business are:

to consider and vote on a proposal to approve and adopt the Combination Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2006, as amended and restated as of November 24, 2006, by and among NYSE Group, Euronext N.V., NYSE Euronext, Inc. and Jefferson Merger Sub, Inc., and the transactions contemplated by the combination agreement, pursuant to which, among other things, NYSE Group and Euronext each agreed to combine their business, through a merger and an exchange offer, and become subsidiaries of NYSE Euronext, a newly formed Delaware corporation;

to consider and vote on two proposals relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation that will be in effect after the completion of the combination:

a proposal to include references in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation to European regulators, European market subsidiaries and European disqualified persons where it also includes references to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. regulated subsidiaries and U.S. disqualified persons, respectively, so that there is symmetry between the European-related and U.S.-related provisions in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation; and

a proposal to include a provision in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation that would provide that the NYSE Euronext stockholders could amend the NYSE Euronext bylaws only pursuant to the provisions of the NYSE Euronext bylaws; and

to transact any other business as may properly come before the NYSE Group special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the NYSE Group special meeting.

The approval and adoption of the combination agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of NYSE Group common stock entitled to vote at the NYSE Group special meeting, and the approval of each proposal relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of NYSE Group common stock represented and entitled to vote at the NYSE Group special meeting. The NYSE Group board of directors recommends that you vote FOR these proposals.

The record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the NYSE Group special meeting, or any adjournment or postponement of the NYSE Group special meeting, was the close of business on November 17, 2006. A list of the NYSE Group stockholders of record as of November 17, 2006 will be available for inspection during ordinary business hours at NYSE Group's offices located at 11 Wall Street, New York, New York, from December 10, 2006 up to and on the date of the NYSE Group special meeting.

Please remember that your shares cannot be voted unless you cast your vote by one of the following methods: (1) sign and return a proxy card; (2) call the toll-free number listed on the proxy card; (3) vote through the Internet as indicated on the proxy card; or (4) vote in person at the NYSE Group special meeting. You should NOT send documents representing NYSE Group common stock with the proxy card.

You will receive instructions on how to surrender your NYSE Group common stock from the exchange agent following the combination.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Marshall N. Carter Chairman of the Board of Directors

November 27, 2006

YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT. PLEASE VOTE YOUR SHARES PROMPTLY, WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE NYSE GROUP SPECIAL MEETING. YOU CAN FIND INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMBINATION PROPOSAL PLEASE CONTACT INVESTOR RELATIONS AT NYSE GROUP, INC., 11 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10005, (212) 656-5700. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING YOUR SHARES, PLEASE FOLLOW THE CONTACT INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR PROXY CARD.

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR THE NYSE GROUP SPECIAL MEETING

The questions and answers below highlight only selected procedural information from this document. They do not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read carefully this entire document, including its annexes to fully understand the proposed transaction and the voting procedures for the NYSE Group special meeting.

# Q: What is the proposed transaction for which I am being asked to vote?

A:

NYSE Group stockholders are being asked to vote to approve and adopt the combination agreement between NYSE Group and Euronext. The combination agreement provides for a combination of the businesses of NYSE Group and Euronext under a new holding company named NYSE Euronext. Euronext's business will be brought under the new holding company through an exchange offer, and NYSE Group's business will be brought under the new holding company through a merger. The merger will occur as soon as practicable following the successful completion of the exchange offer.

Following the successful completion of the exchange offer and merger, NYSE Euronext intends to effectuate a corporate reorganization of Euronext and its subsidiaries that is intended to result in Euronext becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of NYSE Euronext. This document refers to this corporate reorganization as the "post-closing reorganization." In the post-closing reorganization, Euronext shareholders who did not exchange their Euronext shares in the exchange offer will generally receive the same consideration that such shareholders would have received had they tendered their Euronext shares in the exchange offer and not made the cash election or the stock election (each as described below). Although the structure of the post-closing reorganization may not be determined until after the expiration of the exchange offer, in the event that less than 95% of the outstanding Euronext shares are acquired in the exchange offer, it is currently anticipated that a significant portion of the consideration paid to Euronext shareholders pursuant to the post-closing reorganization will be subject to Dutch dividend withholding tax. Application of the Dutch dividend withholding tax could cause the net value of the consideration received by Euronext shareholders would have received had they tendered their Euronext shares in the exchange offer.

