

## Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions Offers Low-Latency Connectivity to BATS Europe MTF

**Paris, 22nd April 2009** - Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions, the leader in unified communications solutions for the trading community, today announced it has connected its dedicated Multi Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) trading network to BATS Europe, an innovative and technology-leading European multilateral trading facility (MTF). This connection will enable Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions' network customers, including investment banks and brokers, to connect easily to BATS Europe's growing pool of liquidity, ensuring they meet their best execution obligations. Key benefits of connectivity to BATS Europe include low-latency, scalability, fast provisioning, and access to the wider financial community.

The newly established MPLS network hosts more than 2,000 financial institutions with over 40,000 turrets installed globally and is the first truly global and dedicated secure trading network built. It offers wide and fast links to new MTFs, such as BATS Europe, and to multiple liquidity pools. Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions' network is designed to scale up to meet all customers connectivity needs, in terms of the numbers of connections and dedicated bandwidth.

*"This alliance with BATS Europe is part of our ongoing strategy to provide customers with the most efficient access to pools of liquidity. We aim to ensure our customers are receiving the highest value in our services including managed connectivity and smart order routing, at the most cost effective pricing, whilst benefiting from our low latency MPLS trading network. We're delighted to welcome BATS Europe to the Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions community, providing clients with access to a greater range of services, essential in today's rapidly changing market,"* said Lionel Grosclaude, Chief Operating Officer, Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions.

*"We are pleased that Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions is committed to working with us to bring their customers seamless access to the highly efficient, low-latency BATS Europe platform. Using our successful US strategy as a blueprint, we are making markets better by providing easy access to BATS Europe for all European market participants. Connecting to top financial extranet solutions such as Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions is a key part of that strategy,"* said Paul O'Donnell, Chief Operating Officer at BATS Europe.

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**About Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions**

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Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions is a leading provider of convergent voice and electronic trading infrastructure and services for the trading communities. It is an international subsidiary of the Orange Group, employing over 450 people in the 13 major financial centres across the globe including Beijing, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, London, Madrid, Milan, Paris, Shanghai, Singapore, Tokyo and Zurich. The company is supported by a global partner network of distributors in 50 countries offering customers 24/7 service.

Orange Business Services -Trading Solutions has more than 40 years experience of working with the financial services trading industry. With a focus on building long-term partnerships with customers, Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions brings innovative solutions and the highest quality services to the trading community. It provides optimised solutions over its dedicated trading network to a community of more than 2,000 network member organisations, encompassing buy-side and sell side institutions and trading venues.

Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions also offers flexible trading products and services including state of the art, unified voice trading solutions with over 40,000 turrets in play featuring user's programmable interfaces, touch screens and voice/instant messaging recording solutions. For more information about Orange Business Services - Trading Solutions please visit <http://www.orange-business.com/trading-solutions>

**About BATS**

BATS Global Markets (BATS) is an innovative global financial markets technology company headquartered in the Kansas City, Mo., area with additional offices in New York and London. The BATS platform was launched in January 2006 and, operating as BATS Exchange, Inc., one of the fastest growing, top tier equity markets in the United States. BATS serves the European market through its London based, FSA-authorized subsidiary, BATS Europe, which operates a Multilateral Trading Facility for European securities. The BATS platform is internally developed by a dedicated core team of market and technology professionals, catering to the needs of the broker-dealer and trading community. BATS .... Making Markets Better.

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