

**Press Release**

## **FIA EPTA Chair Mark Spanbroek steps down**

**21 June 2022** – Today, the FIA European Principal Traders Association (FIA EPTA) bids farewell to its Chairman and co-founder, Mark Spanbroek, after five consecutive years as Chairman and twelve years as a member of the FIA EPTA Executive Committee.

Over his impressive 37-year career, Mark has played an instrumental role in European market infrastructure, championing competition and the development of clearing interoperability, which brought competition to the European post-trade landscape.

European capital markets would not be where they are today without Mark's contributions – one of which led to the foundation of FIA EPTA in 2011. During the past twelve years, Mark has played an integral role at FIA EPTA and demonstrated his tireless commitment as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-General, representing the best interests of Europe's financial services industry and creating well-functioning markets.

Since its establishment twelve years ago, FIA EPTA has gone from strength to strength with Mark's guidance. As the industry association for the leading independent market making firms in Europe, FIA EPTA stands as an integral part of the financial eco-system providing vital input to regulators and policy makers across European and global capital markets.

Under Mark's leadership, FIA EPTA has also created an important open dialogue with key European regulators, which has been especially vital in times of crisis.

Mark Spanbroek, Chairman of FIA EPTA, said: "It has been a true privilege to serve as the Chairman over the past five years and work with talented experts in our industry to deliver on priorities that matter to our members, end-investors, and European financial markets more broadly.

"I am proud of the progress that we have made over the past 12 years, and I am especially grateful to European regulators and our key stakeholders, who have opened a direct line of communication with us and offered support when necessary. It is brilliant to see FIA EPTA at the core of European capital markets regulation and I look forward to seeing the association grow further in years to come."

Piebe Teeboom, Secretary General of FIA EPTA, said: "Mark has been a tireless advocate for our industry and its contribution to well-functioning markets. He represented our members' interests with dedication and passion. It goes without saying that Mark is



highly respected across the financial industry and we will truly miss his presence and personal devotion as our Chairman.”

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## **About FIA EPTA**

The FIA European Principal Traders Association (FIA EPTA) represents Europe’s leading Principal Trading Firms. Our members are independent market makers and providers of liquidity and risk transfer for markets and end-investors across Europe, providing liquidity in all centrally cleared asset classes including shares, bonds, listed derivatives and ETFs. FIA EPTA works constructively with policymakers, regulators and other market stakeholders to ensure efficient, resilient and trusted financial markets in Europe. More information about FIA EPTA and independent market makers is available on: [www.fia.org/epta](http://www.fia.org/epta) and [www.wearemarketmakers.com](http://www.wearemarketmakers.com)

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