NYSE Group stockholders are also being asked to vote and approve two proposals relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation that will be in effect after the completion of the combination. The first of these proposals is to include references in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation to European regulators, European market subsidiaries and European disqualified persons where it also includes references to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), U.S. regulated subsidiaries and U.S. disqualified persons, respectively, so that there is symmetry between the European-related and U.S.-related provisions in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation. The second of these proposals is to include a provision in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation that would provide that the NYSE Euronext stockholders could amend the NYSE Euronext bylaws only pursuant to the provisions of the NYSE Euronext bylaws. In the combination agreement, NYSE Group and Euronext agreed to a form of NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation and bylaws that included these provisions, and completion of the combination is conditioned on approval of each of these proposals.

The NYSE Group board of directors recommends that the NYSE Group stockholders vote FOR each of these proposals. For a discussion of the reasons for this recommendation, see "Proposal 1: The Combination NYSE Group's Reasons for the Combination."

# Q: What will I receive in the combination if I am a NYSE Group stockholder?

A:

In the merger, NYSE Group stockholders will be entitled to receive one share of NYSE Euronext common stock for each of their shares of NYSE Group common stock. NYSE Group stockholders will not have the right to elect to alter this standard consideration.

Shares of NYSE Euronext common stock that are issued to NYSE Group stockholders in the merger will be subject to the same transfer restrictions, if any, that the shares of NYSE Group common stock were subject to prior to the merger.

# What will happen to my stock options and my NYSE Group restricted stock units in the combination?

In the combination, stock options to acquire NYSE Group common stock will be converted into options to acquire an equal number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock, and NYSE Group restricted stock units will be converted into an equal number of NYSE Euronext restricted stock units.

#### What will Euronext shareholders receive in the combination?

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In the exchange offer, Euronext shareholders will have the right to exchange each of their Euronext shares for €21.32 in cash and 0.98 of a share of NYSE Euronext common stock. Instead of receiving this standard offer consideration, Euronext shareholders will have an opportunity to make either a cash election to receive all cash for their Euronext shares, or a stock election to receive all stock for their Euronext shares. The precise amount of cash payable in respect of a cash election, and the precise number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issuable in respect of a stock election will be determined prior to the filing of the exchange offer with the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers (the "AMF") and will depend on the volume weighted average price of NYSE Group common stock during the 10 consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the date of the filing of the exchange offer with the AMF. See "The Combination Agreement The Exchange Offer Mix and Match Election." In addition, both the cash election and stock election are subject to proration to ensure that the total amount of cash paid, and the total number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issued, in the exchange offer to the Euronext shareholders, as a whole, are equal to the total amount of cash and number of shares that would have been paid and issued if all tendering Euronext shareholders received the standard offer consideration. Euronext shareholders who make no election will receive the standard offer consideration.

If a holder of exercisable options to acquire Euronext shares would like to tender the underlying Euronext shares into the exchange offer, such holder must first exercise the options and then tender the underlying Euronext shares on or prior to the expiration date of the exchange offer or the subsequent offering period, if applicable.

# Q: What will happen to Euronext shares that are not tendered in the exchange offer?

As soon as possible after the successful completion of the exchange offer and the merger, NYSE Euronext intends to effectuate a post-closing reorganization of Euronext and its subsidiaries that is intended to result in Euronext becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of NYSE Euronext. In the post-closing reorganization, Euronext shareholders who did not exchange their Euronext shares in the exchange offer will generally receive the same consideration that they would have received had they tendered their Euronext shares in the exchange offer and not made either the cash election or the stock election; that is, €21.32 in cash and 0.98 of a share of NYSE Euronext common stock per Euronext share. Although the structure of the post-closing reorganization may not be determined until after the expiration of the exchange offer, in the event that less than 95% of the outstanding Euronext shares are acquired in the exchange offer, it is currently anticipated that a significant portion of the consideration paid to Euronext shareholders pursuant to the post-closing reorganization will be subject to Dutch dividend withholding tax. Application of the Dutch dividend

withholding tax could cause the net value of the consideration received by Euronext share-holders in the post-closing reorganization to be substantially less than the net value of the consideration such shareholders would have received had they tendered their Euronext shares in the exchange offer.

