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Direct Access Partners, LLC Nominated for *HFMWeek* Service Provider Awards

- Global Prime Services Short-listed for Four Prime Brokerage Categories

NEW YORK, N.Y., September 29, 2011 – Direct Access Partners, LLC, (DAP), a leading multi-asset class institutional trading and prime brokerage firm, today announced that it has been recognized in the 2011 *HFMWeek* Service Provider Awards in four distinct categories. The Prime Services division offers two robust custodial solutions including enhanced leverage, hard to borrow and flexible trading solutions with Goldman Sachs Execution and Clearing and Pershing, LLC a subsidiary of Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.

Direct Access Partners received four nominations:

- **Best Boutique Prime Broker – Capital Introduction**
- **Best Prime Broker – Consulting Services**
- **Best Boutique Prime Broker**
- **Best Boutique Prime Broker – Client Service**

Brian Stutman, Managing Director of the Global Prime Services division commented, “Over the last year we have built a comprehensive offering and are pleased to receive industry recognition. Our correspondent relationship with Goldman Sachs and Pershing as well as our technology partnership with Paladyne Systems offers a quality institutional platform for our customers. Once on the platform, our Capital Alternatives Group supports all of our clients by providing consulting services and helps customers position themselves and meet institutional investors.”

Ben China, CEO of Direct Access Partners added, “The team has built a strong offering that complements our institutional trading, commission management and international fixed income and equity trading desks. We look forward to rolling out further enhancements to the platform to the benefit of our valued customers.”

About Direct Access Partners, LLC:

Direct Access Partners, LLC is a customer focused, multi-asset class trading partner to a broad range of clients. Direct Access Partners clears and executes in 115 international markets providing anonymity through a diverse set of high-touch and electronic execution options. Direct Access Partners has offices in New York, Boston, Miami and a significant presence on the NYSE trading floor.



The firm has a strong operational foundation and technology platform and provides a wide range of trading-related services including global prime service, independent research and commission management. The Capital Alternatives Group offers hedge fund clients a unique, integrated capital introduction and capital raising solution. The high-touch/high-tech approach powered by the firm's entrepreneurial spirit characterize Direct Access Partners' successful independent brokerage model.

For more information about Direct Access Partners, please refer to our website at www.daptrading.com.

About HFMWeek:

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