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This filing relates to the proposed transactions pursuant to the terms of that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 8, 2009 (the Merger Agreement), by and among TD AMERITRADE Holding Corporation (TD Ameritrade), Tango Acquisition Corporation One (Merger Sub One), a wholly owned subsidiary of TD Ameritrade, Tango Acquisition Corporation Two (Merger Sub Two), a wholly owned subsidiary of TD Ameritrade, and thinkorswim Group, Inc. (thinkorswim).

### **TD AMERITRADE Holding Corporation**

TD AMERITRADE Holding Corporation, through its brokerage subsidiaries,<sup>(1)</sup> provides a dynamic balance of investment products and services that make it the investment firm of choice for millions of retail investor and independent registered investment advisor (RIA) clients. Listed by *Forbes* as one of America's best big companies, the Company offers a full spectrum of investment services, including a leading active trader program, intuitive long-term investment solutions and a national branch system, as well as relationships with one of the largest independent RIA networks.<sup>(2)</sup> The Company's common stock trades under the ticker symbol AMTD. For more information, please visit [www.amtd.com](http://www.amtd.com).

### **December 2008 Quarter Results**

Net income of \$184 million, or \$0.31 per diluted share

EBITDA of \$343 million\*

Spread-based asset balances of \$25 billion

Pre-tax income of \$301 million, or 49 percent of net revenues

Fee-based balances of \$63 billion

Annualized return on equity of 24%

Average client trades per day of 357,294

Client assets of \$234 billion

Net revenues of \$611 million

Net new assets of \$8 billion

\* See reconciliation of financial measures.

### **Financial Highlights**

<b>FISCAL YEAR ENDED</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>YTD 2009</b>
Net Revenues (millions)	\$ 1,003.2	\$ 1,803.5	\$ 2,176.9	\$ 2,537.4	\$ 610.7
Advertising (millions)	\$ 92.3	\$ 164.1	\$ 145.7	\$ 173.3	\$ 46.7
Net Income (millions)	\$ 339.8	\$ 526.8	\$ 645.9	\$ 803.9	\$ 184.4
Earnings Per Share-Diluted	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.33	\$ 0.31
EPS, ex-Investment Gains/Losses <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.87	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.33	\$ 0.31
Average Client Trades Per Day <sup>(4)</sup>	155,696	216,970	253,440	301,061	357,294
Client Assets (billions)	\$ 83.3	\$ 261.7	\$ 302.7	\$ 278.0	\$ 233.8

Net New Assets (billions)	N/A	N/A	12.4	\$	22.8	\$	7.8
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding-Diluted (millions)	413.2	555.5	608.3		603.1		600.6
Stock Price (at period end)	\$ 21.47	\$ 18.85	\$ 18.22	\$	16.67	\$	14.25

TD Waterhouse results are included beginning Jan. 25, 2006.

Fiserv Trust Company's results are included beginning Feb. 5, 2008.

The Company began disclosing net new assets effective for fiscal year 2007.

#### M&A Milestones

To date, TD AMERITRADE has successfully completed more mergers and acquisitions than any other Company in the brokerage industry. We have a solid track record of identifying opportunities that provide a balance of benefits for our key constituents—clients and shareholders.

<b>January 2009</b>	Announces plans to acquire thinkorswim Group Inc. (Nasdaq: SWIM).
<b>February 2008</b>	Acquires a portion of Fiserv, Inc.'s (Nasdaq:FISV) investment support services business.
<b>January 2006</b>	Acquires TD Waterhouse, creating TD AMERITRADE Holding Corporation.
<b>October 2004</b>	Purchases approximately 45,000 online retail accounts from JB Oxford & Co.
<b>August 2004</b>	Purchases the online retail accounts of Investex.
<b>January 2004</b>	Acquires Bidwell & Company.
<b>February 2004</b>	Purchases the online retail accounts of Brokerage America LLC.
<b>June 2003</b>	Purchases Mydiscountbroker.com's online retail accounts from SWS Group, Inc. (NYSE: SWS).
<b>September 2002</b>	Merges with Datek Online Holdings Corp.
<b>September 2001</b>	Acquires NDB.com.

