



Actant partners with Object Trading to deliver ultra high frequency trading solution

LONDON. 24th September 2010. Actant, leading global provider of ultra high performance programmable trading software, today announced a partnership with Object Trading, specialists in direct market access (DMA) for ultra high frequency buy side and sell side market participants.

The combination delivers an integrated trading solution that enables ultra high-frequency traders to create and manage proprietary algorithmic trading strategies, and deploy them on a low latency infrastructure for pricing distribution and order execution directly on over 40 futures and options exchanges worldwide.

Actant ExStream, part of a range of trading solutions offered by Actant, can now be deployed with the Object Trading FrontRunner® Suite for DMA to premium liquidity pools. Object Trading gateways are hosted at all the world's major derivatives exchanges as well as a large number of equity and other cash markets. Co-located participants can minimize both the time to market and the up-front investment required to establish infrastructure and connectivity.

With Object Trading, they will also benefit from the ultra low latency performance of being hosted at a venue and be able to use test-bed environments. Used in conjunction with Actant ExStream, joint clients will be able to quickly and easily create, test and deploy unique trading strategies on a complete algorithmic execution platform with fully integrated DMA infrastructure.

“Object Trading is really pleased to have Actant in its Partner Programme. Actant brings proven expertise in extreme trading performance and together we provide the intelligent speed, flexibility and reliability that market makers and algorithmic traders need” says Steve Woodyatt, Managing Director, Object Trading.

“With this partnership, Actant and Object Trading are combining their areas of excellence to provide both the sell and buy side a complete all-in-the-box solution for their algorithmic trading needs. The combination of Actant’s easy-to-program algorithmic trading strategy capabilities and Object Trading’s broad range of high throughput ultra low latency order and market data gateways, will provide the best access to the unforgiving markets of today”.

“The combined and growing global presence of each company’s operations in North America, Europe and Asia make us well placed to service the algorithmic, high frequency, low latency trading community of today and the future with this solution” says Gerry Turner, Executive Director, Object Trading, International Operations. *“The sell side retain the necessary tools for their obligations and the buy side clients can still experience ultra competitive latencies when measured against more risky naked access systems”.*

Peter Grant, CEO of Actant added, *“The combination of Actant and Object Trading is tried and tested in the execution of orders and the distribution of prices in ultra low latency environments. Where speed and high-performance are critical, we can not only demonstrate a proven track record, but now provide clients with a single point of entry into the market. Furthermore, the partnership provides the flexibility to support a firm’s evolving trading strategies, as it differentiates its algorithmic execution styles to gain competitive advantage”.*

Actant ExStream enables firms to quickly develop and deploy proprietary market scanning and order execution algorithms, achieving a dramatic advantage over commoditized “black box” offerings. With the Actant ExStream scripting language, buy side and sell side firms can rapidly develop and execute proprietary strategies, leveraging their own intellectual property. As the leading platform for high frequency trading applications, Actant ExStream is a comprehensive solution for building sophisticated multi-asset trading applications for low latency trading, risk and compliance. With its combination of programming ease, coupled with ultra low latency, Actant is unmatched in the industry. It is widely deployed in both the US and Europe derivatives markets by investment banks, trading firms and independent traders.

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Object Trading provides buy and sell side market participants with flexible, counterparty neutral Direct Market Access (DMA) infrastructure specifically engineered for ultra-high performance trading applications. Object Trading's FrontRunner® suite offers low latency, high volume order management, coupled with integrated real-time price distribution and independent risk management for enabling buy and sell side supervisory control. It is an all-in-the-box solution for over 40 major international markets with integration via either a rich professional API or industry standard FIX protocol.

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About Actant

Actant is privately held company founded in 1998 by software engineering and trading professionals with an unparalleled track record in building successful real-time systems for automated derivatives trading on electronic exchanges. Over the years, Actant's founders have made significant contributions to the development of electronic derivatives trading technology. In 1985, they released the first publicly available front-end software to offer real-time derivatives risk management with automated position updating, integrated quote feed and tick-by-tick analysis. In 1993, they pioneered the electronic order generation process for automated mass quoting, electronic eye and reaction trades on SOFFEX and DTB (now Eurex).

Actant operates from offices in Zug, Switzerland, Chicago, London, New York and Philadelphia.

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