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CME Group Hit Record Average Daily Volume of 18.2 Million Contracts per Day in January 2016, up 16 Percent from January 2015

- Average daily options volume reached a record 4.3 million contracts, electronic options also hit a record 2 million contracts per day traded
- Energy average daily volume was a record 2.6 million contracts, which included a record for WTI crude oil average daily volume of 1.4 million contracts
- Electronic trading reached a record 15.4 million contracts per day
- Open interest was 107.9 million contracts, up 18 percent from December 2015 the highest ever monthly increase

CHICAGO, Feb. 2, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced that January 2016 volume averaged a record 18.2 million contracts per day, up 16 percent from January 2015. Total volume for January 2016 was more than 345 million contracts, of which 85 percent was traded electronically. Options volume in January averaged a record 4.3 million contracts per day, up 37 percent versus January 2015, with electronic options growing 30 percent over the same period. CME Group open interest ended up at 107.9 million contracts for January 2016, which is the highest month-over-month increase and is up 16.6 million contracts since Dec 31, 2015.

CME Group interest rate volume averaged 8.9 million contracts per day in January 2016, up 16 percent compared with January 2015. Eurodollar futures volume averaged 3.2 million contracts per day, up 6 percent compared with January 2015. Eurodollar options volume averaged 2.2 million contracts per day, up 110 percent in January, with record electronic Eurodollar options average daily volume of 458,000 contracts, which made up 21 percent of overall Eurodollar options volume. Treasury futures volume averaged 2.8 million contracts per day, down 1 percent from the same period a year ago. Treasury options volume was down 12 percent at 622,000 contracts per day.

CME Group equity index volume in January 2016 averaged 4.1 million contracts per day, up 30 percent from January 2015. CME Group foreign exchange volume averaged 970,000 contracts per day, down 3 percent from the same period a year ago. The average daily notional value of FX contracts traded in January was \$92 billion.

CME Group energy volume averaged a record 2.6 million contracts per day in January 2016, up 18 percent from January 2015, and included monthly average daily volume records across WTI crude oil futures and options, Gasoil, NGLs and Plastics, and Coal products. CME Group agricultural commodities volume averaged 1.1 million contracts per day, down 1 percent compared with the prior-year period. CME Group metals volume averaged 405,000 contracts per day, down 1 percent compared with the prior January.

MONTHLY AVERAGE DAILY VOLUME (ADV)

Total Exchange ADV (in thousands)

Trading Days	Jan 2016 19	Jan 2015 20	
PRODUCT LINE	Jan 2016	Jan 2015	Percent Change
Interest Rates	8,935	7,686	16%
Equity Indexes	4,139	3,193	30%
Foreign Exchange (FX)	970	996	-3%
Energy	2,597	2,197	18%
Agricultural Commodities	1,133	1,141	-1%
Metals	<u>405</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>-1%</u>
Total	18,179	15,622	16%
VENUE	Jan 2016	<u>Jan 2015</u>	Percent Change
Open outcry	1,954	1,323	48%
CME Globex	15,382	13,545	14%

ROLLING THREE-MONTH AVERAGES

Average Daily Volume (In thousands)

	3-Month Period Ending				
PRODUCT LINE	Jan-16	Dec-15	Nov-15	Oct-15	
Interest Rates	7,087	6,097	6,272	6,614	
Equity Indexes	3,187	2,743	2,922	3,348	
Foreign Exchange (FX)	855	779	799	856	
Energy	2,196	2,032	1,996	2,044	
Agricultural Commodities	1,176	1,200	1,211	1,195	
Metals	<u>359</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>326</u>	
Total	14,861	13,178	13,538	14,383	
VENUE	Jan-16	Dec-15	Nov-15	Oct-15	
Open outcry	1,330	1,055	1,055	1,078	
Electronic	12,799	11,420	11,749	12,586	
Privately negotiated	732	704	734	719	

Average Rate Per Contract (In dollars)

	3-Month Period Ending				
PRODUCT LINE	Nov-15	Oct-15	Sept-15	Aug-15	
Interest Rates	0.514	0.509	0.506	0.501	
Equity Indexes	0.723	0.718	0.708	0.705	
Foreign Exchange (FX)	0.799	0.783	0.785	0.798	
Energy	1.186	1.194	1.197	1.236	
Agricultural Commodities	1.320	1.302	1.290	1.294	
Metals	1.641	1.615	1.600	1.606	
Total	0.775	0.762	0.759	0.766	

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