Results of the 2014 study on employee shareholding

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- Employee shareholding of listed companies in France and Europe
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WHO IS DEBORY ERES?
DEBORY ERES is a specialist of profit sharing, retirement and employee ownership

- Created in 2005,
- DEBORY ERES is the only independant specialist on the French market,
- Owned by his founders and employees,
- Its team of consultants, actuaries, project managers and assets managers
- Advises clients and sets up dedicated solutions

Consultancy, brokerage, training, support
Asset management (AMF registered)
Selection of asset managers

Founders – Employees (100%)
(100%)

DEBORY
(100%)

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DEBOR ERES: a team of 20 specialists dedicated to Comp&Ben strategies (in France) since 2005

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DEBORY ERES in numbers

- **900** millions euros assets under management in profit sharing and retirement schemes
- **14 000** profit sharing and retirement plans
- **1 100** distributors: independent financial advisors, insurance brokers, accountants
- **10** new plans per day
- **10%** of all new business in France
Our references

- DEBORY has more than 8,500 clients, of all sizes and sectors.
EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP OF LISTED COMPANIES IN FRANCE AND EUROPE
Methodology

- Our study is based on public data\(^1\) (annual reports, press releases, internet sites) and information from EFES (European Federation of Employee Share Ownership), and specifically on the 120 largest listed companies in France from 2005 to 2013.

- We also analysed the plans initiated in 2014 to assess the trends of the ongoing year.

- The study is focusing on collective plans (proposed to all common employees, in all countries or at least in France) and not on top executives’ plans such as stock options plans (discretionary plans). It also excludes companies where employees can subscribe at any time in a company shares with no specific advantage such as discount or matching contribution.

\(^1\) Companies which do not communicate on such plans neither in annual reports nor in press releases are not analyzed.
In 2013, France is still the leading country for collective employee share ownership

Cartography of the employee shareholding in listed companies in Europe en 2013

France:
- 82% of companies with a « democratic » plan
- Democratization rate: 47.2%
- % of capital held by common employees (non top executives): 3.7%

UK:
- % capital held by common employees: 1.4%

Europe:
- 48% of companies with a « democratic » plan
- Democratization rate: 28%
- % of capital held by common employees: 1.6%

Germany:
- % of capital held by common employees: 1.0%

Austria:
- % of capital held by common employees: 2.5%

Spain:
- % of capital held by common employees: 0.3%

Sweden:
- % of capital held by common employees: 1.1%

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership

(1) % of employee shareholders in total staff
Sample: 2 200 European listed companies (250 in France) with a market cap over 200 M€
Legend: the size of the bubble is proportional to the % of capital held by common employees (non top executives)
In 2013, more than one third of European shareholder employees and more than one fourth of market cap is held by French employees.

Number of European shareholder employees in 2013 (in millions)

- Total: 9.2 M
- France: 3.5 M
- Other European countries: 5.7 M

Market cap held by employees in Europe en 2013 (in billions of euros)

- Total: 252 Md€
- France: 67.4 Md€
- Other European countries: 184.6 Md€

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership

Sample: 2,200 European listed companies (250 in France) with a market cap over 200 M€
OVERVIEW OF EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP IN FRANCE
For the last 3 years, employee ownership in major French listed companies remained stable.

Evolution of employee share ownership in listed companies in France

% of companies with a « democratic » plan

- 2011: 81%
- 2012: 81%
- 2013: 82%

Democratization rate (1)

- 2011: 50%
- 2012: 47.7%
- 2013: 47.2%

% of capital held by common employees (non top executives)

- 2011: 3.8%
- 2012: 3.7%
- 2013: 3.7%

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
Sample: 250 French listed companies

(1) % of employee shareholders in total staff
Companies have different employee share ownership strategies and culture

- The strategies can be classified depending on:
  - The frequency of common employees plans from 2005 to 2013: 0%, <25%, >75%
  - The percentage of capital held by common employees: < or > 8%
There is no correlation between the frequency of plans and the % of capital held by employees.

Classification of the 120 major listed French companies according to their employee share ownership culture

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
Employee share ownership is much higher in top 40 companies (CAC40) than in the next 80 companies.

Breakdown of 120 French listed companies according to their employee share ownership culture:

- **No culture**
  - CAC40: 13%
  - NEXT80: 40%
  - TOTAL: 28%

- **Changing mind**
  - CAC40: 28%
  - NEXT80: 6%
  - TOTAL: 21%

- **Strong culture**
  - CAC40: 40%
  - NEXT80: 28%
  - TOTAL: 25%

- **Very strong culture**
  - CAC40: 20%
  - NEXT80: 45%
  - TOTAL: 34%

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership.
The percentage of capital held by employees in CAC40 companies has reached its peak since 2006: 4.4%

Employee share ownership evolution* in France between 2006 and 2013

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
* Evolution of the share of capital held by all employees (incl. Management)
The democratization rate has increased in the long term and is now well established over 50% in the major French listed companies.

