



Proquote to supply 80 screens to Charles Stanley

18 October 2004: The London Stock Exchange has announced today that Proquote, its trading and market data business, has signed Charles Stanley as its latest client, and completed an agreement to supply 80 screens. Charles Stanley, one of the UK's largest independently owned, full service stockbrokers, has ordered Proquote View and Proquote Trader screens, giving their brokers access to the UK's fastest growing trading and market data system.

Charles Stanley adds to a growing list of stockbroking clients for Proquote which already includes Gerrards, Prudential Bache, Investec Henderson Crosthwaite and TD Waterhouse. Proquote, bought by the London Stock Exchange in February 2003, now provides over 2,300 terminals to 160 corporate clients.

Michael Pitts, Executive Director Information Technology at Charles Stanley, said: "We chose Proquote because of its unique functionality at a highly competitive price, with cost savings available largely due to the service being accessible directly over the Internet. Proquote offers real-time market information direct from source, allowing us to offer our clients an excellent trading service."

David Lester, CIO at the London Stock Exchange, said: "Charles Stanley is a significant client win for us and we are delighted to add them to our expanding list of corporate clients. Proquote offers a competitively priced, browser based product, and has seen tremendous growth in the number of installed screens, making it one of the UK's fastest growing market data and trading vendors. Despite this progress, we are constantly seeking to increase Proquote's functionality to offer our customers' the best service available and truly differentiate from our peers."

Proquote has established itself as one of the most functionally advanced members of real-time market data and trading systems. The system provides extensive European market coverage in addition to UK SETS, SEAQ, SEATS and International Order Book, and features comprehensive fundamentals, charting and analytical tools.

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About Proquote

Proquote is the most established and functionally rich member of a new generation of real-time trading and market data systems, providing significant reductions in cost of ownership.

Proquote combines extensive market knowledge and modern technology to deliver live market information and trading functionality to standard desktop PCs or laptops with minimal infrastructure required at the customer site.

Features include Level 1, Level 1 Plus and Level 2 real-time data and prices from the London Stock Exchange; real-time data from other exchanges including Euronext, Xetra and Nasdaq; indices from the leading global markets; RNS and AFX news feeds; LIFFE options and futures data; comprehensive fundamental data, broker forecasts and directors' share dealings; stock lists, alerts, news, trade and price tickers; and foreign exchange and trading histories. Data is supplied in real time and supported by comprehensive analytical and charting tools.