

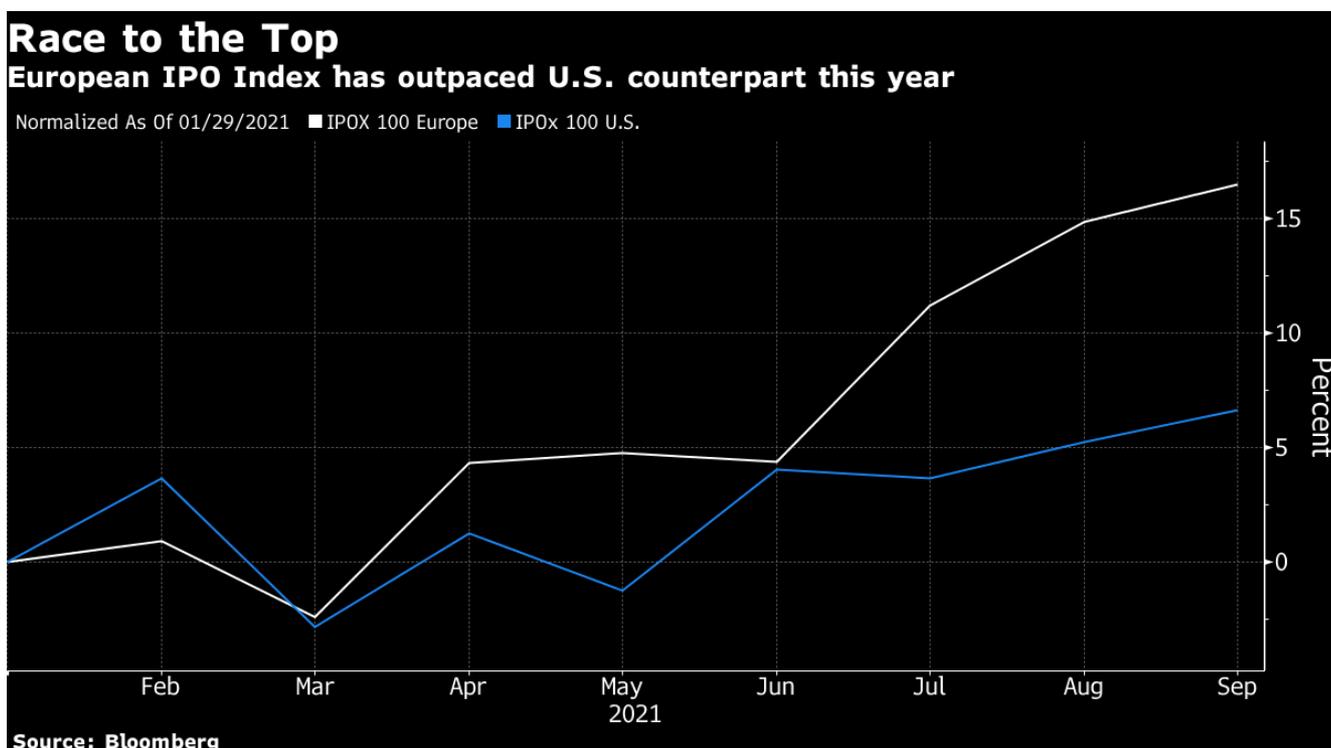
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### IPOs From Europe Beat U.S. as China Crackdown Bites: ECM Watch

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(Bloomberg) -- An index tracking newly listed European stocks has outpaced a similar U.S. benchmark this year, thanks to cheaper valuations and limited fallout from a Chinese crackdown that cast a shadow on New York listings.

The IPOX 100 Europe Index, which tracks the region's largest initial public offerings and spinoffs for up to four years after listing, has jumped more than 15% this year in dollar terms, beating the 9.5% gain for the IPOX 100 U.S.



IPO valuations for European businesses are generally cheaper than those seen on Wall Street. Investors have piled into technology companies on this side of the Atlantic, including fintech Wise Plc and Auction Technology Group Plc, amid a rush to market not seen since the dotcom era. Meanwhile, many U.S. listings have quickly given up early gains.

High-growth companies like Airbnb Inc. and Uber Inc. listed at high valuations in New York, "but are yet to beat their costs of capital," said James Congdon, co-head of Canaccord Genuity's research division Quest. "Perhaps investors are preferring the certainty of cash-flow funded growth in Europe versus the U.S."

A Beijing-led probe into U.S.-listed ride-hailing business Didi Global Inc. and a broader Chinese regulatory crackdown on tech stocks shook Wall Street last month, forcing several companies to withdraw planned offerings. Europe, meanwhile, has remained largely insulated from the tensions.

