The Charles Schwab Corporation to Acquire TD Ameritrade

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Transaction to Combine Two Award-Winning Companies

Combined Firms Projected to Serve 24 Million Brokerage Accounts with more than $5 Trillion in Client Assets

Complementary Firms Share Heritage of Innovation and Client-Focused Cultures

SAN FRANCISCO & OMAHA, Neb.-(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Charles Schwab Corporation ("Schwab") and TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation ("TD Ameritrade") today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement for Schwab to acquire TD Ameritrade in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately $26 billion. Under the agreement, TD Ameritrade stockholders will receive 1.0837 Schwab shares for each TD Ameritrade share, which represents a 17% premium over the 30-day volume weighted average price exchange ratio as of November 20, 2019.

Schwab President and CEO Walt Bettinger said, “We have long respected TD Ameritrade since our early days pioneering the discount brokerage industry, and as a fellow advocate for investors and independent investment advisors. Together, we share a passion for breaking down barriers for investors and advisors through a combination of low cost, great service and technology. With this transaction, we will capitalize on the unique opportunity to build a firm with the soul of a challenger and the resources of a large financial services institution that will be uniquely positioned to serve the investment, trading and wealth management needs of investors across every phase of their financial journeys.”

The combination brings together two leading firms with proud and similar histories of making investing more accessible to all. More than 40 years ago, Schwab and TD Ameritrade started out as alternatives to traditional Wall Street brokerages. They helped lead a revolution to become the preferred model for full-service investing among tens of millions of direct investors and the go-to providers of custodial and consulting services for thousands of independent investment advisors. The firms’ mutual respect and complementary cultures will help Schwab successfully integrate TD Ameritrade into its future operations.

With today’s announcement, the TD Ameritrade Board of Directors has suspended its previously disclosed CEO search, naming Stephen Boyle, TD Ameritrade EVP and CFO, as the company’s interim President and CEO. Mr. Boyle will assume leadership of the company effectively immediately, guiding its management team through its fiscal 2020 plan and the proposed integration with Schwab.

“Partnering with Schwab on this transformative opportunity makes the right strategic and financial sense for TD Ameritrade,” Mr. Boyle said. “We share a common history—a journey since 1975 that has made Wall Street more accessible and financial dreams more attainable for millions of Americans. Our associates are fiercely proud of that legacy and all that we have accomplished to make TD Ameritrade one of the premier firms in financial services. Now we look to join forces with a respected firm like Schwab that shares our relentless focus, and to do more than we could do apart. Together, we can deliver the ultimate client experience for retail investors and independent registered investment advisors. We can continue to challenge the status quo, pooling our resources and expertise to transform lives—and investing—and deliver sustainable, long-term value to our many stakeholders.”

Mr. Bettinger added, “One of Chuck Schwab’s ambitions has always been to build a strong and independent Schwab that would be around to serve clients for many years in the future. We believe the combination of our two great companies positions us to be competing and winning in the investment services business for the long run—the very long run.”

Transaction Details

This transaction creates significant strategic benefits for the combined organization and is expected to deliver attractive returns for the owners of both companies, while further improving the investing and trading experience of both Schwab and TD Ameritrade clients. It allows Schwab to continue to add further scale on top of its organic growth, helping to drive sustainable, profitable growth and long-term value creation. More specifically, the acquisition will add to Schwab approximately
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Mr. Bettinger added, “Schwab’s strong track record of performance is based on a simple but powerful strategy: viewing the world ‘Through Clients’ Eyes.’ We know that clients today have high and rising expectations, and we believe this transaction will help Schwab offer its clients an even broader range of award-winning services well into the future.”

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Schwab was ranked #1 in Customer Satisfaction with DIY Self-Directed Investors by J.D. Power; Charles Schwab Bank ranked highest in Customer Satisfaction with Direct Retail Banking in the J.D. Power 2019 Direct Banking Satisfaction Study; Schwab was named #1 Broker Overall in the 2019 Investor's Business Daily Best of the Online Brokers Survey; and StockBrokers.com ranked Schwab "Best in Class" Overall in 2019.

TD Ameritrade was ranked the Best Online Broker for 2018 in the Kiplinger's Personal Finance Best Online Brokers review. Contributing to the #1 ranking were top scores for Research, Tools, and User Experience—each coming in at 5 stars—as well as high scores for Mobile App (4.5 stars) and Advisory Services (4 stars). Also, TD Ameritrade was named #1 Overall Broker in the StockBrokers.com 2019 Online Broker Review, and was rated #1 in nine different categories.

