

1. Introduction

You have received this Information Statement because you have entered into or may hereafter enter into one or more title transfer collateral arrangements or security collateral arrangements containing a right of use (together, "**Collateral Arrangements**") with us.

This Information Statement has been prepared to comply with Article 15 of the Securities Financing Transactions Regulation by informing you of the general risks and consequences that may be involved in consenting to a right of use of collateral provided under a security collateral arrangement or of concluding a title transfer collateral arrangement ("**Re-use Risks and Consequences**"). The information required to be provided to you pursuant to Article 15 of the Securities Financing Transactions Regulation relates only to Re-use Risks and Consequences, and so this Information Statement does not address any other risks or consequences that may arise as a result of your particular circumstances or as a result of the terms of particular Transactions.

This Information Statement is not intended to be, and should not be relied upon as, legal, financial, tax, accounting or other advice. Unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing, we are not providing you with any such legal, financial, tax, accounting or other advice and you should consult your own advisors for advice on consenting to a right of use of collateral provided under a security collateral arrangement or on concluding a title transfer collateral arrangement, including the impact on your business and the requirements of, and results of, entering into any Transaction.

Appendix 2 sets out an indicative (but not exhaustive) list of types of agreement that may constitute Collateral Arrangements.

Appendix 3 sets out alternative disclosures that are applicable if we are (1) a U.S. broker-dealer or futures commission merchant or (2) a U.S. bank or U.S. branch or agency office of a non-U.S. bank.

In this Information Statement:

- "we", "our", "ours" and "us" refer to the provider of this Information Statement that may conduct Transactions with you (or, where we are acting on behalf of another person, including where that person is an affiliate, that person);
- "you", "your" and "yours" refer to each of the persons to which this Information Statement is delivered or addressed in connection with entering into, continuing, executing or agreeing upon the terms of Transactions with us (or, where you are acting on behalf of other persons, each of those persons);
- "right of use" means any right we have to use, in our own name and on our own account or the account of another counterparty, financial instruments received by us by way of collateral under a security collateral arrangement between you and us;
- "Securities Financing Transactions Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (as amended from time to time);
- "Transaction" means a transaction entered into, executed or agreed between you and us under which you agree to provide financial instruments as collateral, either under a security collateral arrangement or under a title transfer collateral arrangement;
- "financial instruments", "security collateral arrangement" and "title transfer collateral arrangement" have the meaning given to those terms in the Securities Financing Transactions Regulation. These are set out in Appendix 1 for reference.

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