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## **FAST joins RIXML.org as an Associate Member**

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RIXML.org, a consortium of buy-side, sell-side and vendor firms committed to the development and implementation of the first open standard for investment research, is pleased to announce that FAST Search & Transfer, the leading global enterprise search technology software firm known for its award-winning FAST Enterprise Search Platform(ESP), has joined the organization as an associate member.

“RIXML.org welcomes FAST as an associate member,” said Jack Roehrig, Executive Director, RIXML.org. “They are at the forefront of search technology as well as having a deep understanding of the financial services industry, bringing leading edge expertise to the research space.”

“We strongly believe in the work that RIXML is doing and are pleased to be working with the consortium to help drive the adoption and use of RIXML as a tagging and navigational schema”, said Brooks Gibbins, VP Worldwide Financial Services, FAST. “The combination of RIXML and advanced search-based technologies will ensure a new level of speed and relevancy in accessing investment research, further enhancing the user experience and ensuring they have the right data to make the most informed decisions.”

As an Associate Member, FAST will add much value through direct participation in RIXML Technology working groups, with their fellow associate and steering members, to help develop future releases of the schema.

### **About RIXML.org**

RIXML.org is a consortium of buy-side, sell-side and vendor firms that was formed to define an open standard to improve the process of categorizing, aggregating, comparing, sorting and distributing global investment and financial research. For more information about the RIXML specification and RIXML.org, please visit the website at [www.rixml.org](http://www.rixml.org).

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### **About FAST**

FAST is the leading global provider of enterprise search technologies and solutions that are behind the scenes at the world’s best known companies. FAST’s flexible and scalable

enterprise search platform (FAST ESP) elevates the search capabilities of enterprise customers and connects people to the relevant information they seek regardless of medium. This drives revenues and reduces total cost of ownership by effectively leveraging IT infrastructure. FAST's solutions are used by more than 2,600 global customers and partners, including America Online (AOL), Cardinal Health, CareerBuilder.com, CIGNA, CNET, Dell, Factiva, Fidelity Investments, Findexa, IBM, Knight Ridder, LexisNexis, Overture, Rakuten, Reed Elsevier, Reuters, Sensis, Stellent, Tenet Healthcare, Thomas Industrial Networks, Thomson Scientific, T-Online, US Army, Virgilio (Telecom Italia), Vodafone, and Wanadoo.

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