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hinkorswim Group Inc. Reports Record 2008 Financial Results
Record New Accounts and Trading Volume Drive 164% Rise in Full-Year Net Income
NEW YORK March 4, 2009thinkorswim Group Inc. (NASDAQ:SWIM), a leading provider of online brokerage and investor education services, today announced financial results for the full year and fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008.
Full Year Highlights (year-over-year comparisons):
Record revenues of \$371.8 million, 53 percent of which were brokerage-based

- Record pre-tax income of \$81.0 million, 22 percent of revenues
- Record net income of \$59.4 million, or \$0.87 per diluted share
- Non-GAAP Sales Transaction Volume (STV) of \$320.7 million, 62 percent of which was brokerage-based
- Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA (before certain items) of \$76.5 million, or 24 percent of STV
- Record new accounts opened of 108,850. Total accounts of 233,025, an increase of 88 percent
- Record funded accounts of 97,800 at year-end, an increase of 69 percent
- Record average retail trades per day of 54,200, an increase of 101 percent
- Record client assets of \$3.0 billion, an increase of 17 percent

#### Fourth Quarter Highlights (quarterly year-over- year comparisons):

- Revenues of \$85.8 million, 57 percent of which were brokerage-based
- Pre-tax income of \$12.2 million, 14 percent of revenues
- Net income of \$9.5 million, or \$0.14 per diluted share
- Non-GAAP Sales Transaction Volume (STV) of \$76.6 million, 64 percent of which was brokerage-based
- Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA (before certain items) of \$15.7 million, or 21 percent of STV; Pro forma non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA (before certain items) of \$19.4 million, or 25 percent of STV
- New accounts opened of 32,700, an increase of 44 percent
- New funded accounts of 12,175 during the quarter, an increase of 10 percent
- Average retail trades per day of approximately 61,400, an increase of 47 percent
- Annualized brokerage revenue per funded account of \$1,800
- Customer acquisition cost per new funded account of \$440

thinkorswim delivered strong performance in a highly volatile market, primarily driven by robust growth in new accounts and trading volume in our brokerage business. Full year revenue increased 17 percent from the prior year and reached a record \$371.8 million for 2008, while non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA was \$76.5 million. These results reflect the continued appeal of thinkorswim s brokerage platform, our relevance to the needs of active traders, and our position as an industry leader, said Lee Barba, chairman and chief executive officer of thinkorswim.

(All comparisons are to the corresponding year-ago period unless otherwise indicated)

For the fourth quarter, brokerage revenue increased 18% to \$48.9 million, driven by a 35% increase in transaction revenues (commissions and payment for order flow) offset by a 54% decrease in interest revenue. The increase in transaction revenue was primarily due to the 69% increase year-over-year in

retail funded accounts and 47% year-over-year increase in retail DARTs. The net interest revenue decline was primarily due to the dramatic year-over-year decline in the average federal funds rate, partly offset by the 17% increase in client assets to \$3.0 billion at year end, of which \$1.5 billion is held in cash.

#### Fourth Quarter 2008 Pro Forma Results

Financial results for the quarter include approximately \$3.7 million in brokerage, clearing and execution costs related to unusually large amounts of customer write-offs and trade errors, as well as approximately \$1.0 million in other costs and expenses related to the proposed acquisition by TD AMERITRADE. Adjusting for these items, the Company had pro forma operating income of \$19.6 million, net income of \$13.2 million and earnings per diluted share of \$0.20. Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA excluding these items was \$19.4 million and 25% of STV.

#### Proposed Acquisition by TD AMERITRADE Announced January 8, 2009

On January 8, 2009, thinkorswim Group Inc. and TD AMERITRADE (NASDAQ: AMTD) announced that they had entered into a definitive agreement for TD AMERITRADE to acquire thinkorswim in a cash and stock deal valued at that time at approximately \$606 million.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Company has concluded that, in an effort to provide a better understanding of its operations, the level of detail presented on the face of the Statements of Operations should be modified from the Analysis by Function of expense approach, to the Analysis by Nature of Expense approach. In the Company s opinion, this new methodology will provide greater transparency of management direction while fairly presenting its results of operations.

