

AMERITRADE HOLDING CORP

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**AMERITRADE HOLDING CORPORATION**

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Subject Company: Ameritrade Holding Corporation

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**ABOUT AMERITRADE**

For 30 years, Ameritrade Holding Corporation has provided investment services to self-directed individuals through its brokerage subsidiaries. Ameritrade develops and provides innovative products and services tailored to meet the varying investing and portfolio management needs of individual investors and institutional distribution partners. A brokerage industry leader, Ameritrade, Inc. a subsidiary of Ameritrade Holding Corporation, recently received a four-star rating in the 2005 *Barron's* Review of Online Brokers for its Apex active trader program. For more information, please visit [www.amtd.com](http://www.amtd.com).

**September 2005 Quarter Results**

Net income of \$96.5 million, or \$0.23 per diluted share

Operating margin\* of \$178.2 million, or 65 percent of net revenues

Pre-tax income of \$158.5 million, or 58 percent

Net revenues of \$274.3 million

69,000 new accounts opened; 41,000 closed accounts; 1,735,000 qualified accounts\*\*

Average client trades per day of approx. 146,000

Client assets of approx. \$83.3 billion

Average client margin balances of approx. \$3.6 billion; Quarter ending balances of approx. \$3.8 billion

**Financial Highlights**

<b>FISCAL YEAR ENDED</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Net Revenues (millions)	\$ 454.7	\$ 430.8	\$ 713.3	\$ 880.1	\$ 1,003.2
Operating Margin* (millions)	\$ 93.2	\$ 117.9	\$ 318.7	\$ 542.7	\$ 637.1
Advertising (millions)	\$ 148.0	\$ 72.6	\$ 90.4	\$ 100.4	\$ 92.3
Net Income (Loss) (millions)	\$ (91.2)	\$ (29.0)	\$ 136.6	\$ 272.3	\$ 334.8
Earnings (Loss) per Share Diluted	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.81
Average Client Trades per Day	102,413	84,564	143,470	167,958	155,696
Total Accounts***	1,951,000	3,001,000	3,171,000	3,520,000	3,717,000
Qualified Accounts**		1,211,000	1,520,000	1,677,000	1,735,000
Client Assets (billions)	\$ 26.1	\$ 33.9	\$ 54.8	\$ 68.8	\$ 83.3
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding Diluted (millions)	185.8	227.3	432.5	427.0	413.2
Stock Price (at period end)	\$ 4.01	\$ 3.90	\$ 11.97	\$ 11.68	\$ 21.47

**Datek Results are included beginning September 9, 2002**

\*see Reconciliation of Financial Measures

\*\*Client accounts with a total liquidation value of \$2,000 or more, except Clearing Accounts. Historical data available from September 2002.

\*\*\*All open accounts (funded and unfunded) except clearing accounts.

**Reconciliation of Financial Measures (in millions)**

<b>FISCAL YEAR ENDED</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Sep Q 05</b>	<b>2005</b>
Operating Margin	\$ 93,274	\$ 117,930	\$ 318,670	\$ 542,687	\$ 178,249	\$ 637,061
Less:						
Advertising	(148,009)	(72,638)	(90,415)	(100,364)	(20,005)	(92,312)
Gain/(loss) on disposal of property	(999)	(403)	5,093	(1,166)	208	428
Gain on sale of investments	9,692	0	0	0	0	0
Restructuring and asset impairment charges	(38,268)	(63,406)	(5,991)	0	0	0
Debt conversion expense	(62,082)	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax income	\$ (146,392)	\$ (18,517)	\$ 227,357	\$ 441,157	\$ 158,452	\$ 545,179

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

Operating margin is considered a Non-GAAP financial measure as defined by SEC Regulation G. We define operating margin as pre-tax income, adjusted to remove advertising expense and any unusual gains or charges. We consider operating margin an important measure of the financial performance of our ongoing business. Advertising spending is excluded from operating margin because it is largely at the discretion of the Company, varies significantly from period to period based on market conditions and relates to the acquisition of future revenues through new accounts rather than current revenues from existing accounts. Unusual gains and charges are excluded from operating margin because we believe they are not likely to be indicative of the ongoing operations of our business. Operating margin should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, pre-tax income and net income.

## Company Organization

Ameritrade's Client Group utilizes an outside-in perspective to deliver client-driven products and services aimed at providing a superior, value-priced experience for active traders, long-term investors and registered investment advisors.