(1) TD AMERITRADE, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC, receives clearing and custodial services from TD AMERITRADE Clearing, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC. TD AMERITRADE, Inc. and TD AMERITRADE Clearing, Inc. are subsidiaries of TD AMERITRADE Holding Corporation.

(2) More info on the Forbes award is available at [www.forbes.com/platinum](http://www.forbes.com/platinum).

(3) Ex-Investment Gains for FY 05-FY 06. See reconciliation of financial measures.

(4) Effective in October 2007, total trades have been adjusted to exclude non-revenue generating mutual fund trades.

**TD AMERITRADE Holding Corporation**  
**Reconciliation of Financial Measures**  
*In thousands, except per share amounts*  
**Net Income Excluding Investment Gains/Losses<sup>(1)</sup>**

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	
	<b>Sept. 29, 2006</b>	<b>Sept. 30, 2005</b>
Net Income, as reported	\$ 526,759	\$ 339,753
Adjustments:		
Gain on sale of investments	(81,422)	
Fair value adjustments of investment-related derivative instruments	11,703	(8,315)
Income tax effect of above adjustments	26,145	3,345
Net Income excluding investment gains/losses	\$ 483,185	\$ 334,783

**EPS Excluding Investment Gains/Losses<sup>(1)</sup>**

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	
	<b>Sept. 29, 2006</b>	<b>Sept. 30, 2005</b>
Diluted earnings per share, as reported	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.82
Adjustments on a per share basis, net of income tax effect:		
Gain on sale of investments	(0.09)	
Fair value adjustments of investment-related derivative instruments	0.01	(0.01)
EPS excluding investment gains/losses	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.81

**EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup>**

	<b>Quarter Ended Dec. 31, 2008</b>
EBITDA	\$ 343,240
Less:	
Depreciation and amortization	(11,503)
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	(15,538)
Interest on borrowings	(15,637)
Pre-tax income	\$ 300,562

Note: The term GAAP in the following explanations refers to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

(1) Net income and earnings per share (EPS) excluding investment gains/losses are Non-GAAP financial measures as defined by SEC Regulation G. We define net income excluding investment gains/losses as net income adjusted to remove the after-tax effect of non-brokerage investment-related gains/losses. We consider net income and EPS excluding investment gains/losses important measures of our financial performance. Gains/losses on non-brokerage investments and investment-related derivatives are excluded because we believe they are not likely to be indicative of the ongoing operations of our business. Net income and EPS excluding investment gains/losses should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, GAAP net income and EPS.

(2) EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) is considered a Non-GAAP financial measure as defined by SEC Regulation G. We consider EBITDA an important measure of our financial performance and of our ability to generate cash flows to service debt, fund capital expenditures and fund other corporate investing and financing activities. EBITDA is used as the denominator in the consolidated leverage ratio calculation for our senior credit facilities. The consolidated leverage ratio determines the interest rate margin charged on the senior credit facilities. EBITDA eliminates the non-cash effect of tangible asset depreciation and amortization and intangible asset amortization. EBITDA should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, pre-tax income, net income and cash flows from operating activities.

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### **Safe Harbor Statement**

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. We intend these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the federal securities laws. In particular, any projections regarding our future revenues, expenses, earnings, capital expenditures, effective tax rates, client trading activity, benefits of the proposed acquisition of thinkorswim, accounts or stock price, as well as the assumptions on which such expectations are based, are forward-looking statements. These statements reflect only our current expectations and are not guarantees of future performance or results. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results or performance to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and assumptions include general economic and political conditions, interest rates, market fluctuations and changes in client trading activity, increased competition, systems failures and capacity constraints, ability to service debt obligations, ability to obtain regulatory and shareholder approval for the proposed acquisition of thinkorswim and thereafter realize the expected benefits from the thinkorswim acquisition, regulatory and legal matters and uncertainties and other risk factors described in our latest Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on Nov. 26, 2008. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which the statements were made. We undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **Additional Information and Where to Find it**