#### About thinkorswim Group Inc. (NASDAQ: SWIM)

thinkorswim Group Inc. (www.thinkorswim.com) offers market-leading online brokerage, investor education and related financial products and services for self-directed investors and active traders. thinkorswim, Inc., our award-winning online brokerage division, provides a suite of trading platforms serving self-directed and institutional traders and money managers. thinkorswim platforms have easy-to-use interfaces, sophisticated analytical and research tools, and fast and efficient order execution for even the most complex trading strategies. thinkorswim customers trade a broad range of products including stock and stock options, index options, futures and futures options, forex, mutual funds and fixed income. Investools Education Group, a subsidiary of thinkorswim Group Inc., offers a full range of investor education products and services that provide lifelong learning in a variety of interactive delivery formats. Investools graduates can then apply what they we learned by trading with thinkorswim s online brokerage platforms.

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed acquisition, TD AMERITRADE filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that includes a proxy statement of thinkorswim, which also constitutes a prospectus of TD AMERITRADE. Thinkorswim will mail the proxy statement/prospectus to its stockholders after the foregoing registration statement is declared effective by the SEC. TD AMERITRADE and thinkorswim urge investors and security holders to read the proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed acquisition because it contains important information. You may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus and other related documents filed by thinkorswim and TD AMERITRADE with the SEC at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. The proxy statement/prospectus (when the registration statement in which it is included is declared effective) and the other documents may also be obtained for free by accessing thinkorswim s website at www.thinkorswim.com by clicking on the link for Investors , then clicking on the link for Financial Reports and then clicking on the link for SEC Filings or by accessing TD AMERITRADE s website at www.amtd.com and clicking on the Investor Relations link and then clicking on the link for SEC Filings .

#### **Participants in this Transaction**

thinkorswim, TD AMERITRADE and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be soliciting proxies from thinkorswim stockholders in favor of the acquisition. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of thinkorswim stockholders in connection with the proposed acquisition is set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC by TD AMERITRADE. You can find information about thinkorswim s executive officers and directors in thinkorswim s definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 29, 2008. You can find information about TD AMERITRADE s executive officers and directors in their definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on January 6, 2009. You can obtain free copies of these documents from thinkorswim or TD AMERITRADE using the contact information above.

#### Safe Harbor

This press release may contain forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as believe, intend, expect, may, could, would, will, should, plan, or similar statements. All forward-looking statements are based largely on current expe beliefs and assumptions concerning future events that are subject to substantial risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: general changes in economic conditions and changes in conditions affecting the financial services industry specifically, regulatory developments that affect the way we market or sell our products and services, our inability *to protect our proprietary technology*, our ability to sell existing products and services in both new and existing markets, and other factors which are more fully described in thinkorswim Group Inc. s filings with the SEC. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results may vary in material aspects from those currently anticipated. The forward-looking statements made in this press release relate only to events as of the date of this release. We undertake no ongoing obligation to update these statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

				Three Mor	nths En	ded		
	Dec	cember 31, 2008	Sep	tember 30, 2008		June 30, 2008	N	1arch 31, 2008
Revenue								
Commissions	\$	35,216	\$	39,290	\$	33,126	\$	26,258
Interest & dividends		3,659		7,109		6,198		7,668
Payment for order flow		7,386		8,451		7,869		6,574
Other brokerage related revenue		2,594		2,140		1,764		1,966
Total brokerage revenue		48,855		56,990		48,957		42,466
Education revenue		36,904		41,075		48,034		48,524
Net revenues		85,759		98,065		96,991		90,990
Costs and expenses								
Compensation and benefits		19,411		19,955		22,545		22,057
Brokerage, clearing and execution costs		13,000		11,950		7,962		7,570
Marketing		7,058		8,599		10,164		13,359
Partner commissions		9,075		4,954		6,795		6,530
Events, travel and venue		4,818		5,810		4,501		6,268
Technology and telecommunications		6,338		5,780		6,220		6,246
Depreciation and amortization		6,121		6,198		6,033		5,908
Other		5,003		5,605		5,382		5,336
Total costs and expenses		70,824		68,851		69,602		73,274
Income from operations		14,935		29,214		27,389		17,716
Other income (expense)								
Interest expense, net		(2,916)		(2,140)		(264)		(4,190)
Interest income		220		384		272		455
Other		(89)		(13)				14
Other income (expense)		(2,785)		(1,769)		8		(3,721)
Net income before income taxes		12,150		27,445		27,397		13,995
Income tax provision		2,606		7,806		8,754		2,468
Net income	\$	9,544	\$	19,639	\$	18,643	\$	11,527
Net income per common share:								
Basic	\$	0.14	\$	0.30	\$	0.28	\$	0.18
Diluted	\$	0.14	\$	0.29	\$	0.27	\$	0.17
Weighted average common shares outstanding:								
Basic		66,500		66,406		66,043		65,846
Diluted		68,283		68,531		68,754		68,860

