



Reuters Subsidiary Instinet to Acquire ProTrader

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London – Reuters subsidiary Instinet made the following statement today.

"On July 23, 2001, Instinet signed a binding agreement to acquire ProTrader Group, LP, a provider of advanced trading technologies and electronic brokerage services, subject to regulatory approval. The acquisition excludes ProTrader's proprietary trading business. The purchase price of \$150 million will consist of \$50 million in cash and \$100 million in Instinet stock. The transaction is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2001, and we do not anticipate that it will be material to Instinet Group's 2001 financial results."

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