



**FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS ADVISES CUSTOM HOUSE, LTD.
IN ITS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, CROSS-BORDER AND STRATEGIC SALE
TO WESTERN UNION FOR US\$370,000,000 IN CASH**

San Francisco, May 7, 2009 – Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC (together, “FT Partners”), is pleased to announce another landmark transaction in the payments, banking and financial technology sector, serving as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Victoria, Canada-based Custom House, Ltd. (“Custom House”) in its US\$370,000,000 sale to Western Union.

Custom House is the leading independent global provider of technology rich, multi-channel, international B2B / FX payment solutions with over 40,000 customers worldwide, including 40 large global banks. The US\$370 million cash transaction, expected to close in the third quarter of 2009, represents 3.7x run-rate revenues of about \$100 mm.

This landmark transaction further demonstrates FT Partners’ unique ability to leverage its focused expertise across several diverse disciplines including banking, payments, capital markets, treasury, risk management and foreign exchange. This is another, among many, significant cross-border transactions that highlights FT Partners’ ability to help companies find the best strategic partners at the best valuations.

“We are exceptionally proud to have completed another highly successful private equity-backed, cross-border landmark transaction,” said Steve McLaughlin, Founder and Managing Partner of FT Partners. “FT Partners continues to strengthen our leadership position across the entire financial technology sector globally and this is yet another example of our track record of achieving outstanding transaction multiples despite clients experiencing incredibly challenging market conditions.”

“We’re extremely pleased with the commitment, tenacity and professionalism of the FT Partners team,” said Peter Gustavson, Chairman of Custom House. “FT Partners’ support throughout this process was unwavering and they provided the highest level of expertise and top-notch advice at every step of the process. I would highly recommend FT Partners to any CEO or board looking for a world-class level of investment banking representation.”

This transaction also provided another successful exit for lead investor Great Hill Partners in the financial technology space. “We are very pleased with our outcome in this transaction. Steve and the entire FT Partners team lived up to their reputation of exceeding expectations,” said Mark Taber, Partner at Great Hill. “FT Partners’ prior experience and deep knowledge of this sector were critical to the successful outcome here and we look forward to working with them again.”

FT Partners was named “*Investment Bank of the Year*” in 2004 and 2006, and was also recognized as “*DealMaker of the Year*” in 2007 and 2008.

Selected FT Partners Transactions:

- \$525 mm sale of Lynk Systems to The Royal Bank of Scotland
- \$325 mm cash sale of Verus Financial Management to Sage Group PLC
- \$245 mm sale of Corillian to CheckFree

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- \$177 mm Initial Public Offering of VeriFone + 5 other transactions
- \$680 mm sale of ATD to Citigroup
- \$250 mm capital raise for Liquidnet
- \$110 mm minority recapitalization for TradingScreen
- \$540 mm financing to support VeriFone's acquisition of Lipman Electronic Engineering
- Sale of 35% minority interest in Forex Capital Markets (FXCM)

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 world-class 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 UBS. FT Partners was recognized by *The M&A Advisor* 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, 2007 and again in 2008 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 Custom House

Custom House Ltd. is one of the largest foreign exchange companies in the world. The company's award-winning products, global banking relationships and international network of trading offices enable clients to make global transactions quickly, efficiently and securely. From individual consumers to Fortune 500 companies, Custom House is a leader in foreign exchange and international payment solutions. In addition to providing customized business solutions through offices around the world including Australia, Canada, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States, Custom House sets the industry standard for compliance by championing international security and regulations.

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