

CME Group to Host Inaugural Global Financial Leadership Conference

- Tony Blair, former prime minister of Great Britain, and Paul Volker, former chairman of Federal Reserve, are keynote speakers**
- Ken Griffin, CEO of Citadel, and Burton Malkiel, professor of economics at Princeton, are among featured presenters**
- Event brings together top executives from the world's leading financial institutions**

CHICAGO, April 8, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- CME Group, the world's largest and most diverse derivatives exchange, announced that it will host its inaugural Global Financial Leadership Conference, featuring some of the world's leaders in business, finance and politics. Speakers include Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Paul Volcker, former chairman of the Federal Reserve; Ken Griffin, chief executive officer of Citadel Investment Group; and Burton Malkiel, professor of economics at Princeton University. The conference will take place September 15-17, 2008, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, Florida.

The invitation-only conference will include discussions on topics such as the following:

- Geopolitical trends and their impact on developed and developing economies;
- New opportunities in emerging markets such as Brazil, China and Russia;
- Long-term effects of the sub-prime market meltdown;
- Emerging asset classes -- such as derivatives linked to real estate and climate; change -- and their roles in sophisticated investment strategies; and,
- Impact of the U.S. presidential election on the financial sector.

"The gathering of leaders in the financial industry, from hedge funds and banks to brokerages and futures commission merchants, will provide a high-level environment to discuss the most important trends in global finance," said CME Group Executive Chairman Terry Duffy. "As financial markets continue to converge and volatility rises, the time is right to address the vital issues of utmost relevance in today's increasingly challenging environment."

"We are pleased to sponsor this forum to provide participants with in-depth analysis from respected members of the business, financial and political community, the chance to address the long-term impact of market changes, and the opportunity to interact and share ideas with peers in the field," said CME Group Chief Executive Officer Craig Donohue. "The Global Financial Leadership Conference will enable attendees from around the world to benefit from interaction with some of the most successful and respected individuals in the financial services industry."

Other speakers at the conference include: Dr. David Blitzer, managing director and chairman of the index committee at Standard & Poor's; Dr. Steven Bloom, senior vice president at The Nasdaq Stock Market; Ian Bremmer, expert on global politics and president of Eurasia Group; Phillip Falcone, senior managing director of Harbinger Capital Partners; Nicholas Gendron, managing director of the fixed income research department at Lehman Brothers; and Mark Gildersleeve, president and chief executive officer of Weather Services International.

The conference includes multiple sessions over a two-day period followed by a golf tournament at two of the regions top courses, the Tiburon Golf Club of the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and Twin Eagles Golf Club.

For more information, please go to <http://www.gflc.com>.

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