In the event that 95% or more of the issued and outstanding share capital of Euronext is tendered in the exchange offer or any subsequent offering period, NYSE Euronext may at its option effectuate the post-closing reorganization by initiating a compulsory acquisition procedure (*uitkoopregeling*) in accordance with article 2:92a of the Dutch Civil Code. In such circumstances, the price to be paid for such shares would be paid in cash only, in an amount determined at the time by the Enterprise Chamber of the Amsterdam Court of Appeals, which may be in an amount that is substantially more or less than the value of the consideration that Euronext shareholders would have received had they tendered their Euronext shares in the exchange offer.

The post-closing reorganization is intended to eliminate any minority stockholder interest in Euronext remaining after the completion of the exchange offer.

#### What will happen to Euronext options and Euronext stock-based awards following the exchange offer?

If, following the successful completion of the exchange offer, there are still Euronext stock options and Euronext stock-based awards outstanding, a conversion mechanism will generally be implemented for purposes of converting such stock options and stock-based awards into NYSE Euronext stock options and NYSE Euronext stock-based awards, respectively, on the same terms and conditions as currently applicable, subject to specific arrangements being made available to certain holders in order to protect such holders' tax and social security treatment. For a description of the conversion mechanism and these arrangements, see "The Combination Agreement Treatment of Euronext Stock Options and Stock-Based Awards Following the Exchange Offer."

# Q: Will the NYSE Euronext common stock issued in the merger or exchange offer be subject to transfer restrictions?

The shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issued to NYSE Group stockholders in the merger will be subject to the same transfer restrictions, if any, to which their shares of NYSE Group common stock were subject prior to the merger.

The shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issued to Euronext shareholders in the exchange offer will NOT be subject to transfer restrictions.

#### Q: How do I vote if I am a NYSE Group stockholder?

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NYSE Group stockholders can vote by telephone, through the Internet or by returning their signed and dated proxy card by mail. Alternatively, they may vote in person at the NYSE Group special meeting by ballot.

If a NYSE Group stockholder holds NYSE Group common stock in its own name, it may vote by telephone or through the Internet by following the instructions on the accompanying proxy card. If the NYSE Group common stock is registered in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee (which is also known as being held in "street name"), that broker, bank or other nominee has enclosed or will provide a voting instruction card for the NYSE Group stockholder to direct the broker, bank or other nominee how to vote its shares.

NYSE Group stockholders who hold shares in "street name" must return their instructions to their broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote their shares. If a NYSE Group stockholder that holds shares in "street name" desires to attend the NYSE Group special meeting, the NYSE Group stockholder should bring a letter from its broker, bank or other nominee identifying the NYSE Group stockholder as the beneficial owner of such shares and authorizing the NYSE Group stockholder to vote.

You should be aware that, as of November 17, 2006, NYSE Group directors and executive officers and their affiliates owned and were

entitled to vote approximately 5.9% of the outstanding shares of NYSE Group common stock entitled to vote at the NYSE Group special meeting.

The NYSE Group certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain certain voting limitations for NYSE Group stockholders. A description of these voting limitations is set forth under "The Special Meeting of NYSE Group Stockholders" Voting Limitations."

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If I am a NYSE Group stockholder and my shares of NYSE Group common stock are held in "street name" by a broker, bank or other nominee, will my broker or bank vote my shares for me?

If you hold your shares of NYSE Group common stock in "street name" and do not provide voting instructions to your broker, your NYSE Group common stock will not be voted on any proposal on which your broker does not have discretionary authority to vote. Generally, your broker, bank or other nominee does not have discretionary authority to vote on the combination agreement. Accordingly, your broker, bank or other nominee will vote your shares held by it in "street name" only if you provide voting instructions. You should follow the procedures that your broker, bank or other nominee provides. Shares that are not voted because you do not properly instruct your broker, bank or other nominee will have the effect of votes against the adoption of the combination agreement.

