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Standard & Poor's assigns its 'BB+' credit rating to OMFinancial Limited.

OMFinancial Limited today announced it has been assigned a 'BB+' credit rating by internationally recognised credit rating agency, Standard & Poor's. The outlook on the credit rating is 'stable'.

OMFinancial Limited (OMF) is a 100% New Zealand-owned derivatives broking company with offices in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. OMF facilitates dealing in foreign exchange, options, equity (CFDs) and futures markets. We help private clients, corporates, institutions and banks (within New Zealand and offshore) trade the diverse range of products offered by these markets.

OMFinancial Managing Director, John Ford, said this was a significant achievement for the company.

"This is an exciting milestone in OMFinancial's development, confirming our status as a quality, top-tier financial brokering firm. We believe this sets a new standard for our industry.

The move provides investors with a benchmark by which they can make more informed decisions and distinguish the level of risk associated with different companies offering derivative products.

"OMFinancial has proactively sought this credit rating and is at the forefront of what will hopefully be an industry trend towards greater transparency." Mr Ford said.

Standard & Poor's Credit Analyst, Craig Bennett, said the rating was a reflection of OMFinancial's good asset quality, its experienced management, sound strategy and recognises its niche market position in the New Zealand derivatives market.

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