

Okasan Securities selects Fidessa's Japanese trading platform

Tokyo, 4th July 2011 – Fidessa group plc (LSE: FDSA), provider of high-performance trading, investment management and information solutions for the world's financial community, has today announced that Okasan Securities, an independent securities company in Japan, has selected Fidessa's Japanese trading platform to trade Japanese cash equities and derivatives.

Since the launch of arrowhead, Tokyo Stock Exchange's next generation high-speed trading system, the infrastructure has been changing dramatically in the Japanese equities markets. There is now a low-latency trading environment with millisecond order processing and huge order throughput in the main exchange, and the changes have also attracted new liquidity from high frequency traders. The trading volume of PTSs like Chi-X Japan and broker dark pools has risen too. In particular, the demand for algorithmic trading has increased and it is now necessary for securities companies to deploy algorithmic trading systems for agency trading.

Norihiko Funatsu, former senior general manager, Equity Dept. at Okasan Securities, comments: "There are three main reasons why we decided to select Fidessa's Japanese trading platform as our next trading system. First of all, the trading platform fits us perfectly to achieve our target of building a comprehensive algorithmic trading platform. We placed importance on the fact that BlueBox, Fidessa's algorithmic trading engine, is fully integrated into the trading platform and has a strong reputation in the market. Secondly, we liked Fidessa's unrivalled experience in global markets trading and the fact that we could use Fidessa's FIX connectivity network as a tool to access global markets easily. Thirdly, Fidessa has a strong track record with domestic clients and the capacity to deal with changes in the Japanese markets. We look forward to working with Fidessa in these fast changing Japanese markets."

Ian Chilton, chief executive of Fidessa in Japan, comments: "It is our great pleasure to announce that Okasan Securities has selected Fidessa's Japanese trading platform. While the Japanese market is currently going through fundamental structural change, we are strategically emphasizing our state-of-the-art trading technology for domestic clients. The exchanges and alternative venues are evolving and enhancing their trading systems all the time, and we continue to support our domestic clients by insulating them from the constant system upgrades to this trading environment."

Fidessa's global products and services support around 26,000 users across more than 900 clients worldwide and are used by around 85 per cent of tier one financial institutions. Fidessa's global

network provides connectivity to more than 2,400 buy-sides and 600 brokers across 150 markets around the world.

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About Okasan Securities

Okasan Securities is a core firm of the Okasan Securities Group which offers comprehensive asset management services and runs 60 branch offices throughout Japan. Since its establishment in 1923, Okasan Securities has always aimed to acquire provide customers with assurance and confidence, emphasizing "face to face" consulting sales for individual investors. In addition, they provide detailed information, accurate execution service and supporting investor relations to fully meet the needs of the institutional customers.

Okasan Securities Group place great emphasis on collecting the latest information on cutting edge markets. With their unique global network, the information they provide for investors is highly reputed.

Okasan Securities continually improves the quality of its products, information and services and aims to be the best partner for its clients.

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About Fidessa group

Exceptional trading, investment and information solutions for the world's financial community.

New technology, new regulation, new challenges: making money in today's financial markets is all about staying ahead of the curve. Having the capability to spot new trends and act fast turns change into opportunity. That's why 85% of the world's premier financial institutions trust Fidessa to provide them with their multi-asset trading and investment infrastructure, their market data and analysis, and their decision making and workflow technology. It's also why \$10 trillion worth of transactions flow across our global network each year. Because we're the market leader, we can also offer unique access to the world's largest and most valuable trading community of buy-side and sell-side professionals, from global institutions and investment banks to boutique brokers and niche hedge funds.

Fidessa is a global business with scale, resilience, ambition and expertise. We've delivered around 30% compound growth since our stock market listing in 1997 and we're recognised as the thought leader in our space. We set the benchmark with our unrivalled set of mission-critical products and services and, uniquely, serve both the buy-side and sell-side communities. Ongoing investment in our leading-edge, integrated solutions ensures Fidessa remains the industry's number one choice.

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