

## Reuters Subsidiary Instinet's IPO Priced At \$14.50 Per Share - Market Capitalisation \$3.5 Billion

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**London** – Reuters (RTR.L), the global information, news and technology group, announced today the increase in the size of and the pricing of the initial public offering (IPO) of its subsidiary Instinet's (INET.O) common stock. In this enlarged offering, 32,000,000 shares (excluding the underwriters' over-allotment option of 4,800,000 shares) have been priced at \$14.50 per share, giving Instinet an initial market capitalisation of approximately \$3.5 billion. The offering was oversubscribed and the price is above the anticipated \$11.50 to \$13.50 price range. Trading in Instinet's common stock is expected to start today on Nasdaq.

Following completion of the IPO, Reuters will hold 206,900,000 shares in Instinet which represents 86.6% of the share capital. The IPO will raise gross proceeds of \$464.0 million for Instinet of which some \$150 million will be used for the repayment to Reuters of intercompany debt.

Instinet is the world's largest electronic agency securities broker, trading in 40 securities markets, with membership of 20 exchanges throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. It is headquartered in New York and has eight other global offices. Founded in 1969, Instinet was acquired by Reuters in 1987 and has grown substantially under Reuters ownership in both US and international securities markets.

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This news release may be deemed to include forward-looking statements relating to Reuters within the meaning of Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those disclosed in such forward-looking statements are described in Reuters Annual Report and Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2000 under the heading 'Risk Factors'. Copies of the Annual Report and Form 20-F are available on request from Reuters Group PLC, 85 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4AJ.

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