



RBC CAPITAL MARKETS JOINS MULTI-DEALER PLATFORM, SPIRE

2 April 2025 – London, UK - Single Platform Investment Repackaging Entity SA ("SPIRE") is pleased to announce the admission of RBC Capital Markets ("RBCCM") to its multi-dealer programme, bringing the number of dealers on the platform to eighteen and further increasing choice for investors in the repackaging market.

The SPIRE programme allows for repackaged notes arranged by the platform's dealer-members to be issued in standardised formats. Investors can gain exposure to the returns of a variety of underlying collateral assets and customisable payoffs. The platform aims to bring transparency, liquidity and simplicity to the market for repackaged securities. To date, in excess of **EUR79bn** - equivalent has been issued to major UK, European and Asian institutional investors since the programme was launched in May 2017.

Commenting on the announcement, Sian Hurrell, Head of RBC Capital Markets Europe and Global Head of Sales & Relationship Management said: "We are pleased to join our peers in supporting the continued development of the repackaging markets for the benefit of global institutional investors. We believe that RBCCM's client-focused strategy and experienced trading and structuring capabilities will make a positive contribution to the SPIRE platform."

Fabian DePrey, Global Head of Structuring at RBC Capital Markets, added: "As SPIRE's only Canadian dealer, we are pleased to bring a new footprint and credit profile to investors. Our global structuring and product teams bring expertise, liquidity and solutions capabilities to the platform. SPIRE is an important complement to our issuance and repack offering, and we look forward to integrating it into our broader solutions offering."

The SPIRE platform was established by BNP Paribas, Citi, Credit Suisse and J.P. Morgan in May 2017. Barclays, Goldman Sachs, Crédit Agricole CIB and Morgan Stanley joined in 2018. Natixis, BofA Securities Europe SA, Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, HSBC, Societe Generale SA and NatWest Markets joined in 2019. Nomura and UniCredit Bank AG joined in 2020. UBS AG joined in 2021. Santander joined in 2023. In 2024, UBS AG and Credit Suisse AG merged. As a result of the merger, all subsidiaries, assets, liabilities and contracts of Credit Suisse AG transferred to UBS AG and Credit Suisse AG ceased to exist.

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About SPIRE

SPIRE is a special purpose vehicle established for the purpose of issuing asset backed securities. SPIRE has established a programme for the issuance of secured notes. The liability of SPIRE under the Notes and the Programme is separate in respect of each Series. Under the programme, SPIRE, subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may, from time to time, issue series (each, a “series”) of notes, in one or more tranches (each, a “tranche”), on the terms set out in its Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms prepared in connection with such tranche or the pricing terms prepared in connection with such tranche.

About RBC Capital Markets

The most significant corporations, institutional investors, asset managers, private equity firms, and governments around the globe recognize RBC Capital Markets as an innovative, trusted partner with an in-depth expertise in capital markets, banking, and finance. We are well-established in the largest, most mature capital markets across North America, Europe, and the Asia-Pacific region, which collectively encompasses 85% of the global investment banking fee pool.

RBC Capital Markets is part of a leading provider of financial services, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). Founded in 1864, RBC is one of the largest banks in the world and the fifth largest in North America, as measured by market capitalization. With a strong capital base and consistent financial performance, RBC is among a small group of highly rated global banks. Learn more at rbccm.com.

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