Alternatively, you can attend the NYSE Group special meeting and vote in person by bringing a letter from your broker, bank or other nominee identifying you as the beneficial owner of such shares of NYSE Group common stock, confirming that such shares have not otherwise been voted and will not be voted via proxy, and authorizing you to vote the shares or specifying how such shares had been voted.

# Q: If I am a NYSE Group stockholder, what happens if I do not vote or if I abstain from voting?

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Approval and adoption of the combination agreement by NYSE Group stockholders requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of NYSE Group common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the NYSE Group special meeting. As a result, if you are a NYSE Group stockholder and do not vote or abstain from voting your shares of NYSE Group common stock, this will have the same effect as voting against the approval and adoption of the combination agreement. Likewise, broker non-votes and abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal to approve and adopt the combination agreement.

Approval by NYSE Group stockholders of the provisions relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of NYSE Group common stock represented and entitled to vote at the NYSE Group special meeting.

Completion of the combination is conditioned on approval of each proposal relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation. As a result, a vote against either of such proposals effectively will be a vote against approval and adoption of the combination agreement and the transactions contemplated by the combination agreement. In addition, if you abstain from voting on either proposal relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation, your shares of NYSE Group common stock will be counted as present for purposes of establishing a quorum, but the abstention will have the same effect as a vote against that proposal (and therefore effectively against the approval and adoption of the combination agreement and the transactions contemplated by the combination agreement). If you fail to vote on either proposal relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation, your shares of NYSE Group common stock will not be counted as present and, therefore, will not affect the adoption of such proposal (or the proposal to approve and adopt the combination agreement and the transactions contemplated by the combination agreement), except to the extent that your failure to vote prevents a quorum for voting on such proposal.

#### Q: Can I change my vote after I have delivered my proxy?

A: Yes. If you are a NYSE Group stockholder of record, there are three ways to change your vote after you have submitted a proxy:

> you may send a later-dated, signed proxy card to the address indicated on the proxy card, which must be received prior to the applicable special meeting; or

you may attend the applicable special meeting in person and vote.

Simply attending the special meeting without voting will not revoke your proxy. NYSE Group proxy cards can be sent by mail to NYSE Group, Inc., c/o Shareowner Services, P.O. Box 64873, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0873.

If your shares of NYSE Group common stock are held in an account at a broker, bank or other nominee and you have instructed your broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote your shares, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker, bank or other nominee to change your vote.

#### Q: Should I send any document representing my NYSE Group common stock at this time?

A: No. Please DO NOT send any document representing your NYSE Group common stock at this time.

Upon completion of the merger, NYSE Euronext will mail a letter of transmittal to NYSE Group stockholders of record as of immediately prior to the merger. In order to receive the merger consideration, NYSE Group stockholders will be required to complete and submit the letter of transmittal along with any required documentation pursuant to the instructions set forth in the letter of transmittal.

#### Q: When and where is the NYSE Group special meeting?

A: The NYSE Group special meeting will take place on December 20, 2006 at 11 Wall Street, New York, New York at 8:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

#### Q: Who can help answer my questions?

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If you are an NYSE Group stockholder and have any questions about the combination, the post-closing reorganization or how to submit your proxy, or if you need additional copies of this document, the form of election or the enclosed proxy card, you should contact:

### MacKenzie Partners, Inc.

105 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10016 Call Toll-Free: (800) 322-2885 Call Collect: (212) 929-5500

Email: proxy@mackenziepartners.com

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#### **SUMMARY**

This summary highlights selected information in this document and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should carefully read this entire document, including its exhibits for a more complete understanding of the combination agreement, the transactions contemplated by the combination agreement, NYSE Group, Euronext and the combined company resulting from the transactions contemplated by the combination agreement.

