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CMC Markets plc

Trading Update

Updated Net Operating Income Expectations for FY2022

CMC Markets plc ("CMC" or the "Group"), a leading global provider of online trading and institutional ("B2B") platform technology solutions, today issues a trading update for the five months ending 31 August 2021.

Trading Update

CMC entered the current financial year with significant momentum following a year of record performance. Underlying fundamentals remain robust with overall monthly active client numbers at similar levels as reported in the recent Q1 2022 trading update, which remain up around a third from pre-pandemic levels. Likewise, client AuM remains near record levels, highlighting the inherent ability of clients to trade when market opportunity arises.

Offsetting this, overall market activity has remained subdued through July and August following on from the moderation in activity reported in Q1. Reduced volatility in markets has resulted in lower trading activity across both the newly acquired and existing cohort of clients. Similar trends have been seen across our non-leveraged and leveraged businesses.

In addition to lower activity, year to date client income retention has also been tracking moderately below the targeted 80% although is expected to recover through the remaining seven months of the year based on a reversion towards historical averages in the mix of asset class trading.

As a result, should current market conditions prevail for the remainder of the year the Group now expects FY 2022 net operating income to settle in a range between £250-280million. FY 2022 operating costs will continue to track moderately higher year over year albeit partly offset by lower marketing costs in line with lower activity trends.

Beyond the recent moderation in market activity, the Group continues to have confidence in the long term growth opportunities of the business and in conjunction with further progress on its strategic initiatives, including the ongoing development of the non-leveraged investment platform, looks forward to continuing to generate long-term business growth and value.

Forward looking statements

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