

OCBC SECURITIES STRENGTHENS ITS POSITION AS GLOBAL TRADING PARTNER WITH DIRECT MARKET ACCESS CONNECTIVITY TO 11 KEY EXCHANGES

The expanded Direct Market Access network is the latest building block to be added to OSPL's ongoing initiatives introduced to provide investors with a holistic suite of services to enable them to trade beyond Singapore.

Singapore, 9 September 2009 – OCBC Securities Private Limited (“OSPL”) today announced that it will offer direct market access (“DMA”) connectivity to 7 additional foreign securities exchanges in the key financial markets of China, Indonesia, Thailand and The United States of America by end September 2009.

With this enhancement, OSPL has become the first local brokerage to offer retail investors with connectivity to the widest network of 11 key exchanges through DMA. Investors can trade direct into these markets through OSPL's team of Trading Representatives and its internet trading platform, iOCBC. DMA was previously offered to institutional investors only.

Since 2007, OSPL clients can trade direct into the local bourse of the Singapore Exchange as well as three regional exchanges, namely the Australian Securities Exchange, Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and Bursa Malaysia via its proprietary electronic trading platform.

OSPL plans to extend DMA connectivity to more markets including Japan and the United Kingdom by end of 2009.

The expansion of its DMA network is OSPL's latest initiative to offer investors the choice of trading beyond Singapore. It is also timely as it allows investors to capitalise on the current market upturn as global market conditions around the world improve.

Mr Hui Yew Ping, Managing Director of OCBC Securities Pte Ltd elaborated, “Increasingly, investors are looking beyond the local marketplace for investment opportunities. It is therefore vital that we offer them an efficient and resilient trading platform, to help them capitalise on market opportunities whenever that may be.”

He added, “In 2005, we were the first local broker to offer a single trading platform firm-wide to enable institutional execution standards for retail customers. Since then, we have been continuously upgrading our global trading capabilities to offer a full suite of services to meet their evolving needs in today’s increasingly volatile global markets. Today, our customers have the option of trading in multiple global markets as well as access to a direct custody network offered by a global custodian. Going forward, we will remain focused on building and enhancing our technology capabilities to better meet the needs of investors.”

The Advantages of Trading through OSPL’s DMA Network

Investors can now take advantage of the OSPL’s expanded DMA network to trade securities on the various exchanges, without having to route their orders manually through intermediaries such as local central dealing desks or foreign brokers. As trading orders are electronically routed, investors can expect almost immediate trade execution for market orders at any time, as long as the market is in session.

Not only would this open up more trading opportunities for investors, it would also give them greater control in managing their investments and capitalising on market opportunities in a timely manner by participating in the markets directly.

By end September 2009, OSPL clients can trade directly through OSPL Trading Representatives and/or iOCBC – OSPL’s internet trading platform into the following securities exchanges:

American Stock Exchange	AMEX
Australian Securities Exchange	ASX
Bursa Malaysia	BURSA
Hong Kong Stock Exchange	HKEX
Indonesia Stock Exchange	IDX
National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations	NASDAQ
New York Stock Exchange	NYSE
Shanghai Stock Exchange*	SSE
ShenZhen Stock Exchange*	SZSE
Singapore Stock Exchange	SGX
Stock Exchange of Thailand	SET

* DMA connection will be ready by end September 2009. Restricted to China B-shares only.

DMA refers to the automated process of routing trade orders directly to the various exchanges. As there is no human intervention in the process, it

minimises human error and eradicates execution irregularity, thereby ensuring accuracy of orders sent to the marketplace.

Mr Soon Cherng Shiun, aged 46, has been making use of OSPL's internet trading platform, iOCBC, to trade in the USA markets since Dec 2008. On his experience to-date he said, " I can now trade whenever the market is in session and take advantage of market opportunities as they occur, I no longer need to worry about missing out on my ideal strike price due to time difference or latency in the system."

OSPL Offers a Holistic Suite of Trading Solutions

The expanded DMA network complements other key initiatives that OSPL has introduced in making global trading platform and professional services accessible to retail investors.

Direct Custody Services

Some of the key initiatives include its partnership with Citibank N.A. to offer direct custody services across 14 equity markets. Available since September 2008, OSPL clients can leverage on Citibank's experience in the custody business and established track record to enjoy greater peace of mind when they trade in the 14 foreign markets through OCBC Securities. Besides enjoying a consistent service level of global standards across the 14 key markets, investors can also expect timely delivery of corporate actions and updates of regulatory changes.

Multi-currency Share Financing

By the fourth quarter of 2009, OSPL will be introducing a multi-currency share financing service that offers investors trading in foreign equities leveraging opportunities in currencies such as AUD, HKD and USD that their securities are denominated in. Share financing services were previously available in SGD only.

Together with other services such as multi-currency trust accounts which help minimize foreign exchange risk and its enhanced internet trading platform, iOCBC, which offers trading access to 14 exchanges, OSPL is well-positioned to offer a holistic range of brokerage services to investors seeking trading opportunities in the global markets.

About OCBC Securities Pte Ltd

OCBC Securities Private Limited (“OCBC Securities”) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of OCBC Bank and member of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX-ST) and the Singapore Exchange Derivatives Trading Limited (SGX-DT).

Having been in the business for more than 20 years, it is one of the leading stock and futures broking firms in Singapore providing full brokerage services for equities and derivatives trading. It employs state-of-the-art technology to deliver speedy multi-market electronic execution of trades for its customers. The user-friendly and highly interactive internet trading platform - iOCBC also makes OCBC Securities the preferred choice amongst investors who prefers to trade online.

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