#### The Companies

#### NYSE Group, Inc. (see page 227)

NYSE Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is a holding company that, through its subsidiaries, operates two securities exchanges: the NYSE and NYSE Arca, Inc. NYSE Group is a leading provider of securities listing, trading and market data products and services. NYSE Group was formed in connection with the merger of the NYSE and Archipelago, which was completed on March 7, 2006. Although the trading platforms of the NYSE and NYSE Arca currently operate separately, NYSE Group is actively integrating certain of their activities to achieve revenue and cost synergies.

The NYSE is the world's largest cash equities exchange. The NYSE is approximately three times the size of the next largest cash equities exchange in the world in terms of total worldwide market capitalization of listed companies. The NYSE provides a reliable, orderly, liquid and efficient marketplace where investors buy and sell listed issuers' common stock and other securities. For 214 years, the NYSE has facilitated capital formation, serving a wide spectrum of participants, including individual and institutional investors, the trading community and listed companies. As of September 30, 2006, 2,704 issuers, which include domestic and non-domestic operating companies, closed-end funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), were listed on the NYSE. The NYSE's listed operating companies represent a total worldwide market capitalization of over \$23.0 trillion, as of September 30, 2006. For the period from January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, on an average trading day, over 1.70 billion shares, valued at over \$63.0 billion, were traded on the NYSE.

NYSE Arca operates the first open, all-electronic stock exchange in the United States and has one of the leading market positions in trading ETFs and exchange listed securities. NYSE Arca is also an exchange for trading equity options. Through NYSE Arca, customers can trade over 8,000 equity securities and over 150,000 options series. NYSE Arca's equity trading platforms link traders to multiple U.S. market centers and provide customers with fast electronic execution and open, direct and anonymous market access. The technological capabilities of NYSE Arca's trading platforms, combined with its trading rules, have allowed NYSE Arca to create a large pool of liquidity that is available to customers internally on NYSE Arca and externally through other market centers. For the period from January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, on an average trading day, over 645.7 million shares, valued at over \$22.7 billion, were traded through NYSE Arca's trading platforms.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, on a pro forma basis reflecting the merger of the NYSE and Archipelago, based on financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"), NYSE Group generated \$1,338.2 million in revenues (excluding activity assessment fees) and \$199.6 million in income from continuing operations.

NYSE Group maintains its principal executive offices at 11 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005. Its telephone number is (212) 656-3000, and its Internet address is www.nyse.com. Information contained on NYSE Group's website does not constitute a part of this prospectus. This website address is an inactive text reference and is not intended to be an actual link to the website.

### Euronext N.V. (see page 349)

Euronext N.V., a public limited liability company organized under the laws of the Netherlands, operates cash and derivatives exchanges through its subsidiaries in Belgium,

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France, the Netherlands and Portugal, in addition to services for derivatives markets in the United Kingdom. Euronext was created in 2000 through a three-way merger of the exchanges of Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris. Euronext later expanded by merging with the Portuguese exchange and acquiring the London-based derivatives market, LIFFE, in 2002. In 2004, Euronext completed a four-year project in which it migrated its exchanges to harmonized information technology platforms for cash trading (NSC), derivatives (LIFFE CONNECT®) and clearing. In 2005 and the first half of 2006, Euronext was the largest cash equities exchange in Europe in terms of the volume and value of transactions processed through the central order book and the second largest derivatives exchange in Europe by volume. Euronext also sells market data through its information services unit.

Euronext sells software and information technology, or IT, trading solutions through its subsidiary, GL TRADE, a leading provider of front-to-back-office trading, exchange-related software. IT services are provided by Atos Euronext Market Solutions, a company owned 50/50 by Atos Origin and Euronext.

Euronext also holds (jointly with Borsa Italiana) a majority stake in *Societa per il Mercato del Titoli di Stato* (or "MTS"), a leading electronic market for European wholesale fixed income securities.

For the six months ended June 30, 2006, based on financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), Euronext generated €557.7 million in revenues and €193.7 million in net profit attributable to shareholders of the parent company.

