

CANSTAR: Australia's most recommended stockbroker awarded top honours for fifth consecutive year

SYDNEY, April 20, 2015: For the fifth consecutive year, CMC Markets Stockbroking has secured CANSTAR's national award for 'Outstanding Value Online Share Trading', and CANSTAR's five star rating for each investor category (casual investor, active investor and trader), for the second year. CANSTAR assessed 42 platforms offered by 17 providers, rating each platform on both pricing and features, concluding that CMC Markets Stockbroking offers the best-value combination for Australian investors.

Steve Mickenbecker, Group Executive, Ratings and Financial Services at CANSTAR said, "Congratulations to CMC Markets Stockbroking for continuing to offer outstanding value to consumers across all investor levels. Striking the perfect balance of low costs, in-depth features and impressive functionality, its online platform stood out from the crowd for a hugely impressive fifth year in succession.

"Placing an online share trade has never been easier and as more and more Australians consider it a viable investment option, CMC Markets Stockbroking continues to lead from the front."

The rigour and credibility of the CANSTAR vetting process and ratings methodology is recognised countrywide across financial products.

Andy Rogers, Head of CMC Markets Stockbroking said, "Being recipients of five consecutive CANSTAR awards is an outstanding achievement that cements our position as leader in the online trading industry and demonstrates why the company continues to be Australia's most recommended stockbroker".

CMC Markets continues to lead the Australian share trading industry with innovative initiatives and by forging partnerships to deliver cutting-edge technologies that are traditionally found on professional-only platforms.

CMC Markets Stockbroking has been working tirelessly over the last 15-months on the in-house development of ProPlatform. Using the latest HTML5 web technologies the platform offers new tools and a professional yet fresh look and feel that further compliments its industry leading frequent trader program.

Rogers added, "Our ground-breaking partnership forged with specialist margin lender Leveraged (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank) offers clients seamless access to their margin loan account details from the CMC Markets broking platform, with full visibility and control of their loan and transactions. Now investors have a real choice to gain all the benefits associated with selecting a value broker while accessing competitively geared investment products that can diversify and enhance their market exposure".



CMC Markets also brought to market the <u>Frequent Trader Program</u>, which provides the lowest brokerage and advanced features to high volume traders, while also offering a fully-featured platform and the best support and brokerage rates in the market to investors of all types.

CMC Markets was one of the first to provide clients access to the groundbreaking ASX <u>mFund</u> unlisted managed funds settlement service, enabling investors and SMSFs with the opportunity to diversify their portfolio and invest in international markets from a single platform.

Through our status as ASX Value Broker, our clients can further diversify their portfolios with Options, which offer investors the ability to protect share portfolios against sudden stock price falls; generate wealth in rising and falling markets, and enhance borrowing capacity and earn income.

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About CMC Markets Stockbroking

The CMC Markets Group, a leading independent financial services provider, offers a range of investment products and investment tools including Contracts for Difference (CFDs), shares, options, listed managed investments, warrants, interest rate securities. In 2007 CMC Markets launched its broking service, CMC Markets Stockbroking, which is now one of the few remaining non-bank aligned, online stockbrokers in Australia. CMC Markets Stockbroking is a participant of the ASX Group and is regulated by ASIC in Australia.

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