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Announcement of Group Company's Release

TOKYO, July 8, 2026 – Monex Group, Inc. (“Monex Group”) is pleased to announce that TradeStation MCP, a key protocol developed by its major subsidiary TradeStation Securities, Inc. (“TradeStation”), has been named the winner of the “LLM Application of the Year” award in the 9th Annual AI Breakthrough Awards. The [AI Breakthrough Awards](#) has been the premier recognition program celebrating innovation and excellence in artificial intelligence technologies for nearly a decade. We are highly honored that TradeStation's dedicated efforts in developing advanced, AI-driven solutions tailored for active traders’ workflows have earned this prestigious external recognition. Monex Group and its group companies remain committed to empowering our global customer base by continually leveraging state-of-the-art technology to deliver the ultimate trading experience.

Attachment: TradeStation Group, Inc. press release issued on July 7, 2026 (ET)

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- Award recognizes TradeStation MCP, which enables traders to connect AI tools with live brokerage accounts and real-world trading workflows

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PLANTATION, Fla. – July 7, 2026 – TradeStation Securities, Inc. (“TradeStation”), the brokerage firm built for active equity and derivatives traders, today announced that it has been selected as the winner of the “LLM Application of the Year” award in the 9th Annual AI Breakthrough Awards program. This recognition reinforces TradeStation's commitment to empowering active traders with the advanced tools they need to connect AI to their real-world trading workflows in a meaningful way.*

The awards program is a key part of Tech Breakthrough, a leading market intelligence and recognition platform for global technology innovation and leadership. With nearly a decade of experience in the global AI industry, the AI Breakthrough Awards program shines a spotlight on the boldest innovators and most impactful technologies leading the charge in AI across a comprehensive set of categories – with past winners including NVIDIA and Databricks.

TradeStation was selected for its Model Context Protocol (MCP), which enables large language models (LLMs) to connect to TradeStation brokerage accounts through a defined, permissioned API layer. AI Breakthrough’s multi-stage judging process evaluates entries on innovation, performance, ease of use, functionality, value and impact. Entries are reviewed by an expert judging panel and scored within their respective categories, with innovation and impact among the factors that may receive additional weight in final considerations.

Through MCP, users can interact with their account data conversationally, including balances, positions, and pricing information, within established permissions and controls.

Unlike standalone chatbots or static analysis tools, TradeStation MCP is designed to bring AI into practical trading workflows. The technology allows traders to use natural language to analyze portfolios, review trading activity, evaluate risk exposure, generate performance summaries, and explore strategy development using their own account context. By connecting LLMs to live brokerage infrastructure in a permissioned way, TradeStation highlights how AI can move from experimental use cases to real-world utility for active traders.

“AI is part of how traders research markets, evaluate strategic opportunities, and manage their workflows, but the real value comes when these tools are



connected to the infrastructure traders already rely on,” said John Bartleman, President and CEO, TradeStation Group, Inc. “TradeStation MCP was built to make LLMs more useful and controlled for active traders. This recognition from AI Breakthrough reflects our continued focus on innovation and our commitment to giving self-directed traders more powerful ways to interact with the markets.”

TradeStation’s MCP connection is now available to eligible customers.* To learn more about MCP, visit <https://www.tradestation.com/platforms-and-tools/mcp/>.

*Users are reminded that all trading involves risk and AI tools should be used thoughtfully and at their own discretion and risk. The use of AI introduces additional risks, including, among others, the risk that AI platforms may provide users with information that is not accurate or is not in their best interests, and AI platforms may take actions in user accounts that are not in users’ best interests or that they do not intend for the AI to take. TradeStation is not affiliated with any AI provider and does not provide support for the functionality of any AI platform.

About TradeStation Securities, Inc.

Founded in 1995, TradeStation Securities, Inc. (Member NYSE, FINRA, SIPC, NSCC, DTC, OCC, NFA & CME) offers self-clearing equities, options, futures, and futures options brokerage services as a licensed securities broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and futures commission merchant with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and is a member of major equities and futures exchanges in the United States.

About TradeStation Group, Inc.

Founded in 1982, TradeStation Group companies provide institutional-grade fintech tools and account-related services – and are where traders can find their home. TradeStation Group, Inc. is the parent company of several subsidiaries, including TradeStation Securities, Inc., TradeStation Europe B.V. and TradeStation Technologies, Inc. TradeStation Group companies seek to deliver the ultimate trading experience to retail and institutional clients that need a customizable trading ecosystem to perform their strategies. TradeStation Technologies provides award-winning[†] trading and analysis platforms through its affiliates TradeStation Securities, Inc. and TradeStation Europe B.V., which provide online brokerage services for equities, options, futures, and futures options. These advanced trading tools are accessible on desktop, web, and mobile devices, as well as via API technologies that provide seamless access to their brokerage services through third-party platforms. Created by traders, for traders, TradeStation Group companies’ institutional-level offerings cater to those who are born to trade. [Learn more about TradeStation Group companies.](#)

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