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GOLD WINNER IG GROUP

Trading tools and indepth research help give investors an edge

Broking is a highly competitive market, and plenty of non-banks offer a winning combination of low-cost trades plus a variety of tools that allow investors to make the most of opportunities. This year's three frontrunners have made regular appearances on the podium over recent years, confirming that there's not much in it between the top three.

IG Group charges a competitive \$8 per trade. For that, investors can access a wide range of trading tools to identify and manage opportunities. IG's stockmarket screener lets you filter shares by country, sector or index and sort by earnings per share (EPS), market cap and

	BROKER	COSTS	MOBILE APP	AUSTRALIAN SHARES	INTERNATIONAL SHARES	RESEARCH
1	IG Group	\$8.00	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	CMC Markets	\$11.00	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Bell Direct	\$15.00	✓	✓	✗	✓

Source Rainmaker Information. Fees are based on the latest Financial Services Guides (FSG) of the broker assuming Australian securities traded to the value of \$10,000. Features of the broker assume the average investor of \$100,000 trading infrequently with a long-term investment objective. All features are equally weighted.

more. Trading alerts let you set notifications for when a share price reaches a certain level or moves by a certain amount.

The platform also provides access to technical analysis, using charts to track past market movements, identify patterns and predict future price

directions. It backs this up with a wealth of research including information on stocks to watch and market opportunities.

IG Group uses a custodial model. This means the shares you buy, along with those of other investors, are pooled and managed under an omnibus

trust account structure. Shares purchased through IG are held by Citi in a direct custody capacity.

You retain beneficial ownership of the shares, so you'll receive dividends. But you are not registered as the legal owner. It's not uncommon for broking platforms to use this structure.