

SPACs surge in the Netherlands

Special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs)

- A SPAC is a listed empty shell company
- It uses the proceeds from an IPO to acquire a private company
- The SPAC has 24 months to do this
- The AFM thinks SPACs are suitable for only a (very) limited group of retail investors

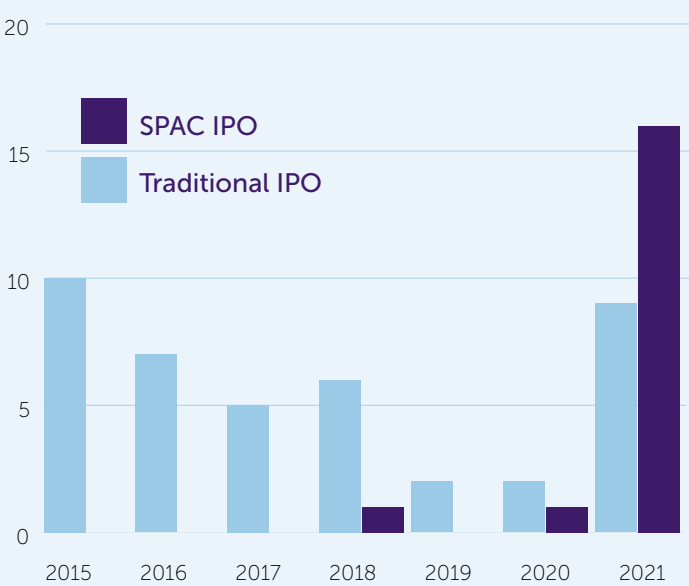
Number of listing on Euronext Amsterdam

 **16**

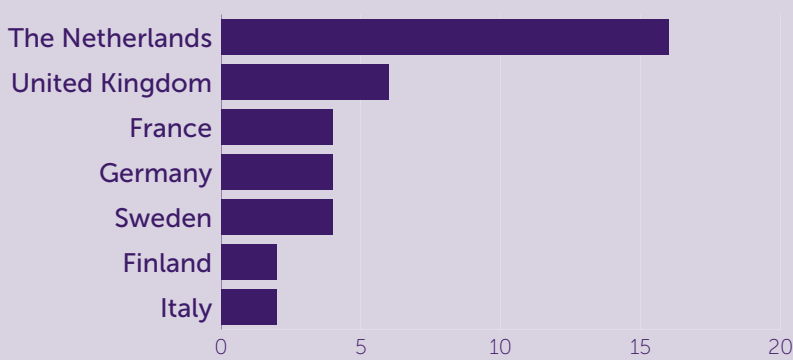
Number of SPACs listed on Euronext Amsterdam in 2021

€3.7 billion

Amount raised by SPAC IPOs in the Netherlands in 2021



Number of SPAC listings per country in 2021



In 2021 the Netherlands is the leading jurisdiction by number of SPAC IPOs in Europe



Investors should be aware of the risks

- There is limited information at the moment of IPO
- Shareholders may experience significant dilution
- Sponsors have potential conflicts of interest
- There is stiff competition to find a suitable target

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