

Citadel Securities Becomes NYSE's Largest DMM, Acquires KCG's Business

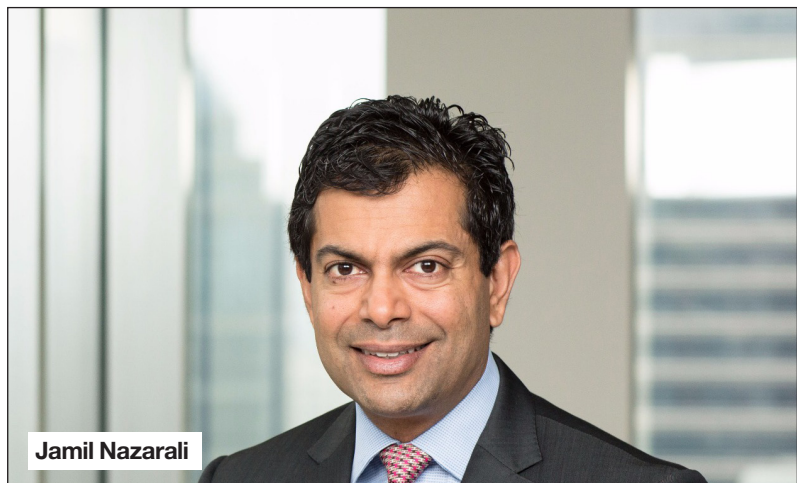
This move marks the second new firm to join the designated market maker space this year. By Dan DeFrancesco

Citadel Securities, the market-making arm of Citadel LLC, announced it is acquiring KCG Holdings' designated market maker (DMM) business at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), making it the largest DMM, with roughly 1,500 issues.

DMMs, unique to the NYSE, are responsible for making sure there is always liquidity available for buyers and sellers of their assigned listing. Three firms control roughly 90 percent of the listings: IMC, a Dutch-based market maker; GTS, which in January acquired Barclays' DMM business; and now Citadel Securities.

GTS CEO Ari Rubenstein recently spoke with *WatersTechnology* about his firm's acquisition.

The KCG DMM team will transition to Citadel Securities, and the deal is expected to close in the second quarter of 2016.



Jamil Nazarali

“This acquisition is part of our aggressive expansion plan and our commitment to institutional and retail investors who rely on us for deep liquidity and exceptional trade execution,” said Jamil Nazarali, head of Citadel execution

services, in a statement. “We are constantly seeking innovative ways to improve the market for investors, and we are pleased to bring our experience and technology to the NYSE for the benefit of NYSE-listed companies.” [WT](#)