

PRESS RELEASE

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ING rebalances hedge portfolio for employee options

ING Groep N.V. announced today that it has bought 13,670,000 (depository receipts for) ordinary shares for its delta hedge portfolio, which is used to hedge employee options and facilitate employee share programmes. The shares were bought in the open market between 23 March and 6 April at an average price of EUR 7.47 per share.

ING does not issue new shares to cover employee options. Instead, employees receive shares from the delta hedge portfolio, which is maintained to minimise the market risks and price fluctuations that arise from the employee option programmes. The hedge position is adjusted periodically, generally on a quarterly basis, in accordance with regulatory requirements and ING's policies to prevent market manipulation.

The hedge book currently holds 49.7 million (depository receipts for) ordinary ING shares, representing 1.3% of the 3,832 million shares outstanding.

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ING Profile

ING is a global financial institution of Dutch origin offering banking, investments, life insurance and retirement services to over 85 million private, corporate and institutional clients in more than 40 countries. With a diverse workforce of about 107,000 people, ING is dedicated to setting the standard in helping our clients manage their financial future.

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