



CME Group Inc. Declares Annual Variable Dividend

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CHICAGO, Dec. 5, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group Inc. (NASDAQ: CME) today declared its annual variable dividend, amounting to \$1.75 per share. The dividend is payable January 16, 2019, to shareholders of record on December 28, 2018. When CME Group adopted its annual variable dividend structure in February 2012, the intention was to determine the excess cash available at the end of each year, with the level to increase or decrease from year to year based on operating results, potential investment activity and other forms of capital return.

The annual variable dividend of \$1.75 per share to be paid in January 2019 totals approximately \$625 million. This follows CME Group's acquisition of NEX Group plc on November 2, bringing together cash, futures and OTC marketplaces. Including today's announced variable dividend and the previously announced fourth-quarter 2018 dividend of \$0.70 per share to be paid in December, the total dividend yield for dividends announced during 2018 is 2.7 percent based on the average closing stock price in 2018 to date. The company will have paid a total of more than \$11 billion in quarterly and variable dividends since adopting the annual variable dividend structure in the beginning of 2012.

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