TradeStation Receives Highest Rating – 4 ¹/₂ Stars – In Barron's Magazine's Annual Ranking of Online Brokerage Firms

Rated Best for Frequent Traders, Best for International Traders, and Best Trading Experience and Technology

Plantation FL, March 12, 2012 – *Barron's* magazine awarded TradeStation the highest star rating – $4\frac{1}{2}$ stars – in its annual review of online brokerage firms, now in its seventeenth year. TradeStation had a higher star-rating than 23 other offerings from leading online brokers, including TDAmeritrade, Charles Schwab, Fidelity, E*TRADE, Scottrade, Merrill Edge and optionsXpress.

TradeStation was named "Best for Frequent Traders", as well as receiving a topranking for "Trading Experience & Technology" and for "International Traders" – a testament to its provision of advanced trading tools and online brokerage services spanning the equities, options, futures and forex markets.

The review highlighted *TradeStation's* breadth of offering and powerful analytical tools, stating: "you can trade just about everything in this powerful downloadable software platform, including forex. TradeStation gives you the ability to create your own trading system based on a variety of technical and fundamental data, and test it using decades' worth of clean data."

The review also praised TradeStation's new options analysis platform – OptionStation Pro – calling it "dazzling" and stating that it "gives options traders new ways to analyze and visualize theoretical and actual options positions."

"To be so highly rated by *Barron's* yet again is a great honor for our company," said Salomon Sredni, CEO of TradeStation Group, and COO of Monex Group – TradeStation's parent company. "We compete for very active traders who require advanced analysis, superior speed, high-quality data and execution, automated trading, and low commissions. We also compete for serious traders and investors who need a wide

variety of trading, scanning, and testing tools. Both types of traders can and do use *TradeStation* to elevate their trading. As our top ranking for trading technology and experience indicates, we are committed to meeting each active and serious trader at his or her level, and giving them the tools they need to get to the next level. We appreciate this recognition by *Barron's*, for which our employees deserve much praise."

To speak with an account executive about *TradeStation* or to open an equities, futures or forex account with TradeStation, call 1-800-808-9336, or visit <u>http://www.tradestation.com</u>. Institutional traders should call 1-800-579-7616.

About TradeStation

TradeStation is an award-winning online brokerage firm and trading platform. In March 2011, *Barron's* magazine, in its annual review of 24 online brokerage firms, ranked TradeStation the #1 online brokerage firm in the United States, as well as #1 for Frequent Traders, Trading Technology, and Customer Service and Education. In February 2012, TradeStation won for Best Trading System – Stocks, Best Trading System – Futures, Best Institutional Platform, Best Professional Platform, Best Online Analytical Platform and Best Real-Time Data in the annual Readers' Choice Awards given by Technical Analysis of Stocks & Commodities magazine.

TradeStation Group, Inc. through its principal operating subsidiaries, TradeStation Securities, Inc. and TradeStation Forex, 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, Futures and Forex trading strategies. TradeStation acquired IBFX Holdings, LLC in November 2011, expanding TradeStation's forex business in the U.S. and globally. TradeStation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Monex Group, one of the largest online financial services providers in Japan.

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