

To all the current and prospect Hi-Mtf Market Participants

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Launch of Hi-Cert, the new Hi-Mtf Market Segment for Certificates and Covered Warrants

Official Communication no. 1

Dear Sirs,

we are pleased to confirm that we are working for launching the new Hi-Mtf Market Segment dedicated to Certificates and Covered Warrants in November 2020.

Hi-Cert will be characterized by a Market Model highly innovative for the Italian Market, appropriately defined for achieving more competitive spreads and high standards in terms of ordered trading, thanks to:

- The maximum reduction of:
 - Quotation risks for market makers;
 - Possible mistrades and interruptions;
- A set of investor protection measures.

Moreover, we are pleased to confirm that we have activated the formal authorization process with Consob, as foreseen by its Regulation for Markets.

Please find here below, the principal information, useful for timely arranging all you need for becoming a Hi-Cert member, in case you are interested in.

Useful information for participating to the new Market Segment:

<u>Communications – Information Requests:</u>

You may ask Hi-Mtf for all the information you need for the new Market Segment, sending to us a request via e-mail to the hi-cert@himtf.com address. You may also contact us by phone at the following number for functional and technical information:

+ 39 338 9379061



Rule Book and Price List:

You may now ask for receiving a copy of the Rule Book draft of the new Market Segment and the Price List draft. A detailed description of the new Market Model is already available in English, while the English version of the Rule Book draft will be soon available (please do not hesitate to ask for more details).

We do recommend to consider such information confidential and strictly private in this phase.

Mic Code:

Hi-Cert will have a specific MIC CODE. We will communicate it as soon as certified by ISO 10383 Registration Authority.

Market Connectivity:

Hi-Mtf has its primary production site by BT Radianz data center, located in Settimo Milanese. The secondary site, used in case of disaster recovery and for Market Participant tests, is located in Sesto Fiorentino, in the data center of List Group S.p.A. The Market Participants can access to the Market through the following carriers, already active for Hi-Mtf:

- BT Radianz network
- SIA
- BIMS
- VPN internet (only for order Flow Providers and Infoproviders).

Hi-Mtf will soon make available the minimum bandwidth requirements for the connectivity to the Market, for either each Order Flow Plovider or each Specialist.

Technical Documentation:

Hi-Mtf has prepared a reserved area of its website <u>www.himtf.com</u>, restricted to its current and prospect Participants, where all the technical documentation will be available. User and passwords will be provided on request.

Static Data and Statistics format – publication timing (updates included):

With regard to financial instruments tradable during each tarding session, Hi-Mtf will make available on SFTP server:

- A daily static data file, named SECURITY_DEFINITION_CERT.txt (within 7:30 am);
- A daily statistic file, named HIMTF CERT Daily Statistics.txt (within 7:30 pm).

The technical specifications related these two files will be made available by June 26th, 2020.

Settlement:

Trades executed on Hi-Cert will be settled bilaterally, through Monte Titoli's XTRM service, by the domestic T2S CSD (Monte Titoli) and Euroclear Bank/Cleastream Banking Luxembourg (ICSDs).

On its SFTP server for each Participant, Hi-Mtf will make available, within 10:30 pm, a daily file which includes all the trades executed on Hi-Cert by the same Participant, named:

Participant_DETTAGLIO_ESEGUITI_CERT_YYYYMMDD.txt

The technical specifications related this file will be made available by June 26th, 2020.



We would like to highlight that we aim to offer the reduction of the settlement instruction number to send to the relevant CSDs, through the following solutions:

- A filter of the trades having the same Participant as their counterparts on both sides (buy and sell); for them, no settlement instruction will be sent to the CSDs. The filter will be actionable by each Market Participant, according to its own choice. We will make this solution available for the Hi-Cert launch or as close as possible to it;
- A bilateral netting mechanism, developed by ourselves or provided by a third party, which consolidates all the trades executed by the same two counterparts in a unique settlement instruction. Likely, this solution will be available in a second phase, after the launch of the new Market Segment.

Useful information for participating as Order Flow Provider:

Technical Requirements:

The Order Flow Provider shall preliminarly choose between the platform FTX's native API and the standard FIX protocol (4.4 or 5.0 versions). We point out that also the Order Flow Provider already member of Hi-Mtf has to set up a new connection to Hi-Cert Market Segment.

Hi-Mtf will make available in the restricted website area, in their draft version, by June 26th, 2020:

- The full API and FIX technical documentation, including the software libreries for the development through API;
- A guideline document aimed at addressing all the relevant information for an Order Flow Provider.

The same documents will be made available in their final version, in the restricted website area, by July 13th, 2020.

Project Time-line:

- UAT test environment availability for integration test (ISVs and Order Flow Providers): from September 7th, 2020 to October 2nd, 2020
- Test Environment availability for Order Flow Providers: from October 5th, 2020 to November 13th, 2020
- certification sessions: from October 21st, 2020 to November 6th, 2020
- Dress rehersal: November 14th, 2020, subject to confirmation
- Go-Live: November 2020, subject to confirmation

<u>Useful information for participating as Specialist (market maker):</u>

Technical Requirements:

The Specialist shall preliminarly choose between the platform FTX's native API and the standard FIX protocol (4.4 or 5.0 versions).

Hi-Mtf will make available in the restricted website area, in their draft version, by June 26th, 2020:



- The full API and FIX technical documentation, including the software libreries for the development through API;
- A guideline document aimed at addressing all the relevant information for conducting a market making activity
- The automated listing technical documentation related to the automated listing functionality which a Specialist may use for listing processes and communicating updates and delisting/restrikes (SFTP interface).

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Please do not hesitate to ask us for any further information or clarification. Best Regards,

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