



## Christine Sandler Joins BLOCKalert as Head of Sales

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NEW YORK, March 22, 2007 – BLOCKalert today announced that Christine Sandler has been named head of sales. In this newly created role, Christine will be responsible for all aspects of BLOCKalert's sales efforts, including management of the sales team and marketing.

"I am pleased to add Christine's significant experience and strong client relationships to the BLOCKalert sales team," said Steven J. Sorice, CEO of BLOCKalert. "Christine's reputation and industry expertise will be invaluable to our efforts toward growing our business with institutional clients."

BLOCKalert is a joint venture between Merrill Lynch (NYSE: MER) and Investment Technology Group, Inc. (NYSE: ITG). It was formed in August of 2006 in order to create a global block order crossing service. BLOCKalert seeks out crossing opportunities in the trade blotters of participating clients. It provides the convenience of negotiated crossing systems along with broader liquidity. The service is independent and anonymous.

Prior to joining BLOCKalert, Christine was a managing director in Merrill Lynch's global electronic trading sales team. In this position, Christine led active cross selling initiatives and was responsible for marketing global electronic product to US institutional clients. Before joining Merrill Lynch, Christine was head of sales at Wave Securities. Prior to that, she served as east coast sales manager at Archipelago LLC.

For more information on BLOCKalert, please visit [www.block-alert.com](http://www.block-alert.com).

### About Merrill Lynch

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### About ITG

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