Evolution of democratization rate* in France

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
* % of employee shareholders in total staff
Due to the crisis and the rise of social taxes, the number of plans dropped in 2012 and 2013 in the major French listed companies.

Number of companies in SBF120 having proposed at least one plan in year

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
Since 2005, the percentage of major French listed companies proposing a plan has fluctuated with a recent drop in 2012 and 2013.

% of top 120 listed French companies having at least undertaken one operation in 2013

Sources: EFES, DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS IN FRANCE IN 2013
In the top 120 French listed companies

- 25 companies proposed at least one plan: increase of capital-AK and/or free shares-AGA
- 28 plans for all employees: 22 AK and 6 AGA
- Among plans where information is available, 9 propose only a « classic » FCPE (mutual fund 100% invested in shares) and 8 propose a classic FCPE coupled with a « leveraged » FCPE (mutual fund with partial guarantee)
- In average 90% of employees are eligible (AK)
- 55% of SBF120 companies offer a matching contribution
- The average discount of stock price is 17%
- 60% of companies proposed a subscription via a FCPE and direct holding* (40% only via a FCPE)

Subscription results

- Average amount subscribed by employee: 4 520€
- Average subscription rate** : 44%

Source: DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership

* Direct holding is used in countries where FCPE is not allowed
** In 2013, 76% of companies communicated on the subscription rate. It can be assumed that companies which communicate on their subscription rate are the ones where the plan was most successful.
In 2013, the average amount per employee who subscribed is around 4 500 euros.

Average amount subscribed per employee in the French top 120 listed companies en 2013

Sources: DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
In 2013, 80% of plans proposed to common employees are increases of capital.

Types of plans proposed by the top 120 French listed companies in 2013

- 79% Free shares
- 21% Increase of capital

Sources: DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
Note: Employee shareholding schemes based on direct purchase of shares are computed with increases of capital.
The top 40 French companies proposed more « leveraged » FCPE compared to the next 80

Type of mutual funds proposed by top 120 French listed companies in 2013

Source: DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
Note: In 2013 information on the type of structures proposed by the top 120 French listed companies is available in our database in 80% of cases.
The subscription results of 2013 plan show no impact of the discount rate on the subscription rate

Discount rate versus subscription rate* in employee share ownership plans proposed by the top 120 French listed companies in 2013

Average discount rate : 17%
Average subscription rate* : 44%

Source: DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
Note: in 2013, all subscription plans offered a discount
* In 2013, 76% of companies communicated on the subscription rate. It can be assumed that companies which communicate on their subscription rate are the ones where the plan was most successful.
In 2013, the coverage rate* had little impact on the subscription rate, whereas subscription rates tend to be smaller abroad.

Coverage rate* versus Subscription rate** in employee share ownership plans proposed by the top 120 French listed companies in 2013

Average coverage rate* : 90%
Average subscription rate** : 44%

Source: DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership.
*Coverage rate may exceed 100% if the operation is also offered to former/retired employees.
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In 2013, 55% of companies paid a matching contribution, most of the time in cash

- In 2013, 54.5% of 120 French major listed companies paid a matching contribution.
- One third of companies proposed a matching contribution in free shares.

### Types of matching contribution paid by the 120 French major listed companies in 2013

- Matching contribution in free shares: 33%
- Matching contribution in cash: 67%

Source: DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership
In 2013, the majority of the 120 French major listed companies proposed a subscription via a FCPE (mutual fund) and direct holding.

**Subscription options in plans of 120 French major listed companies in 2013**

- **CAC40**: 67% Subscription via a FCPE, 33% Subscription via a FCPE + direct holding
- **NEXT80**: 50% Subscription via a FCPE, 50% Subscription via a FCPE + direct holding
- **SBF120**: 40% Subscription via a FCPE, 60% Subscription via a FCPE + direct holding

Source: DEBORY ERES – 2014 study on employee share ownership

*In 2013, information on subscription modalities (Mutual fund – FCPE / direct) is available in our database in 70% of cases*
From January to May 2014, 13 companies have initiated a new plan as in the same period in 2013.

**Number of companies among the 120 French major listed companies which proposed a new plan (from January to May)**

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