Market Overview and Key Trends

Repo markets are undergoing significant change as new regulations such as the leverage ratio and increased capital requirements increase costs for a business that previously offered a high return on capital.

More stringent desk level pre and post-trade risk monitoring, combined with punitive penalties for breaches have changed traders’ priorities.

There is an increasing focus on:

- Regulatory risk
- Internal compliance
- Inventory optimization and trading decisions
- A continuing shift towards electronic trading

Greater transparency through the FSB’s Securities Finance Transparency Regulation (SFTR) rules and a gradual move towards trading via CCPs are also creating added complexity for the repo business. Coupled with a low interest rate environment, this is leading market participants to seek ways to reduce costs wherever possible by:

- Increasing automation and market connectivity
- Identifying balance sheet efficiencies
- Breaking down silos

Despite this regulatory pressure, the repo markets continue to act as a vital cog in the financial system. Liquidity coverage ratios, central clearing of derivatives and added margin requirements for non-cleared derivatives are creating demand for high quality collateral.
As a result, repo has become an even more central part of the financial plumbing and a key mechanism for mobilizing collateral.

On the sell side, there is a trend for the repo desk to become the central hub in establishing a more centralized collateral and funding function that makes efficient use of assets and improves liquidity management.

For the buy side, repo also plays a role as firms look to transform securities into cash collateral for their derivatives trades. Some buy side firms are also becoming liquidity providers through collateral downgrade trades and financing long HQLA positions at term using structures such as evergreens and extendibles.

This rapid evolution in the repo markets requires improvements in technology support. Many firms are currently using either an array of fragmented and out of date in house systems or facing high upgrade costs for their vendor supplied systems. The challenge for these firms is to use technology to adapt to the swathe of new regulations, while also squeezing more value from IT budgets.

Complete support for the full repo lifecycle
The Broadridge Repo Module helps to make your repo business more profitable through faster, more efficient processing of repos.

The software offers front to back office support, from booking trades to collateral management, lifecycle processing and settlement in an integrated system. It supports agency and principal trading in a real-time, multi-currency solution for all repo types.

Make sense of complex data
The primary reason front office desks choose Broadridge’s Repo system is because we provide the ability for traders to “Slice and Dice” positional data to achieve front office goals. This means the ability to do the following:

• Group, sort, filter and aggregate global, real-time inventory containing 100% of all cash, firm, GMRA, GMSLA and ISDA trades and other sources/uses of inventory to create a view of the world aimed at a given trading outcome.
• Save, name and share the view of the world as a re-usable template.
• Repeat the above to create a library of re-usable templates to perform scenario analysis.
• Apply your templates to real scenarios and achieve your goals.
Example scenario
The following screenshot provides just one real-world example of these Broadridge Repo principles driving a front office optimized trading goal identification of a basket of low haircut, cheapest to deliver, HQLA assets to deliver to a client asking for a Basel III LCR-driven collateral upgrade trade.

Broadridge Repo can provide templates for front office users to perform scenario analysis and problem solving directly in the system for many pre and post-trade use cases.

For example:

• Ability to model LCR and volatility factors directly in the system inventory
• Ability to forecast on demand balance sheet consumption and impact on proposed and current trade sets
• Ability to forecast the on demand RWA capital cost impact on proposed and current trade sets
• Ability to include trading constraints and forecast absolute, NAV or quantitative credit, trading concentration limit headroom and potential breaches

Inventory View Showing LCR HQLA Liquidity Class

Broadridge’s aim is to improve a firm’s ability to:

• Make informed decisions about use of GC, Govt, credit and high yield inventory to achieve financing, flow or collateral trading targets
• Identify suitable inventory to maximize F.I and equity trading opportunities and increase alpha whilst mitigating risk, maintaining compliant with regulations and reducing costs of collateralization

Increase volumes and save time
Broadridge Repo allows you to book trades and manage lifecycle events more smoothly with fewer errors. Reducing manual effort gives you more time to focus on core business goals such as improving customer service, complying with regulation and managing risk.
The software also enables the repo desk to increase trading volumes, driving your current and future growth plans.

**Process higher volumes of trade lifecycle events**
The Broadridge Repo Module allows you to manage trade lifecycle events in bulk from a single screen. This enables your repo desk to control larger volumes of trades whilst also reducing operational risk. By reducing the chance of fails and missed events, Broadridge Repo improves your internal performance and enhances your reputation as a reliable counterparty.

**BondLend**
Broadridge provides a full service interface with BondLend allowing straight through processing automation for repo, borrowing and lending.

**Manage collateral more effectively**
The Broadridge Repo Module integrates with the Broadridge Collateral Management Module. This provides a company wide view of exposure across repo, securities lending and derivatives business lines.

The Broadridge Collateral Management Module supports complex rule-sets for collateral haircuts, concentration levels, optimization and eligibility.

Collateral availability is calculated and displayed within the global Broadridge Inventory Manager. From here users can create a range of templates and views to optimize the use of inventory, both from a collateral management and repo trading perspective.

**Improve communication and transparency**
A web-based reporting module allows you to run, schedule, email and automate all of your reports. You can create your own reports, customize existing ones and white label them to your own internal and external requirements. You can also improve transparency and customer service by giving your clients access to run their own reports.

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View Exposures and Margin Calls at a Cross-Product Level
**Balance sheet usage calculator**

Balance sheet is a finite resource and determines the balance sheet owner’s trading capacity. In the current operating environment, financial institutions can gain significant benefits from using this finite resource as efficiently as possible.

### Key Features

- Front to back office repo processing
- Real-time position and cash management
- All repo trade types, terms and rate types
- STP (integration with BrokerTec/LCH RepoClear etc.)
- Tri-party interfaces
- Quick and easy trade entry
- Bulk event processing of all repo lifecycle events
- Full audit trail
- Agency or principal trading
- Automated settlement
- Profit and loss reporting
- 50MM breakdown
- General collateral funding
- Evergreen and extendible functionality
- Basel III LCR support

### Benefits

- Faster trading
- Increased profitability
- Better decision making
- Fewer errors
- Greater STP
- Stronger risk management
- Higher trade volumes
- Reduced costs
- Increased transparency
- Reputation for operational efficiency with clients and counterparts
- Multi-market connectivity
- Easier regulatory compliance
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