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CME Group Launches FuturesFundamentals.com Educational Website

New, Interactive Resource Explains How Futures Markets Impact Everyday Life

CHICAGO, Feb. 25, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, announced today that it has launched <u>FuturesFundamentals.com</u>, an innovative educational website to help explain the role of futures markets in everyday life.

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With easy-to-understand content that everyone from students to experienced market participants will find useful, FuturesFundamentals.com takes investing concepts like futures, hedging and speculating and shows how they play an essential role in the world around us. The site incorporates interactive elements like video and quizzes, as well as a host of infographics designed to simplify complex market topics. The goal of the site is to make financial education an engaging experience for anyone, regardless of how well versed they are in the world of finance.

"Over the past few years, we have seen a real need for information about how people and businesses manage risk, and how that risk impacts people's everyday lives," said Anita Liskey, CME Group Managing Director, Corporate Marketing & Communications. "Our goal for this site is to be a go-to resource on the futures industry, and why futures and options matter - whether you're a novice on Main Street or an expert on Wall Street."

Highlights of the site can be viewed in a brief video and at FuturesFundamentals.com.

<u>Futuresfundamentals.com</u> provides information on the derivatives industry as a whole, and is the latest example of the company's efforts to provide risk management education to the general public, as well as current and potential customers. For example, last year CME Group embarked on a partnership with the National 4-H Council to bring a Commodity Carnival game to over 130 state and county fairs, reaching 50,000 fairgoers with information about managing risk in agriculture. CME Group is also currently in the middle of its annual CME Group Trading Challenge, which last year attracted 1,500 graduate and undergraduate students from 25 different countries to learn more about futures trading.

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, <a href="major agricultural commodities, metals, weather and <a href="major 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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