



## **Spacesmith: Defining the Intersection of Wall Street and Silicon Valley in Hudson Yards for MarketAxess' Global Headquarters**

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**NEW YORK, NY** – March 13, 2019 – Spacesmith, the leading architecture and interior design firm, has recently completed the global headquarters for MarketAxess (Nasdaq: MKTX), a leading institutional fixed income electronic trading platform. The strikingly modern and technically advanced workspace, comprising 83,000 square feet across three floors of 55 Hudson Yards in New York City, secures MarketAxess' footprint in New York and supports a major rebrand for the firm.

Collaboration opportunities throughout the three floors are abundant, ranging from a multitude of conference rooms with full audio-visual capabilities to informal huddle areas that accommodate small groups. Every employee has an electronic standing desk to give them the flexibility to work in the way that's most comfortable to them.

"Hudson Yards is quickly becoming the new home where technology and finance meet. Our global headquarters in Hudson Yards represents a perfect fit for our corporate mission to deliver innovative financial technology solutions to our clients. We are thrilled to provide a world class office environment for our employees that encourages collaborative thinking and communication," says Richard McVey, Chairman and CEO of MarketAxess.

Reflecting the company's emphasis on agile operations and its goal of recruiting and retaining the most talented workforce, the new headquarters showcases adaptable and communal spaces. A central café on the middle floor was positioned to maximize direct Hudson River views and to encourage teams from across the company to gather for meals or meetings. Next to the café, a billiards table allows employees to enjoy downtime.

Elements of the successful workplace concepts across all three floors include informal collaboration areas -- shared pantries, conversation booths and huddle areas -- which all serve as meeting points. A feature of the space's intelligent design are north-south corridors with central shared pantries, connecting far ends of each floor to maximize efficient use of the space and encourage impromptu interaction.

A key feature of the top floor, which is home to MarketAxess' technology and development teams, is a custom mural painted by world-renown graffiti artist, Crash. The mural includes Crash's trademark eye and also MarketAxess' logo, creating a truly unique statement. Other murals, also painted by Crash, are scattered throughout the technology floor, inspiring creative ideas amongst the company's technologists.

"The design for the new U.S. headquarters at 55 Hudson Yards is integral to corporate strategy and growth planning," says Spacesmith principal Elisabeth Post-Marner, AIA, LEED AP. "We began this project with extensive employee research, including online surveys and on-site observation, to help determine the best way to accelerate productivity and enable employee collaboration."

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