



NEW YORK, May 13, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- OTC Markets Group Inc. (OTCQX: OTCM), operator of Open, Transparent and Connected financial marketplaces for 10,000 U.S. and global securities, today announced the 2015 OTCQX® Best 50, the first ever ranking of top performing companies on the OTCQX marketplace.

The OTCQX Best 50 ranks 50 top U.S. and international companies on the OTCQX marketplace based on an equal weighting of one-year share price performance and average daily dollar volume growth. All companies in the 2015 OTCQX Best 50 are ranked based on their performance in the 2014 calendar year.

"The OTCQX Best Marketplace offers the most efficient trading for established, investor-friendly U.S. and international companies that are looking to grow their businesses and increase their exposure to U.S. investors," said Jason Paltrowitz, Executive Vice President - Corporate Services for OTC Markets Group. "We are proud to recognize the most successful OTCQX companies in our inaugural OTCQX Best 50, which are helping enhance market transparency and deliver long-term value for their shareholders."

#### **About the 2015 OTCQX Best 50**

On average, companies in the 2015 OTCQX Best 50 delivered a return of 52% in 2014. The companies' shares traded an aggregate \$4.6 billion during 2014. More than three-quarters of the companies are listed on a major foreign stock exchange such as the Toronto Stock Exchange, London Stock Exchange or BM&F Bovespa. Nine of the companies are U.S. community banks or bank holding companies. One-half of all companies paid a dividend in 2014.

The top-ranked OTCQX company overall was Western Lithium USA Corp. (TSX: WLC; OTCQX: WLCDF), a Canada-based resource company that has traded on OTCQX since February 3, 2011. The top performing U.S.-based company was Unilens Vision Inc. (OTCQX: UVIC), a Largo, FL-based company that through its subsidiaries develops, licenses, manufactures, distributes and markets contact lenses primarily under the C-Vue® brand directly to independent eye care professionals.

#### **The 2015 OTCQX Best 50 companies are:**

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|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 Western Lithium USA Corp. WLCDF                    | 26 Nautilus Minerals Inc. NUSMF              |
| 2 NioCorp Developments Ltd. NIOBF                    | 27 GWR Global Water Resources Corp. GWGWF    |
| 3 Cynapsus Therapeutics Inc. CYNAP                   | 28 Tribute Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc. TBUFF |
| 4 POET Technologies Inc. POETF                       | 29 Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA FSNUY             |
| 5 Titan Medical Inc. TITXF                           | 30 Imperial Tobacco Group PLC ITYBY          |
| 6 Brazil Resources Inc. BRIZF                        | 31 Turkiye Garanti Bankasi A.S. TKGBY        |
| 7 CRH Medical Corp. CRMMF                            | 32 Cortland Bancorp CLDB                     |
| 8 Concordia Healthcare Corporation CHEHF             | 33 Meritage Hospitality Group, Inc. MHGU     |
| 9 Audio Pixels Holdings Ltd. ADPX                    | 34 Coastal Banking Company, Inc. CBCO        |
| 10 Balmoral Resources Ltd. BALMF                     | 35 Wolseley PLC WOSYY                        |
| 11 Unilens Vision Inc. UVIC                          | 36 Heineken N.V. HEINY                       |
| 12 Novo Resources Corp. NSRPF                        | 37 JBS S.A. JBSAY                            |
| 13 Norsk Hydro ASA NHYDY                             | 38 BE Semiconductor Industries N.V. BESY     |
| 14 ProMetic Life Sciences Inc. PFSCF                 | 39 Technicolor TCLRY                         |
| 15 Commercial International Bank Ltd. CIBEY          | 40 Franklin Financial Services Corp. FRAF    |
| 16 First BancTrust Corp. FIRTF                       | 41 Estacio Participacoes S.A. ECPCY          |
| 17 Marks & Spencer Group PLC MAKSY                   | 42 Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited MTENY   |
| 18 Kroton Educacional S.A. KROTY                     | 43 Royal Hawaiian Orchards, L.P. NNUTU       |
| 19 Klondex Mines Ltd. KLNDY                          | 44 Greater Hudson Bank, NA (NY) GHDS         |
| 20 Virginia National Bankshares Corporation VABK     | 45 Klabin S.A. KLBAY                         |
| 21 Trevali Mining Corp. TREVY                        | 46 Golden Queen Mining Co. Ltd. GQMNF        |
| 22 Blackhawk Bancorp, Inc. BHWB                      | 47 First Resource Bank (Exton, PA) FRSB      |
| 23 WPT Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust WPTIF | 48 Home Retail Group PLC HMRTY               |
| 24 biOasis Technologies Inc. BIOAF                   | 49 Zurich Insurance Group Ltd. ZURVY         |
| 25 Columbus Gold Corp. CBGDF                         | 50 Freedom Bank of Virginia (Fairfax) FDVA   |

OTC Markets Group applied the following criteria to the 325 companies traded on OTCQX on December 31, 2014 to determine which companies would qualify for the 2015 OTCQX Best 50:

- traded on OTCQX on December 31, 2014
- closing share price of \$0.25 or greater on December 31, 2014
- closing share price on December 31, 2014, greater than on December 31, 2013
- traded equal to or more than \$500,000 in dollar volume in 2014
- not a "penny stock" on December 31, 2014, as defined under SEC Rule 3a51-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- traded at least one day in 2013
- member of the OTCQX Composite Index as of December 31, 2014.

For the complete 2015 OTCQX Best 50 ranking, visit <http://www.otcmarkets.com/content/doc/2015-OTCQX-Best-50.pdf>.

The OTCQX Best 50 is for informational purposes only. Neither OTC Markets Group Inc. nor its affiliates makes any recommendation to buy or sell any security or any representation about the financial condition of any company. Investors should undertake their own due diligence and carefully evaluate companies before investing.

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