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Announcement of Subsidiary's Release

TOKYO, January 31, 2018 – TradeStation Group, Inc., a fully owned subsidiary of Monex Group, Inc., issued the following press release on January 29, 2018.

Attachment: TradeStation Group, Inc. press release

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TradeStation, a Monex Group company and award-winning* online broker-dealer and futures commission merchant, has been ranked a "top five" online broker for Overall Customer Experience, the best broker for Equity Trading Tools, and also received the highest customer experience index rating in Trade Ideas and Mobile Trading Platforms in the sixth annual survey of active investors conducted by Investor's Business Daily (IBD).

"TradeStation made bold changes in 2017, including fee cuts and simplifying the online investing process," noted IBD. "The changes paid off . . . Respondents ranked TradeStation among the top five online brokers overall as rated by its customers. It earned the highest Customer Experience Index rating in Trade Ideas, Equity Trading Tools and Mobile Trading Platforms. The Florida-based company also earned superior reviews in Site Performance and Options Trading Platform. In all, it placed among the best brokers in 13 of the 14 categories that investors rated as important."

The IBD Best Online Brokers Report, published in the January 29, 2018 edition of IBD, is one of the largest of its kind, with 5,052 self-identified active investors rating their experience with a total of 19 online brokerages. It identifies the "top five" online brokers overall and in 14 categories as rated by the brokers' own customers.

TradeStation ranked third among the "top five" brokers for Overall Customer Experience, a reflection of its relative performance across the survey's 14 categories. In addition to the previously mentioned categories, TradeStation ranked among the top five brokers in the categories of Low Commissions & Fees, Trade Reliability, Research Tools, Investment Research, Low-Cost/Free ETF Trading, Portfolio Analysis & Reports, Educational Resources and Investment & Retirement Planning Tools.

According to IBD, "TradeStation earned the top rating from customers for stock trading tools . . . and its robust database is a large reason why. Hundreds of indicators and studies can be applied to over 40 years of data. TradeStation's EasyLanguage® lets investors do their own coding. With a little programming, traders can back-test strategies to see how they would perform at different points in history."

"We are honored to be recognized by Investor's Business Daily as one of the nation's top-five online brokers," said John Bartleman, President of TradeStation Group, Inc. "In addition to receiving the highest ranking for Equity Trading Tools, we're especially gratified to also be highest ranked in the categories of Trade Ideas and Mobile Trading Platforms. We know that every trader is looking for an edge, and TradeStation has devoted considerable resources to giving our clients actionable trade ideas as well as greater flexibility in their ability to act on them."

About TradeStation Group, Inc.

TradeStation Group, Inc., through its principal operating subsidiary, TradeStation Securities, Inc., offers the TradeStation analysis and trading platform to the active trader and certain institutional trader markets. The TradeStation platform offers electronic order execution and enables clients to design, test, optimize, monitor and automate their own custom equities, options and futures trading strategies. TradeStation Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of Monex Group, Inc., one of the largest online financial services providers in Japan.

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