

CME Group Hits New Open Interest Record of 138.2 Million Contracts

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CHICAGO, May 15, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, announced total open interest reached a record 138,185,824 contracts on May 14, 2019. The previous record was 138,041,727 contracts set on March 15, 2018.

Open interest (OI) represents the number of active positions that market participants are holding open without taking delivery or offsetting, a measure that typically increases during times of market uncertainty.

Since the end of 2018, overall CME Group OI has grown by 20%, with five of CME Group's six asset classes also seeing rising OI levels, including:

- Interest Rates, up 26%,
- Agricultural products, up 23%,
- Equity Index products, up 17%,
- Metals, up 15%,
- FX, up 6%.

A number of CME Group products set single-day OI records on May 14, including:

- Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond futures reached a record 1,256,482 contracts,
- Ultra 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note futures set a new record of 765,965 contracts,
- Lean Hog options reached a new record of 428,073 contracts, and
- NYMEX Brent Crude Oil futures set a record of 234,216 contracts.

CME Group offers the widest range of global benchmark products across all major asset classes, helping businesses everywhere mitigate the complex risks they face in today's uncertain global economy.

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