The address of Euronext's registered office is Beursplein 5, 1012 JW Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and its telephone number is +31 20 550 4444. Its website is *www.euronext.com*. Information contained on Euronext's website does not constitute part of this prospectus. This website address is an inactive text reference and is not intended to be an actual link to the website.

#### NYSE Euronext (see page 207)

NYSE Euronext is a newly incorporated Delaware corporation that will become the parent company of NYSE Group and Euronext upon the completion of the combination. Upon completion of the combination, the company's name will be changed from "NYSE Euronext, Inc." to "NYSE Euronext." To date, NYSE Euronext has not conducted any material activities other than those incident to its formation and the matters contemplated by the combination agreement. The address of NYSE Euronext's principal executive offices is c/o NYSE Group, Inc., 11 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005. Its telephone number is (212) 656-3000.

#### NYSE Group Special Meeting (see page 61)

The special meeting of NYSE Group stockholders will be held at 11 Wall Street, New York, New York, on December 20, 2006, starting at 8:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time. You are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the NYSE Group special meeting if you owned NYSE Group common stock at the close of business on November 17, 2006, the record date. As of November 17, 2006, there were 156,233,316 shares of NYSE Group common stock outstanding, all of which were entitled to vote at the NYSE Group special meeting after taking into account the voting limitations described under "The Special Meeting of NYSE Group Stockholders Voting Limitations." This number does not include (a) 1,645,415 shares held in treasury, all of which are held by NYSE Arca, Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of NYSE Group, (b) 1,278,120 shares underlying restricted stock units granted to certain directors, officers and employees of NYSE Group, or (c) 1,682,626 shares underlying options granted to former Archipelago officers and employees.

At the NYSE Group special meeting, NYSE Group stockholders will be asked to consider and vote on:

a proposal to approve and adopt the combination agreement and the transactions contemplated by the combination agreement; and

two proposals relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation that will be in effect after completion of the combination:

a proposal to include references in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation to European regulators, European market subsidiaries and European disqualified persons where it also includes references to the SEC, U.S. regulated subsidiaries and U.S. disqualified persons, respectively, so that there is symmetry between the European-related and U.S.-related provisions in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation; and

a proposal to include a provision in the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation that would provide that the NYSE Euronext stockholders could amend the NYSE Euronext bylaws only pursuant to the provisions of the NYSE Euronext bylaws.

Each share of NYSE Group common stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal at the NYSE Group special meeting, subject to the voting limitations described under "The Special Meeting of NYSE Group Stockholders". Voting Limitations." The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of NYSE Group common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the NYSE Group special meeting as of the record date is required for the approval and adoption of the combination agreement and each other proposal presented at the NYSE Group special meeting. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of NYSE Group common stock represented and entitled to vote at the NYSE Group special meeting is required for the approval and adoption of the two proposals relating to the additions to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation. Completion of the combination is conditioned on approval of each proposal relating to the NYSE Euronext certificate of incorporation. The holders of record of a majority of the total number of outstanding shares of NYSE Group common stock entitled to vote, represented either in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum at the NYSE Group special meeting.

#### What Tendering Euronext Shareholders Will Receive in the Exchange Offer (see page 145)

In the exchange offer, which will be filed with, reviewed by and subject to the approval of the AMF and the CBFA after the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions in the combination agreement (including the approval of NYSE Group stockholders and Euronext shareholders of the combination), NYSE Euronext or a wholly owned subsidiary will offer to acquire each outstanding Euronext share for €21.32 in cash and 0.98 of a share of NYSE Euronext common stock. This document refers to this mix of consideration as the "standard offer consideration."

Instead of receiving this standard offer consideration, Euronext shareholders who tender their shares in the exchange offer will have an opportunity to make either a cash election to receive all cash for their Euronext shares, or a stock election to receive all stock for their Euronext shares. The precise amount of cash payable in respect of a cash election, and the precise number of NYSE Euronext shares issuable in respect of a stock election will be determined prior to the filing of the exchange offer with the AMF and will depend on the volume weighted average price of NYSE Group common stock during the 10 consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the date of the filing of the exchange offer, which is used to determine the implied value of a share of NYSE Euronext common stock for purposes of the tradeoff between cash and stock for purposes of the cash election and the stock election.

