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CMC Markets Plc

Trading Update

Strong underlying performance continuing in Q4 2020, underpinned by the strategy of targeting and retaining higher valued clients and diversifying revenue

CMC Markets Plc ("CMC", the "Group" or the "Company"), a leading global provider of online trading and institutional ("B2B") platform technology solutions, today issues a trading update for the period 1 January 2020 to 28 February 2020 (the "Period").

As previously stated in the Q3 Trading Update, Q4 2020 had started well and performance across the business has continued to be strong during the Period.

The underlying net operating income performance has continued to maintain momentum throughout Q4 2020, and the retention of client income continues to be higher than H1 2020.

In addition, the recent market conditions experienced have seen heightened trading activity amongst CMC's clients over and above the strong performance delivered to date.

This leads the Board to expect to deliver net operating income ahead of market consensus¹ for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Peter Cruddas, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"I am delighted that CMC's strategy of targeting and retaining higher valued clients and our diversifying revenue base, alongside our ongoing success in retaining a higher percentage of client income, has continued to yield positive underlying performance throughout the second half of the year."

Pre-close trading update

CMC expects to announce its pre-close trading update for the year ended 31 March 2020 on 3 April 2020.

Forward looking statements

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¹ As at 28 February 2020, the Company compiled full year 2020 consensus is as follows:

- Net operating income of £200.6m, ranging from £199.0m to £202.3m
- Profit Before Tax of £53.2m, ranging from £46.9m to £56.7m

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Notes to Editors

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