



news release

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St.George Margin Lending awarded its tenth consecutive *CANNEX 5 star rating*

St.George Margin Lending has been awarded a tenth consecutive *five star "superior value" rating* by independent research group CANNEX, in its latest review of Australian financial services.

"Achieving a tenth consecutive CANNEX *five star rating* at a time when the margin lending market in Australia has not only grown to record levels, but is becoming more sophisticated and competitive, is an important acknowledgement of St.George Margin Lending as one of the most consistently flexible and competitive products in the market," said Andrew Black, General Manager, St.George Margin Lending.

"As the margin lending industry approaches the \$28 billion mark in Australia," continued Black, "it is vital that the industry focuses on education for both advisers and investors".

St.George is well recognised for its gearing college provided free-of-charge to advisers that use St.George Margin Lending at St.George's Planner Assist website at www.plannerassist.com.au.

St.George Margin Lending is one of only four margin lending providers in the entire industry to be awarded the coveted CANNEX *five star rating* and in fact topped the current list of five star margin lenders. St.George Margin Lending has retained the CANNEX *five star rating* for the past five years.

CANNEX ranks margin lending products based on value-for-money measures (such as fees, services, features, rates, LVR and list of approved securities) and then awards a star rating according to rank.

St.George Margin Lending is part of the Wealth Management and Retail Financial Services division of the St.George Bank Ltd, Australia's fifth-largest bank with \$80 billion in assets and 2.6 million customers Australia wide.

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