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## **SGX-Temasek Digital Asset Venture Invests in Singapore Tech Firm**

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(Bloomberg) -- A newly-launched joint venture by Singapore Exchange and Temasek for digital assets infrastructure is set to acquire a minority stake in Singapore fintech firm Covalent Capital, according to a statement issued by the exchange.

- Partnership after investment will focus on the primary bond market in Asia
- Through the deal, the joint venture Marketnode and Covalent will streamline the listing, straight-through processing and settlement of bonds and activities in bond lifecycle management
  - It will connect Covalent's flagship OMAS platform, which is a data, book building and allocations tool, with SGX's listing, post-trade and asset servicing capabilities
- Size of stake and deal value wasn't disclosed
- "There's a lot of focus on secondary trading platforms" but most large investors take their positions in primary markets, "a critical piece which has always been neglected," Covalent's founder and CEO Sanjay Garodia said in an interview
- We examined the "capital market process to look at how we can further improve our services and have a major upgrade of level of service, efficiency," added SGX's head of fixed income, currencies and commodities Beng Hong Lee. "We are solving the problem now around how the asset is created" and will think of more services for secondary markets in the future, he said
- NOTE: SGX, Temasek Set Up Venture for Digital-Asset Infrastructure

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