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CME Group Named "Best Futures Exchange" by Markets Media Magazine for the Second Year in a Row

CHICAGO, Feb. 21, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced the company was named "Best Futures Exchange" by Markets Media's 2014 Market's Choice Awards, as voted by peers and customers. The award recognizes CME Group's excellence in client service and education, technology design and execution, and diverse and innovative products.

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"We are honored to be named the Best Futures Exchange by customers and peers for the second consecutive year," said Terry Duffy, CME Group Executive Chairman and President. "With all the volatility in the global markets last year, our primary goal was to provide our customers with the risk management tools they needed. This award validates those efforts."

"In 2013 we continued to listen to and serve our clients and we are proud of our employees for continuing to focus on this one critical element that allows CME Group to stand out from other exchanges," said Phupinder Gill, CME Group CEO. "Our job is to provide innovative ways for our clients to manage risk, and we are proud of what we accomplished last year. We look forward to building on those efforts in 2014."

The <u>Market's Choice Awards</u> span more than 20 categories across exchanges, sell-side desks, institutional buy-side investors, hedge funds, and technology providers. The methodology in selecting nominees and winners focused on the most important opinions: those of market participants.

The magazine conducted more than 50 one-on-one interviews with senior market participants across the buy side and sell side, focusing on the areas of their expertise. Then, an initial nominee-generating process was open to readers. Finally, the publication deliberated internally and, in consultation with the Markets Media's Advisory Board, selected the winners.

As the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, CME Group (www.cmegroup.com) is where the world comes to manage risk. CME Group exchanges offer the widest range of global benchmark products across all major asset classes, including futures and options based on interest rates, equity indexes, foreign exchange, energy, agricultural commodities, metals, weather and real estate. CME Group brings buyers and sellers together through its CME Globex® electronic trading platform and its trading facilities in New York and Chicago. CME Group also operates CME Clearing, one of the world's leading central counterparty clearing providers, which offers clearing and settlement services across asset classes for exchange-traded contracts and over-the-counter derivatives transactions. These products and services ensure that businesses everywhere can substantially mitigate counterparty credit risk.

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