

## Press release

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### **Fortis Bank Global Clearing N.V. offers Market Access proximity service to Eurex and Xetra**

Fortis Bank Global Clearing N.V. (FBGC) is pleased to announce that it has launched its Market Access proximity service for Eurex and Xetra.

From Frankfurt, Fortis can offer proximity Market Access services to clients trading Eurex and Xetra. "Besides the obvious advantage of proximity, our clients will also benefit from Eurex "Enhanced Transaction Solution" (ETS) and Enhanced Broadcast Solution (EBS)" says Chris Lee, Global Head of Market Access. Eurex ETS/EBS is primarily aimed at customers with transaction-intensive and algorithmic trading strategies. Fortis has introduced its Member Hosting Service, allowing clients with an NCM status to share the Fortis Market Access Eurex ETS/EBS set-up. This eliminates the need for individual NCM's to make substantial investments in this exchange infrastructure.

"Our clients are demanding. We aim to offer the fastest available access to stock and derivative exchanges around the globe, in parallel with the highest standard of clearing and custodial service. By offering proximity services, we can significantly reduce the spend needed by our clients for these services, Where possible we can do this for members and non members of the exchanges", Lee adds.

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