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CMC Markets Plc

Q3 2019 Trading Update

CMC Markets Plc (LSE:CMCX, “CMC” or “the Group”), a leading global provider of online trading, today issues a trading update covering the period from 1 October to 31 December 2018 (“the Period”).

Market conditions improved in Q3, following the particularly challenging Q2, with market events and trade tensions driving client activity, particularly in Indices. This translated into Q3 CFD net revenue performance showing a significant improvement in comparison to Q2, although, as expected, revenue remains down year-on-year in line with previous guidance.

This has been the first full quarter following the implementation of the ESMA measures and this is providing greater insight into client behaviour following the changes. Encouragingly, clients are continuing to trade when opportunities arise and retail client activity has remained steady throughout the period with client money remaining at similar levels to the first half.

As the Group enters the final quarter of the financial year, it continues to improve its understanding of, and adapt to, changing client behaviour following regulatory change. The Group has made an encouraging start to Q4, which together with CMC’s ongoing focus on operating cost control, means that the Group’s FY 2019 outlook is unchanged. In the medium-term CMC remains well positioned to benefit from its increasingly diversified revenue streams across institutions and stockbroking as well as further geographic expansion.

Peter Cruddas, Chief Executive Officer commented:

“After the first full quarter following the introduction of the ESMA measures, we now have a better understanding of changing client behaviour and are adapting our model accordingly. I founded this business in 1989 and we have weathered many changes in the financial markets and their regulation during my time as CEO. I have confidence that over time, CMC will benefit from these changes and I remain fully committed to the business and its future potential. CMC continues to benefit from a more diverse revenue portfolio across our institutional and stockbroking businesses, and I am delighted with the progress our ANZ Bank white label stockbroking partnership is making.”

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CMC Markets plc ("CMC"), whose shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange under the ticker CMCX (LEI: 213800VB75KAZBFH5U07), was established in 1989 and is now one of the world's leading online financial trading businesses. The company serves retail and institutional clients through regulated offices and branches in 14 countries, with a significant presence in the UK, Australia, Germany and Singapore. CMC Markets offers an award-winning, online and mobile trading platform, enabling clients to trade up to 10,000 financial instruments across shares, indices, foreign currencies, commodities and treasuries through contracts for difference ("CFDs"), financial spread bets (in the UK and Ireland only) and, in Australia, access stockbroking services. More information is available at <http://www.cmcmarkets.com/group/>