



NUMBER26 launches in six new European markets

Berlin FinTech startup expands first true digital bank account to France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Slovakia, and Spain

Berlin, 03. December 2015 – Number26, the FinTech startup revolutionizing personal finance in Europe, announced today it will expand to six new countries. Starting immediately, Number26 will be available in France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Slovakia, and Spain. This is the first step toward offering a borderless banking experience across Europe.

The Berlin-based FinTech company Number26 offers the only mobile-first bank account available across Europe: A current account for the digital age made for the smartphone. The account is linked with a MasterCard that can be used worldwide to make purchases or receive cash at ATMs without incurring fees. Easier still is signing up for an account, which takes place online via video chat in just eight minutes, or sending money to friends via text message or email with just a few clicks. After every transaction the user receives an instant push notification to stay in full control of their money. Number26 technology is also smart and helps users to keep an eye on their personal finance. All funds are protected under the German Deposit Protection Fund.

„Our vision from the start has been to build Europe’s first bank account for the smartphone,“ said CEO and founder Valentin Stalf. „We see traditional banks as having failed to adapt to the demands of the digital generation. The response to Number26 has been fantastic and we’re thrilled to expand to further markets.“

The expansion brings the total number of countries where Number26 is active to eight, following its initial launch in Germany and Austria earlier this year.

„The markets we chose to enter now are perfect examples of a bad user experience and overpriced retail banking products. It’s here where we start to build the first true pan-European bank,“ said CFO and founder Maximilian Tayenthal. „The problems affecting banks in Europe, such as bureaucracy, outdated technology and inefficient structures, are well present in those markets. Thus the timing couldn’t be better for a digital solution to banking.“

In just under a year, Number26 has become one of the most successful Berlin startups with more than 80,000 clients in Germany and Austria. This April, prominent PayPal founder Peter Thiel invested with his Valar Ventures.

Besides creating a European bank without borders, Number26 is working relentlessly to simplify everyone’s financial life.

High-res pictures are available for download here: <https://number26.de/en/press-downloads/>

About NUMBER26

The Berlin startup NUMBER26 GmbH offers the bank account of the future, one that is geared especially towards the needs of smartphone users. NUMBER26 partners with Wirecard Bank AG, which is regulated under German law, to offer their services. Opening a new bank account takes only eight minutes and can be



completed directly on the smartphone. Founded in early 2013 by Valentin Stalf (30) and Maximilian Tayenthal (35), NUMBER26 acquired more than 80,000 clients in only 10 months and is currently employing 70 people. Since January 2015, NUMBER26 has been available for Android, iOS, and desktop. In addition to Peter Thiel's Valar Ventures, other NUMBER26 investors include EarlyBird Ventures, Redalpine Ventures, and Axel Springer Plug&Play, amongst others.

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