

CME Group Announces Record 55,000 NYMEX WTI Houston Crude Oil Futures Contracts Traded Since Launch

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CHICAGO, Feb. 8, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced more than 55,000 NYMEX WTI Houston Crude futures contracts have traded since launch on November 5, 2018. Additional NYMEX WTI Houston Crude Oil Futures records reached include:

- Record open interest of 4,004 contracts as of February 7, surpassing the previous record of 1,824 contracts set on February 6
- Record single-day trading volume of 4,430 contracts traded on February 7, surpassing the previous record of 2,232 contracts traded on January 31

During January, NYMEX WTI Houston Crude Oil futures average daily volume grew to over 1,000 contracts traded per day.

NYMEX WTI Houston Crude Oil futures and options contracts expand CME Group's already robust suite of crude oil futures and options and complements the global benchmark NYMEX WTI Light Sweet Crude Oil futures. Participants have the flexibility to make or take delivery of U.S. light sweet crude oil at the Enterprise Crude Houston (ECHO) terminal, Enterprise Houston Ship Channel (EHSC) or Genoa Junction.

WTI Houston Crude Oil futures are listed with and subject to the rules of NYMEX. For more information, please visit www.cmegroup.com/wtihouston.

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