



CANSTAR: After six consecutive years, CMC Markets Stockbroking remains Australia's best choice for investors

SYDNEY, May 23, 2016: For the sixth year in a row CANSTAR recognises CMC Markets Stockbroking is setting Australia's online share industry benchmark, when it comes to offering an outstanding value online share trading platform.

Since 2011 <u>CMC Markets Stockbroking</u> 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), since 2014.

This year, <u>CANSTAR</u> 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 all Australian investors.

Group Manager, Research and Ratings, Mitchell Watson at CANSTAR said CMC Markets have once again proven they are the industry benchmark when it comes to offering an outstanding value online share trading platform.

"This is the sixth year in a row which CMC Markets has achieved our overall Outstanding Value Online Share Trading award," said Watson.

"They have been able to achieve this through offering a platform that is able to be used by a casual trader right through to a day trader. Their offering is complimented by low brokerage rates which tier down as an investor trades more through their strong platform offering.

"Through the CMC platform investors can gain access to a large number of charting options, company research, functions that assist with tax reporting and for those starting out a list of education material and options to help them on their investment journey," added Watson.

Innovative Technology

Built in-house and driven by innovation, CMC Markets Stockbroking online trading platform offers traders of all types a fully-featured platform and advanced tools coupled with the best client service and brokerage rates in the market.

These award-winning components make up the <u>Frequent Trader Program</u>, which delivers the best overall value for three types of stockbroking trader - 'Premium Trader', 'Active Investor' and 'Classic' tailoring the technical features and pricing for each group.

Further cementing its position as an industry leader, CMC Markets continues to forge partnerships with key financial services institutions and independent research providers, to give traders the latest news and information to sharpen investment strategies and provide insights so they can strike when opportunity arises.

Some of these include:

- Reuters <u>live news</u> feed provides a 360 view of the markets with the latest breaking financial news.
- **theScreener** provides independent equity <u>analysis</u>, using complex calculations to provide star-rated reports, inclusive of risk profiles for over 5,000 stocks.
- Morningstar Quantitative Equity Research reports are available at the click of a mouse.
- Leveraged to give our clients visibility and seamless access to <u>margin loan</u> account details from within our platform to enhance their market exposure

Andy Rogers, Head of CMC Markets Stockbroking said as the information age races forward and technology permeates all areas of our lives Australian investors are demanding best value coupled with greater online functionality.

"Our premium online trading platform has redefined the Australian online share trading market and set new industry standards across technology, in addition to customer service and value. Having that achievement recognised by CANSTAR for the sixth consecutive year is a great achievement for our client-centric business," added Rogers.

Demonstrating that pioneering spirit, CMC Markets Stockbroking unveiled its Pro platform in 2015, a fully customisable HTML5-based online share trading platform built to meet the demands of Australia's frequent trader segment.

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About CMC Markets

CMC Markets plc. (CMCX), was established in 1989 and through regulated offices and branches in 14 countries is now one of the world's leading independent financial services providers. Through our award-winning, online and mobile trading platforms, we enable clients to trade over 10,000 financial instruments including contracts for difference (CFDs), foreign currencies (FX), Binaries and Countdowns, electronically traded funds (ETFs), shares, mFunds (unlisted managed funds), options, listed managed investments, warrants and 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. Dedicated to quality, innovation and customer service, in 2015 CMC Markets was recognised as an ABA100 Winner for Service Excellence in The Australian Business Awards 2015. Please see our website for more information www.cmcmarkets.com.au

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