



**FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS  
ADVISES WOMBAT FINANCIAL SOFTWARE IN ITS  
\$200,000,000 SALE TO NYSE EURONEXT (NYSE: NYX)**

**San Francisco, January 14, 2008** – Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC (together, “FT Partners”), is pleased to announce the highly successful strategic sale of Wombat Financial Software (“Wombat”) to NYSE Euronext (NYSE: NYX) for \$200,000,000 in cash. The transaction also involved the creation of a powerful retention pool for employees, and is expected to close in the second quarter of 2008. FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Wombat and its Board of Directors.

Wombat is a leading provider of the most technologically advanced data and messaging solutions for the financial services industry with over 100 customers across North America, Europe and Asia, including 12 of the top global investment banks as well as many of the top brokerage firms. This transaction further highlights the recent trends and challenges for financial institutions who continue to demand efficient technologies to meet their low latency data feed needs in an ever escalating market data environment.

“Management of financial data and related trading information has become a critical issue for financial institutions and global exchanges as they deal with more complex compliance issues, regulatory changes and rising automated trading-related market volumes associated with algorithmic trading. Wombat, as a market leader in this space, helps these financial institutions and global exchanges address pain points and infrastructure problems based around the rapid increases in financial data associated with the aforementioned trends,” said Steve McLaughlin FT Partners’ Founder and Managing Partner. “The ability to solve these issues and the strength of Wombat’s offering was indicative of the several high profile acquirers who were interested in this acquisition.”

“We are tremendously pleased with the results of this transaction and highly impressed with FT Partners’ expertise in our sector and Steve’s extensive network in the financial technology and capital markets industry,” said Jon Lambert, Wombat’s Chief Financial Officer. “This is a landmark event for Wombat, and FT Partners’ guidance in this transaction was top-notch in every respect. The process was incredibly thorough, focused and efficient and concluded in a deal that was optimized in every way for the shareholders and the future of our employees and the technology.”

FT Partners continues to lead transaction execution in the securities and capital markets sector and has closed several highly strategic deals in this space. Our recent securities M&A transactions include FXCM's sale of Refco's 35% equity stake, TradingScreen's \$110M minority recapitalization, ATD's \$680M sale to Citigroup and LatentZero’s \$125M sale to Fidessa / royalblue group. FT Partners continues to be the investment bank of choice for financial technology and capital market transactions.

**Selected Financial Technology and Capital Market Transactions:**

- TradingScreen’s \$110,000,000 minority recapitalization
- Automated Trading Desk’s \$680,000,000 sale to Citigroup

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- LatentZero's \$125,000,000 sale to Fidessa / royalblue group
- Liquidnet's \$250,000,000 capital raise
- FXCM's sale of Refco's 35% equity stake
- Corillian's \$245,000,000 sale to CheckFree

***About Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC***

FT Partners is the only investment banking firm focused exclusively on providing strategic and financial advisory services to CEOs in the dynamic financial services and technology sector. The firm offers strategic advisory services in mission-critical transactions including mergers, acquisitions, IPOs, LBOs, refinancings, recapitalizations and private capital raisings. FT Partners' Managing Partner, Steve McLaughlin formerly was a senior investment banker in Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s Financial Technology Group and was the senior investment banker in the Financial Institutions Group in San Francisco before leaving the firm to form FT Partners in late 2001. San Francisco-based FT Partners is comprised of a team of experienced investment bankers formerly with the financial technology, M&A and investment banking groups of Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse and Citi. FT Partners and Steve McLaughlin were recognized in 2007 by *The M&A Advisor* as "Dealmaker of the Year". The firm has also been recognized as "Investment Banking Firm of the Year" in 2004 and again in 2006 for "Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year." Steve McLaughlin was also named in 2006 and again in 2007 to *Institutional Investor's* "Online Finance 40" ranking of most influential leaders in online finance. Any securities related transactions contemplated by or acted upon hereunder are conducted by FTP Securities LLC, a FINRA broker-dealer and a wholly owned subsidiary of Financial Technology Partners LP.

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***About Wombat Financial Software, Inc.***

Wombat Financial Software, Inc. enables limitless connectivity to the global markets through the world's most advanced high speed market data infrastructure. With offices in the US, UK and Japan, Wombat Financial Software underpins automated market-making systems, electronic-trading floors and tick-capture platforms in financial institutions around the world. The Wombat Financial Software platform includes Wombat Feed Handlers, providing sub-millisecond connectivity to more than 150 direct exchange and aggregated vendor feeds; DART Entitlements, providing market data compliance, analysis and reporting services; Wombat Middleware, enabling high speed, multi-protocol messaging throughout the enterprise; and Wombat Acumen, offering analytical event processing for the capital markets.

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***About NYSE Euronext***

NYSE Euronext, a holding company created by the combination of NYSE Group, Inc. and Euronext N.V., commenced trading on April 4, 2007. NYSE Euronext (NYSE Euronext: NYX) operates the world's largest and most liquid exchange group and offers the most diverse array of financial products and services. NYSE Euronext, which brings together six cash equities exchanges in five countries and six derivatives exchanges in six countries, is a world leader for listings, trading in cash equities, equity and interest rate derivatives, bonds and the distribution of market data. Representing a combined \$30.3 trillion/€21.3 trillion total market capitalization of listed companies and average daily trading value of approximately \$139 billion/€103 billion (as of September 30, 2007), NYSE Euronext seeks

to provide the highest standards of market quality and integrity, innovative products and services to investors, issuers, and all users of its markets. NYSE Euronext is part of the S&P 500 and S&P 100 indexes.

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