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### **Omega ATS gains market share and reports impressive growth**

*IIROC stats show increase of 11.11 per cent in volume traded*

**Toronto, Canada, July 20, 2011** – Omega ATS, Canada’s low cost, low latency alternative trading system for all TSX/TSXV equities, a broad range of US Equities trading in Canadian Dollars and a wide selection of fixed income instruments, has today announced its growth rates for the second quarter of 2011. Despite overall market volumes for equities falling by 22.17 per cent, Omega continued to expand at a significant rate with an increase of 11.11 per cent in volume traded from Q1 to Q2 2011.

According to statistics published by IIROC, from the quarter ending March 31, 2011 to the quarter ending June 30, 2011, Omega’s volume traded by marketplace went from 1,196,348,700 in Q1 to 1,329,292,900 shares in Q2. Its value of shares traded rose by 15.96 per cent and the number of trades grew from 2,184,657 to 2,430,709, an increase of 11.26 percent. Comparatively over the same period the Toronto Stock Exchange and Alpha saw decreases in volume and value traded as well as a decline in the number of trades and Pure lost volume and value.

Mike Bignell, president, Omega said: “We are delighted to once again announce substantial growth statistics. At Omega we offer a fast and competitively priced place to trade in Canada with no subscriber fees and a comprehensive range of ports for free subscriber access to our marketplace. We also offer an innovative array of products such as the ability to trade fixed income instruments and US securities direct from our venue without additional memberships. This formula keeps delivering results, not only for us, but also for our subscribers who benefit from increased efficiency, in areas previously subject to opacity and over-inflated spreads.”

Omega has also extended its operating hours and is now open from 8:30 to 5:00. As well as being able to trade Canadian equities, fixed income instruments and US blue-chip equities and ETFs Omega subscribers have access to the free internal crossing service it launched in May this year.

As Mike Bignell explains, “At any time during Omega ATS operating hours a subscriber can perform an internal cross at no cost. It’s just another way we are adding value to our platform for the benefit of our subscribers.”

As well as being one of Canada’s fastest growing ATS’, Omega’s matching engine, ThymeX, is among the fastest in the world in terms of speed and performance.

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### **About Omega ATS**

Omega ATS is a Canadian alternative trading system for exchange-listed equities and fixed income instruments. It provides a fast, price/time priority trading platform where dealers and their clients can trade at the CBBO (Canadian Best Bid and Offer) at extremely competitive rates. It has more than 70 subscriber firms including Canada’s five largest dealers. The system is designed to maximize internal order processing speed – minimizing the time between when an order is received and an acknowledgement is sent. The company rewards liquidity providers with time priority over other marketplaces and is committed to keeping its marketplace fees as low as possible. For more information, please visit [www.omegaats.com](http://www.omegaats.com).