

DUEL BY POKERSTARS LETS YOU CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS TO POKER, 1 V 1 - ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

PokerStars announces an innovative new social, real money poker game for smartphones

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – February 11, 2016 – *Duel by PokerStars*, a new, innovative way to play poker, 1 v 1, has been launched by PokerStars, an Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand. Initially exclusive to Norway as part of a limited beta test, before rolling out to further countries in the coming months.

TAKE ON THE WORLD

Based on the fundamental game mechanics of no limit hold'em - the world's most popular poker game - *Duel by PokerStars* is a gaming app that lets players take on the world, one opponent at a time. With its clean, bright design and intuitive interface, it has been developed exclusively for iOS and Android smartphones. Just a few taps is all it takes for users to challenge their friends and other players around the world to this fun, easy to use, social experience.

PICK UP AND PLAY

Duel by PokerStars has been designed to reflect the needs and lifestyles of smartphone users. Its turn-based format and 1 v 1 gameplay allows players to not only pick up and play at a moment's notice, but also to leave the app in an instant and return whenever it's convenient. It's the app that lets users play poker against friends and mobile gamers across the globe when and where they want.

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Whether playing for money or just for pride, *Duel by PokerStars* delivers a unique poker experience. Compete with opponents over a set number of hands and whoever has the highest score at the end wins the duel. It's simple and accessible, yet features a depth of strategy entirely new to poker.

"*Duel by PokerStars* is a fun way to play poker, in a format that is perfect for mobile phones. Whilst I could put the game down any moment, I don't want to - it offers all the depth of one-on-one poker, but playable whenever and against whomever I want," said Severin Rasset, Director of Poker Room Operations for PokerStars. "I love being able to play it so easily," said Chris Moneymaker, a former world champion of poker. "It fits easily into my hectic life since I can pick up, and put down, anytime I want! It also manages to represent the depth of poker that I love."

WHY DUEL BY POKERSTARS?

PokerStars is developing the new app as part of a broader strategy to introduce poker to new audiences.

This strategy includes serving people who want a form of poker that fits into their busy lifestyle: players who want to be able to challenge friends at their convenience, in addition to traditional forms of poker which might require longer periods of time to play.

New players will recognise that the asynchronous 'pick up and play' style is more in tune with the mobile games they currently play, while the one-on-one format offers a golden opportunity to challenge their friends and win more than just bragging rights. A built-in chat box allows players to chat with friends.

In addition, experienced players will benefit from being able to add *Duel by PokerStars* games to their lives whenever it suits them, giving all poker players a new gaming experience full of competition and drama.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Product Name: *Duel by PokerStars* Platforms: iOS and Android

Availability: February 11th in Norway; roll-out to further markets in the coming months Systems, software and methods implementing *Duel by PokerStars* are the subject of pending patent applications in the UK.

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About PokerStars

PokerStars operates the world's most popular online poker sites, serving the global poker community. Since it launched in 2001, PokerStars has become the first choice of players all over the world, with more daily tournaments than anywhere else and with the best online security. More than 145 billion hands have been dealt on PokerStars, which is more than any other site.



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PokerStars is the flagship brand of Rational Group, which operates gaming-related businesses and brands, including PokerStars, Full Tilt and the European Poker Tour. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, Rational Group companies in the UK and Isle of Man was recognised as one of the top 25 best places to work by the Great Place to Work Institute's Best Workplaces – Large category ranking. Rational Group entities in Costa Rica and Dublin also achieved the same accolade in their respective local rankings in 2014. PokerStars is owned by Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA).

