

Company Profile

Name of Stock Exchange	Malta Stock Exchange plc
Country/Region	Malta -Europe
Name of CEO	Ms Eileen V Muscat
Capital (US\$)	Fully paid up US\$3.6million
Number of Officers and Employees	60
Ownership and Governance (Main Shareholders)	The structure consists of a group of companies composed of MSE (Holdings) Ltd, (a holding company wholly owned by Government) and two subsidiary companies. The Holding Company acquired the lease agreement in force between the Malta Stock Exchange and the Government with regards to the property which is currently used as the premises of the Exchange. Through this mechanism, the Government, through the Holding Company, continues to retain control over the immovable property. The Holding Company also holds 100% shareholding in the two subsidiary companies, Malta Stock Exchange plc and CSD (Malta) plc.

Brief History The Malta Stock Exchange was set up in terms of the Malta Stock Exchange Act (Cap. 345 of the Laws of Malta) on 13 November 1990 as “..... a body corporate with a distinct legal personality....”.

The Exchange was set up with the main objective to develop the capital market in Malta by facilitating the mobilisation of savings into productive investment through the primary market as well as to facilitate trading of listed securities through the provision of a secondary market.

Other amendments within the Financial Markets Act directly affecting the Exchange referred to new provisions regarding the licensing and supervision of central securities depositories. The Exchange was in fact issued with two licenses in 2007 – one to provide the services of a regulated market (replacing the previous status of a recognised investment exchange) and the other to operate a central securities depository.

Other provisions included in the amendments to the Financial Markets Act provided for the new corporate structure of the Exchange, whereby from a corporate entity set up under a specific law it would be possible to set up the Exchange as a public liability company set up under the Companies Act.

Practices and Procedures

Trading

Days Monday - Friday

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Hours	Pre-Trading	9.00am-9.30am
	Regular Market	9.30am-12.30pm
	Post-Trading-	12.30-3.00pm
	Treasury Bills Market	9.30am-10.30am
	OFF-Exchange Market	9.00am-3.00pm
Market segmentation	N/A	
System	XETRA Trading System, and CSD	
Mechanisms	Opening Auction, Continuous Trading, Closing Auction	
Market-Maker /Specialists	Market Making	
Instruments	Equities, Corporate and Government Bonds	
Currency	EURO, US Dollar, Sterling	
Real time information	Best market, trades effected	
Clearing & Settlement		
Central Depository	Yes	
Period	T+2	
Registered	Registered	
Settlement	All trades, both those effected on-Exchange and those effected off-exchange are settled at the Malta CSD	
Clearing	Yes	
DVP	Yes	
Clearing Institution	Clearing Service provided	
Risk Sharing	N/A	
Margin/Lending	N/A	
Custodians	Custody Services provided	
Taxes		
Cash Dividends	On Equity currently 35% corporate tax	
Interest Income	On Corporate Bonds and government stocks currently 15% withholding tax	
Capital Gains	No Capital gains tax on transactions in Malta Stock Exchange listed securities	
Structure & Regulations		
Legal	Public Limited Liability company	
Regulation	Malta Financial Services Authority (Competent Authority)	

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Securities market regulations	Malta Financial Services Authority
Trading rules	The Malta Stock Exchange Bye-laws apply to Member firms and Issuers of Listed financial instruments
Surveillance	As a Market Operator the Malta Stock Exchange monitors transactions undertaken by its members to identify any breaches of the bye-laws and any possibility of Market Abuse
Corporate actions	Equity (centralised), fixed income (centralised)
Trading halts regulations	Yes
Investor protection	Yes
Foreign Participation	
Foreign investors	Allowed, No restrictions
Investment limitations	No Limitations
Repatriation	No restrictions
Minimum Listing Requirements	Official List
	Minimum Paid-in Capital <i>1,000,000</i>
	Years of Business Activity <i>Minimum 3 financial years</i>
	Capitalization of Issue <i>1,000,000</i>
	Free Float <i>Yes</i>
	Free Float Ratio <i>25%</i>
	Minimum no of Shareholders <i>n/a</i>
	Minimum Years of Positive Financial Results <i>n/a</i>
	Prior Years Audited Financial Accounts
	<i>Must cover three financial years preceding the application for Admissibility to Listing and the last year of audited information may not be older than 18 months from the date of the registration document;</i>
	Dividend Distribution in the Last 3 years <i>n/a</i>
	Whole Class of Securities to be issued <i>Yes</i>
	Prospectus <i>Yes</i>
	Special Requirements <i>Yes</i>
	Alternative Company List
	Minimum Paid-in Capital <i>50,000</i>
	Years of Business Activity <i>No Trading Record required</i>
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