

## **Global Investor: User's Guide**

### **Introduction**

Global Investor transforms trading on the financial markets into an accessible and enjoyable collaborative learning experience. It enables students to learn essential mathematical techniques and applications, improve their business and economic understanding, and develop their key skills in a collaborative and time-pressured team game.

In the game students work in pairs on two linked screens: one for the Investment Analyst and one for the Media Analyst. Starting with a fund of 500,000 points, their task is to increase the value of their team's starting fund by buying and selling shares in 12 companies and 3 commodities.

In order to make the right investment decisions students need to do their research. They will need to decide whether a news story will have a good or bad effect on the share and commodity prices.

The information that will help them to decide what to buy or sell comes from text and video news, which are accessible on both the Investment Analyst and Media Analyst screen.

### **Accessing the simulation**

Go to [www.stockmarketchallenge.co.uk](http://www.stockmarketchallenge.co.uk), select 'Go to simulations' at the top right of the home page, and then select Global Investor. Enter your user name and password.

Students have their own log-in codes which you create when you set up player accounts (see below for details).

### **Your Administrator account**

There are three tabbed screens: Games, Players, and Help and Support. From here you can manage your games and your students' accounts.

Click on the game's name to access the game reports and view/display the scoreboard.

### **Creating student accounts**

Before you can set up a game you will need to create a player account for each student with a unique user name and password.

Select the Players tab and click on 'Add new players'. Enter the first name and surname of each student who will be using Global Investor.

Give each student a user name and password. We recommend using their existing school system log-in codes to make life easier.

### **Creating a test game**

To enable you to evaluate the game, you can set up and run a game as administrator (without any players taking part).

Set up two dummy player accounts. Select 'Create a new game', complete the fields as above and allocate the two dummy players to the roles of Investment Analyst and Media Analyst in Team 1.

Save the game. It is now accessible on your Games account.

### **Creating a multi-player game**

Select 'Create a new game'.

Completed the 'Game name' and 'Your name' fields, then select the subject and year group from the Purpose and Level drop downs.

Choose 'Intermediate' as the 'Game version'. You then add student players one by one to a game you have created in one of the two roles: Investment Analyst and Media Analyst.

The Intermediate game lasts 2½ hours and can be run in several sessions if required.

### **Students' access**

Students access the game via the 'Go to simulations' link on the Stock Market Challenge website using their own user name and password.

When they log in with they will see all the games they have been assigned to listed on their account, including any completed games unless deleted by the administrator.

### **Running the game**

Select 'Open the game' from the Games screen.

You start a game using the Controls at the top right of the Administrator's game screen. From here you can play and pause the game, and switch between the Investment Analyst and Media Analyst screens.

You can also display a message on all the players' screens, for example, to draw their attention to a news item or to give them a warning that the end of a trading session is imminent.

Once your students have all logged on click on 'Play game' to start the game. You can pause the game at any point and restart it later.