



Marccus Partners advises NYSE Euronext on entering into a strategic partnership regarding the Doha Securities Market, Qatar

(Paris, 25 June 2008) **NYSE Euronext, New York, has signed on 24 June 2008 agreements with the investment arm of the State of Qatar, the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) to enter into a strategic partnership regarding the Doha Securities Market (DSM).**

NYSE Euronext will take a 25% stake in DSM through capital increase for a cash amount of US\$ 250 million. The DSM will adopt NYSE Euronext technology for both cash equities and derivatives market and NYSE Euronext will propose the senior management team.

The closing of the transaction is expected to take place in the fourth quarter this year, subject to completion of documentation work and on obtaining no-objections from the regulators involved. NYSE Euronext will receive three of the 11 seats on the DSM board as a result of the deal.

This strategic partnership will set DSM to become a significant international player in global exchange world and will provide NYSE Euronext with a presence in the Middle East.

NYSE Euronext was advised by lawyers of Marccus Partners, Paris, supported locally by Mazars Consultants, U.A.E (Dubai) and Al-Marri & Al Tamimi, Qatar.

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