Stock Exchanges

Stock Exchanges are the engines of a nation's economy. Some form of trading of stocks and shares is believed to have happened as long back as in the times of the Roman Empire. However, stock exchanges the way we know it today first came into picture in **Netherlands, Amsterdam Stock Exchange, 1602,** which was setup to fund the financial needs of the Dutch East India Company during the inchoate days of the European imperialism.

Indian stock exchanges, NSE & BSE, are located in Mumbai. (BSE is in the famous Dalal Street, Mumbai) BSE is the biggest and most active one. **It was setup in 1875 (and NSE was setup in 1992).** Unlike BSE, NSE is owned by a number of other financial institutions.

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List of World's top 18 Exchanges is listed below:

Exchange	Country	HQ	Market Cap.	Trade Value
NYSE Euronext	United States/ Europe	New York City	14,242	20,161
NASDAQ OMX	United States/ Europe	New York City	4,687	13,552
Tokyo Stock Exchange	Japan	Tokyo	3,325	3,972
London Stock Exchange	United Kingdom	London	3,266	2,837
Shanghai Stock Exchange	China	Shanghai	2,357	3,658
Hong Kong Stock Exchange	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	2,258	1,447
Toronto Stock Exchange	Canada	Toronto	1,912	1,542
BM&F Bovespa	Brazil	São Paulo	1,229	931
Australian Securities Exchange	Australia	Sydney	1,198	1,197
Deutsche Börse	Germany	Frankfurt	1,185	1,758
SIX Swiss Exchange	Switzerland	Zurich	1,090	887
Shenzhen Stock Exchange	China	Shenzhen	1,055	2,838
BME Spanish Exchanges	Spain	Madrid	1,031	1,226
Bombay Stock Exchange	India	Mumbai	1,007	148
Korea Exchange	South Korea	Seoul	996	2,029
National Stock Exchange of India	India	Mumbai	985	589
Moscow Exchange	Russia	Moscow	800	514
JSE Limited	South Africa	Johannesburg	789	372

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