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New York, May 17, 2006 -E*TRADE FINANCIAL Corporation (NYSE: ET) today released its Monthly Activity Report for April. The Company's total retail client assets increased 1 percent over March, totaling \$194.1 billion. End of period margin debt balances increased 2 percent sequentially to \$7.0 billion, while average margin debt balances also increased 2 percent to \$6.9 billion. Total Daily Average Revenue Trades (DARTs) were 183,259, up 8 percent versus March. Gross new accounts for the month totaled 97,765, resulting in total end-of-period active accounts of 4,352,979.

"In April, we continued to experience solid organic growth trends with respect to our key business drivers including accounts, assets, cash and credit balances. We view the continuation of these growth trends as validation of the appeal and competitiveness of our value proposition," said R. Jarrett Lilien, President and Chief Operating Officer, E*TRADE FINANCIAL Corporation. "Additionally, over the first weekend in May, we completed the conversion of BrownCo accounts onto our platform. While it is still early, we are very pleased with the conversion from a process and customer experience perspective. We plan to provide an update to the attrition levels along with our quarterly results in July."

MONTHLY ACTIVITY DATA

	Apr-06	Mar-06	Apr-06 vs. Mar-06	Qtr Ended 03/31/06	Apr-06 vs. Q1-06
Trading days	19.0	23.0	N.M.	62.0	N.M.
Daily Average Revenue Trades (DARTs)					
US	160,046	148,879	7.5%	159,199	0.5%
International	23,213	21,409	8.4%	21,960	5.7%
Total DARTs	183,259	170,288	7.6%	181,159	1.2%
Market Making					
Equity shares traded(MM)	24,430	39,168	(37.6)%	90,871	N.M.
Average revenue capture per 1,000 equity shares	\$0.337	\$0.228	47.8%	\$0.277	21.8%
Gross New Retail Accounts					
Trading/investing accounts	71,108	60,347	N.M.	190,027	N.M.
Deposit/lending accounts	26,657	39,431	N.M.	80,632	N.M.
Total gross new retail accounts	97,765	99,778	N.M.	270,659	N.M.
Active Retail Accounts					
Trading/investing accounts	3,641,401	3,634,803	0.2%	3,634,803	0.2%
Deposit/lending accounts	711,578	699,631	1.7%	699,631	1.7%
Total active retail accounts end of period	4,352,979	4,334,434	0.4%	4,334,434	0.4%
End of period margin debt (\$MM)	\$6,965	\$6,814	2.2%	\$6,814	2.2%
Average margin debt(\$MM)	\$6,878	\$6,756	1.8%	\$6,631	3.7%
Retail Client Assets(\$MM)					
Client assets in trading/investing					

accounts	\$175,176	\$173,694	0.9%	\$173,694	0.9%
Client assets in deposit					
accounts	\$18,958	\$18,901	0.3%	\$18,901	0.3%
Total retail client					
assets	\$194,134	\$192,595	0.8%	\$192,595	0.8%

Historical monthly metric data from January 2003 to April 2006 can be found on the E*TRADE FINANCIAL investor relations site at www.etrade.com.

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