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	Three Months Ended December 31,					Year Ended December 31,		
		2008	ĺ	2007	2008	,	2007	
Revenue								
Commissions	\$	35,216	\$	25,310 \$	133,890	\$	67,734	
Interest & dividends		3,659		7,985	24,634		20,961	
Payment for order flow		7,386		6,186	30,280		16,293	
Other brokerage related revenue		2,594		1,960	8,464		5,894	
Total brokerage revenue		48,855		41,441	197,268		110,882	
Education revenue		36,904		52,634	174,537		207,127	
Net revenues		85,759		94,075	371,805		318,009	
Costs and expenses		10.444		00.164	02.063		05.513	
Compensation and benefits		19,411		23,164	83,968		95,743	
Brokerage, clearing and execution costs		13,000		6,351	40,482		16,052	
Marketing		7,058		13,388	39,180		51,832	
Partner commissions		9,075		8,649	27,354		35,542	
Events, travel and venue		4,818		6,355	21,397		28,566	
Technology and telecommunications		6,338		4,987	24,584		18,565	
Depreciation and amortization		6,121		5,419	24,260		19,601	
Other		5,003		5,155	21,326		19,339	
Total costs and expenses		70,824		73,468	282,551		285,240	
Income from operations		14,935		20,607	89,254		32,769	
Other income (expense)								
Interest expense, net		(2,916)		(3,378)	(9,510)		(11,059	
Interest income		220		574	1,331		1,868	
Other		(89)		5	(88)		7	
Other expense		(2,785)		(2,799)	(8,267)		(9,184	
Net income before income taxes		12,150		17,808	80,987		23,585	
Income tax provision		2,606		17,000	21,634		1,150	
Net income	\$	9,544	\$	17,808 \$	59,353	\$	22,435	
No.4 :								
Net income per common share: Basic	¢	0.14	¢	0.27 \$	0.90	¢	0.36	
	\$ \$	0.14	\$			\$		
Diluted	\$	0.14	\$	0.26 \$	0.87	\$	0.34	
Weighted average common shares outstanding:								
Basic		66,500		65,510	66,202		62,942	
Diluted		66,283		68,497	68,485		65,790	

## **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

## (in thousands)

## (unaudited)

ASSETS	2008	2007
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 82,560	\$ 61,579
Marketable securities		1,501
Accounts receivable, net of allowance (\$150 and \$198, respectively)	4,980	11,131
Receivable from clearing brokers	5,738	5,503
Income tax receivable	3,207	
Deferred tax asset	16,972	13,496
Other current assets	9,179	9,622
Total current assets	122,636	102,832
Long-term restricted cash	373	389
Goodwill	209.546	208,776
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization (\$32,278 and \$17,330, respectively)	117,639	132,587
Software development cost, net of accumulated amortization (\$8,470 and \$3,363,	117,037	132,307
respectively)	26,198	26,939
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (\$12,931 and \$8,726, respectively)	6,259	8,007
Other long-term assets	25,557	29,800
Other folig-term assets	25,551	29,800
Total assets	\$ 508,208	\$ 509,330
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of deferred revenue	\$ 80,391	\$ 124,486
Other current liabilities	19,889	17,825
Accounts payable	4,196	8,896
Accrued payroll	9,463	13,278
Accrued tax liabilities	6,019	7,544
Current portion of capitalized lease obligations	235	212
Current portion of notes payable	30,000	17,500
Total current liabilities	150,193	189,741
Long-term portion of deferred revenue	30,392	37,384
Long-term portion of capitalized lease obligations	104	330
Long-term portion of notes payable	64,400	100,000
Income tax payable	2,096	
Deferred tax liabilities	30,555	18,487
Other long-term accrued liabilities	2,579	1,493
Total liabilities	280,319	347,435
Stockholders equity:		
Common stock \$0.01 par value (66,500 and 65,655 shares issued and outstanding,		
respectively)	665	656
Additional paid-in capital	337,805	331,006
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(147)	20
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Total stockholders equity	227,889	161,895
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 508,208 \$	509,330

