

Taiwan Futures Exchange and NASDAQ OMX Form Exchange Partnership

NEW YORK and STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Mar 13, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:NDAQ) and the Taiwan Futures Exchange (TAIFEX) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the intent to pursue a business partnership. The two exchanges will share information and best practices regarding product development, market operations and common interest areas in the derivatives market.

"In response to the rapidly changing global financial landscape, TAIFEX and NASDAQ OMX will work closely to leverage unique knowledge from each other's markets," said TAIFEX President Steve Wang. "NASDAQ OMX is an intercontinental and well-established exchange that has made an impressive mark in the derivatives market. I believe that both TAIFEX and NASDAQ OMX will benefit after the establishment of this MOU."

"I am confident that our agreement with TAIFEX will provide a solid platform for our exchanges to pursue a mutually beneficial relationship," said Magnus Bocker, President of NASDAQ OMX. He continued, "TAIFEX offers one of the world's fastest growing derivatives markets in one of the leading financial centers of the world and we look forward to drawing on their experience. In addition, this agreement further strengthens NASDAQ OMX's presence in the Asia-Pacific region, where our technology today powers 12 exchanges."

The MOU signing ceremony took place at the FIA Conference in Boca Raton, Florida on March 12th, with TAIFEX CEO Steve C. Wang and NASDAQ OMX President Magnus Bocker participating.

About TAIFEX

TAIFEX currently offers 20 products, including flagship products, such as TAIFEX options, TAIFEX futures, equity options, NTD Gold Options, Mini TAIFEX futures, and NTD Gold Futures. To further expand the market, TAIFEX has actively initiated several new measures to further align its practices with international standards, including allowing foreign investors' non-hedging purposes trading, introduction of omnibus accounts, accepting major foreign currencies as margin deposits, margin reduction for day trades, implementation of SPAN margining system, adoption of eligible securities as margin collaterals. For further details, please visit TAIFEX website at www.taifex.com.tw.

About NASDAQ OMX

The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. is the world's largest exchange company. It delivers trading, exchange technology and public company services across six continents, with over 3,800 listed companies. NASDAQ OMX offers multiple capital raising solutions to companies around the globe, including its U.S. listings market, NASDAQ OMX Nordic, NASDAQ OMX Baltic, NASDAQ OMX First North, and the U.S. 144A sector. The company offers trading across multiple asset classes including equities, derivatives, debt, commodities, structured products and exchange-traded funds. NASDAQ OMX technology supports the operations of over 70 exchanges, clearing organizations and central securities depositories in more than 50 countries. NASDAQ OMX Nordic and NASDAQ OMX Baltic are not legal entities but describe the common offering from NASDAQ OMX exchanges in Helsinki, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Iceland, Tallinn, Riga, and Vilnius. For more information about NASDAQ OMX, visit <http://www.nasdaqomx.com>.

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