Management Conference Call

A conference call to discuss the announced transaction with Schwab President and CEO Walt Bettinger, Schwab CFO Peter Crawford and TD Ameritrade interim President and CEO Stephen Boyle will be held today, November 25, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time. Access via webcast is available at www.schwabevents.com/corporation.

About TD Ameritrade

TD Ameritrade provides investing services and education to approximately 12 million client accounts totaling approximately $1.3 trillion in assets, and custodial services to more than 7,000 registered investment advisors. TD Ameritrade is a leader in U.S. retail trading, executing an average of approximately 800,000 trades per day, more than a quarter of which come from mobile devices. The company has a proud history of innovation, dating back to its start in 1975, and today its team of 10,000-strong is committed to carrying it forward, leveraging the latest in cutting edge technologies and one-on-one client care to transform lives, and investing, for the better. Learn more by visiting TD Ameritrade's newsroom at www.amtd.com, and reading stories at Fresh Accounts.

About Charles Schwab

The Charles Schwab Corporation (NYSE: SCHW) is a leading provider of financial services, with more than 365 offices and 12.1 million active brokerage accounts, 1.7 million corporate retirement plan participants, 1.4 million banking accounts, and $3.77 trillion in client assets as of September 30, 2019. Through its operating subsidiaries, the company provides a full range of wealth management, securities brokerage, banking, asset management, custody, and financial advisory services to individual investors and independent investment advisors. Its broker-dealer subsidiary, Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (member SIPC, https://www.sipc.org), and affiliates offer a complete range of investment services and products including an extensive selection of mutual funds; financial planning and investment advice; retirement plan and equity compensation plan services; referrals to independent, fee-based investment advisors; and custodial, operational and trading support for independent, fee-based investment advisors through Schwab Advisor Services. Its banking subsidiary, Charles Schwab Bank (member FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender), provides banking and lending services and products. More information is available at https://www.schwab.com and https://www.aboutschwab.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements relating to the business combination transaction involving Schwab and TD Ameritrade, including stockholder and client benefits; scale; growth; EOCA; competitive position; anticipated synergies; accretion; and timing of closing and integration, that reflect management’s expectations as of the date hereof. Achievement of these expectations is subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expressed expectations.

Important transaction-related factors that may cause such differences include, but are not limited to, the risk that expected revenue, expense and other synergies from the transaction may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; the parties are unable to successfully implement their integration strategies; failure of the parties to satisfy the closing conditions in the merger agreement in a timely manner or at all, including stockholder and regulatory approvals; and disruptions to the parties’ businesses as a result of the announcement and pendency of the merger. Other important factors include general market conditions, including the level of interest rates, equity valuations and trading activity; the parties’ ability to attract and retain clients and registered investment advisors and grow those relationships and client assets; competitive pressures on pricing, including deposit rates; the parties’ ability to develop and launch new and enhanced products, services, and capabilities, as well as enhance their infrastructure, in a timely and successful manner; client use of the parties’ advisory solutions and other products and services; client sensitivity to rates; the level of client assets, including cash balances; capital and liquidity needs and management; regulatory guidance; litigation or regulatory matters; any adverse impact of financial reform legislation and related regulations; and other factors set forth in Schwab’s and TD Ameritrade’s most recent reports on Form 10-K. Schwab and TD Ameritrade disclaim any obligation and do not intend to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

Important Information about the Transaction and Where to Find it

In connection with the proposed transaction, Schwab and TD Ameritrade will file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including a Schwab registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement/prospectus and Schwab and TD Ameritrade are urged to read the registration statement, the joint proxy statement/prospectus and any other relevant documents that are filed or will be filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to these documents, carefully and in their entirety because they contain or will contain important information about the proposed transaction and related matters. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Schwab or TD Ameritrade through the website maintained by the SEC at https://www.sec.gov or by contacting the investor relations department of Schwab or TD Ameritrade at the following:

The Charles Schwab Corporation
211 Main Street
Schwab, TD Ameritrade, their respective directors and certain of their respective executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of Schwab, and their direct or indirect interests in the transaction, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in Schwab’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, its proxy statement filed on March 29, 2019 and its Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on August 28, 2019, July 26, 2019 and May 16, 2019, which are filed with the SEC. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of TD Ameritrade, and their direct or indirect interests in the transaction, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in TD Ameritrade’s Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2019, its proxy statement filed on December 31, 2018 and its Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on July 22, 2019, May 20, 2019 and February 19, 2019, which are filed with the SEC. Additional information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

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