



# MIAMI STOCK EXCHANGE PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## BUSH VICTORY CATAPULTS FTAA PROGRESS

**Miami, Florida – December 01, 2004** –The Miami Stock Exchange (MS4X) congratulates President of the United States George W. Bush for his re-election and his administration for their vision to strengthen democracy and fair trade in the Western Hemisphere. To help achieve the FTAA goals, the MS4X will announce its United States exchange alliances at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami Conference on the Caribbean Basin / December 6-8, 2004 at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Miami, Florida / [www.c-caa.org](http://www.c-caa.org) .

Miami is a natural residence for the FTAA. There are a host of essentials that the City possesses, making Miami a unique hub for trade and commerce of this kind. The geographical advantages are enormous. When you factor into the equation the potential for innovation and unification, it becomes a powerful mechanism for trading with far-reaching benefits for a host of businesses that stand to prosper from the FTAA.

The FTAA is an integration effort that will encompass an area comprised of 800 million customers and a combined GDP of \$14 trillion, making it the largest trading block in the world (spanning from Argentina to Alaska). It is expected that by 2005, the FTAA membership body, comprised of democratically-elected heads-of-state of the Western Hemisphere, will select a location for its Permanent Secretariat.

A well-focused and comprehensive effort is being led by Florida's Governor Jeb Bush to ensure Miami is the host location for the FTAA Secretariat. The Governor has appointed former US Ambassador Chuck Cobb as chairman to lead this important undertaking and tasked him to galvanize the involvement of local, state, and federal government to place Miami at the top of list in the selection process.

MS4X President Robert Dobiecki states, "Advancing trading amongst nations in Western Hemisphere is thriving and will continue to grow exponentially. The organization, efficiency and financial transparency of the FTAA will bring extraordinary credibility to this undertaking, thus catapulting opportunities for commerce with nations throughout this region of the world. There are mechanisms and credible partnerships that MS4X can bring to bear to enhance trading, build market confidence and increase business revenue. It is paramount that Miami become the ultimate designation for the FTAA."

**About FTAA:** The Free Trade Area of the Americas Treaty, to be completed by 2005, will create the largest free trade area in the world, stretching from Argentina to Alaska, with a total GDP of more than \$14 trillion and 800 million consumers. [www.alca-ftaa.org](http://www.alca-ftaa.org)

**About Miami Stock Exchange (MS4X):** MS4X is a currency, futures and stock exchange service provider specifically dedicated to offer fully-developed electronic trading software, processing and distribution services to the global financial community. The MS4X will emerge as a major hub for managed trading services for the 27 Latin American and Caribbean Exchanges, also known as the G27. The MS4X has a seasoned and accomplished management team with direct contact, knowledge, and relationships with the world's leading firms in financial services. The MS4X management plan will enable the G27 to take advantage of secure and unparalleled transaction processing through a host of managed service providers. The MS4X has the endorsement and steadfast support of the City of Miami.