

Press Release

How can liquidity be improved in the SME segment? Blocktrading in SME stocks

Deutsche Börse and SideCaps recently launched a cooperation: The Hamburg-based fintech pools orders from various market participants in the small cap segment on its platform for block transactions and forwards them to Xetra for on-exchange off order-book execution.

The model improves access to shares in small and medium-sized companies and seeks to increase liquidity in high-growth small caps, in line with the interests of investors and SME companies. Xetra's Trade Entry Service (TES) for block trades with central clearing through Eurex Clearing is an integral part of the new SideCaps solution.

Christian Schürlein, Head of Business Development Wholesale at Deutsche Börse Cash Market: "The new SideCaps offering, which is uniquely focused on German small caps, combines seamlessly with our Xetra off-book execution service for block trades and we are glad to support this new solution."

Julius Krieg, Founder & CEO of SideCaps: "SideCaps is very excited to enable market participants to take advantage of unique liquidity while benefiting from a Xetra off book execution – a perfect symbiosis."

About SideCaps

SideCaps develops and operates a digital platform for the efficient initiation and processing of large-volume transactions (block trading) in the small cap market segment. Its matching platform will significantly increase liquidity in this segment and offer customers trading without pre-trade transparency and at very reasonable and transparent fees. SideCaps offers investors unique added value through the interplay of modern stock exchange technology, tailor-made regulatory design and the networking of the community. The unique vertical integration into XETRA and Eurex CCP settlement offer the transparency and security of the regulated market including a central counterparty.

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