



Scotiabank to acquire E*TRADE Canada

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Strategic Rationale

- **Direct investing market is attractive**
 - AUA expected to double by 2016
 - Cross-sell is attractive in Canadian market
- **Significantly improved market position**
 - Increased scale and functionality
 - Doubling trading volume
 - Adding 125,000 accounts and \$5B in AUA
- **Leading platform**
- **Good financial investment**

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Transaction Summary

<input type="checkbox"/> Acquiring	➤ 100% of E*TRADE Canada
<input type="checkbox"/> Investment	➤ USD\$442 million; 100% in cash
<input type="checkbox"/> Required Approvals	➤ OSFI ➤ Competition Bureau ➤ IIROC ➤ Securities exchanges
<input type="checkbox"/> Closing	➤ End of September/October 2008

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Accretive to Earnings

EPS accretive



- Immediately accretive
- +2 cents in year 3

Reasonable price



- ROIC of 10% in year 3

**Modest impact
on capital ratios**



- Tier 1: (20) bps

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Leading Platform

- **Capitalize on E*TRADE's strengths**
 - #1 in trade execution and efficiency⁽¹⁾
 - #1 based on fees and commissions⁽¹⁾
 - strong product innovation and development capabilities
- **Leverage Scotia's strong customer service and banking platform**
- **Combination will be a leader in *mainstream, mass affluent and active trader* segments**
- **Future cross-sell potential**

(1) The Globe and Mail, "2007 Canadian Online Broker Survey", October 2007

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Doubles Market Position

Market share

(of the big six banks)

	Pre-deal	Post-deal (estimates)
Trading Volume ⁽¹⁾	8%	21%
Commission Revenue ⁽²⁾	9%	18%
Assets ⁽³⁾	7%	11%
Accounts ⁽³⁾	6%	12%

➔ #2 in accounts (estimate)

(1) Based on YTD April 2008 annualized; (2) Based on latest FY08 forecast, end of Q2/08; (3) As of April 2008

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Summary

- Unique opportunity, and on-strategy
- Transaction is consistent with commitment to grow Wealth Management
- Significantly increases position in attractive online investing market
- Immediately accretive to earnings

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