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Members Equity Bank wins four Money Magazine "The Best of The Best" Awards

Members Equity Bank (ME) today won four major banking awards, including the Gold Award for its InterestME Investment Account, in the prestigious Money Magazine The Best of the Best Awards (December 2007- January 2008).

Members Equity Bank also took out three Bronze Awards for Cheapest Personal Loan, Best Three-Year Fixed Home Loans and Best Five-Year Fixed Investment Home Loans.

In a category dominated by old-school cash management accounts, Members Equity Bank's InterestME Account has repeated last year's victory, winning Gold again. Currently, InterestME pays 6.7% for every dollar over \$3000.*

InterestME is a two-in-one account because customers get "the high interest of a savings account combined with easy access of a transaction account," says ME's Head of Strategy and Retail Marketing Ms Sue Jamieson.

Despite the large numbers of Australians using their home loans as an ATM, personal loans are far from an endangered species. One key advantage to the Members Equity Personal Loan is the fixed term, which caps the overall interest charge, making payments easier to budget. ME's Personal Loan charges zero annual fees and a competitive 12.49% interest rate.

With the uncertainty in the global economy, a growing number of Australians are looking for a fixed-home loan rate to lock in interest payments. ME's Three-Year Fixed Home Loan won the Bronze Award because it offers protection against future rate hikes, and makes it easier for a family to budget.

Investors are also looking to fixed loan to cap their interest rate repayments. ME's won Bronze for Best Five-Year Fixed Investment Home Loan in this year's Money Magazine Awards.

One of ME's shareholder funds Host**PLUS** was voted Best Super Fund of the Year for the second year in a row.

**For every dollar up to \$3000 you'll earn 0.25%*

Fees, charges and lending criteria apply. Interest Rates are current at 5/12/07.