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**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

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**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For 21 October, 2015**

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

The Press Release issued on 21 October, 2015

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## **ING to start strategic partnership and launch pilot with fintech Kabbage**

ING today announced it's starting a strategic partnership with Kabbage, a leading technology and data platform powering automated lending to small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The partnership fits ING's strategy to expand its lending capabilities to SMEs and helps them to get the capital they need to grow. On 14 October 2015, ING made public it had taken an equity stake in the US based fintech company in a financing round in which Kabbage raised USD 135 million.

As part of the partnership, ING and Kabbage will start a pilot in Spain, offering small and medium enterprises (SMEs) loans up to EUR 100,000. Kabbage's automated loan application and approval process is both accelerated and simple for customers. It makes use of full credit scoring and real time risk monitoring and allows SMEs with an existing business account to get a loan within ten minutes, based on real-time business data.

"This partnership shows we are dedicated to creating a differentiating customer experience. After a successful launch, we will look into expanding the offering. This initiative perfectly fits our strategic priority to increase the pace of innovation," Ralph Hamers, CEO of ING, said. "The cooperation is also in line with ING's innovation approach to launch new services via both own initiatives and by working together with and investing in fintechs and startups."

"As financial institutions embrace new lending technology, we see that platforms like Kabbage are interesting for them to provide a superior experience to their customers," said Rob Frohwein, Kabbage co-founder and Chief Executive Officer. "We are incredibly proud of our partnership with ING, and most importantly, we are thrilled to serve the small and medium businesses powering the economy in Spain."

### **Note for editors**

Kabbage and ING are speaking on a panel on 'Bank Partnerships with Alternative Finance & Lending-as-a-service' on the Money 2020 conference in Las Vegas coming Tuesday 27 October.

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**ING Profile**

ING is a global financial institution with a strong European base, offering banking services through its operating company ING Bank and holding a significant stake in the listed insurer NN Group NV. The purpose of ING Bank is empowering people to stay a step ahead in life and in business. ING Bank's more than 52,000 employees offer retail and commercial banking services to customers in over 40 countries.

ING Group shares are listed (in the form of depositary receipts) on the exchanges of Amsterdam (INGA NA, ING.AS), Brussels and on the New York Stock Exchange (ADRs: ING US, ING.N).

Sustainability forms an integral part of ING's corporate strategy, which is evidenced by ING Group shares being included in the FTSE4Good index and in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Europe and World) where ING is the industry leader in the diversified financials group.

## **Important legal information**

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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