

Optiver posts solid profit of EUR 320.7 million in 2016

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Market maker Optiver realized a net profit attributable to equity holders of € 320.7 million in 2016, compared to € 394.8 million in 2015. It was the second highest result ever for Optiver. Net trading income for the financial year amounted to € 857.1 million, 7.8% lower than the year before.

Optiver's results were spread more or less evenly across regions in 2016. "Markets gyrated globally, as events such as the UK's Brexit vote and the US elections fueled volatility. And the European Central Bank continued quantitative easing, while the US Federal Reserve began raising interest rates", explains Paul Hilgers, Global CEO of Optiver.

Notable events of 2016 for Optiver furthermore included its 30-year anniversary, passing the 1.000 employees mark and an expansion of the Shanghai office. The year also saw Optiver make continued improvements in technology and in the firm's risk controls.

The market making firm showed a robust financial position at the end of 2016, with total equity increasing to € 993.2 million, compared to € 899.9 million at the end of 2015. The firm maintains a conservative capital structure in order to meet any market and regulatory challenges. Total assets were € 7.6 billion as of 31 December 2016, an increase of 10.7 % compared to 2015.

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About Optiver

Optiver started business in 1986 as a single trader on the floor of Amsterdam's European Options Exchange. Today, we are a leading global electronic market maker, focused on pricing, execution and risk management. We provide liquidity to financial markets using our own capital, at our own risk, trading a wide range of products: listed derivatives, cash equities, ETFs, bonds and foreign currencies. Our independence allows us to objectively improve the markets and provide efficiencies for end investors.

With over one thousand Optiverians globally, our mission to improve the market unites us. Thriving in a high performance environment, we pioneer our own trading strategies and systems using clean code and sophisticated technology. We achieve this by attracting, developing and empowering top talent, in order to sustain our future.

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