

Newly Launched thinkorswim Canada Selects Penson as Canadian Securities Services Provider

TORONTO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 18, 2008--Penson Financial Services Canada Inc., a member of the Penson Worldwide (NASDAQ: PNSN) group of companies, and leading independent Canadian clearing firm, today announced it has entered into an introducing/carrying broker agreement with thinkorswim Canada, a newly launched member of leading U.S. online brokerage firm thinkorswim (NASDAQ: SWIM).

Tom Sosnoff, a founder of thinkorswim, comments: "At thinkorswim, we strive to meet our customers' highest standards and to serve the needs of the active investor in an efficient and timely manner. In Penson, we have found a partner that shares our exacting levels of professionalism and integrity, with a strong focus on service and technology."

John Skain, President, Penson Financial Services Canada, comments: "thinkorswim is a technology leader and we are very pleased to have this innovative and exciting firm as a client. This further establishes Penson as a leading provider within the Canadian online marketplace. Penson's flexible service model, combined with thinkorswim's unique business model offers investors efficient trade processing and settlement unrivalled in the industry."

Sosnoff adds: "Penson's industry knowledge, technical expertise, and entrepreneurial mindset promise to help us deliver the high-level service our investors require. thinkorswim is widely recognized for delivering innovative trading products; with Penson as our service provider, we will be able to retain our focus on ensuring that our investors have the latest and most efficient technology."

About Penson Worldwide: www.penson.com

The Penson Worldwide group of companies provides execution, clearing, custody, settlement and technology infrastructure products and services to financial services firms and others servicing the global financial services industry. The Penson Worldwide group of companies includes Penson Financial Services, Inc., Penson Financial Services Canada Inc., Penson Financial Services Ltd., Nexa Technologies, Inc., Penson GHCO, First Capitol Group, LLC and Penson Asia Limited, among other companies. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, Penson has served the clearing needs of all types of broker/dealers since 1995. Penson is the Flexible Choice in Global Financial Services.

Penson Financial Services, Inc. is a member of the American Stock Exchange, Chicago Stock Exchange, FINRA, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, OneChicago, the International Securities Exchange, the NYSE Arca Exchange, the Options Clearing Corp, the MSRB, NSCC, ICMA, DTC, Euroclear, SIPC and is a participant of the Boston Options Exchange (BOX). Penson Financial Services Canada, Inc. is a participating organization with the Toronto Stock Exchange, the Montreal Exchange, the CNQ Exchange and the TSX Venture Exchange, is regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada, and is a member of the CIPF. Penson Financial Services, Ltd. is a member of the London Stock Exchange and is authorized and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

Penson GHCO is a registered Futures Commission Merchant and clearing member at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, London International Financial Futures Exchange, and ICE Futures. First Capitol Group, LLC is a registered Futures Commission Merchant and a member of the National Futures Association.

About thinkorswim Group Inc.

thinkorswim Inc., the brokerage arm of Investools Inc. (NASDAQ: SWIM), is a leading online brokerage and technology provider focused on offering services to self-directed options traders and active traders. thinkorswim offers customers a broad range of products including equity securities, fixed income, index products, options, futures, other derivatives and foreign exchange. thinkorswim provides unique front end trading platforms that allow its customers to trade electronically and provides sophisticated trading tools and analytics, including tools for implementing complex, multi-leg options strategies. The products and services offered by Investools Inc. have received numerous accolades from third parties including thinkorswim's ranking by Barron's as its top rated software-based online broker and best for options traders (2006 & 2007), and Prophet's top Barron's ranking for best technical analysis tools (2006). For more information about thinkorswim, visit www.thinkorswim.com or call 1-866-839-1100.

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