



**MARKETAXESS ANNOUNCES THIRD ANNUAL CHARITY TRADING DAY**  
*Trading Revenues to Benefit Emerging Markets Charities*

**NEW YORK / LONDON, September 14, 2006** – 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 third annual Charity Trading Day will be held on September 27, 2006. MarketAxess, in partnership with EMTA, will donate all emerging markets revenues from the trading day to emerging markets charities.

MarketAxess has raised a total of \$293,075 for emerging markets charities from the two previous Charity Trading Days. This year, in addition to client-to-multi-dealer trading revenues, MarketAxess will also donate revenues from emerging markets trading on DealerAxess™, its recently launched dealer-to-dealer trading platform.

“Emerging Markets Charity Trading Day provides the opportunity to share our firm’s success with young people who are faced with poverty and limited opportunity,” said Richard M. McVey, chairman and chief executive officer of MarketAxess. “One of the most important characteristics of each of these charities is that they don’t simply provide handouts--they help rebuild children’s lives and create better futures through training, education, healthcare and public works.”

Each year charities are selected as beneficiaries by emerging markets industry benefit committees in New York and London. 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.
- **Task Brasil**, an organization that funds projects to improve the lives of Brazilian street children and adolescents, allowing them to enter mainstream society.
- **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.
- **Trickle Up**, an organization that seeks to alleviate poverty by providing seed capital for people in EM countries to start small businesses.
- **WaterPartners International**, which promotes health in Latin America, Africa and Asia by increasing access to safe drinking water.
- **EMpower**, which connects the emerging markets community with innovative grassroots organizations enabling young people to lead healthy, productive lives.

"As a member of the EMpower Board and the Chair of its Fundraising Committee, I am grateful to MarketAxess for its support and the light it sheds on our community's ability to make a real difference by doing our part in giving back," said Robert Koenigsberger, Co-Managing Director of Gramercy Advisors, a Greenwich, CT-based hedge fund manager.

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 6, 2006, and Wednesday, December 6, 2006, respectively.

"The Charity Trading Day is a brilliant initiative that deserves the support of the market," said Guido Mosca, head portfolio manager of The Rohatyn Group, a trading participant for the past two years. "Leveraging the trading day is a visionary way of giving back to the emerging countries," he added.

#### **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 650 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 swaps, agencies, high yield, emerging markets bonds and new issues. 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, Deutsche Bank Securities, Dresdner Bank, DZ Bank, FTN Financial, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, ING Financial Markets, JP Morgan, Jefferies and Company, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, RBC Capital Markets, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Santander Investment Securities, SG Corporate & Investment Banking, UBS and Wachovia Securities.

#### **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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