

**CANACCORD ADAMS HOSTS 28th ANNUAL GLOBAL GROWTH CONFERENCE:
August 12-14, 2008: Boston**

- Conference features 240 small and mid-cap companies in six sectors -
- Thirty next-generation companies will present at the Private Company Showcase -
- Knowledge Sessions will feature key topics in targeted coverage areas -

BOSTON, August 6, 2008 – Canaccord Adams Inc. is pleased to announce the line-up for its 28th Annual Global Growth Conference—a premier forum for innovative small and mid-cap growth companies from the US, Canada, and the UK. This year’s conference, taking place in Boston, continues the firm’s focus on bringing institutional investors some of the most interesting and intriguing ideas from a growing global universe of small and mid-cap companies.

“By bringing together institutional investors, venture capitalists and solid growth companies, this conference has become North America’s premier small to mid-cap investor event, reflecting Canaccord Adams’ global reach in this investment spectrum,” said Paul Reynolds, President and CEO of Canaccord Capital Inc.

“This year’s meeting is of particular interest to investors, given today’s challenging market environment,” said Jamie Brown, President of Canaccord Adams Inc. and Head of US Investment Banking. “Investors of all types are now, more than ever, seeking the most timely and important trends in order to identify the best investment opportunities from among both public and private growth companies. The 28th Annual Global Growth Conference will present investors with insights and knowledge they need to make promising investment decisions in the months ahead.”

The key sectors represented at the conference this year reflect areas followed by Canaccord Adams’ global research team: Technology, Life Sciences, Real Estate, Consumer, Sustainability and Industrial Growth. More than 240 small and mid-cap growth companies will be presenting, along with a select list of thirty companies for the Private Company Showcase. A number of in-depth *Knowledge Sessions* are also scheduled, and will explore important industry themes, changes and trends. These panels will be comprised of industry experts, Canaccord research analysts, bankers and venture capital professionals.

The Canaccord Adams Annual Global Growth Conference is one of the oldest and largest programs showcasing both publicly traded and privately held growth companies. Most of the presenting public companies are covered by Canaccord Adams’ global team of equity analysts. To learn more about the conference, please contact Nadine Miller at 617.371.3842 or Nadine.Miller@CanaccordAdams.com. More information about the conference can be found at <http://growthconference.canaccordadams.com>.

Some of the Knowledge Sessions at this year’s conference are:

Considering the Catalysts of Climate Change – With climate change increasingly becoming a hot-button issue in the US and elsewhere, this panel will explore the evolution of carbon emission markets and corporate strategies in this new area. Canaccord Adams analyst John Quealy and leading industry participants will discuss this topic and deliver viewpoints from various perspectives of the climate change lifecycle.

Solid State Lighting, Transitioning from Myth To Reality – With oil reaching record levels and the price of electricity increasing, this panel will address the ever-present question of how to satisfy growing demand for energy and electricity. Next-generation lighting solutions are being adopted more frequently and are being viewed as an important trend in reducing energy demand. This panel, led by analyst Jed Dorsheimer, will address demand-side questions to help investors get a good view on the likely timing and adoption rates of solid state lighting.

Rise and Fall: The Pending Fragmentation of Social Networks – Moving Past Web 2.0. With the rise and expansion of social networking sites, Canaccord Adams analyst Colin Gillis and additional panelists will explore the topic of aggregating fragmenting audiences and the various approaches being undertaken by companies such as Google, MySpace, Facebook, KickApps, Ning and LinkedIn. Questions such as whether users can take their social networks with them and whether common log-ins allow access to consistent communities across websites will be addressed. Gillis will be joined by KickApps founder Eric Alterman and others in exploring these topics.

M&A in Difficult Markets and Economies: Is the Next Twelve Months the Time of Opportunity?

The events of the last twelve months have created significant uncertainty in the M&A market. What does this environment mean for strategic buyers, private equity firms, venture capitalists and their portfolio companies, and other market players over the next twelve months? Join the Canaccord Adams M&A Group and a panel of industry leaders for a discussion of the current M&A market, exit strategies in a turbulent world, and whether now is the time of opportunity.

Private Company Showcase

The 2008 Private Company Showcase will focus on 30 select early to mid-stage technology, consumer, life sciences and sustainability companies. Most of the companies have completed initial product development and are launching or expanding product commercialization.

