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Transcript of Bloomberg TV interview with NYSE Euronext Chief Executive Officer, Duncan Niederauer (May 3, 2011).

## Bloomberg TV: NYSE Euronext CEO Duncan Niederauer Interview with Christina Alesci

Tuesday, May 03, 2011

#### **Interview**

Alesci: I know you've had a busy day here. So you've been on various panels at the Milken Conference. And you were on a panel yesterday that was focused on the future of the global trading markets when you spoke about the iconic nature of exchanges. I'm just wondering, I think someone in the panel even said they've been elevated to national treasure status. What gives exchanges that kind of status?

Niederauer: The point we were making is simply that in a lot of the countries around the world, particularly the markets we operate in Europe, there really is only one exchange. In the US that's not the case. There are multiple exchanges for equities, for derivatives, whatever it might be.

The point we make a lot is that we don't run a portfolio of businesses like a lot of other companies. The portfolios in many cases, you look at France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal, that's that country's exchange. And it's at least a part of an important part of national infrastructure and financial infrastructure, if not a national treasure. I think that's right.

Alesci: And yet you find yourself in the middle of a deal with a foreign counterpart.

Niederauer: This is not new news, right? We did a merger with Euronext in 2007 that brought our exchange together with some of the leading European exchanges. We see this as an extension of that that's quite consistent. And in fact I was quite comforted listening to Jeff Immelt yesterday. So add GE to the list of companies that will look more like. As a third of our business will be in the US, and more two-thirds outside of the US, that looks a lot like GE, P&G, Coca-Cola, other leading icons that you would argue are also American national treasures, right?

Alesci: Right.

Niderauer: So I think we're headed in the right direction.

Alesci: So on the deal specifically, you've said a lot of things can be done to take care of shareholders and that it would be pretty pragmatic to get shareholder approval for the deal. I'm just wondering, are you considering additional financial incentives at this point?

Niederauer: We know we're putting two companies together that have great financial flexibility. I think we evidenced a lot of that last Thursday at our annual shareholder meeting. I'm meeting with shareholders almost every day between now and July 7. In fact, I've got some meetings tomorrow in San Francisco with shareholders.

And the point we're making is since the deal got announced we've already help create about \$1.5 billion of shareholder value. You're going to own 40 percent of a new company that I think we evidenced last week has a very promising future. And just this year and next year, shareholders in NYX now stand to earn something like \$750 million to \$800 million in dividends. So we know shareholder value creation is our number one objective. We understand that the shareholder's job is to create as much value for their investors as they can. So we're going to hear them out and see what's required to get the vote done on July 7. That's our goal.

Alesci: So speaking of creating shareholder value, Nasdaq announced yesterday that it's preparing a hostile bid. Does that change your position on potentially meeting with them?

Niederauer: I don't see why it would. I was out here in LA with you so I don't know any more than you do. But it seemed to me that was an announcement that two companies might do something in the future sometime this month subject to a lot of conditions. So I don't know why we're expected to have a reaction to that quite frankly. So there s no change in our behavior. We're moving forward to get done what we think is a great deal.

Alesci: Okay. And speaking of shareholders, one of your largest shareholders, I think it's Ian MacDonald of T. Rowe Price made some comment about Nasdaq's offer being quite large and shareholders can't ignore that. The gap has closed a bit, as we reported today, right? Is it concerning to you that one of your largest shareholders is expressing this sentiment?

Niederauer: They should express whatever they think is consistent with them doing right for their clients. We meet with our biggest investors all the time. We understand that the strategy and the value creation opportunity in the long term is unquestionable. And to a person, every shareholder agrees with that. What we're trying to understand is what happens between now and July 7.

I don't object to T. Rowe Price or anyone else making comments like that. They deserve to be heard. We should listen to them. And we actually don't focus as much on the ratio because one is today's price, one is tomorrow's value. So it's interesting that it's closed significantly. But I don't know if that's the conversation we should all be having together now anyway. Our job is to create value in the short, medium and long term. And that's what we're going to be focused on from here on out. So I think it's okay.

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