In connection with the proposed merger, TD AMERITRADE will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include a proxy statement of thinkorswim that also constitutes a prospectus of TD AMERITRADE. Thinkorswim will mail the proxy statement/prospectus to its stockholders. TD AMERITRADE and thinkorswim urge investors and security holders to read the proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available because it will contain important information. You may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other related documents filed by thinkorswim and TD AMERITRADE with the SEC at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The proxy statement/prospectus (when it is available) and the other documents may also be obtained for free by accessing thinkorswim's website at [www.thinkorswim.com](http://www.thinkorswim.com) by clicking on the link for Investors, then clicking on the link for Financial Reports and then clicking on the link for SEC Filings or by accessing TD AMERITRADE's website at [www.amtd.com](http://www.amtd.com) and clicking on the Investor Relations link and then clicking on the link for SEC Filings.

### **Participants in the thinkorswim Transaction**

thinkorswim, TD AMERITRADE and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be soliciting proxies from thinkorswim stockholders in favor of the merger. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of thinkorswim stockholders in connection with the proposed merger will be set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus when it is filed with the SEC. You can find information about thinkorswim's executive officers and directors in thinkorswim's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 29, 2008. You can find information about TD AMERITRADE's executive officers and directors in their definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on Jan. 6, 2009. You can obtain free copies of these documents from thinkorswim or TD AMERITRADE using the contact information above.

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### **Awards and Recognition**

At TD AMERITRADE we believe that we offer one of the most comprehensive platforms of trading and investing solutions for independent investors in the marketplace today. Below are just a few of the reasons why we're so confident and proud of what we've accomplished over the past 33 years.

#### **Best in Trading Tools and Research**

TD AMERITRADE was named BEST in Trading Tools and BEST in Research in SmartMoney's 2008 Broker Survey in the publication's June 2008 issue. TD AMERITRADE was also awarded a five-star rating in the Mutual Funds & Investment Products category.

#### **Global 2000**

TD AMERITRADE was listed as one of *Forbes*'s Global 2000 companies in the publication's April 9, 2008 issue. The *Forbes* Global 2000 are public companies with the top composite scores based on their rankings for sales, profits, assets and market value. TD AMERITRADE ranked #904 in the overall listing and #761, #799 and #867 in profits, assets and market value, respectively.

#### **Best Big Companies**

TD AMERITRADE was listed as one of *Forbes*'s Best Big Companies in December 2006, December 2007 and December 2008.

#### **Technology Company of the Year**

TD AMERITRADE was named 2007 Technology Company of the Year by the AIM Institute, a nonprofit organization supporting business development related to information technology.

#### **Barron's Review of Online Brokers**

TD AMERITRADE was rated the 2007 best Web browser-based online broker by *Barron's* (3/5/07), based on trade experience, trading technology, usability, range of offerings, research amenities, portfolio analysis & reports, customer services & access, and costs. TD AMERITRADE's Apex program also received a four-star rating in the publication's 2005 and 2006 reviews.

#### **Online Finance 40**

Joe Moglia was ranked by Institutional Investor Magazine as one of the Online Finance 40 in 2003... 2004... 2005... 2006 and again in 2007.

#### **Outstanding Customer Service Experience**

J.D. Power and Associates certified the TD AMERITRADE call center based on, An Outstanding Customer Service Experience, in 2004... and 2005... and 2006.

#### **Best In Investor Relations**

Institutional Investor Research Group names TD AMERITRADE's Investor Relations department in the top three for financial services/brokers in 2005.

