



# **GFI SWAPS EXCHANGE**

## **Notice to Participants**

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Interest Rate Swap Sponsored Access Incentive Program</b>

### **Summary:**

Announcement of the launch of the Sponsored Access incentive program for the Interest Rate Swaps.

### **1. Introduction**

In an effort to broaden the scope of customers that will bring liquidity to the GFI Swaps Exchange LLC (“GFI SEF” or the “SEF”), and to further promote the goals of open access to swap execution facilities as envisioned under the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, GFI SEF has introduced a new incentive program in a class of certain interest rate swaps listed for trading on GFI SEF (the “Program” or the “SA Program”).

### **2. Description of the SA Program**

On a monthly basis, GFI SEF will review electronic trading volumes effected by (i) Participants’ registered Sponsored Access Firms and (ii) Participants where such order was submitted on behalf of a Customer. Each month, Eligible Participants shall be eligible to receive predetermined fee rebates, fee discounts or a combination of the foregoing.

### **3. Eligible Products:**

Interest rate swaps in USD, GBP and EURO in tenors up through and including 40 years in the following (collectively “Products”):

- Interest rate swaps – fixed versus float, 0 through 40 years;
- Overnight Index Swaps (“OIS”); OIS vs. LIBOR

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- Basis Swaps in a single currency– (Fed Fund/LIBOR, LIBOR/LIBOR);
- MAC Swaps

#### **4. Eligible Transactions**

“Eligible Transactions” are those transactions in the Products intended for the benefit of the Participant’s Customers that result from Customers’ Orders with the following attributes:

- a. Orders must be submitted either:
  1. Electronically, to the following electronic execution systems provided by the SEF: Order Book, Request-for-Match<sup>SM</sup> or RFQ, or
  2. Telephonically, by a Registered Trader employed by the Participant, to an employee of the SEF.
- b. Orders must be for the benefit of a Customer or registered Sponsored Access Firm that is not a Participant;
- c. The Customer’s Order must be submitted to the SEF using a Trader ID attributable to the Participant that is enrolled in the Program;
- d. Orders must be submitted by a Participant acting in an agency capacity for its Customer.<sup>1</sup>

For the avoidance of doubt, all electronic Orders for Customers may be submitted by the Participant or its registered Sponsored Access Firm (using a Trader ID attributable to the Participant) directly onto the SEF’s electronic Order Book, electronic RFQ or Request-for-Match system using any of the following means: The SEF’s proprietary API, the SEF’s Graphical User Interface (“GUI”) (including any GUI licensed to a Participant pursuant to a “White-label” arrangement) or a third-party provided ISV utilized by Participant or its customer where such order was submitted using a Trader ID of the Participant.

#### **5. Transactions not eligible under the Program**

Transactions that result from Orders entered by Participants who are registered as either commodity pool operators, commodity trading advisors or Investment Advisors, as defined under Applicable Law, where such orders are ultimately intended for clearing and settlement into accounts that are affiliated, under common control with or majority owned by, the Participant, shall not be considered “Eligible Transactions”.

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<sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, all Orders submitted by a Sponsored Access Firm are deemed by the SEF to be handled in an agency capacity by any Participant authorizing such Sponsored Access Firm to submit Orders.

All Orders and transactions resulting therefrom are subject to the SEF Rulebook.

## **6. Eligible Participants**

The Program shall be open to all Participants who complete documentation with the SEF to participate in the Program and that have been appointed and accepted by the Participant to act as the Clearing Firm for the Customer or Sponsored Access Firm, as applicable.

## **7. Program Term**

The initial term of the Program shall commence on December 18, 2013 and will conclude on December 18, 2015

## **8. Incentives**

Participants in the Program shall be eligible to receive predetermined fee rebates on each Transaction as determined by the SEF.

## **9. Monitoring and Compliance with Law**

All Participants and Transactions in the Program are subject to Applicable Law as such term is defined in the GFI SEF Rulebook (the "Rules"). Capitalized terms contained herein are to be given the meaning ascribed to them in the Rules.

## **10. Termination/Modification/Suspension**

GFI SEF will monitor all trading activity and reserves the right to terminate or modify the Program at-will or may terminate or suspend any Participant from continued participation or may exclude any Transaction from incentives offered in the Program if the Participant or a Transaction conducted by a Participant or its Sponsored Access Firm materially violates the Rules or fails to meet the requirements for participation in the Program.

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