Presenting public companies include:

Technology

ad pepper media International, 3D Systems, 3PAR, Adobe, Advanced Analogic Technologies, Alliance Data, Alloy, Answers.com, Aspen Technologies, AuthenTec, Avid, Avocent, BankRate, Bidz.com, Blackboard, Bottomline Technologies, BTU International, Canadian Solar, Cascade Microtech, Cerner Corporation, Citrix, Concur Technologies, Constant Contact, Customer Acquisition Network, CyberSource, Data Domain, Datalink, DivX, Dolby, DoubleTake Software, Dragonwave, Drugstore.com, Eagle Test Systems, Egenera, EMCORE, Epicor Software Group, Equinix, Evergreen Solar, Fairchild Semiconductor, FalconStor Software, FiberNet, Gerber Scientific, GlobalOptions, GuestLogix, Hemisphere GPS, Intermap, Internap, International Datacasting, Internet Capital Group, Intrinsic Software, INX Inc., iWeb, JumpTV, Kaboose, Lighting Science Group, Lionbridge, LivePerson, Local Matters, Local.com, LSI Industries, Microvision, MIVA, MKS Instruments, Monotype Imaging, Navisite, Netezza, NetScout, NetSuite, Network Equipment Technologies, Omniture, Opel International, Orbitz Worldwide, Peer 1 Network, Perficient, PetHealth, Rackable Systems, RealNetworks, RedKnee, Rubicon, Safeguard Scientifics, Salary.com, Sandvine, SAVVIS, SolarFun, Sonic Solutions, SRS Labs, SunPower Corporation, Super Micro Computer, TeleCommunication Systems, Terremark Worldwide, The Orchard Enterprises, TheStreet.com, Think Partnership, Towerstream, Trimble Navigation, Ubid.com, u-blox AG, Ultimate Software, Universal Display, Universal Electronics, Vectura Group, VistaPrint, Vocus, Wizzard Software, ZipLocal

Life Sciences

Achillion Pharmaceuticals, Aeterna Zentaris, Allon Therapeutics, Alphatec Holdings, AMAG Pharmaceuticals, Ambrilia Biopharma, AngioDynamics, Antisoma, AspenBio Pharma, Athersys, AtriCure, ATS Medical, AVANT Immunotherapeutics, BioMimetic Therapeutics, BioNovo, Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Cell Genesys, CombinatoRx Inc., Cyberonics, Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Delcath Systems, DexCom, Endocare, EnteroMedics, Ev3, Exactech, Hana Biosciences, Heartware, Helicos Bioscience, Hologic, iCAD, Idera Pharmaceuticals, Insulet Corporation, Integra LifeSciences, InterMune, Introgen Therapeutics, Inverness Medical Innovations, IRIS International, Javelin Pharmaceuticals, La Jolla Pharmaceutical, Labopharm, Luminex Corporation, Marshall Edwards, MethylGene, NxStage Medical, Oculus Innovative Sciences, Ondine Biopharma, Optimer Pharmaceuticals, Orthovita, Pharmacopeia, Pharmasset, Plethora Solutions, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, RTI Biologics, Sangamo BioSciences, SenoRx, SeraCare Life Sciences, Spectranetics, Targanta Therapeutics, Theratechnologies, Titan Pharmaceuticals, Transition Therapeutics, Vascular Solutions, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Vivus, Volcano Corporation, WaferGen Bio-Systems, Wright Medical, YM BioSciences

Sustainability

AAER, Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, AlterNRG, Apogee Enterprises, ARISE Technologies, Badger Meter, Basin Water, Bio Extraction Technologies, BioteQ Environmental, Casella Waste, Catalytic Solutions, Clean Air Power, Clean Energy Fuels, Darling International, Day 4 Energy, DayStar Technologies, EnerNoc, Environmental Power, Fuel Cell Energy, Fuel Systems Solutions, Fuel Tech, Glacier Media, Headwaters, Horsehead Holding Company, Itron, LSB Industries, Metalico, Perfectenergy, PowerSecure International, Protonex, Pure Technologies, Real Goods Solar, Schnitzer Steel, Sims Group, Stantec, Telvent, Verenum, WaterFurnace International, World Energy Solutions

Consumer

AeroGrow, Atrium Innovations, eDiets, Green Mountain Coffee, Herbalife, The Inventure Group, Martek Biosciences, Medifast, NBTY, Nu Skin, Organic To Go, Smart Balance, Summer Infant, SunOpta, USANA

Diversified

ADF Group, Altus Group, C.A. Bancorp, Canadian Hydro Developers, CanWel Building Materials, Cathay Forest, EuroControl Technics, Hanfeng Evergreen, Hanwei Energy Services, Neo Material Technologies, Zongshen

Presenting private companies include:

ARA Safety, Archemix, CoalTek, COPAN Systems, DataDirect Networks, eMusic, Enwave Energy Corporation, Great Point Energy, HydroPoint Data Systems, LeftHand Networks, Luminus Devices, Mzinga, Nexterra, PayChoice, Peregrine Semiconductors, Quadrem, ReliOn, Rowe Farms, Sepaton, Serious Materials, Silver Spring Networks, Skyhook Wireless, SolFocus, TyRx Pharma, uLocate Communications, Waterfront Media, WeatherBug

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