**Ameritrade®** has historically been our core offering for self-directed retail investors. We offer sophisticated tools and services, including Ameritrade Streamer™, Ameritrade command center, SnapTicket™, Trade Triggers™ and Ameritrade Advanced Analyzer™. We offer Ameritrade Apex™ for clients that place an average of 5 trades per month over a three-month period or have a \$100,000 total account value. Apex clients receive free access to services that are normally available on a subscription basis and access to exclusive services and content.<sup>1</sup>

**Ameritrade Plus** is designed for self-directed clients seeking long-term portfolio management tools and a higher degree of personalized client service. Clients have access to a comprehensive suite of portfolio management tools for long-term investing strategies. Clients of Ameritrade Plus with an account value over \$5,000 have access to a dedicated account executive.

**Ameritrade Izone** is a streamlined version of Ameritrade designed exclusively for self-sufficient investors who prefer managing their accounts online. Clients forgo traditional support and service in favor of a purely electronic brokerage experience with low online commissions.

**Ameritrade Canada** provides Canadian resident clients with fast and low-cost U.S. equity trading.

**Ameritrade Advisor Services** offers a low-cost alternative for independent financial advisors and registered investment advisors.

**Ameritrade Corporate Services** provides self-directed brokerage services to employees and executives of corporations, either directly in partnership with the corporation or through joint marketing relationships with third-party administrators, such as 401(k) providers and employee benefit consultants.

## RECENT MILESTONES

**September 2005** Ameritrade appoints Jerry Bartlett as Chief Information Officer

**August 2005** Ameritrade appoints Asiff Hirji as Chief Operating Officer

**June 2005** Ameritrade announces a definitive agreement to acquire TD Waterhouse U.S.A., with the transaction combining two complementary organizations to create the world's largest online retail broker as determined by the average number of retail equity trades per day

**May 2005** Ameritrade celebrates 30 years of providing individual investors with the tools they need to pursue their financial goals

**March 2005** Ameritrade firmly aligns operations with client centric strategy, creating new Client Experience Group

**March 2005** Ameritrade Apex receives a four-star rating in the 2005 *Barron's* Review of Online Brokers, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall among browser-based brokers

**October 2004** Ameritrade completes the purchase of approximately 45,000 online retail accounts from JB Oxford & Company

**January 2004** Completion of Bidwell & Company acquisition adds approximately 100,000 accounts and \$5 billion in client assets

**June 2003** Ameritrade completes the purchase of approximately 16,500 Mydiscountbroker.com online retail accounts from SWS Group, Inc. (NYSE: SWS)

**September 2002** Ameritrade merges with Datek Online Holdings Corp.

## Corporate Information

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

**J. Joe Ricketts** Chairman and Founder

**Joe Moglia** Chief Executive Officer

**Jerry Bartlett** Chief Information Officer

**Bryce Engel** Senior Vice President, Chief  
Brokerage Operations Officer

**Phylis Esposito** Executive Vice President,  
Chief Strategy Officer

**Asiff Hirji** Executive Vice President, Chief  
Operating Officer

**Ellen Koplow** Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel

**Randy MacDonald** Executive Vice  
President, Chief Financial Officer,  
Chief Administrative Officer  
and Treasurer

**Anne Nelson** Executive Vice President,  
Chief Marketing Officer

**Larry Szczech** Executive Vice President,  
Chief Client Officer

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<sup>1</sup> IRAs may be excluded from some Apex offers. Apex membership may also be granted on a free trial basis. Qualification is reviewed every three months. Professional access to real-time data differs. Apex professionals can subscribe to receive real-time NYSE market data for \$127.25 a month.

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**Additional Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transaction, Ameritrade filed a preliminary proxy statement concerning the transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on September 12, 2005. Ameritrade will also file a definitive proxy statement and relevant documents with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction.

SECURITY HOLDERS OF AMERITRADE ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders can obtain free copies of the definitive proxy statement and other documents when they become available by contacting Investor Relations at [www.amtd.com](http://www.amtd.com), or by mail at Ameritrade Investor Relations, 4211 S. 102 Street, Omaha, NE 68127, or by Telephone: 800-237-8692. In addition, documents filed with the SEC by Ameritrade are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Ameritrade Holding Corporation, The Toronto-Dominion Bank, and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Ameritrade in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the proposed transaction is included in the preliminary proxy statement of Ameritrade described above. This document is available free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and from Investor Relations at Ameritrade as described above. Information regarding The Toronto-Dominion Bank's directors and executive officers is available in its Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended October 31, 2004, which was filed with the SEC on December 13, 2004, and in its notice of annual meeting and proxy circular for its 2005 annual meeting, which was filed with the SEC on February 17, 2005. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).