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**Awards and Recognition (continued)**

**Premier IT Leadership**

Computerworld Magazine names TD AMERITRADE CIO Jerry Bartlett on its list of 2005 Premier 100 IT Leaders, the publications sixth annual list of IT executives who show exemplary technology leadership in resolving business problems and growing their businesses.

**Best Customer Service Team**

The American Business Awards names TD AMERITRADE a 2004 Finalist for Best Customer Service Team.

**Reader's Choice**

Stocks & Commodities Magazine awards TD AMERITRADE with the Reader's Choice Award for the best online brokerage company in 2004.

**Best of the Web**

TD AMERITRADE was named by Forbes Magazine as one of the Best of the Web in 2003 and 2004.

**Top Choice**

TD AMERITRADE was named Top Choice Internet Broker by the Wall Street Journal's The Cranky Consumer column in 2002.

TD AMERITRADE ranked Best in Research out of 16 Discount (Online) Brokers in *SmartMoney* magazine's Annual Broker Survey in the publication's June 2008 issue. Along with another firm, TD AMERITRADE was also ranked Best in Trading Tools. TD AMERITRADE was also awarded a five-star rating in the Mutual Funds &

Investment Products category along with three other firms. For details, go to [www.smartmoney.com/brokers](http://www.smartmoney.com/brokers). *SmartMoney* is a registered trademark of *SmartMoney*, a joint publishing venture between Dow Jones & Company, Inc. and Hearst<sup>SM</sup> Partnership.

Apex qualification is based on an average of five trades per month over a three-month period, or a \$100,000 total account value. Apex membership may also be granted on a free trial basis. Qualification is reviewed every three months.

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### **Who is TD AMERITRADE?**

We believe in the power of Independence – the confidence to make your own informed financial decisions. After all, nobody cares more about your money and financial future than YOU. We realize that nobody has all the answers. Even if this is your first time trading a stock, planning for retirement or looking for a better way to manage your cash, you don't have to do it all on your own. We exist to give investors the information, guidance and support they need to make those decisions – on their terms.

### **How do we do that?**

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to managing money. Every investor is different. What they need is a way to filter through the masses of information available in a way that helps them understand what they need to do and how they need to do it in order to meet their goals. We help investors of all types, sizes and experience do this every day.

**Completely Independent?** For investors who are completely comfortable doing it on their own, we offer 24-7 phone and Web support to answer questions and provide assistance – if it's needed. Our innovative and objective tools and services help investors develop ideas, spot trends, make plans and research the investment products and strategies of their choice.

**Need a little hand-holding?** For investors who want someone to walk them through the process once before they tackle it on their own, we also offer over 100 branches, nationwide. Whether they need to sit down with an Investment Consultant for a portfolio review, discuss their retirement options or simply open an account, we can help.

**Want to hand it off?** For investors who would rather give the reins to someone else, we can refer them to an independent registered investment advisor (RIA) through our AdvisorDirect® program.\* We partner with a network of advisors who are dedicated to helping their clients uncover and understand their investment needs and give their portfolios the attention they deserve.

In addition, we provide custodial services to nearly 5,000 RIA clients. These independent financial professionals come to us every day for the technology and dedicated service they need to manage their businesses efficiently, giving them more time to spend helping their own clients with their financial needs.

### **The Investment Firm of Choice**

We've been in the business of serving independent-minded individual investors for more than 30 years. We've pioneered sweeping changes like touch-tone phone trading and online investing that have helped make Wall Street more accessible to the typical American family than ever before. Through service and a full offering of investing solutions that continues to evolve with investors' changing needs and objectives, we can show you why it's not that difficult to choose Independence. It's never too late, and you never have too little to get started. All you need is the confidence to make a move, and more and more American families are choosing us to help them do just that every day.

\* Potential AdvisorDirect clients should have at least \$200,000 in assets to invest. Some financial advisors may have higher minimum asset requirements. Once you select an advisor you will pay advisory fees and standard brokerage fees. Brokerage transactions

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the AdvisorDirect  
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documents prior to  
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The Form ADV  
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