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## MARKETAXESS ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL CHARITY TRADING DAY

### *Trading Revenues to Benefit Gulf Coast Residents Affected by Hurricane Katrina as well as Emerging Markets Charities*

**NEW YORK, September 13, 2005** – MarketAxess Holdings Inc., the operator of a leading electronic trading platform for U.S. and European high-grade corporate and emerging markets bonds, today announced that its second annual Charity Trading Day will be held on September 21, 2005. As it has done in the past, MarketAxess, in partnership with EMTA, will donate all emerging markets trading revenues from that date to emerging markets charities supported by the debt industry's annual benefits. MarketAxess will also expand its charitable efforts this year and donate proceeds from its U.S. high-grade revenues for the day to the American Red Cross™ to help support the relief efforts for the Gulf Coast residents impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

“Given the recent tragic events that have taken place in the Gulf Coast, we felt it appropriate to expand this year’s Charity Trading Day to include a donation to the American Red Cross in support of their relief and rebuilding efforts in this region,” said Richard M. McVey, Chief Executive Officer of MarketAxess. “As we saw last year, our clients share our commitment to these important causes and we are confident that our charity trading day will be a major success, supporting the important work of the New York and London Emerging Markets benefits and the American Red Cross.”

The amount of the emerging markets donations will be announced at the Emerging Market's debt industry's annual London and New York benefits, which are scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2005, and Thursday, December 1, 2005, respectively. Emerging markets charities that will benefit from this year’s donations include:

- **EMPower** - A foundation that supports community-based organizations in emerging countries that are expanding access to education, health care, legal rights and economic opportunity.
- **ProMujer** - A women's development organization whose mission is to empower Latin American women to improve their social and economic status in society.
- **Cotlands** - A long-serving South African non-profit agency that continues to meet the needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS.
- **Task Brasil** - The organization funds projects that improve the lives of Brazilian street children and adolescents, allowing them to enter mainstream society.
- **Health Unlimited** - An organization that works with indigenous communities and communities affected by conflict and political instability to achieve better health.
- **SOS Children** - SOS provides homes for children without parents, as well as providing education and skill-training in 125 countries around the globe.
- **Resource Foundation** - The Foundation cultivates productive relationships between sustainable private development organizations in Latin America and worldwide by leveraging capital and information resources to increase the self-reliance and living standards of the disadvantaged.
- **World Education & Development Fund** - The Fund provides financial, managerial and technical assistance to partner schools in impoverished Latin American neighborhoods.

## **About MarketAxess**

MarketAxess operates one of the leading platforms for the electronic trading of corporate bonds and certain other types of fixed-income securities, serving as an electronic platform through which our more than 550 active institutional investor clients can access the liquidity provided by our broker-dealer clients.

MarketAxess' multi-dealer trading platform allows our institutional investor clients to simultaneously request competitive, executable bids or offers from multiple broker-dealers, and to execute trades with the broker-dealer of their choice. MarketAxess offers our clients the ability to trade U.S. high-grade corporate bonds, European high-grade corporate bonds, credit default swap indices, agencies, high yield and emerging markets bonds. MarketAxess also provides data and analytical tools that help our clients make trading decisions, and we facilitate the trading process by electronically communicating order information between trading counterparties. MarketAxess' current participating dealers are: ABN AMRO, Banc of America Securities, Barclays PLC, Bear Stearns, BNP Paribas, Citigroup Global Markets, Credit Suisse First Boston, Deutsche Bank Securities, DZ Bank, FTN Financial, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, ING Financial Markets, JPMorgan, Jefferies & Company, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Santander Investment Securities, SG Corporate & Investment Banking, UBS and Wachovia Securities. For more information please visit [www.marketaxess.com](http://www.marketaxess.com).

## **About EMTA**

Founded in 1990, EMTA (formerly the Emerging Markets Traders Association) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to promoting the orderly development of fair, efficient and transparent trading markets for Emerging Markets instruments, and the integration of the Emerging Markets into the global financial marketplace.

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