How the ranking works

One retrospective EU-27 ranking: 1,572 listed operating companies screened, 316 qualified and 100 published. These are the rules needed to understand how the Top 100 was selected, scored and interpreted.

MEASUREMENT	UNIVERSE SCREENED	RANKING INPUTS	2026 RETURN CONTEXT
FY2022-FY2025	17 June 2026	27 July 2026	Through 9 October 2026

FOUR FIXED STEPS

1 DEFINE THE UNIVERSE

Active primary operating listings on EU-27 exchanges. Remove secondary and non-operating instruments; exclude Financials and Real Estate; listed before 1 January 2022.

2 APPLY ELIGIBILITY

Require a dated FY2025 report, comparable endpoints and FY2025 net income status ACTUAL. At 31 December 2025: market value at least EUR 225m and share price at least EUR 5. Revenue at least EUR 50m in FY2025 and at least EUR 10m in FY2022. Missing required values exclude the firm; none are estimated.

3 TEST GROWTH

FY2025 revenue and net income must exceed FY2022; net income must be positive at both endpoints; total shareholder return over the matching window must be positive.

4 SUM THREE RANKS

Rank cumulative revenue growth, cumulative net-income growth and total shareholder return separately across all 316 qualifiers. Add the three ranks; lowest total wins. Publish the 100 best composite sums; cutoff ties are retained.

Tie rule: equal component values receive average component ranks; equal composite sums share the same published rank. The growth gate compares endpoints and does not imply uninterrupted growth in every year.

DATA AND DATES

LSEG Workspace supplies only the standardised revenue, net income, market capitalisation, share price, stock return and basic issuer fields used in the annual ranking, plus the displayed 2026 stock return. Monetary values use provider EUR conversions.

Total shareholder return includes price change and reinvested dividends. For TSR, fiscal endpoints replace calendar endpoints when either issuer endpoint is non-calendar. The same configured rules apply to every firm. No editorial company fact changes eligibility, a value or rank.

HOW TO READ THE RESULT

Cumulative, not annualised. Revenue and net-income growth equal FY2025 divided by FY2022, minus one. All three published changes cover the full FY2022-FY2025 window.

FY2022 base. Pandemic disruption and the energy and inflation shock mean part of some increases may be rebound. Low bases, acquisitions, disposals, currency effects, one-offs and cyclicality can also move reported growth; they are not stripped out.

Retrospective, not predictive. The screen covers active listed companies and has survivorship and coverage limits. Rank is not a causal claim, forecast, valuation or investment recommendation.

COMPANY PROFILES BY EDITION

Annual membership, values, order and ranks are frozen after publication; dated corrections are recorded. Permanent company pages append annual history.

The 2026 profiles explain products, activities, countries and historical operating context. They are retained as edition records based on linked public sources, principally official company reports, releases and regulated filings.

Dated descriptions and plans reflect the sources used for that edition. Later editions may add analysis; corrections and link maintenance remain possible. The displayed 2026 stock return is dated context only. Neither it nor editorial content changes the ranking.

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