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MarketAxess Announces Sixth Annual Charity Trading Day

Trading Revenues to Benefit Emerging Markets Charities

NEW YORK and LONDON, Sept. 22 /PRNewswire/ -- MarketAxess Holdings Inc. (Nasdaq: MKTX), the operator of a leading electronic trading platform for U.S. and European high-grade corporate bonds, emerging markets bonds and other fixed income securities, today announced that its sixth annual Charity Trading Day will be held on September 24, 2009. MarketAxess, in partnership with EMTA, will donate all emerging markets revenues from the trading day to emerging markets charities.

"MarketAxess benefits from the broad-based support of the emerging markets trading community, and the Annual Charity Trading Day represents a way for us to give back through worthy charitable organizations that provide essential human services in developing areas around the world," said Richard M. McVey, chairman and chief executive officer of MarketAxess. "We hope that dealer and investor clients of MarketAxess will turn out in force for Charity Trading Day so that we can exceed our contribution from years past."

Each year charities are selected as beneficiaries by emerging markets industry benefit committees in New York and London. MarketAxess has raised over $400,000 for emerging markets charities from previous Charity Trading Days. The charities that will benefit from this year's donations include:

- Cotlands, a long-serving South African non-profit agency that continues to meet the needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Downside Up, which provides support and education for children in Russia with Down's Syndrome.
- EMpower, which connects the emerging markets community with innovative grassroots organizations enabling young people to lead healthy, productive lives.
- Health Unlimited, which works with indigenous communities and communities affected by conflict and political instability to achieve better health.
- NESST, an organization that provides financial and capacity-building support to social enterprises in Central Europe and Latin America.
- Orphaned Starfish Foundation, an organization dedicated to working with orphans and disadvantaged children throughout Latin America.
- Sri Lanka Care Foundation, an organization that rebuilds and restores homes lost and damaged by the Tsunami by working in areas not typically serviced by the government.
- Task Brasil, an organization that funds projects to improve the lives of Brazilian street children and adolescents, allowing them to enter mainstream society.
- Trickle Up, an organization that seeks to alleviate poverty by providing seed capital for people in EM countries to start small businesses.

- WorldFund, which provides financial, managerial and technical assistance to partner schools in impoverished Latin American neighborhoods.

The total amount of this year's donations will be announced at the emerging markets debt industry's annual London and New York benefits, which are scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2009, and Thursday, December 3, 2009, respectively.

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 approximately 685 active institutional investor clients can access the liquidity provided by our 60 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 swaps, agencies, high-yield and emerging markets bonds. MarketAxess also provides data and analytical tools that help our clients make trading decisions, we provide connectivity solutions that facilitate the trading process by electronically communicating order information between trading counterparties and we provide our clients with ancillary technology services. Our DealerAxess trading service allows dealers to trade fixed-income securities with each other on our platform. For more information, please visit *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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