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As for IPO stocks, those in the IPOX Europe benchmark seemed to be less susceptible to volatility from China-related stocks and Beijing's policies when compared to the U.S., said Josef Schuster, founder of the index provider IPOX Schuster.

Still, New York remains the world's biggest market for IPOs and European companies are flocking to the market at the fastest pace in more than two decades. Since its inception in 2004, the IPOX 100 Europe has only outpaced its U.S. counterpart three times, most recently in 2019.

More ECM situations Bloomberg is following:

- Saudi Arabia's ACWA Power will offer 81.2 million shares in its IPO from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, according to a prospectus.
- CVC Capital Partners is once again considering an IPO for optical retail and eye health company Syntex, Dagens industri reported.
- Vehicle glass repair and replacement company Cary Group may IPO by the end of September, Dagens industri reported, citing people familiar with the matter.
- Saudi restaurant chain Burgerizzr set the price in its initial public offering at 165 riyal a share, with the stock to list on the Saudi stock exchange's Parallel Market - Nomu.
- Korean SA priced an offering of 332.5 million euros of convertible bonds at a conversion premium of 30% and an annual coupon of 1.875%, according to terms seen by Bloomberg.
- Investment AB Spiltan is to be the first company to list on NGM PepMarket, a new market place with trading concentrated to one day a week, at the end of October.
- SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust Plc is selling 158.4 million new shares at 110.5 pence each, representing a discount of 6% to Wednesday's close, in a placing, open offer and retail offer.
- Auction Technology Group Plc shares dropped following an offering of shares by holder ECI Partners that priced at 15 pounds each, or at an 8.7% discount to Wednesday's close.
- CM.com NV sank after the Dutch company sold 100 million euros worth of convertible bonds due 2026 with an initial conversion price of 53.30 euros.
- Cint Group AB shares fell after shareholder Nordic Capital sold 17 million shares in the company at 115 kronor apiece, or at a 7.3% discount to Wednesday's close.
- Grainger Plc priced an offering of 67.4 million shares at 310 pence apiece, or at a 4.6% discount to Wednesday's close.
- An offering of 95 million Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA shares by holders priced at 9.2 kroner each, or at a 5.3% discount to Wednesday's close.
- Harvia Oyj shares dropped after a stock offering by holder Onvest priced at 52 euros a share, or at an 11% discount to Wednesday's close.
- An offering of 437,432 Cofinimmo SA shares by holder Care-ion priced at 135.50 euros each, or at a 3.7% discount to Wednesday's close.
- Investment AB Spiltan will be the first company to list on NGM PepMarket at the end of October. NGM Pepmarket, a new market place with trading concentrated to one day a week, is a collaboration between Nordic Growth Market NGM and Pepins.

Here is what's coming up through September:

- Scholt Energy (Netherlands, energy)
  - Amsterdam IPO
  - ABN Amro, Rabobank, Kepler Cheuvreux and KBC
- Blackfinch Renewable European Income Trust (U.K., fund)
  - London IPO
  - Deal size: GBP300m
  - Barclays, finnCap
- Responsible Housing REIT (U.K., fund)
  - London IPO
  - Deal size: GBP250m
  - Expected listing date: end of September
  - Peel Hunt
- ACWA Power (Saudi Arabia, energy)
  - Riyadh IPO
  - Deal size: expected to raise at least \$1b
  - Bookbuild from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1
  - JPMorgan, Citi, Riyadh Capital and Natixis

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EMEA Equity Offering Manager	Issues	Vol (\$M)	Table Share (%)
Goldman Sachs	73	13,244	8.9
Morgan Stanley	61	10,858	7.3
JPMorgan	76	10,567	7.1
Citi	59	9,890	6.6
BofA Securities	45	9,169	6.1
Barclays	39	6,679	4.5
BNP Paribas	37	5,859	3.9
Jefferies	60	5,292	3.5
Carnegie	66	4,372	2.9
Berenberg	46	4,142	2.8

EMEA Equity-Linked Bookrunner	Issues	Vol (\$M)	Table Share (%)
Citi	12	2,462	13.1
HSBC	12	2,045	10.9
Goldman Sachs	8	1,612	8.6
BofA Securities	10	1,537	8.2

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BNP Paribas EMEA Equity-Linked Bookrunner IPMorgan	Issues	Vol (\$M)	Table Share (%)
	14	1,504	8
	9	1,112	5.9
Barclays	8	979	5.2
Morgan Stanley	4	740	3.9
Deutsche Bank	4	720	3.8
Credit Suisse	3	607	3.2

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