

Market Release

30 April 2024

Final regulatory approvals received for Challenger Bank sale

Challenger Limited (ASX:CGF) refers to an announcement made today by Heartland Group Holdings Limited (NZX/ASX:HGH) (Heartland) that it has received the necessary regulatory approvals from the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) for Heartland Bank Limited to acquire Challenger Bank Limited (Bank).

The sale of the Bank is expected to complete today, 30 April 2024.

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This release has been authorised by Challenger's Continuous Disclosure Committee.

About Challenger

Challenger Limited (Challenger) is an investment management firm focused on providing customers with financial security for a better retirement.

Challenger operates a fiduciary Funds Management division and an APRA-regulated Life division. Challenger Life Company Limited is Australia's largest provider of annuities.

About Heartland

Heartland Group Holdings Limited (Heartland) is a financial services group with operations in Australia and New Zealand. Heartland has a long history with roots stretching back to 1875, and is listed on the New Zealand and Australian stock exchanges (NZX/ASX:HGH).

Heartland's New Zealand business, [Heartland Bank](#), provides customers with savings and deposit products, online home loans, reverse mortgages, business loans, car loans and rural loans. In Australia, Heartland's main business is currently in reverse mortgages through [Heartland Finance](#) which is a market leader. Heartland also operates [StockCo Australia](#), a specialist livestock financier, which was acquired by Heartland in May 2022. In October 2022, Heartland announced its intention to purchase Challenger Bank, a digital bank based in Melbourne, Australia, subject to obtaining the requisite regulatory approvals.

Heartland's point of differentiation is its 'best or only' strategy – where it focuses on providing products which are the best or only of their kind through scalable digital platforms. Heartland is committed to delivering financial solutions through speed and simplicity, particularly via digital platforms which reduce the cost of onboarding and make it easier for customers to open accounts or apply for funds when they need it.

More about Heartland: heartlandgroup.info

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