



OTC Markets Group Approves Sandler O'Neill + Partners as Corporate Broker for Banks on OTCQX(R)

NEW YORK – July 31, 2014 – [OTC Markets Group Inc.](#) (OTCQX: OTCM), operator of financial marketplaces for 10,000 U.S. and global securities, today announced it has approved Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P., a full-service investment banking firm, as a Corporate Broker for banks on OTCQX(R), the best marketplace.

As a Corporate Broker, Sandler O'Neill can advise U.S. banks and thrifts on OTCQX and provide access to institutional investors and trading expertise. Banks are required to appoint a Corporate Broker to join OTCQX.

“Sandler O'Neill's 26 years of experience serving financial services companies and its comprehensive suite of services, including investment banking, equity trading and sales, fixed income trading and sales, and research will make them a tremendous asset to banks on our OTCQX marketplace,” said R. Cromwell Coulson, President and CEO of OTC Markets Group. “We are pleased to approve Sandler O'Neill as a Corporate Broker and look forward to working with them as we build a robust, transparent trading market for community and regional banks and their shareholders.”

“We are happy to be named a Corporate Broker for banks on OTCQX,” said Jonathan Doyle, Senior Managing Principal of Sandler O'Neill. “We have deep, decades-long relationships with banks and institutional investors and embrace this new role in building a strong, vibrant market for them.”

Sandler O'Neill is a full-service investment banking firm dedicated to providing comprehensive, innovative advisory and transaction execution services to the financial industry. The firm provides the full suite of investment banking services, including merger and acquisition advisory, capital markets, fixed income and equity trading and sales, equity research, balance sheet

management, mortgage finance, and consulting services to financial institutions and their investors.

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