Specifically, the amount of cash that a tendering Euronext shareholder will receive for each tendered Euronext share for which it makes the cash election will equal the sum of:

€21.32; and

the product of 0.98 multiplied by the volume-weighted average price of NYSE Group common stock during the 10 consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the filing of the exchange offer with the AMF.

The amount of NYSE Euronext common stock that a tendering Euronext shareholder will receive for each tendered Euronext share for which it makes the stock election will equal the sum of:

0.98; and

the quotient obtained by dividing  $\le 21.32$  by the volume-weighted average price of NYSE Group common stock during the 10 consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the filing of the exchange offer with the AMF.

Both the cash election and stock election are subject to proration to ensure that the total amount of cash paid, and the total number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issued, in the exchange offer to the Euronext shareholders, as a whole, are equal to the total amount of cash and number of shares that would have been paid and issued if all tendering Euronext shareholders received the standard offer consideration. Euronext shareholders who make no election will receive the standard offer consideration.

As a result, if the cash election or the stock election is oversubscribed, Euronext shareholders making the oversubscribed election will receive both cash and shares of NYSE Euronext common stock, in proportion to the relative amounts available of each. As the cash election or stock election becomes more oversubscribed, Euronext shareholders making the oversubscribed election will receive consideration that will more closely resemble the standard offer consideration. Euronext shareholders who tender their shares in the exchange offer and make no election will receive the standard offer consideration. The precise consideration that Euronext shareholders will receive if they make the cash election or the stock election will depend on both:

the volume weighted average price of NYSE Group common stock during the 10 consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the date of the filing of the exchange offer with the AMF; and

the number of Euronext shareholders that make the cash election and the number that make the stock election.

However, because the cash election and stock election are subject to proration, neither of the above factors will affect the total amount of cash paid, or the total number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issued, in the exchange offer to the Euronext shareholders as a whole.

This information (and therefore the precise consideration that Euronext shareholders will receive if they make the cash election or the stock election) will not be available at the time that Euronext shareholders vote on the combination. The combination agreement contains no provision that permits either party to terminate the combination agreement, or that alters the exchange ratio, because the stock price of NYSE Group common stock or Euronext shares has fallen below any agreed-upon minimum price or has risen above an agreed-upon maximum price. For a more detailed description of the potential adjustments to the consideration that Euronext shareholders will receive if they make the cash election or the stock election, see "The Combination Agreement The Exchange Offer Consideration Offered to Euronext Shareholders" and "The Combination Agreement The Exchange Offer Mix and Match Election."

Assuming that all of the outstanding Euronext shares are validly tendered in the exchange offer and not withdrawn, the aggregate number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issued in the combination to the Euronext shareholders will equal approximately 41% of the NYSE Euronext common stock issued and outstanding at the time of completion of the combination.

NYSE Euronext is not obligated to purchase any tendered Euronext shares unless the tendered Euronext shares represent at least two-thirds of the total outstanding shares of Euronext. However, after consultation with Euronext, but prior to the filing of the exchange offer with the AMF, NYSE Euronext may lower this two-thirds minimum condition to a number representing not less than a majority of the Euronext voting power on a fully diluted basis taking into account all Euronext shares issuable upon the exercise of any options, warrants or rights to purchase or subscribe for shares of the capital stock of Euronext.

# What NYSE Group Stockholders and Holders of NYSE Group Stock Options and Restricted Stock Units Will Receive in the Merger (see page 148)

In the merger, pursuant to the combination agreement, each share of NYSE Group common stock will entitle its holder to one share of NYSE Euronext common stock. Shares of NYSE Euronext common stock that are issued to NYSE Group stockholders in the merger will be subject to the same transfer restrictions, if any, that the shares of NYSE Group common stock were subject to prior to the merger. In addition, holders of outstanding NYSE Group stock options to acquire shares of NYSE Group common stock will receive options to acquire an equal number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock, and holders of outstanding restricted stock units of NYSE Group common stock will receive an equal number of restricted stock units of NYSE Euronext common stock.

