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**OLMSTEAD ASSOCIATES AND FTF EXPAND DERIVATIVES TRAINING
TO CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO**

Boston, MA – March 16, 2009 - Olmstead Associates, Inc., a leading provider of consulting and training services to the securities industry, and Financial Technologies Forum, LLC (FTF), a leading provider of seminars and conferences within the securities industry, announce they have teamed up to offer Olmstead Associates' popular *Understanding Derivatives and Complex Securities* program in Chicago and San Francisco. These locations are in addition to the current course offerings in both Boston and New York. The Chicago class is scheduled for April 30th at the W Hotel and May 13th at Le Meridien in San Francisco.

“Derivatives and complex securities such as swaps, linked securities, collateralized debt obligations and others have moved from relative obscurity to the forefront of the events that are occurring within the securities industry today,” states Ronald Olmstead, founder and President of Olmstead Associates. “It is critical that everyone, not just portfolio managers and traders, understand the nuances of these securities in order to handle them properly. We designed this course to provide the information necessary to develop this understanding.”

“We have successfully partnered with Olmstead Associates to offer several of their training programs in New York,” says Maureen Nolan, founder and President of Financial Technologies Forum. “These programs, especially the derivatives class, have been well attended and demonstrate the need for training across all areas within an organization. We are excited to be able to expand the locations where we can offer this valuable training.”

ABOUT OLMSTEAD ASSOCIATES, INC.

Olmstead Associates is a Boston-based consulting firm focusing on the securities industry. They bridge the gap between business and technology by providing management consulting, project management, subject-matter experts and industry training to many of the top industry firms. They have worked extensively supporting pre-trade, trade and post-trade operations and systems initiatives.

ABOUT FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGIES FORUM, LLC

Financial Technologies Forum, LLC (FTF) is a leading provider of executive-level conferences and training seminars focused on trends and initiatives in securities trading and operations. Their client base consists of senior level securities professionals representing more than 30 countries and 5 continents. Aside from providing an information exchange at industry events, they assist leading financial software companies to generate leads and increase brand awareness through webinars and proprietary events.

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