## **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(in thousands)

## (unaudited)

	Three Mor Decem	ded		ear Ended cember 31,	
	2008	2007	2008		2007
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	\$ 9,544	\$ 17,808	\$ 59,35	3 \$	22,435
Reconciling adjustments:					
Depreciation and amortization	6,121	5,419	24,26		19,601
Deferred taxes	657	(136)	9,95		37
Stock compensation expense	1,960	1,934	8,25		15,325
Amortization of exclusivity rights	311	293	1,22	6	1,172
Contingent shares in connection with exclusivity rights					
and intellectual property acquired		1,359			3,550
Amortization of debt issue costs	240	275	1,04	4	1,043
Change in fair value of interest rate swap, included in					
interest expense	1,155	999	1,08	6	1,478
Provision for (recovery of) sales return reserve	(93)	471	1,03	2	1,363
Provision for (gain) on lease termination		(31)			105
Provision for bad debt expense	3	70		3	313
Provision for (recovery of) inventory reserve		(68)			2
(Gain) Loss on sale of assets	(3)	(3)		1	19
Gain on marketable securities	, í	(4)	(	7)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the					
effect of acquired businesses:					
Accounts receivable	2,489	7,776	6,14	8	(3,641)
Receivable from clearing brokers	6,373	4,959	(23		(1,155)
Income tax receivable	(2,403)	(62)	(3,20		( ) /
Other assets	3,163	(5,492)	10		127
Accounts payable	(7,356)	(4,942)	(5,18		(7,287)
Deferred revenue	(9,179)	(5,497)	(51,08		2,295
Accrued payroll	(1,625)	81	(3,81		4,758
Other liabilities	284	(1,903)	2,63		(7,750)
Accrued tax liabilities	1,953	(498)	81		(668)
Net cash provided by operating activities	13,594	22,808	52,38		53,122
rect cash provided by operating activities	13,371	22,000	32,30	O	33,122
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Proceeds from the sale or maturity of marketable					
securities		1,300	1,50	1	20,641
Proceeds from the sale of equipment		5			30
Payments for capitalized software development costs	(918)	(4,888)	(6,04	0)	(16,357)
Purchases of furniture and equipment	(450)	(648)	(2,10	5)	(3,750)
Cash held in escrow	130	102	1,18	8	(8,298)
Cash paid in business acquisitions, net of cash received	(130)	(1,040)	(1,18	8)	(150,387)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,368)	(5,169)	(6,64		(158,121)
Cash flows from financing activities:				2)	
Payments on capital leases	(56)	(51)	(20		(190)
Payments on notes payable	(2,500)	(2,500)	(23,10		(7,500)
Changes in restricted cash		(4)	1	6	(12)

Proceeds from notes payable				125,000
Payment of debt issuance costs				(4,539)
Disqualifying dispositions in exercise of stock options	75		75	
Minimum tax withholding on restricted stock awards	(4)		(434)	
Repurchase of stock			(1,455)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2	221	506	882
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(2,483)	(2,334)	(24,595)	113,641
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(135)	(13)	(160)	14
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	9,608	15,292	20,981	8,656
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Beginning of period	72,952	46,287	61,579	52,923
End of period	82,560	61,579	82,560	61,579
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#### **Financial Summary**

#### (unaudited)

#### **Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Information**

The following table provides a reconciliation of GAAP Net Income to non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA for the periods presented. The Company believes Adjusted EBITDA is an important measure of operating performance given the impact of accounting for deferred revenue and certain other costs.

		Three	Months Ended				Years E	Ended		
in (millions)	nber 31, 2008	Se	ptember 30, 2008	De	ecember 31, 2007	De	cember 31, 2008	De	cember 31, 2007 *	
Net income	\$ 9.5	\$	19.6	\$	17.8	\$	59.4	\$	16.9	
Depreciation and amortization	6.7		6.8		7.2		26.5		25.7	
Stock compensation expense	2.0		2.0		1.9		8.3		15.3	
Special charges, including deal related	1.4		1.1				3.6		11.7	
Interest expense, net	2.7		1.8		2.8		8.2		9.1	
Income tax provision	2.6		7.8				21.6		1.1	
Net change in deferred revenue	(9.2)		(16.3)		(5.5)		(51.1)		3.5	
Adjusted EBITDA (\$)	15.7		22.8		24.2		76.5		83.3	
Adjusted EBITDA (as a % of STV)	20.5%	)	27.9%		27.3%	,	23.9%		25.1%	

The following table provides a breakout of Revenue on an unaudited basis for all periods presented and a reconciliation of non-GAAP Sales Transaction Volume (STV) to GAAP Revenue. STV represents sales in a particular period before the effects of deferred revenue recognition from prior periods and the deferral of current period sales. The Company believes STV is an important measure of business volume in the Investor Education segment.

