



## **Marco Polo Network Acquires XTF.com**

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Marco Polo Network, the largest platform for electronic trading of securities listed and traded on Emerging Markets exchanges, today announced the acquisition of the trademarks, intellectual property IT infrastructure and consumer facing assets of XTF Global Asset Management Inc. (XTF GAM), an ETF research and ETF based investment advisor. The newly formed Marco Polo XTF is an internet based ETF research and expert network exclusively dedicated to the needs of Global Emerging Markets ETF investors, sponsors, asset managers, exchanges and regulators. Marco Polo XTF's suite of proprietary research and advisory services, which are accessible through the company's flagship XTF.com website, are aimed for use in various areas of the investment process, including security level research, market insights, portfolio construction and optimization, performance benchmarking and attribution, risk management and analysis.

"XTF's best of breed ETF security level research and advisory services allow us to better serve our growing community of emerging market broker dealers and partners," stated Marco Polo Network Chairman & CEO Vinode Ramgopal. "The combination of actionable, global ETF research and Marco Polo's efficient, multi directional electronic trading capabilities will allow emerging market asset owners, such as pension funds, insurance companies, mutual funds, and private wealth managers, to better capitalize on the many benefits of cross border index investing. By extending our research coverage of ETFs and ETPs listed on European, Asian and Latin American exchanges, Marco Polo XTF will be able to offer customer specific research solutions to accelerate the market adoption of indexed funds. Our customers will benefit from fast and flexible technology transfer within the network and from this network to ETFs and ETF based investment solutions," adds Ramgopal.

**About Marco Polo Network:** Marco Polo Network Inc. ("MPN") is currently the largest independent platform for electronic trading of securities listed and traded on Emerging Markets exchanges. Founded in 2000, MPN's trading platform allows global investors transparent and cost efficient electronic access to over 70 local exchanges in 42 emerging markets through a network of 120 + in-country broker dealers. MPN is partially owned by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group.

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