Assuming that all of the outstanding Euronext shares are validly tendered in the exchange offer and not withdrawn, the aggregate number of shares of NYSE Euronext common stock issued in the combination to the NYSE Group stockholders will equal approximately 59% of the NYSE Euronext common stock issued and outstanding at the time of completion of the combination.

#### What Euronext Shareholders Will Receive if They Do Not Tender Their Euronext Shares in the Exchange Offer (see page 151)

If the exchange offer is consummated, NYSE Euronext intends to effectuate a post-closing reorganization of Euronext and its subsidiaries that is intended to result in Euronext becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of NYSE Euronext. In the post-closing reorganization, Euronext shareholders who did not tender their Euronext shares in the exchange offer will generally receive the same consideration that they would have received had they tendered their Euronext shares in the exchange offer and had they not made either the cash election or stock election for their Euronext shares, that is, €21.32 in cash and 0.98 of a share of NYSE Euronext common stock per Euronext share. Although the structure of the post-closing reorganization may not be determined until after the expiration of the exchange offer, in the event that less than 95% of the outstanding Euronext shares are acquired in the exchange offer, it is currently anticipated that a significant portion of the consideration paid to Euronext shareholders pursuant to the post-closing reorganization will be subject to Dutch dividend withholding tax. Application of the Dutch dividend withholding tax could cause the net value of the consideration received by Euronext shareholders in the post-closing reorganization to be substantially less than the net value of the consideration such shareholders would have received had they tendered their Euronext shares in the exchange offer.

In the event that 95% or more of the issued and outstanding share capital of Euronext is tendered and accepted in the exchange offer, NYSE Euronext may at its option effectuate the post-closing reorganization by initiating a compulsory acquisition procedure (*uitkoopregeling*) in accordance with section 2:92a of the Dutch Civil Code. In such circumstances, the price to be paid for such shares would be paid in cash only, in an amount determined by the Enterprise Chamber of the Amsterdam Court of Appeals, which amount may be substantially more or less than the value of the consideration that Euronext shareholders received in the exchange offer.

If successful, the effect of the post-closing reorganization will be to eliminate any minority stockholder interest in Euronext remaining after the completion of the exchange offer. For further details regarding the post-closing reorganization, see "The Combination Agreement Post-Closing Reorganization."

#### How Holders of Euronext Options and Stock-Based Awards Can Participate in the Exchange Offer (see page 149)

Holders of exercisable Euronext stock options who would like to tender the underlying Euronext shares into the exchange offer must first exercise such stock options (to the extent such stock options are exercisable) and then tender the underlying Euronext shares on or prior to the expiration date of the exchange offer. For further details regarding the procedure for participating

in the exchange offer, see "The Combination Agreement Treatment of Euronext Stock Options and Stock-Based Awards."

What Holders of Euronext Options and Stock-Based Awards Will Receive if They Do Not Exercise Their Options or Stock Based Awards and Tender the Shares in the Exchange Offer (see page 149)

If, following the successful completion of the exchange offer, there are still Euronext stock options and Euronext stock-based awards outstanding, a conversion mechanism will generally be implemented for purposes of converting such stock options and stock-based awards into NYSE Euronext stock options and NYSE Euronext stock-based awards, respectively, on the same terms and conditions as currently applicable, subject to specific arrangements being made available to certain holders in order to protect such holders' tax and social security treatment. For a description of the conversion mechanism and these arrangements, please see "The Combination Agreement Treatment of Euronext Stock Options and Stock-Based Awards Following the Exchange Offer."

#### Structure of the Combination (see page 145)

In the combination, Euronext's business will be brought under NYSE Euronext through the exchange offer, and NYSE Group's business will be brought under NYSE Euronext through the merger. As soon as possible after the successful completion of the exchange offer and the merger, NYSE Euronext intends to effectuate the post-closing reorganization.

The following diagram illustrates the structure of the combination and assumes full completion of the post-closing reorganization so that 100% of the equity of Euronext is held by NYSE Euronext:

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The Combination

After the Combination and the Post-Closing Reorganization