			Three 1	Months Ended				Years	Ended		
in (000s)	Dec	ember 31, 2008	Sep	otember 30, 2008	De	ecember 31, 2007	De	ecember 31, 2008	De	ecember 31, 2007 *	
Brokerage Services Commissions	\$	35,216	\$	39,290	\$	25,310	\$	133,890	\$	74,530	
Interest & dividends		3,659		7,109		7,985		24,634		22,958	
Payment for order flow		7,386		8,451		6,186		30,280		17,114	
Other revenue		2,594		2,140		1,960		8,464		6,667	
Total brokerage services revenue		48,855		56,990		41,441		197,268		121,269	
Investor Education											
Sales transaction volume		27,725		24,824		47,137		123,450		210,398	
Total sales transaction volume		76,580		81,814		88,578		320,718		331,667	
Change in deferred revenue		9,179		16,251		5,497		51,087		(3,528)	
Revenue		85,759		98,065		94,075		371,805		328,139	

<sup>\*</sup> The Company s SEC filings for 2007 reflect Investools merger with thinkorswim Holdings, Inc. on February 15, 2007. However, for comparative purposes, the year ended December 31, 2007 have included results of operations as if the merger occurred on January 1, 2007 (pro-forma). The Company

believes that given the size of the merger, comparing actual to actual would not be the most representative way to explain our operating results.

## **Segment Information**

The following table provides information on an unaudited basis concerning thinkorswim Group Inc. s operations by reportable segment for the periods presented. The Company s SEC filings and the table below reflects consolidated results following the Company s merger with thinkorswim Holdings, Inc., on February 15, 2007 and the Company s stand-alone results through February 14, 2007.

	Three Mon Decem		Years Ended December 31,			
in (000s)	2008		2007	2008		2007
Revenue						
Brokerage Services	\$ 48,855	\$	41,441	\$ 197,268	\$	110,882
Investor Education	36,904		52,634	174,537		207,127
Revenue	85,759		94,075	371,805		318,009
Income (Loss) from Operations						
Brokerage Services	\$ 15,466	\$	18,627	\$ 82,361	\$	42,598
Investor Education	(531)		1,980	6,893		(9,829)
Income from operations	14,935		20,607	89,254		32,769

#### Operating Metrics thru December 31, 2008

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Year Ended December 31,			
		2008	,	2007		2008		2007
thinkorswim Inc.								
Trading Days		63.0		63.0		251.5		249.5
New Retail Accounts Opened(1)		32,700		22,675		108,850		75,875
New Funded Retail Accounts		12,175		11,075		45,200		38,325
Period-End Funded Retail Accounts		97,800		57,775		97,800		57,775
Retail DARTs(2)		61,400		41,900		54,200		27,000
Active Trader DARTs(3)		118,300		20,400		78,400		23,300
Total DARTs		179,700		62,300		132,600		50,300
Total Trades		11,325,000		3,926,000		33,361,000		12,552,000
Ending Client Assets (\$MM)	\$	3,020	\$	2,580	\$	3,020	\$	2,580
Average Client Equity/Retail Account	\$	30,900	\$	44,900	\$	30,900	\$	44,900
Retail Commission Per Trade	\$	8.41	\$	9.01	\$	8.41	\$	9.01
Investor Education Group								
Total Paid Graduates(4)		18,330		12,260		47,890		43,090
Ending Cumulative Graduates(5)		398,000		337,000		398,000		337,000
Ending Active Subscribers(6)		97,600		102,800		97,600		102,800
Upsell Rate (7)		25%		40%		32%		42%
PHD program		10%		16%		10%		19%
Masters program		14%		20%		14%		24%
Associates program		34%		31%		36%		30%
Apprentice		34%		0%		14%		0%
Trading rooms		8%		33%	,	26%		27%

<sup>(1)</sup> Accounts opened are accounts that have initiated the application process with the intent to fund.

- (5) Cumulative graduates include graduates and their guest attendees at workshops.
- (6) Active Subscribers include subscribers to Investools Online, prophet.net, and Investools FX.
- (7) This table illustrates the workshop upsell rates during the periods indicated. Workshop upsell rates are the sales that take place at the workshops of advanced product sales. Upsell rates do not include sales from the Company s other sales operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Retail DARTs are trades executed using the retail thinkorswim platform.

<sup>(3)</sup> Active Trader DARTs are trades executed using an active trader platform such as thinkpipes.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes students who graduated from both the Foundation Course and the Currency Trader Course.