

# Capitalab Completes Second EURO STOXX 50 Equity Derivatives Compression Cycle Offsetting \$6 Billion Notional

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LONDON, Dec. 14, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Capitalab, a division of BGC Brokers LP, an entity within the BGC Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ: BGCP) group of companies, in collaboration with Eurex successfully executed its second multilateral risk-constrained EURO STOXX 50 options compression cycle. The cycle included approximately 120,000 listed options contracts traded or 14 percent of the daily volume and \$6 billion notional unwound. Capitalab and Eurex announced their first compression in equity index derivatives in Europe in July 2021<sup>1</sup>, enabling participants to lower capital costs and reduce open positions of derivatives that carry some of the highest cost of capital per unit of notional exposure in the industry.

"The execution of this compression cycle is another milestone in terms of volume of contracts closed and notional unwound. Capitalab, Eurex and participants are working on adding additional features like support for Weeklies and Futures to make cycles even more efficient," said **Olivier Roguez**, head of equity sales at Capitalab.

**Dr. Nicholas Kassapakis**, co-head of CCP trading risk management at UBS Investment Bank, commented; "We are very pleased that Capitalab have collaborated with UBS for over a year to enable us to participate in the pioneering work of offering compression services to the equity derivatives markets. An agile approach, with an intuitive interface and the right risk management tools, assured us we could safely manage our balance sheet constraints under the exacting risk standards of UBS Investment Bank. We look forward to working with Capitalab to expand the scope of this service which importantly contributes to the financial stability of our banking system."

**Aldo van Audenaerde**, head of trading at Optiver V.O.F., commented; "Compression frees up valuable capital that would otherwise be held unnecessarily against offsetting positions that can be compressed. The end goal of compression is a cleaner portfolio, with less complexity and enhanced capital efficiencies, allowing for healthier and safer derivatives markets. We're excited to see it taking off in EURO STOXX 50 options. A clear, streamlined process and good responsiveness from Capitalab made the experience a

smooth one. We anticipate compression saving us substantial effort and costs going forward and would support the move to include more underlyings in the future."

**Dan Cohen**, managing director, head of EMEA index flow trading at Credit Suisse, commented; "Compression business started more than a decade ago in the fixed income world helping financial institutions to reduce their cost of balance sheet. It is clearly a gap for the equity derivatives market that we are looking to fill at the moment. We have been working very closely over the past months with Capitalab to design a tool that we believe is now the best in class to allow efficient compression trades. Credit Suisse participated in the first two cycles over the past few months: the compression experience has been successful so far at every stage of the execution process. We look forward to executing more cycles in the near future and are confident volumes are only going to increase in that space."

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<sup>1</sup> For additional information, please see press release titled "Capitalab and Eurex first in Europe to execute compression in equity index derivatives" dated July 28, 2021.



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